The following report contains research on Bruce Poliquin, a Republican candidate in Maine’s 2nd district. Research for this research book was conducted by the DCCC’s Research Department between October 2021 and January 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.
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Key Findings

Poliquin Is An Out-Of-Touch, Self-Dealing Multi-Millionaire

Time again, Bruce Poliquin has sided with the same wealthy special interests that have fueled his political career and chosen self-enrichment at the expense of Maine’s taxpayers and working families. Even with a net worth of up to $60 million, Poliquin hasn’t been above taking another $800,000 in taxpayer-funded government salaries. Still, when it came time to pay his fair share, Bruce Poliquin felt significantly less urgency than he did in accumulating his vast wealth. Poliquin and his companies were delinquent on their property tax bills at least 48 times between 1993 and 2019. He exploited tax loopholes – intended to promote commercial forest products – in order to get away with paying only $30 annually on 10 oceanfront acres of his $3.4 million property between 2004 and 2012. After criticism, Poliquin simply enrolled in another tax loophole program to continue taking advantage of the tax code to reduce what he pays on his multi-million dollar estate. And he hasn’t just used his power to enrich himself: Poliquin has repeatedly voted to cut taxes and regulations for the same financial industry special interests that have funded his political career.

Poliquin Pioneered And Promoted The Big Lie

Not only did Bruce Poliquin promote Trump’s Big Lie about a stolen 2020 election, he even pioneered some of the same lies and nonsense in falsely claiming his 2018 defeat was improperly determined. When then-Representative Poliquin went down to defeat in the 2018 general election after the second round of ranked choice votes were allocated, he could have accepted his loss and bowed out gracefully. Instead, he spent months pushing lies and nonsense, calling into question not just the ranked choice system but the integrity of the vote-counting process itself. Poliquin attacked vote by mail, even as records indicated he has voted absentee twelve times. The Portland Press Herald said Poliquin “attacked[ed] the honesty and trustworthiness of the election process itself.” Poliquin wasted public resources, including the time of Maine State Police troopers and taxpayer money on legal expenses, on a doomed lawsuit and a hand recount he demanded and then abandoned.

After needlessly casting doubt on Maine’s electoral process without a shred of evidence of impropriety, it’s no surprise Poliquin eagerly promoted Donald Trump’s Big Lie about a stolen election in 2020. Poliquin directly compared his situation to Trump’s, saying he and Trump had a “responsibility” to litigate election results. Now, his campaign is funded – to the tune of over $60,000 – by the same Washington politicians who voted to overturn the results of the 2020 election.

Poliquin Is Wrong For Maine

Everyone from women to seniors to the hardworking families that keep Maine’s shipyards, manufacturing, and lobster industries running stand to suffer if Bruce Poliquin returns to Washington. Poliquin has consistently stood against a woman’s right to choose, supporting a Constitutional amendment to completely ban abortion, even in cases of rape and incest, and voting against exemptions in cases of rape, incest, or when a woman’s life was on the line. While in Washington, Poliquin voted to limit seniors’ access to affordable health care – including votes to end Medicare as we know it and against lowering prescription drug costs under Medicare. His votes to strip protections for Mainers with pre-existing conditions and for massive tax cuts for the wealthiest corporations and individuals were a fitting cap to his career of consistently voting against the interests of his constituents while in Washington.

Poliquin has been a disaster for the industries that form the backbone of Maine’s economy, leaving working families in the cold. Poliquin endorsed Trump’s trade war with China after it caused lobster sales to China to drop dramatically and millions in losses for the Maine lobster industry. He voted to incentivize the outsourcing of Maine jobs and spent weeks refusing to take a position on TPP even as local industries came out against it. Poliquin even
used taxpayer dollars to tout his supposed success keeping the Madison Paper Industries mill open – 2 years after it had already closed, costing 200 Mainers their jobs. As an investment firm manager, Poliquin’s mismanagement of the Bath Ironworks pension fund allowed him to profit – and fund his campaigns – at the expense of shipyard workers. One Bath Ironworks union member said Poliquin “managed our pensions in a way to rob us of a fair retirement.”
Thematics
Poliquin Is An Out-Of-Touch, Self-Dealing Multi-Millionaire

**Significant Findings**

✓ As of 2021, Poliquin disclosed a net worth as high as $56 million, owned $6.2 million in corporate and personal real property, owned a yacht, and had received more than $800,000 in taxpayer-funded salaries.

✓ Poliquin voted repeatedly to give tax breaks to multi-millionaires like himself.

✓ Poliquin voted for the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which reduced taxes on income from his estimated $7 million worth of real property and granted millionaires more than $60 billion in tax cuts, while ultimately raising taxes on middle class families.

✓ Poliquin voted to repeal the estate tax, which would exclusively benefit multi-millionaires with estates of at least $5.4 million, and supported Paul Ryan’s FY 2015 budget, which would have given millionaires a tax cut while raising taxes on families making less than $200,000.

✓ Poliquin voted to protect the corporate interests that funded his campaigns, including executives of firms that managed his own investments, and weaken protections for consumers.

✓ As of 2021, Poliquin accepted $2.5 million from the finance, insurance, and real estate industry.

✓ Poliquin accepted more than $103,000 from employees of Zweig-DiMenna Partners and $14,450 from executives of CK Capital LP; Poliquin was a limited partner in both partnerships until at least 2019.

✓ Poliquin repeatedly voted to roll back Wall Street reforms, championed a measure to exempt mutual funds from stress tests, and repeatedly attacked the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

✓ Poliquin was a serial tax delinquent who paid property taxes late at least 48 times and continued to exploit tax loopholes to avoid paying taxes on his $3.4 million oceanfront mansion as of 2021.

✓ Poliquin and his companies paid property taxes late at least 48 times between 1993 and 2019.

✓ Poliquin exploited the Maine Tree Growth program, which was intended to boost the development of “commercial forest products,” to pay $30 in taxes annually on 10 oceanfront acres of his $3.4 million property between 2004 and 2012.

✓ After he faced criticism for exploiting the loophole, Poliquin enrolled his property in the Open Space Program, which reduced the assessed value of land that conserved “scenic resources” or wildlife.

✓ As of 2021, Poliquin’s was enrolled in the Open Space Program.

✓ Poliquin ran a real estate business, requested tax abatements, and petitioned a planning board while serving as Maine’s State Treasurer, which critics said “thumbed his nose at the Maine Constitution” and made him “the most ethically challenged member of Gov. Paul LePage’s administration.”

✓ Poliquin dodged his constituents and reporters while in office.
Poliquin’s in-district offices were only open to constituents by appointment, and “some constituents” accused Poliquin of opening an office in Bangor that was not ADA-compliant.

In 2016, Poliquin repeatedly refused to tell constituents whether he planned to vote for Trump.

Poliquin refused to publish his schedule, said it would be “stupid for [him] to engage the national media,” and accused two major Maine publications of bias against him.

Poliquin walked into a women’s restroom to escape a reporter who asked him about the AHCA in 2017 and removed his support for Affordable Care Act repeal from his website in 2018.

Poliquin touted his “understand[ing of] the importance and tradition” of hunting and fishing, but has never had a Maine hunting license and did not have a fishing license in Maine as of 2021.

In 2018, Poliquin’s campaign failed to verify that Poliquin created a single job during his entire business career, despite his claims to have spent 35 years creating jobs.

From 2006 to 2015, Poliquin developed and ran the exclusive Popham Beach Club in Phippsburg, Maine.

Poliquin personally managed memberships, which sold for $2,000 each, before 2015.

Poliquin had a feud with the campground that neighbored the club, whose patrons he called “not my kind of people.”

Poliquin refused to tell police whether he stole 124 feet of fencing from the campground in 2003.

In 2015 Poliquin sold the land where Popham Beach Club was located to Laurel and Jeffrey Harris, whom he issued a $1.3 million mortgage for the property which had an assessed value of $914,800.

Jeffrey and Laurel Harris contributed $1,100 to Poliquin’s campaign between 2013 and 2015.

In 2015, Poliquin sponsored an amendment that made businesses at Brunswick Landing, where the Harrises operated a golf club, eligible for preferential consideration for federal contracts.

Poliquin refused to develop affordable housing at the requests of his neighbors and municipal leadership at two separate Dirigo Holdings developments.

In 2006, Poliquin refused to consider developing affordable housing in his Phippsburg project when a neighbor asked him about it at a Phippsburg Planning Board meeting.

In July 2021, Poliquin attempted to rezone a site in Bath, Maine for “pricey condominiums;” the zoning board advocated for affordable housing or rentals for Bath Iron Works employees.

As of September 2021, Poliquin called local police to watch his multi-million dollar mansion more than 20 times and to report “unfounded” suspicions of a vehicle near his house, a periwinkle harvester, and kids whom officers described as “causing no problems.”
Poliquin’s House office paid Littlefield Consulting, run by Poliquin’s “longtime media consultant” Brent Littlefield, more than $290,000 in taxpayer money over three years for printing, advertisements, and more.

Poliquin’s congressional office spent nearly half a million dollars on franked mail between 2015 and 2018, more than 16 times what the average U.S. Representative spent during that time period.

Poliquin Had A Net Worth As High As $56 Million, Owned $6.2 Million Worth Of Property, Had A Yacht, And Had Received More Than $800,000 In Taxpayer-Funded Salaries

2021: Poliquin Had An Estimated Net Worth Of Between $11.9 And $56.9 Million

In 2021, Poliquin Had An Estimated Net Worth Of Between $11,953,012 And $56,945,000. [Poliquin 2021 Public Financial Disclosure Report, Candidate Report, filed 10/22/21]

Poliquin Has Been A Multi-Millionaire For As Long As He Has Had To Submit Financial Disclosures.

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*In the disclosure, Poliquin listed an asset as “C.K. Capital LP, investment partnership (**see attached**), North Miami Beach, FL,” and attached a list of assets held within CK Capital LP. Poliquin’s minimum and maximum value for “C.K. Capital LP, investment partnership (**see attached**), North Miami Beach, FL,” did not match the total minimum and maximum value of the assets on this attached list. These totals include both the value listed for “C.K. Capital LP, investment partnership (**see attached**), North Miami Beach, FL,” and each individual asset on the attached list, potentially double-counting these assets.

2021: Poliquin Disclosed That His Net Worth Had Increased By Up To $33.9 Million Since 2019, While Maine Suffered Its Highest Job Losses In Decades
2021: Poliquin Disclosed That His Net Worth Had Increased By Up To $33.9 Million Due To Increases In The Value Of His Vanguard Investment Funds


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Note: Poliquin’s other assets had some reported changes in value between 2019 and 2021, but his Vanguard Tax-Exempt Money Market Fund and Vanguard Total Stock Market Index were the only assets to increase to the $5,000,001 - $25,000,000 range during this period. Poliquin held a different group of Vanguard funds prior to 2015. A full spreadsheet of Poliquin’s reported assets from all of his personal financial disclosures is available on the drive.

February – April 2020: More Than 104,000 Mainers Lost Their Jobs, Bringing Employment Totals To Their Lowest In The State Since 1994

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Poliquin Owned More Than $6.2 Million Worth Of Property, $5,006,500 Of Which Was Not Disclosed In His Personal Financial Disclosures

Poliquin Owned More Than $6.2 Million Worth Of Personal And Corporate Properties

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**Total Property Values**: $6,254,800


* owned by Poliquin’s real estate company, Dirigo Holdings, formerly owned by Bruce Poliquin
Poliquin Did Not Report The Values of His Three Personal Properties, Which Were Worth $4.2 Million Total

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Total Property Values $4,206,000

Candidates and Members of Congress Did Not Have To Disclose The Values Of Their Personal Properties That Were Not Rented. “Reportable real estate includes any interest in land (including mineral rights) or commercial property (such as office buildings, shopping malls, or apartment buildings) held in a trade or business or for investment or the production of income. You are not required to disclose a personal residence (or any gain from its sale) unless it generated rental income, including, for example, from the rental of the basement or a single room (in which case you must report the value of the entire residence). A second home, vacation home, or other property that is held purely for recreational purposes and is not rented at any time during the reporting period need not be reported.” [House Committee on Ethics, 2020]

Poliquin Potentially Underreported The Values Of His Corporate Properties By At Least $500,800

October 2021: Poliquin Reported That Dirigo Holdings Owned Five Properties In Phippsburg, Maine Worth Between $450,005 And $900,000 Total.

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[Poliquin 2021 Public Financial Disclosure Report, Candidate Report, filed 10/22/21]
October 2021: The Assessed Property Values Of Dirigo Holdings’ Five Phippsburg Properties Totaled $1.4 Million, Meaning Poliquin Failed To Report At Least $500,000 In Value On His Personal Financial Disclosure.

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[Dirigo Holdings’ Phippsburg Properties, Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022]

2001 – Present: Poliquin Owned A Yacht He Bought For Potentially Up To $35,000


Poliquin Renewed His Boat Registration Most Recently In April 2021.

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[Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, Boat Registration History, received 9/29/21]
According To Its Website, Novurania Was “The Leading Manufacturer Of Luxury Yacht Tenders.” “In 1989, as Novurania of America, Inc., the company built its first fiberglass hull in the USA and rapidly gained attention as a first-class producer of reliable tenders in the yachting industry. Novurania has since built its impeccable reputation by hand-building one vessel at a time to the precise specifications of highly discerning clientele. As the leading manufacturer of luxury yacht tenders, innovation is apparent in every model of our comprehensive line of boats. Our in-house engineers, equipped with the most advanced hardware and software applications, continue to introduce new models based on the needs of our direct clientele. Leading the industry through innovation has always been paramount at Novurania.” [Novurania, accessed 10/28/21]

1999: Novurania Manufactured Tender Yachts With Outboard Motors That Were Up To 22 Feet In Length And Sold For Up To $35,000. “After Rio Mar Yachts sunk under the weight of financial problems last year, Novurania, a Miami-based manufacturer of high-end, rigid inflatable yacht tenders, moved into Rio Mar’s old quarters on south U.S. 1 by the county line. […] The company produces 16 different models of its outboard tenders, ranging in length from 12 feet to 22 feet. They cost between $10,000 and $35,000. It also produces a line of four different, inboard diesel tenders for ‘super-yachts.’ These range in length from 22 feet to 25 feet. They cost between $ 55,000 and $ 70,000.” [Vero Beach Press Journal, 6/13/99]

• Poliquin’s Yacht Was Manufactured In 2000. According to its registration, Poliquin’s boat’s serial number was PKD130701001. According to Novurania, “US-PKD is our USCG assigned builder code. ‘US’ for country code. ‘PKD’ for Novurania of America. XXXXX is the five digit serial number, assigned by Novurania which follows the Sales order and Work order during production. X correlates to the month the boat is built. ‘A-L’, works out to January thru December. XXX is the production year, and the model year of the tender. ‘415’ would be a boat built in 2014, and sold as a 2015 model year boat.” Since the last three digits of Poliquin’s boat’s serial number was 001, it was manufactured in 2000 and purchased in 2001. [Novurania, accessed 10/28/21; Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, Boat Registration, received 9/29/21]

### 2011 – 2018: Poliquin Received $840,776.75 In Taxpayer-Funded Salary

Between 2011 And 2018, Poliquin Received $840,776.75 In Taxpayer-Funded Salary:

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### Poliquin Supported Giving Tax Breaks To Himself And Other Multi-Millionaires At The Expense Of Maine Families

### Poliquin Voted For The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act, Which Cut His Own Taxes While Raising Them On His Middle-Class Constituents

### Poliquin Voted For House And Final Passage Of The Republican Tax Scam Bill
Poliquin Voted For Adopting The Conference Report Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “adoption of the conference report on the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to $10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to $2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for "pass-through" business income through 2025.” The conference report was adopted 227-203. [HR 1, Vote #692, 12/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, 12/19/17]

Poliquin Voted For Final Passage Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act By Concurring With A Senate Amendment. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Brady, R-Texas, motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the tax overhaul that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to $10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to $2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for "pass-through" business income through 2025. It would effectively eliminate the penalty for not purchasing health insurance under the 2010 health care overhaul law in 2019. It would also open portions of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling.” The motion was passed 224-201. [HR 1, Vote #699, 12/20/17; CQ Floor Votes, 12/20/17]

- The House Was Forced To Vote For A Second Time On The Final Bill After Small Changes Were Made To Comply With Senate Budget Rules. “The House, forced to vote a second time on the $1.5 trillion tax bill, moved swiftly to pass the final version on Wednesday, clearing the way for President Trump to sign into law the most sweeping tax overhaul in decades. House lawmakers approved the tax bill 224 to 201 on Wednesday, after being forced to vote on the bill again after last-minute revisions were made to it in the Senate, which passed the measure 51 to 48 early Wednesday morning. The final House vote was essentially a formality, as the changes, which were made to comply with Senate budget rules, did not significantly alter the overall bill.” [New York Times, 12/20/17]

Poliquin Voted For Passage Of The House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “passage of the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering individual and corporate tax rates; consolidating the current seven tax income rates into four rates; eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes; limiting certain deductions for property taxes and home mortgages; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would eliminate personal exemptions and would nearly double the standard deduction. It would raise the child tax credit through 2022, repeal the alternative minimum tax, repeal the estate tax in 2025 and reduce the gift tax rate in 2025. It would establish a new top tax rate for pass-through business income and would modify tax credits related to energy production.” The bill passed 227-205. [HR 1, Vote #637, 11/16/17; CQ Floor Votes, 11/16/17]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Included Reduced Taxes For Dozens Of Members Of Congress – With Poliquin As One Of The Largest Beneficiaries, Despite His Claims To Support Maintaining Top Tax Rates For Millionaires

HEADLINE: “Dozens Of Lawmakers Stand To Reap A Tax Windfall Due To A GOP Loophole.” [CNBC, 12/20/17]

- Four Dozen Members Of Congress Stood To Benefit From A Change In Tax Treatment Of Real Estate Income Under The Republican Tax Scam Bill. “The provision, which gives favorable tax treatment to a
common form of real estate income, would also create generous tax saving for President Donald Trump, who derives much of his personal fortune from real estate. The measure — added late Friday to the $1.5 trillion package of tax cuts — reduces the tax rate on ‘pass-through’ income derived from real estate. Owners of such businesses are allowed to ‘pass through’ the profits from these enterprises to their individual tax returns, which lowers the amount of tax they owe. Those benefits will now go to roughly four dozen Republican House and Senate members who voted for the bill, according to an analysis of personal financial disclosures for CNBC by the Center for Responsive Politics.” [CNBC, 12/20/17]

- **The Pass Through Tax Cut Gave An Estimated $60.3 Billion Tax Cut To Americans Making Over $1 Million Between 2018 And 2024.** “The wealthiest Americans will benefit the most from President Donald Trump's tax deduction for owners of ‘pass-through’ businesses, according to a congressional report released Monday. […] In 2018, the lion's share of the benefit — $17.4 billion, or 44.3 percent of the total — will go to roughly 200,000 Americans making $1 million or more who claim the pass-through deduction, the committee said. Another $3.6 billion, or 8.9 percent, will go to a similar number of taxpayers who earn $500,000 to $1 million. By 2024, the tax deductions will amount to $60.3 billion, and those making $1 million or more will account for $31.6 billion (52.4 percent) of that.” [NBC News, 4/24/18]

- **CNBC: Poliquin Had Up To $7 Million In Real Estate Assets, The Eighth Most In The House.** [CNBC, 12/20/17]


November 2017: Poliquin: “I Support Maintaining A Progressive Tax Code And Therefore I Support Maintaining The Current Top Rate For Million Dollar Plus Earners.” “As the Tax Foundation noted, the top 1% of earners reported just over 20% of total income but paid nearly 40% of the total income taxes collected in the nation. So the top 1% paid 39.5% of all income taxes collected in the country. In their last study year, 2014, the Tax Foundation reported that the upper 50% of all earners in the United States paid over 97% of all income taxes in the nation. This means that the bottom 50% of income tax payers paid less than 3% of all taxes. I support maintaining a progressive tax code and therefore I support maintaining the current top rate for million dollar plus earners. Our primary focus must be how we help our Maine small businesses grow and create more jobs. Our focus needs to be on Maine.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 11/2/17]

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**Portland Press Herald: “Poliquin Voted To Give Away Trillions Of Dollars To Extremely Wealthy Individuals And Corporations” While Cutting “Programs That [His] Middle-Class Constituents Rely On”**

**Portland Press Herald Editorial Board: Poliquin Should Have “Had The Guts To Stand Up For Their Constituents And Vote Against” The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act.** “This isn’t tax reform – it’s a publicly funded reward for the handful of wealthy donors who have bankrolled the Republican takeover of Congress. Still, 13 Republican House members had the guts to stand up for their constituents and vote against the bill last week. Maine’s Poliquin should have been one of them.” [Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 11/19/17]

- **Editorial Board: “Poliquin Voted To Give Away Trillions Of Dollars To Extremely Wealthy Individuals And Corporations” While Cutting “Programs That [His] Middle-Class Constituents Rely On.”** “Rep. Bruce Poliquin had a big week. The representative for Maine’s 2nd District voted to bankrupt graduate students, add $1.7 trillion to the federal deficit and cut $25 billion out of next year’s Medicare budget. And he did it all with a single push of a button. […] Poliquin voted to give away trillions of dollars to extremely wealthy individuals and corporations. The cuts would be partially offset by the elimination of most tax deductions, and what that wouldn’t cover would be added to the deficit ($1.7 trillion), triggering cuts to the programs that Poliquin’s middle-class constituents rely on, including Medicare, Social Security and financial aid for students.” [Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 11/19/17]
The TCJA Gave Significant Tax Breaks For The Wealthy And Corporations While Increasing The Deficit And Taxes On Middle Class Families

Washington Post Fact Checker: “No Matter How You Slice It, The Superwealthy Do Rather Well Under The House GOP Proposal.” “Contrary to the president’s claim, the tax plan is not ‘so bad’ for the wealthy. In fact, no matter how you slice it, the superwealthy do rather well under the House GOP proposal. As we have said, that’s because they already pay a large chuck of income taxes already. Trump could actually make the distribution tables look better if he pushed to keep the AMT in place for incomes above $1 million and the estate tax in place for estates larger than $11 million. The failure to do so underscores the fact that this tax plan is not only for the middle class.” [Washington Post, 11/9/17]

Washington Post: Final Tax Bill Included A “Significant Tax Break For The Very Wealthy” And “A Massive Tax Cut For Corporations.” “A new tax cut for the rich: The final plan lowers the top tax rate for top earners. Under current law, the highest rate is 39.6 percent for married couples earning over $470,700. The GOP bill would drop that to 37 percent and raise the threshold at which that top rate kicks in, to $500,000 for individuals and $600,000 for married couples. This amounts to a significant tax break for the very wealthy, a departure from repeated claims by Trump and his top officials that the bill would not benefit the rich. [...] A massive tax cut for corporations “A massive tax cut for corporations: Starting on Jan. 1, 2018, big businesses’ tax rate would fall from 35 percent to just 21 percent, the largest one-time rate cut in U.S. history for the nation’s largest companies.” [Washington Post, 12/15/17]

New York Times: “Financial Institutions Are Among The Biggest Winners So Far, Reaping Benefits From A Lower Corporate Rate And More Preferable Tax Treatment For So-Called Pass-Through Companies.” The nation’s banks are finding a lot to love about the Trump administration’s tax cuts. The $1.5 trillion tax overhaul signed into law late last year provided deep and lasting tax cuts to all types of businesses, but financial institutions are among the biggest winners so far, reaping benefits from a lower corporate rate and more preferable tax treatment for so-called pass-through companies, which include many small banks. While some of the biggest banks are reporting fourth-quarter earnings hits stemming from the new tax law, they see rich benefits over the long term, including effective tax rates that are even lower than the new 21 percent corporate rate.” [New York Times, 1/16/18]

PolitiFact: GOP Tax Bill Would Raise Taxes For The Middle Class After Individual Tax Cut Provisions Expired In 2025. “Gillibrand said the Republican ‘tax [plan] raises middle-class taxes.’ That's not true during the first years of the new tax provisions. If not for the sunset for the tax changes for individuals, we likely would have rated Gillibrand's statement False or perhaps Mostly False. Middle-income taxpayers will either benefit or see no change in their tax liability through 2025. But her claim could hold up after the bill's individual provisions expire that year. There's no guarantee a future Congress will extend those parts of the bill.” [PolitiFact, 12/22/17]

April 2015: Poliquin Voted For Repealing The Estate Tax, Which Benefitted Multi-Millionaires Like Himself

Poliquin Voiced Support For Repealing The Estate Tax

October 2016: Poliquin Supported Repealing The Estate Tax. “Poliquin argued that energy costs and taxes are the two biggest factors holding back rural Maine’s economy. ‘The cost of energy has to go down, and taxes need to go lower,’ he said, adding that he supports repealing the estate tax.” [Bangor Daily News, 10/19/16]


PolitiFact: False – “Estate Tax ‘In Many Cases’ Forces Family Farmers And Small Business Owners To Sell Their Holdings. “The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates only 6 tenths of 1 percent of estates with
farms qualified for the tax in 2013. The nonpartisan Tax Policy Center estimates that there were 20 small, closely held farms and businesses that were subject to the tax that year. It’s unknown how many of them, if any at all, were sold to pay the levy. So Hurt’s statement comes up empty. We rate it False.” [PolitiFact, 5/3/15]

Poliquin Voted To Repeal The Estate Tax

Poliquin Voted For Repealing The Estate Tax. In April 2015, Poliquin voted for repealing the estate tax. “The measure also would repeal the generation-skipping transfer tax and reduce the top marginal rate for the federal gift tax from 40 percent to 35 percent.” The bill passed, 240-179. [HR 1105, Vote #161, 4/16/15; CQ News, 4/16/15]

The Bill Impacted Fewer Than 6,000 Families. “This tax is levied on the portion of estates exceeding $5.43 million per person or $10.86 million per married couple, and because of those exemption levels, it affects less than 1 percent of estates, or fewer than 6,000 families in 2014.” [Philadelphia Inquirer, 4/19/15]

The Bill Would Add $269 Billion To The National Debt. “Voting 240 for and 179 against, the House on April 16 passed a GOP-sponsored bill (HR 1105) that would permanently repeal the federal estate tax in a way that would add $269 billion to national debt through fiscal 2025.” [Albuquerque Journal, 4/19/15]

Poliquin Supported Ryan’s FY 2015 Budget, Which Would Have Given Corporations And Millionaires Like Himself A Tax Cut While Raising Taxes On Families Making Less Than $200,000

July 2014: Bangor Daily News Editorial Headline: “Bruce Poliquin Supports The Paul Ryan Budget. But What’s Actually In It?” “Poliquin, the Republican former state treasurer, says he supports the Ryan plan. He told the BDN editorial board in May that he would like to see the plan balance the federal budget more quickly.” [Bangor Daily News, Editorial, 7/25/14]

CBPP: Families Making Less Than $200,000 Would Face Average Tax Hike of $3,000 Under Ryan’s Budget. “Families with children that have incomes below $200,000 would have to face tax increases averaging more than $3,000 a year, if policymakers were to avoid increasing the deficit while reaching Chairman Ryan’s 25-percent top-tax-rate goal… If policymakers enacted the same extremely ambitious reductions in tax expenditures for filers with incomes above $200,000…, filers with incomes of $1 million or more would lose tax breaks totaling about $90,000
on average – still leaving them with an average net tax cut of about $245,000…” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 3/17/13]

**CBPP: Millionaires Would Likely Experience A $245,000 Net Tax Cut Under Ryan’s Budget.** According to an analysis of the Ryan Budget conducted by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, “If policymakers enacted the same extremely ambitious reductions in tax expenditures for filers with incomes above $200,000 that TPC assumed when it analyzed Romney’s tax plan, filers with incomes of $1 million or more would lose tax breaks totaling about $90,000 on average – still leaving them with an average net tax cut of about $245,000. Households with incomes above $200,000 would get a net cut of about $16,000.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 3/17/13]

- **2014: Poliquin Reported He Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $9,971,062 And $37,690,000.** [Poliquin 2014 Public Financial Disclosure Report, Candidate Report, filed 5/15/14]

**Ryan Budget Would Slash The Corporate Tax Rate From 35 Percent to 25 Percent.** “Under the Ryan plan, the corporate tax rate would also fall, from 35 percent to 25 percent – although all those tax changes are supposed to be crafted to bring in the same amount of revenue as the current tax code, a tall order.” [New York Times, 3/12/13]

Poliquin Voted To Protect The Corporate Interests That Funded His Campaigns, Including Executives Of Firms That Managed His Own Investments, And Weaken Protections For Consumers

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Poliquin “Helped Build” An Investment Management Firm, Then Became A Limited Partner In His Fellow Principals’ Investment Partnerships, Zweig-DiMenna Partners And CK Capital LP

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| - Poliquin “Helped Build” New York-Based Avatar Investors Associates Corp, Which Handled $5 Billion In Pensions Funds For “Bath Iron Works And International Paper, Among Others.” “Poliquin lists his
management skills at the top of his qualifications to be the state’s chief executive. After an academic career at Phillips Academy followed by an economics degree from Harvard University, Poliquin helped build a New York City-based asset management firm called Avatar Investors Associates Corp., which handled $5 billion in worker pension funds for Bath Iron Works and International Paper, among others, according to the campaign’s website.” [Bangor Daily News, 5/17/10]

1984 – 2019: Poliquin Was A Limited Partner In Zweig-DiMenna Partners, LP


February 2012: Poliquin Was A Limited Partner In Zweig-DiMenna Partners, LP But Stated He “Was Not Engaged In Any Way In The Operation Or Management” Of It. “I am a limited partner in Zweig-DiMenna Partners, LP, a New York investment management limited partnership; C.K. Capital, LP, a Delaware investment management limited partnership; and Marshall Mall Associates, a Pennsylvania real estate limited partnership. I hold no officer or director position in these partnership investments. I am not engaged in any way in the operation or management of these entities.” [Maine Wire, 2/4/12]


February 2012: Poliquin Was A Limited Partner In C.K. Capital, LP But Stated He “Was Not Engaged In Any Way In The Operation Or Management” Of It. “I am a limited partner in Zweig-DiMenna Partners, LP, a New York investment management limited partnership; C.K. Capital, LP, a Delaware investment management limited partnership; and Marshall Mall Associates, a Pennsylvania real estate limited partnership. I hold no officer or director position in these partnership investments. I am not engaged in any way in the operation or management of these entities.” [Maine Wire, 2/4/12]


Zweig-DiMenna Cofounder Martin Zweig Was A Principal Of Avatar Associates, Which Poliquin Called An “Affiliate Company” Of Zweig/Avatar Group

1988: Martin Zweig Was A Principal Of Avatar Associates. “As things turned out, 46-year-old Martin Zweig -- who got his early education at Coral Gables High (Class of 1960) and later taught finance courses at the University of Miami -- became one of the heroes of the historic crash of ’87. He had sounded an alarm in his Zweig Forecast newsletter, in advice to his clients, in meetings with his portfolio managers, and -- finally -- on a national television program estimated to have 10 million viewers. The $380 million Zweig Fund, traded on the New York Stock Exchange, is only part of $1.3 billion in investment capital managed by Zweig and his colleagues from offices at 900 Third Ave. Avatar Associates, of which he is a principal, is right there with him. It manages money for pension funds and well- heeled private investors.” [Miami Herald, 1/2/88]

1988: While Vice President Of Avatar Associates, Poliquin Called The Zweig/Avatar Group “Our Affiliate Company.” “[Byline: Bruce L. Poliquin, Vice president, Avatar Associates, New York] To the Editor: We appreciate Pensions & Investment Age recognizing our 1987 performance of 23% as one of the best in the business (March 7 issue). Our asset allocation style produced this return by remaining nearly fully committed to stocks during the market rise through August, and then systematically shifting heavily into cash during early September before the October crash. The article, however, was incomplete by not listing the 36.1% performance of our affiliate company Zweig/Avatar Trend Timing Services. This ranked No. 2 of all the managers surveyed. Zweig/Avatar practices our same asset allocation strategy, but uses no-load equity and money market mutual funds instead of individual securities to implement the portfolio stocks/cash mix decisions. This service is designed primarily for middle-market tax-exempt funds.” [Bruce Poliquin Letter to the Editor, Pensions & Investment Age, 5/30/88]

- Avatar Associates Was “An Original Division Of The Zweig/Avatar Group.” “Prior to joining Schwab in 2002, Sonders was a managing director at U.S. Trust (a division of Schwab, 2000-2007) and a member of its Investment Policy Committee. Before U.S. Trust, she was a managing director and senior portfolio manager at Avatar Associates (1986-1999), an original division of the Zweig/Avatar Group which employed a tactical asset allocation investment approach.” [Plus Company Updates, 6/6/16]

1984: Zweig Founded Zweig-DiMenna Partners. “Zweig wrote ‘Winning on Wall Street’ and published stock-picking newsletters such as the Zweig Forecast for 26 years, helping start his career in hedge funds and philanthropy. He co-founded Zweig-DiMenna Partners in 1984 and, according to the New York Post, bought a 16-room apartment at Manhattan’s Pierre hotel in 1999 for $21.5 million. He also had a residence in Fisher Island, Fla.” [Newsday, 2/19/13]

CK Capital’s Managing Director, Andrew Kern, Was A Portfolio Manager And Executive Vice President At Zweig-Avatar And Avatar Associates

Andrew Kern Was A Portfolio Manager And Executive Vice President At Zweig-Avatar And Avatar Associates. According to his LinkedIn, Andrew Kern was a Portfolio Manager and Executive Vice President at Zweig-Avatar and Avatar Associates during an unspecified timeframe. In 1987, The Miami Herald reported, “‘There had been a lot of fear about rising rates,’ observed Andrew Kern, executive vice president of Avatar Associates, a money management firm in New York. ‘Today's news indicated the economy remains sluggish and there's no fear of more inflation or higher interest rates. That's the best explanation I can offer. This thing shocked me.’” [Andrew Kern LinkedIn, accessed 9/15/21; Miami Herald, 4/4/87]

January 1999: Kern Registered CK Advisors, Which Did Business As CK Capital, With Florida’s Secretary Of State As The Business’ Managing Director. [Florida Secretary of State Registration, 1/26/99, accessed 9/15/21]
CK Capital Dissolved In 2013, But Poliquin Continued To List His Partnership With It On Financial Disclosures As Recently As March 2019

February 2013: CK Capital LP Filed To Dissolve As A Business In The State Of Florida. [Florida Secretary of State Withdrawal of Authority to Transact Business in Florida, 2/18/13, accessed 9/15/21]


2012 – 2018: Zweig-DiMenna Partners Employees And Executives Contributed At Least $103,000 To Poliquin’s Campaigns And Associated PACs, Including $93,600 From Its Founders

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2012 – 2018: Joseph DiMenna, Founder And Managing Director Of Zweig-DiMenna Partners, Contributed $88,500 To Poliquin’s Campaigns And Associated PACs

2012 – 2018: Joseph DiMenna Contributed $88,500 To Poliquin’s Campaigns And Associated PACs. [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed 10/19/21]

• DiMenna Was Founder And Managing Director Of Zweig-DiMenna Partners. “Joseph DiMenna is managing director of Zweig-DiMenna Associates, which is a global investment management firm. He has been the portfolio manager there since he co-founded Zweig-DiMenna Partners with Martin Zweig in 1984. Zweig-
DiMenna was named Hedge Fund of the Year in 2007 by Institutional Investor magazine.” [Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, accessed 7/30/21]

### Joseph DiMenna’s Contribution History:
**Poliquin’s Campaigns And Associated PACs (2012 – 2018)**

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2012-2018: Diana DiMenna, Who Was Married To Joseph DiMenna, Contributed $28,500 To Poliquin’s Campaigns And Associated PACs

**Diana DiMenna Contributed $28,500 To Poliquin’s Campaigns.** [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed 10/19/21]

- **Diana DiMenna Was Married To Joseph DiMenna.** “MY HAMPTONS DIANA DIMENNA OCCUPATION: Philanthropist, mom of two daughters, and wife of Joe DiMenna.” [KDHamptons, accessed 7/30/21]

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Zweig-DiMenna Employees Were The Top Entity To Contribute To Poliquin’s Campaigns Over The Course Of His Career. [OpenSecrets, accessed 7/30/21]

**2009 – 2021: Poliquin Accepted $14,450 From CK Capital Executives**


February 2012: Poliquin Was A Limited Partner In C.K. Capital, LP But Stated He “Was Not Engaged In Any Way In The Operation Or Management” Of It. “I am a limited partner in Zweig-DiMenna Partners, LP, a New York investment management limited partnership; C.K. Capital, LP, a Delaware investment management limited partnership; and Marshall Mall Associates, a Pennsylvania real estate limited partnership. I hold no officer or director position in these partnership investments. I am not engaged in any way in the operation or management of these entities.” [Maine Wire, 2/4/12]


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[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed 10/19/21; Committee Receipt Search, accessed 10/19/21; Maine Ethics Commission, Individual Contributor Search, accessed 9/15/21]
January 1999: Kern Registered CK Advisors With Florida’s Secretary Of State As The Business’ Managing Director. [Florida Secretary of State Registration, 1/26/99, accessed 9/15/21]

1999 – 2012: Andrew Kern Was A Managing Director Of CK Capital L.P. [Florida Secretary of State Annual Report, 1/20/12; 2/15/11; 2/15/10; 3/20/09; 3/28/08; 1/26/07; 2/20/06; 3/3/03; 4/22/02; 1/26/01; 4/10/2000; Florida Secretary of State Registration, 1/26/99, accessed 9/15/21]


Notch Hill Advisors Advised CK Capital Fund. “Harold N. Chefitz was elected a Director in February 2001. Mr. Chefitz is Chairman of Notch Hill Advisors, which advises CK Capital Fund, and President of Chefitz HealthCare Investments, a private investment company.” [Barr Laboratories, Inc., Press Release, 10/25/01]

- January 1999: Kern And Chefitz Registered Notch Hill Advisors As The Business’ President And Director, Respectively. [Florida Secretary of State Registration, 1/26/99, accessed 9/15/21]

- As Of January 2021, Kern And Chefitz Were Managing Directors Of Notch Hill Advisors. [Florida Secretary of State Annual Report, 1/7/21, accessed 9/15/21]

2009 – 2017: Poliquin Accepted $29,400 From Avatar Associates Executives

1981 – 1996: Poliquin Was Principal At Avatar Investors Associates Corporation


- Avatar Investors Associates Corporation “Handled $5 Billion In Worker Pension Funds For Bath Iron Works And International Paper, Among Others.” “Poliquin lists his management skills at the top of his qualifications to be the state’s chief executive. After an academic career at Phillips Academy followed by an economics degree from Harvard University, Poliquin helped build a New York City-based asset management firm called Avatar Investors Associates Corp., which handled $5 billion in worker pension funds for Bath Iron Works and International Paper, among others, according to the campaign’s website.” [Bangor Daily News, 5/17/10]

2009 – 2017: Poliquin Accepted $18,400 From Avatar Associates CEO Edward Babbitt

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1998: Edward Babbitt Became Chairman And CEO Of Avatar Associates. “Avatar Associates, a New York-based strategic asset allocation firm, has promoted Edward S. Babbitt, 54, to chairman and chief executive officer. Ted Theodore, 57, becomes vice chairman and chief investment officer; Charles M. White, 39, succeeds Mr. Babbitt as president and chief operating officer. Mr. Theodore, 57, will continue to steer research and product development. He previously was a managing director and research co-chairman.” [Investment News, 4/27/98]

- 1978: Babbitt Was Listed As President Of Avatar Associates On The Business’ Registration With Florida’s Secretary Of State. [Florida Secretary of State Registration, 3/15/78, accessed 9/15/21]


2009 – 2015: Poliquin Accepted $11,000 From Avatar Associates Treasurer Susan Babbitt

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1978: Susan Babbitt Was Listed As Treasurer Of Avatar Associates On The Business’ Registration With Florida’s Secretary Of State. [Florida Secretary of State Registration, 3/15/78, accessed 9/15/21]

October 2016: Poliquin Donated Wells Fargo Contributions After He Criticized The Bank’s Fraud, But Accepted More Wells Fargo Contributions In 2018
September 2016: Poliquin: “The Years-Long Fraud That Has Been Uncovered At Wells Fargo Is Absolutely Appalling And Unacceptable.” “Congressman Bruce Poliquin (ME-02), a member of House Financial Services Committee, applauded the Committee’s launch of an investigation into the creation of unauthorized accounts at Wells Fargo. On Thursday, Congressman Poliquin will have an opportunity to participate in an official hearing at which officials from Wells Fargo are scheduled to appear. In advance, Congressman Poliquin is releasing the following statement: ‘The years-long fraud that has been uncovered at Wells Fargo is absolutely appalling and unacceptable,’ said Congressman Poliquin. ‘It’s critical that those responsible at the bank are held accountable for the damage they may have caused for millions of Americans. I look forward to this week’s hearing to hold the top executives at the bank accountable and to get to the bottom of this disturbing scandal.’” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 9/26/16]

- September 2016: Poliquin Told Wells Fargo Executive, “You Ought To Be Ashamed Of Yourself” And Claimed, “I Don’t Worry About Wells Fargo.” “Today, Congressman Bruce Poliquin (ME-02) grilled Wells Fargo CEO John Stumpf over the bank’s “gross mismanagement” in the creation of unauthorized accounts, making national headlines in USA Today: [...] I don’t worry about Wells Fargo. You’ve got 268,000 employees. How many attorneys you got over there? You’ve got a lot of attorneys. I don’t worry about you folks. Somehow, some way, you’re going to make your way through this. You know who I worry about? I worry about our 31 community banks, local banks, in the District that I represent. [...] You ought to be ashamed of yourself.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 9/29/16; Rep. Poliquin, YouTube, 2016] (VIDEO) 00:00

10/4/16: Poliquin Planned To Donate A $2,000 Contribution From Wells Fargo After It Opened Millions Of Unauthorized Accounts To Meet Sales Goals. “U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin reportedly is giving away $2,000 he received from Wells Fargo as a campaign donation after the 2nd District Republican condemned the bank last week for scamming customers, a move that Democrats are criticizing as a political stunt with nearly a month left until the election. [...] Last week, Poliquin, a member of the House Financial Services Committee, told Wells Fargo Chairman and CEO John G. Stumpf in a committee hearing that ‘you ought to be ashamed of yourself’ for allegedly opening millions of unauthorized accounts to meet sales goals.” [Portland Press Herald, 10/4/16]

10/18/16: Poliquin’s Campaign Donated $2,000 To The Travis Mills Foundation. [FEC, Committee Expenditure Search, accessed 11/10/21]

- The Travis Mills Foundation Provided Veterans Who Were Injured During Their Service With A Free Retreat In Maine. “The Travis Mills Foundation supports recalibrated veterans and their families through various programs that help these heroic men and women overcome physical and emotional obstacles, strengthen their families, and provide well-deserved rest and relaxation. We support these veterans through our nationally recognized retreat located in the Belgrade Lakes Region of Maine. Veteran families who have been injured in active duty or as a result of their service to our nation receive an all-inclusive, all-expenses-paid, barrier-free vacation in Maine where they participate in adaptive activities, bond with other veteran families, and enjoy much-needed rest and relaxation in Maine’s outdoors.” [Travis Mills Foundation, accessed 11/10/21]

March – November 2018: Poliquin’s Campaign Accepted $3,500 From PACs Associated With Wells Fargo. On March 30, 2018, Poliquin’s campaign accepted $2,000 from Wells Fargo and Company Employees Good Government Federal Fund I. On November 6, 2018, Poliquin’s campaign accepted an additional $1,500 from Wells Fargo and Company Employee PAC (AKA Wells Fargo Employee PAC). [FEC, Committee Receipts Search, accessed 11/10/21]

- As Of November 2021, Poliquin’s Campaign Did Not Refund Any Amount To PACs Associated With Wells Fargo. [FEC, Committee Expenditures Search, accessed 11/10/21]

- March – December 2018: Poliquin’s Campaign Donated A Total Of $5,000 To Charities, All Of Which It Donated To Christian Civic League Of Maine. On December 30, 2018, Poliquin’s campaign donated $5,000
October 2016: Poliquin Refused To Return Contributions From Sources Involved In Subprime Mortgage Losses And Illegal Lending Tactics

October 2016: Cain Called For Poliquin To Return Contributions From Zoe Cruz, A Former Morgan Stanley President Who Oversaw Billions In Losses From Subprime Mortgages, And Advance America, A Payday Lender Accused Of Illegal Lending. “Meanwhile, Poliquin's Democratic opponent in the 2nd District race, Emily Cain, and Maine Democrats called for Poliquin to return other ‘donations from shady sources,’ such as Zoe Cruz, a former co-president of Morgan Stanley who was fired after overseeing $3.7 billion in subprime mortgage-related losses; and Advance America, a payday lender that has that has paid millions to settle allegations of illegal lending practices.” [Portland Press Herald, 10/4/16]

March 2015: Poliquin’s Campaign Accepted Contributed $5,400 Total From Zoe Cruz. On March 14, 2015, Zoe Cruz contributed two $2,700 contributions to Poliquin’s campaign. [FEC, Committee Receipts Search, accessed 3/14/15]

- As Of November 2021, Poliquin’s Campaign Did Not Refund Any Amount To Zoe Cruz. [FEC, Committee Expenditure Search, accessed 11/10/21]

February 2015: Poliquin’s Campaign Accepted $1,000 From Advance America Cash Advance Centers, Inc. PAC. [FEC, Committee Expenditure Search, 2/5/15]

- As Of November 2021, Poliquin’s Campaign Did Not Refund Any Amount To Advance America Cash Advance Centers, Inc. PAC. [FEC, Committee Expenditure Search, accessed 11/10/21]

2016: Poliquin’s Campaign Did Not Make Any Charitable Contributions Other Than Its $2,000 Donation To The Travis Mills Foundation. [FEC, Committee Expenditure Search, accessed 11/10/21]

Poliquin Voted Repeatedly To Roll Back Wall Street Reforms

2018: Poliquin Voted For A Bill That Would Raise The Minimum Asset Level At Which The More Stringent Bank Regulation Provisions Of The 2010 Financial Overhaul Applied From $50 To $250 Billion. In May 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would apply the more stringent bank regulation provisions of the 2010 financial overhaul to banks with $250 billion in assets, instead of those with at least $50 billion in assets. It would also allow banks with less than $10 billion in assets to trade with depositors’ money. The bill would lift the threshold for disclosure requirements to $10 million for employee-owned securities and would allow venture capital funds to have up to 250 investors and be exempt from certain registering requirements. It would provide consumers with the right to request a ‘security freeze’ on their credit reports, which would prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information from the consumer’s credit report without express authorization. It would define a ‘qualified mortgage’ as any residential mortgage loan held by a bank, removing the requirement that for a ‘qualified mortgage,’ a bank must determine that a mortgage recipient has the ability to repay.” The bill was passed (thus cleared for the president) by a vote of 258-159. [S. 2155, Vote #216, 5/22/18; CQ, 5/22/18]

- Critics Said The Bill Created Loopholes That Larger Banks Would Exploit. “Rothfus made his claim after voting in favor of the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act, S. 2155, which supporters said will lessen the Dodd-Frank burden on community banking institutions — defined as those with less than $10 billion in assets — and which critics argue creates wiggle room and loopholes that larger banks will exploit. The rollback was signed into law by President Donald Trump on May 24.” [PolitiFact, 5/31/18]
• **The Bill Contained Policies Which Would Roll Back Or Eliminate Key Parts Of Wall Street Reform.**
  “Late last year the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act, which was sponsored by Banking Committee Chairman Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, with nearly 20 co-sponsors on both sides of the aisle, was introduced in the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs […] The bill contains policies which would roll back or eliminate key parts from the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.” [Housing Wire, 3/6/18]

2017: Poliquin Voted For The CHOICE Act To “Overhaul Financial Industry Regulations And Repeal Many Provisions Of The 2010 Dodd-Frank Law.” In June 2017, Poliquin voted for: “passage of the bill that would overhaul financial industry regulations and repeal many provisions of the 2010 Dodd-Frank law. It would convert the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into an executive agency funded by annual appropriations and would modify operations at the Federal Reserve and at the Securities and Exchange Commission. It would repeal the prohibition on banking entities engaging in proprietary trading and would modify regulations governing the amount of capital that banks are required to maintain. It would also nullify the Labor Department’s April 2016 “fiduciary” rule regarding standards for individuals who provide retirement investment advice to act in the best interests of their clients.” The bill passed 233-186. [HR 10, Vote #299, 6/8/17; CQ Floor Votes, 6/8/17]

• **HEADLINE: House passes Choice Act that would gut Dodd-Frank banking reforms** [CNBC, 6/8/17]

• **New York Times: CHOICE Act “To Erase A Number Of Core Financial Regulations,” Including Limits On Risk Taking Enacted After The Financial Crash, And “Would Weaken The Powers Of The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.”** “The House approved legislation on Thursday to erase a number of core financial regulations put in place by the 2010 Dodd-Frank Act, as Republicans moved a step closer to delivering on their promises to eliminate rules that they claim have strangled small businesses and stagnated the economy. […] The Choice Act would exempt some financial institutions that meet capital and liquidity requirements from many of Dodd-Frank’s restrictions that limit risk taking. It would also replace Dodd-Frank’s method of dealing with large and failing financial institutions, known as the orderly liquidation authority — which critics say reinforces the idea that some banks are too big to fail — with a new bankruptcy code provision. In addition, the legislation would weaken the powers of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.” [New York Times, 6/8/17]

• **Poliquin Claimed The CHOICE Act Would “End Big Wall Street Bank Bailouts” And “Create Stronger Safeguards For Consumers.”** “Poliquin and all but one other House Republican voted for the Financial Choice Act. He said the legislation would ‘end big Wall Street bank bailouts, impose the most severe penalties in history for financial criminals, relieve Maine's community banks and local credit unions of smothering regulatory burdens and create stronger safeguards for consumers.’ […] Poliquin also said the measure would keep ‘very strong’ protections in place for consumers, ‘while at the same time imposing the toughest penalties ever for fraud and inside dealings for folks that participate in this industry.’ He called it ‘a great bill for rural America’ that the huge banks and Wall Street oppose despite its reduction in regulations.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 9/18/17]

2017: Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of The CHOICE Act That Would Repeal Many Provisions Of The Wall Street Reform. In June 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 375) that would overhaul financial industry regulations and repeal many provisions of the 2010 Dodd-Frank law. It would convert the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into an executive agency, modify operations at the Federal Reserve and at the Securities and Exchange Commission, modify regulations governing the amount of capital that banks are required to maintain, and repeal the prohibition on banking entities engaging in proprietary trading.” The rule was adopted, 231-188. [H Res 375, Vote #291, 6/7/17; CQ, 6/7/17]

2015: Poliquin Voted For A Bill To Deregulate Wall Street. In January 2015, Poliquin voted for: legislation that combined the text from eleven bills and would roll back or delay a number of regulations in the Dodd-Frank financial reform law. “The most serious attack of the bunch came in the form of a partial two-year delay of the Volcker Rule, which would ban banks from speculating in securities markets with taxpayer money. The bill would
have allowed Citigroup and JPMorgan Chase to hold onto almost $50 billion in risky corporate debt packages known as collateralized loan obligations through 2019.” The bill passed, 271 to 154. [HR 37, Vote #37, 1/14/15; Huffington Post, 1/10/14]

2015: Poliquin Voted For Weakening Wall Street Reform And Roll Back Rules Limiting Risky Bank Investments. In January 2015, Poliquin voted for: a bill “to relax some requirements under the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial regulatory law. The measure would delay until July 2019 a provision of the law’s Volcker Rule intended to limit risky investments by banks, and make other changes.” The vote failed to reach a 2/3 majority, 276 to 146. [HR 37, Vote #9, 1/7/15; Bloomberg, 1/7/15]

December 2017: Poliquin Introduced A Bill To Exempt Certain Financial Institutions From Stress Tests Mandated By Wall Street Reform

12/6/17: Poliquin Introduced HR 4566, The Alleviating Stress Test Burdens to Help Investors Act. [Congress.gov, HR 4566, 12/6/17]

- **Poliquin’s Bill Would Exempt Certain Nonbank Financial Institutions, Including Mutual Funds, From Stress Tests Mandated By Dodd-Frank.** “Asset managers and other nonbanks would be spared from Dodd-Frank Act stress tests under legislation passed March 20 by the House, but the bill faces a much tougher path in the Senate. Lawmakers voted 395-19 for H.R. 4566, sponsored by Rep. Bruce Poliquin (R-Maine). The bill exempts nonbank financial institutions, such as mutual funds, that are not under supervision by the Federal Reserve and whose primary regulator is the Securities and Exchange Commission or Commodity Futures Trading Commission from Dodd-Frank stress testing requirements.” [Bloomberg Law, 3/20/18]

- **Lewiston Sun Journal: Stress Tests “Try To Assess The Stability Of Assets Held By Managers And Banks.”** “Complicated stress test scenarios that try to assess the stability of assets held by managers and banks, the lawmaker said Tuesday, do not fit every type of institution.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 3/20/18]

- **Poliquin Said Current Stress Test Regulations Were “Costly, Cumbersome And Unnecessary” And Reduced Returns On Investments.** “Calling the existing law ‘costly, cumbersome and unnecessary,’ Poliquin told colleagues that changing the ‘one size fits all’ law benefits everyone who relies on mutual funds and other places where people put their money besides banks. The extra testing adds costs that aren’t needed, he said. ‘The higher the expense, the lower the rate of return,’ Poliquin said. What that leads to, he said, is a smaller nest egg.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 3/20/18]

3/20/18: HR 4566 Passed The House By A Margin Of 395-19. [HR 4566, Vote #119, 3/20/18]

**Poliquin Voted To Allow Risky Mortgage Lending Practices**

Poliquin Voted For Allowing Lenders With Fewer Than $10 Billion In Assets To Forego Mortgage Escrow Requirements. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would exempt lenders with assets of $10 billion or less from the 2010 financial regulatory overhaul requirement that such lenders establish escrow accounts for the first five years of so-called "high-priced" mortgage loans, if the lenders hold the loan on its own balance sheet for three years after the loan is made, and it would exempt companies that service up to 20,000 mortgage loans from current loan servicing and escrow account administration requirements.” The bill passed 294 to 129. [HR 3971, Vote #675, 12/12/17; CQ, 12/12/17]

- **Maxine Waters: HR 3971 Could “Set The Stage” For Another Financial Crisis.** “A bill opponent, Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., said dropping the regulations would ‘set the stage for a return of the harmful practices of the subprime meltdown and the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.’” [Concord Monitor, 12/17/17]
Poliquin Voted For Exempting Home Manufacturing Companies From Mortgage-Related Regulatory Requirements And Increasing Threshold For “High Cost Mortgages.” In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would change the definitions of ‘mortgage originator’ and ‘loan originator’ to exempt companies that manufacture homes and sell manufactured homes from various mortgage-related regulatory requirements. It would increase the maximum allowable rates and fees that may be applied to a manufactured home loan before the loan is classified as a high-cost mortgage.” The bill passed 256 to 163. [HR 1699, Vote #651, 12/1/17; CQ, 12/1/17]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill That Created An Exception To Rules Meant To Reduce Risky, High-Cost Mortgages. In February 2018, Poliquin voted for: “passage of the bill that would exclude insurance paid at closing into escrow, as well as fees paid for related services to lender-affiliated companies, from the three percent cap on points and fees imposed on qualified mortgages by modifying the definition of ‘points and fees.’” According to the Center for Responsible Lending, “the Mortgage Choice Act would allow many more risky, high-cost loans to qualify as Qualified Mortgage (QM) loans by creating exceptions to the points and fees threshold.” The bill passed, 280-131. [H.R. 1153, Vote #64, 2/8/18; CQ, 2/8/18; Center for Responsible Lending, 11/13/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Protecting The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Poliquin Voted For Limiting Funding For The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. In April 2015, Poliquin voted for: a bill that limited funding for the CFPB. “Passage of the bill that would formally establish three advisory boards with which the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) that must consult on matters regarding small businesses, credit unions and community banks. The measure is offset by limiting funding for the CFPB in future years. As amended, the bill would encourage the CFPB to ensure the participation of veteran-owned small-business concerns as members of the Small Business Advisory Board.” The bill passed 235-183. [HR 1195, Vote #167, 4/22/15; CQ News, 4/22/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting Individuals Or Companies Convicted Of Predatory Lending From Serving On CFPB Boards. In April 2015, Poliquin voted against: a motion that protected military bases and veterans from predatory lenders. The motion would “prohibit individuals from serving as members of the any of the advisory boards if within the last ten years they have been employed or acted as an agent of a company whose been subject to a state or federal enforcement action for predatory lending or fraud against veterans or servicemembers.” The motion was rejected, 184-234. [HR 1195, Vote #166, 4/22/15; CQ News, 4/22/15]

April 2017: Kennebec Journal Editorial Board Called Poliquin One Of “The [Consumer Financial Protection] Bureau’s Biggest Critics” And Wrote That He Should Have Fought “Efforts To Defang The Bureau”

Kennebec Journal Editorial Board: Poliquin Was Among “The [Consumer Financial Protection] Bureau’s Biggest Critics” But Should Have Fought “Efforts To Defang The Bureau.” “Officials who credit their election to a wave of populist resentment are now doing their best to gut the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which has won back billions of dollars for millions of bilked Americans. Some of the bureau’s biggest critics — including 2nd District Rep. Bruce Poliquin, who started attacking the bureau during his first term and hasn’t let up since — are Wall Street’s biggest champions, because they get a lot of money from the financial sector. But if they were truly committed to acting in the interest of the people who President Donald Trump has called ‘forgotten Americans,’ these lawmakers would fight efforts to defang the bureau and work to strengthen it instead.” [Kennebec Journal, Editorial Board, 4/7/17]

Kennebec Journal Editorial Board: Poliquin Would Benefit From A Weakened CFPB Since He “Received Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dollars In Contributions From The Financial, Insurance And Real Estate Sector.” “Who’d benefit from a neutered Consumer Financial Protection Bureau? Not just the financial sector but also the politicians who barraged Cordray with questions and often-vague accusations at what was supposed to be a routine Financial Services hearing Wednesday, including Committee Chairman Jeb Hensarling of Texas and Ann
Wagner of Missouri, as well as Maine’s Poliquin. Hensarling, Wagner and Poliquin each have received hundreds of thousands of dollars in contributions from the financial, insurance and real estate sector. Undoubtedly, so have their committee colleagues, given how much all politicians depend on the finance industry to fund their campaigns. Everyone wins except ordinary Americans — and dismantling the bureau will take away the only champion they have in Washington.” [Kennebec Journal, Editorial Board, 4/7/17]

March 2018: Poliquin Signed A Brief Supporting Mick Mulvaney, Who Insinuated He “Would Like To Get Rid Of” The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, As Its Interim Director

March 2018: Poliquin Signed A Brief Supporting Mick Mulvaney As Interim Director Of The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. “Late last week, a group of 113 congressional Republicans filed an amicus brief in English’s case, declaring their support for Trump’s authority to name Mulvaney as the interim CFPB director. […] The brief was submitted by the following Republicans: […] Representative Bruce Poliquin (R-Maine)” [HousingWire, 3/5/18]

• February 2018: Mulvaney “Pulled Back From A Full-Scale Probe Of How Equifax Inc Failed To Protect The Personal Data Of Millions Of Consumers” As Interim CFPB Director. “Mick Mulvaney, head of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, has pulled back from a full-scale probe of how Equifax Inc failed to protect the personal data of millions of consumers, according to people familiar with the matter. Equifax (EFX.N) said in September that hackers stole personal data it had collected on some 143 million Americans. Richard Cordray, then the CFPB director, authorized an investigation that month, said former officials familiar with the probe. But Cordray resigned in November and was replaced by Mulvaney, President Donald Trump’s budget chief. The CFPB effort against Equifax has sputtered since then, said several government and industry sources, raising questions about how Mulvaney will police a data-warehousing industry that has enormous sway over how much consumers pay to borrow money.” [Reuters, 2/5/18]

• 2014: Mulvaney Called CFPB A “Joke” In A “Sick, Sad Kind Of Way” And Said “Some Of Us Would Like To Get Rid Of It.” “‘It’s a wonderful example of how a bureaucracy will function if it has no accountability to anybody,’ Mulvaney, a former South Carolina representative, said in a 2014 interview with the Credit Union Times. ‘It turns up being a joke, and that’s what the CFPB really has been, in a sick, sad kind of way, because you’ve got an institution that has tremendous authority over what you all do for a living.’ In the same interview, he called the CFPB ‘extraordinarily frightening.’ He said that ‘some of us would like to get rid of it’ altogether but acknowledged that it was unlikely, instead proposing reforms such as replacing the single director with a five-person commission.” [Vox, 11/16/17]

Poliquin And His Companies Paid Property Taxes Late 48 Times And Exploited Tax Loopholes to Avoid Paying Taxes On His $3.4 Million Oceanfront Mansion

As Of 2021, Poliquin And His Real Estate Company Paid Interest Payments On Property Taxes 48 Times

Between The 1993 And 2019 Tax Years, Poliquin And His Real Estate Company Paid Interest Payments On Property Taxes 48 Times. Poliquin and his real estate company, Dirigo Holdings LLC, paid interest 48 times on Maine property taxes. In total, they have paid $1,531.55 in interest payments. The properties include:

• 123 Snow Pond Road, Oakland, ME
• 69 Derby Place, Oakland, ME
• Blake Island, Oakland, ME
• 106 Sagamore Drive, Phippsburg, ME
• 119 Sagamore Drive, Phippsburg, ME
• 123 Sagamore Drive, Phippsburg, ME
- 125 Sagamore Drive, Phippsburg, ME
- Sagamore Drive (undeveloped land), Phippsburg, ME
- 1 East Wood Island, Phippsburg, ME
- 823 Popham Rd (Popham Beach Club), Phippsburg, ME
- 186 Ledgemere Rd., Georgetown, ME
- 65 Bowery St., Bath, ME

[Town of Phippsburg, Tax Collector and Treasurer, et al., received 10/29/15, received 10/5/21; Town of Oakland, Office of the Assessor, et al., received 11/6/15, received 9/29/21; Town of Georgetown, Office of Assessor, et al., received 11/17/15, received 9/30/21; Town of Bath, Treasurer’s Office, et al., received 11/17/15, received 9/28/21]

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*Note: Property held in joint tenancy with his parents
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2014 – 2016: Poliquin Claimed To Have Always Paid His Property Taxes In Full

Poliquin Claimed He Had Always Paid His Taxes In Full. POLIQUIN: “[18:49] But let's go back to this because we just heard a whopper. I'm gonna look right in the camera right at the people of Maine and just tell you flat out the truth. I have always paid all of my taxes in full. Always.” [CSPAN, 2018 Maine Public ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/19/16] (VIDEO)

2014: Poliquin Op-Ed: Poliquin Claimed To Have Always Paid His Property Taxes In Full. “My opponent, Emily Cain, and her agents have spent nearly $2 million on nasty TV ads and mailers personally attacking me. For months, she has attacked my successful professional career, which was earned with many years of hard work and sacrifice. She’s even attacked my record of always paying all property taxes in full (thousands of dollars), always!” [Kennebec Journal Poliquin Op-Ed, 10/31/14]

October 2016: Poliquin Campaign Website: “Congressman Poliquin Has Always Paid His Taxes – In Full! Don’t Believe The Lies On TV.” “False Attacks on Congressman Poliquin’s Taxes First and foremost, Congressman Poliquin has always paid his taxes – in full! Don’t believe the lies on TV. Congressman Poliquin did not break any tax rules or tax laws and he did not violate any program. He has paid literally THOUSANDS of dollars on the particular property extreme Emily Cain and her liberal allies are attacking him on. Again, his taxes are always paid and are always paid in full.” [Poliquin for Congress, 10/13/16]

Note: See next section for information on late tax payments on each of Poliquin’s properties individually.

Poliquin Exploited Loopholes To Pay As Little As $30 In Taxes On Acres Of His Multi-Million Dollar Oceanfront Mansion In Georgetown, Maine

2001: Poliquin Purchased 186 Ledgemere Road, A 12.3 Acre Property, For $1.7 Million

July 2001: Poliquin Purchased 12.3 Acres Of Real Property Located At 186 Ledgemere Road, Georgetown, Maine For $1.7 Million. In July 2001, Bruce Poliquin purchased real property located at 1186 Ledgemere Road, Georgetown, Maine from Richard and Constance Porter for $1,700,000. [186 Ledgemere Road Property Card, Georgetown Tax Assessor, received 11/17/15; Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument # 1892-0250, recorded 7/25/01, accessed 9/30/21]

Poliquin’s Georgetown Property Spanned 12.3 Acres And “Has Been Written Up In Architectural Magazines”

Poliquin’s Georgetown Property “Has Been Written Up In Architectural Magazines.” “He also has a 12-acre place on Maine’s south-central coast in Georgetown where he spends time, as well, which has been written up in architectural magazines. Cyr said Poliquin opens his house on the shore to his cousins, with whom he is close.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 9/22/18]

Poliquin’s Georgetown Property Spanned 12.3 Acres, With 10.1 Acres Of Waterfront. “WVT 2012, PARCEL ACCEPTED INTO OPEN SPACE VALUATION FOR 10.1 ACRES. 2 ACRES IS A SHOREFRONT HOMESITE, NOT IN OPEN SPACE. 0.2 ACRES IS A ROAD-DRIVEWAY, NOT IN OPEN SPACE. 10.1 ACRES IS WATERFRONT IN OPEN SPACE ADJUSTED 50%, 20% FOR ORDINARY OPEN SPACE AND 30% FOR PERMANENT PROTECTION. THE PERCENT GOOD FACTOR OF 65.8% APPLIED TO THE SEPARATE 10.1 ACRES OF SHOREFRONT HOMESITE IS TO BRING THE VALUE OF THIS PORTION OF THE PARCEL DOWN TO THE SAME LEVEL IT WOULD HAVE BEEN AS PART OF THE VALUE OF THE ENTIRE FRONTAGE UNDER REGULAR VALUATION.” [186 Ledgemere Road Property Card, Georgetown Tax Assessor, received 11/17/21]
Photos Of Poliquin’s Georgetown Property, As Photographed For Its Town Of Georgetown Building Record, Are Below.

[Town of Georgetown, 186 Ledgemere Road Building Record, undated, received 11/17/21]

As Of The 2021 Tax Year, 186 Ledgemere Road Was Worth $3,417,600

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2005 – 2021: Poliquin Collected $10,000 In Homestead Exemptions On 186 Ledgemere Road

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Total $10,000

April 2013: Poliquin Filed For A Homestead Exemption For His Out-Of-District Georgetown, ME Property.
In April 2013, Poliquin filed a homestead exemption for 186 Ledgemere Rd, Georgetown, Maine. On the document, he did not list a location where he had previously asserted a Homestead Exemption. [Town of Georgetown, Application for Homestead Exemption, 4/01/13]

- **186 Ledgemere Rd Was Located In Maine’s 1st Congressional District.** [House.gov, accessed 7/29/21]

- **Poliquin Indicated That He Had A Homestead Property Within The Last Twelve Months In Another Municipality On His April 2013 Homestead Exemption Application, But Did Not List Its Address.** [Town of Georgetown, Application for Homestead Exemption, 4/01/13]
Homestead Exemption Was Claimed On Poliquin’s Georgetown, ME Property For The 2013 Fiscal Year. [186 Ledgemere Road Property Card, Town of Georgetown, updated 2015; 186 Ledgemere Road Property 2013 Tax Bill, 12/17/13]

Note: The Maine Tree Growth Program did not result in direct exemptions, but likely drastically changed the property valuation of the 10 acres enrolled in it instead, resulting in much lower property taxes. The Maine Tree Growth Program was not recorded on this property card as a tax exemption.

2004: Poliquin Applied For The Maine Tree Growth Program After The Town Of Georgetown Denied His Request For A Reduced Tax Assessment

January 2004: Poliquin Requested A $1.1 Million Tax Abatement On His Georgetown, Maine Property. In his 2004 tax abatement application for his property in Georgetown, Poliquin wrote, “Assessed valuation of real estate: $1,768,568 Requested abatement in value: $1,136,962. […] I believe that it is fair and reasonable to conclude that the cumulative effect of these restrictions and easements is to further reduce the value of my land by 20% resulting in the proposed final value of $631,606.” [Poliquin’s Application for Abatement of Property Taxes, Town of Georgetown, 1/21/04]

In His Application For The Tax Abatement, Poliquin Claimed He Was Being “Unfairly Discriminated Against” Because Comparable Properties Were Valued Lower Than His. In his 2004 tax abatement application for his property in Georgetown, Poliquin wrote, “Specific reasons for abatement: The total 12.3 acres of my land is designated as the much higher-valued Homesite class. Two other comparable Georgetown properties which I have identified are designated partly as the lower-valued Rear Lands. Therefore, I believe that I am being unfairly discriminated against.” [Poliquin’s Application for Abatement of Property Taxes, Town of Georgetown, 1/21/04]

Poliquin Claimed Restrictions On Subdivisions And Construction On His Land, As Well As Upkeep He Was Required To Maintain For A Nearby Nature Conservancy, Reduced The Value Of His Land. “I further believe that I am being unfairly discriminated against in the Town’s property valuation process because apparently no consideration has been given for the severe deeded restrictions/easements imposed on my land. Specifically: (a) my lot cannot be subdivided; (b) my lot cannot be used for any commercial purposes; (c) there cannot be any additional structure on my land; (d) the sizes of the current structures are limited; (e) the Nature Conservancy can require me to maintain its satisfaction of the .7 mile road through its nature preserve to my property; and (f) the thousands of members of the Nature Conservancy have the right to traverse my land.” [Poliquin’s Application for Abatement of Property Taxes, Town of Georgetown, 1/21/04]

April 2004: The Town Of Georgetown Rejected Poliquin’s Request For A Reduced Tax Assessment. In January 2004, Poliquin asked the town of Georgetown to reduce his tax assessment by more than $1.1 million. Both the town and the Sagadahoc County commissioners rejected his appeal. In a letter to Poliquin dated April 7, 2004, Georgetown’s Chair of Selectmen wrote, “On the basis of Mr van Tuinen’s recommendation, we voted unanimously to deny your application for an abatement.” In a letter to the Board Assessors dated March 24, 2004, Bill Van Tunien wrote, “Bruce Poliquin, Map R10 Lot 34A has requested an abatement from a land value of $1,768,568 to a land value of $631,606, a reduction of $1,136,962. The request states that this parcel has been valued entirely as shorefront land compared to two other similarly situated peninsula parcels of land. […] I discussed this property with Mr. Poliquin yesterday. At the time, I could not explain the discrepancy between the number of shorefront acres assigned with his property compared to the Long Island property and I indicated that an adjustment might be called for. However, I do think it was reasonable to value the island properties the way that I did. I do not recommend an abatement.” [Letter, Town of Georgetown, Bill Van Tuinen to Board of Assessors, 3/24/04]

July 2001: Poliquin Purchased Property Located At 186 Ledgemere Rd In Georgetown, ME. [Sagadahoc Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument # 1892-0250, Recorded 7/25/01]
After The Abatement Was Denied, The Chair Of The Board Of Selectman Suggested Poliquin Apply For The Maine Tree Growth Program. In an April 2004 letter to Bruce Poliquin, the Chair of the Board of Selectman wrote to Poliquin, stating, “We reviewed your application for an abatement of the taxes on your lot […] at our last meeting. We asked our professional assessor, Bill Van Tuinen, how to deal with the property such as yours, with water and water views on three sides. He said that, after looking carefully at the lot, he did not think putting some land into a rear category would be appropriate. Instead, he recommended that you consider seeking tree-growth status for much of the lot, and we agree.” [Letter, Town of Georgetown, William F. Plummer IV to Bruce Poliquin, 4/07/04]

- Maine Department Of Agriculture: The Maine Tree Growth Program Gave Tax Breaks To Owners Of “Land Managed Primarily For The Production Of Commercial Forest Products.” “The Maine Legislature enacted the Tree Growth Tax Law in 1972 to help Maine landowners maintain their property as productive woodlands, and to broadly support Maine’s wood products industry. By choosing to develop a Woodland Management Plan designed to realize the value of your timber (and meet other goals for your forest) through well-planned harvests over time, your property may be eligible for enrollment. You should be sure you understand all of the benefits and obligations of Maine's Tree Growth Tax Law, as well as the penalties for removing your land from the program. To enroll your property in the Maine Tree Growth Tax Program, you must have at least ten acres of forest land managed primarily for the production of commercial forest products. You may benefit from a reduction in property taxes, making it more affordable for you to own and manage your woodland. The decision to enroll land in the Maine Tree Growth Tax Program is a long term one. The penalties for removing land from the program can be high, so consider all the aspects before enrolling.” [Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry, accessed 8/23/21]

4/14/04: Poliquin Received Approval To Enroll 10.3 Acres Of His Georgetown Property In The Maine Tree Growth Program From Georgetown’s Assessor. In a letter to Mary McDonald, Town of Georgetown Assessor, dated March 6, 2012, Poliquin wrote, “In applying for and maintaining my L0.3-acre lot in the Tree Growth Program, I have relied on the following: 1. A letter dated April 7, 2004 from the Town of Georgetown Board of Selectmen recommending that I consider enrolling the property in the Program. According to the letter, the recommendation originated from the Town's outside professional assessor, to which the Selectmen agreed. 2. The approval of my land being enrolled in the Program by the Georgetown Assessor dated April 14, 2004.” [Letter, Town of Georgetown, Bruce Poliquin to Mary McDonald, 3/6/12]


The Deed For Poliquin’s Property At 186 Ledgemere Rd Prohibited Tree Harvesting

Poliquin Received A Tree Harvesting Tax Credit For His Georgetown Property, Despite Having A Deed Restriction On Tree Harvesting. “Bruce Poliquin, former state treasurer and Republican nominee, was asked whether it was ethical for him to enroll his Georgetown oceanfront property in Maine’s Tree Growth Tax Program, even though there were restrictions on the property that largely prevented tree harvesting. The program gives tax cuts to landowners whose property can be used for commercial harvesting.” [Bangor Daily News, 10/23/14]

Poliquin Claimed A Timber Tax Credit On His Property, Despite A Deed Restriction That Prohibited Timber Harvesting. “Problem is, when then-state Treasurer Poliquin’s use of the loophole came to light in 2012, inquiring minds quickly discovered that a deed restriction on his property largely prohibited any timber harvesting or other forestry activities the Tree Growth program was designed to encourage.” [Portland Press Herald, Bill Nemitz Column, 10/26/14]
Covenant Of The Deed Expressly Prohibited The “Excessive Cutting Of Trees.” The deed for his property in Georgetown states, “Trees may be thinned only for purposes of view, and the environment shall be completely protected at all times from the excessive cutting of trees.” [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Instrument # 1892-0250, 7/25/01]

In His 2004 Tax Abatement Application, Poliquin Admitted His Property “Cannot Be Used For Any Commercial Purposes.” In his 2004 tax abatement application for his property in Georgetown, Poliquin wrote, “I further believe that I am being unfairly discriminated against in the Town’s property valuation process because apparently no consideration has been given for the severe deeded restrictions/easements imposed on my land. Specifically: … (b) my lot cannot be used for any commercial purposes.” [Poliquin’s Application for Abatement of Property Taxes, Town of Georgetown, 1/21/04]

Between 2004 And 2012, Poliquin Received A Reduced Tax Assessment On His Georgetown Property And Paid Only $30.53 Per Year In Taxes On The Estate’s 10 Oceanfront Acres

After Enrolling In The Maine Tree Growth Program, Poliquin’s Georgetown Property’s Assessed Value Dropped From $1.7 Million To $725,500. “Financially, it worked out rather nicely for Poliquin. By putting 10 of his 12 acres in tree growth in 2004, he dropped the overall assessed value of his land from $1,768,600 to $725,500 with the simple stroke of a pen. For the 2011-12 tax year, that land has a total value of $943,500 – of which the 10 acres in tree growth account for a paltry $4,300.” [Portland Press Herald, Bill Nemitz Column, 10/26/14]

Poliquin Paid $30.53 Per Year In Taxes On 10 Acres Of Oceanfront Property. “According to Georgetown’s property records, Poliquin’s tax bill is $6,668 on the two acres directly beneath his humble abode. (Taxes on the house and other structures total just over $13,000). And the annual tax on the 10 acres of prime oceanfront land just behind the mansion? That would be $30.53. You read that right.” [Portland Press Herald, Bill Nemitz Column, 10/26/14]

2012: After Facing Backlash Over Possible Misuse Of The Maine Tree Growth Program, Poliquin Surrendered It And Applied For A Different Tax Break

February 2012: Bangor Daily News Headline: “State Treasurer Poliquin Under Fire For Possible Misuse Of Tax Abatement Program. “Questions have arisen about State Treasurer Bruce Poliquin enrolling the majority of his 12-acre oceanfront property in the state's tree growth tax relief program. At the same time, lawmakers on Thursday tentatively approved a bill that tightens the standards for those who are enrolled in the tree growth program so it can't be used simply as a tax shelter. … According to Mary McDonald, who is the assistant to the Georgetown Board of Selectmen, Poliquin enrolled in the program in 2004 when he applied to set aside 10 acres of his property for tree growth. By doing so, he reduced the assessed value of his property from about $1.75 million to $725,000 and saved $5,000 annually in property taxes, according to Maine's Majority, which cited town tax records.” [Bangor Daily News, 2/02/12]

3/6/12: Poliquin Applied For The Open Space Land Program After Surrendering The Tree Growth Tax Break. [Town of Georgetown, Poliquin Open Space Land Application Schedule, dated 3/6/12, received 11/17/21]

• The Open Space Tax Program Was Intended For Land That “Provide[s] A Public Benefit” By “Conserving Scenic Resources,” “Enhancing Public Recreation Opportunities,” “Promoting Game Management.” Or “Preserving Wildlife Or Wildlife Habitat.” “WHAT IS OPEN SPACE Land that is preserved or restricted in use to provide a public benefit in any of the following areas: a Conserving scenic resources a Enhancing public recreation opportunities a Promoting game management a Preserving wildlife or wildlife habitat” [Maine Revenue Services, 10/12/17]

• In His Application, Poliquin Wrote His Property “[Met] The Public Benefit Test” Because Its “Open Space And Scenic Natural Resources Will Help Maintain The Unique Georgetown Landscape Which Is
Important To Attracting Tourism And Commerce To The Area.” “[Application:] List the factors, as appropriate, to demonstrate this parcel meets the public benefit test. [Poliquin:] Preserving my land’s open space and scenic natural resources will help maintain the unique Georgetown landscape which is important to attracting tourism and commerce to the area.” [Town of Georgetown, Poliquin Open Space Land Application Schedule, dated 3/6/12, received 11/17/21]

- Poliquin Wrote That He Applied To Transfer His Property To The Open Space Program Because His Property Became “An Unfair Distraction To The Georgetown Municipal Officials, My Neighbors, And Me.” “Although my 10.3-acre lot is only one of the 23,000 state-wide properties, totaling 11 million acres, enrolled in the Maine Tree Growth Program, it has become an unfair distraction to the Georgetown municipal officials, my neighbors, and me. To avoid further distractions concerning my property going forward, I have decided to withdraw my aforementioned lot from Tree Growth and to apply for its transfer to the Open Space Program. […] My goal to permanently preserve the land’s open space and conserve scenic resources is a good match with the public benefits of the Open Space Program targeted by the Town and State.” [Poliquin Letter to Town of Georgetown Assessor Mary McDonald, dated 3/6/12, received 11/17/21]

6/27/12: Tax Assessor Bill Van Tuinen Recommended Approving Poliquin’s Application For Open Space Tax Break And It Was Accepted The Next Day. In a 2012 letter to the Georgetown Board of Assessors, the tax assessor, Bill Van Tuinen, wrote, “In my opinion, the application for open space taxation from Bruce Poliquin is completely in order and should be accepted by the Board of Assessors for taxation under open space. … Accordingly, I recommend that the Board accept the application for open space taxation of the Bruce Poliquin parcel.” The application was approved by the Board of Assessors the next day. [Memorandum, Town of Georgetown, Bill Van Tuinen to Board of Assessors, 6/26/12; Letter, Town of Georgetown, Mary F. McDonald to Bruce Poliquin, 6/27/12]

- June 2012: Portland Press Herald Estimated Poliquin Would Save Approximately Half Of His $943,000 Valuation Through The Open Space Land Tax Break. “However, critics like Freeman believe Poliquin has avoided tens of thousands of dollars in property taxes. He’ll still receive a significant property-tax break in the Open Space program, approximately 50 percent of his most recent valuation of $943,000.” [Portland Press Herald, 6/27/12]

- Portland Press Herald: Landowners “Typically” Have To Pay Back Taxes After They Withdraw Properties From The Tree Growth Program. “Poliquin paid about $30 a year in property taxes for a 10-acre parcel of oceanfront forest he had enrolled in the program. He was later able transferred the land in question into another open space conservation program that provides less of a tax break. Typically landowners who withdraw their properties from tree growth program are then required to pay a penalty often in the form of back taxes on what the land would have been valued at had it not been in the program.” [Portland Press Herald, 7/26/12]

- June 2012: Poliquin Denied That His Open Space Tax Break Application Was Related To Any Misuse Of The Tree Growth Program And Called The Story “An Unfair Distraction.” “Poliquin said Tuesday that his decision to transfer the property to Open Space had nothing to do with an inappropriate use of the Tree Growth program. ‘It’s an unfair distraction to Georgetown municipal officials, my neighbors and me. End of story,’ he said in a phone interview Tuesday afternoon.” [Portland Press Herald, 6/27/12]

2016: When Asked If He Took Advantage Of the Tree Growth Program, Poliquin Said He “Scrutinize[d]” His Tax Bills

When Asked Whether He Got A Lower Tax Rate Through The Main Tree Growth Tax Abatement Program, Poliquin Said That He, As A Real Estate Businessman, Scrutinized His Tax Bills With A Business Manager. HOST: “[21:20] Are you saying here today that you did not put any of your land in the Tree Growth tax abatement program, that you never put any land, waterfront land into that program?” POLIQUIN: “What I am saying, Jennifer, is that I’ve paid every single tax I’ve owed always in full.” HOST: “But did you get a lower tax
because you took advantage of that program?” POLIQUIN: “Jennifer, I’m in the real estate business. I have properties in different parts of the state. And when I get a tax bill, I look at it, I scrutinize it my business manager does with me. And business, rather property is tax different ways. Depending on the parcel it is. And this happens to be a parcel along the coast, there are other parcels that are not, and I’ve paid every dollar I've owed in taxes. Always.” [CSPAN, 2018 Maine Public ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/19/16] (VIDEO)

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Poliquin Voted For Making Individuals With Severely Delinquent Tax Debt Ineligible For Federal Employment

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- Bill Opponents Noted That The Tax Compliance Rate Was 97 Percent For Civil Servants. “Opponents noted in debate that the tax compliance rate for civil servants was 97 percent in 2014, compared to 95 percent for House members and their staffs and 91 percent for the public at large. Civil servants owed $1.14 billion in delinquent taxes last year.” [Bakersfield Californian, 4/18/15]

2011 – 2012: While Maine State Treasurer, Poliquin Ran A Real Estate Business, Requested Property Tax Abatements, And Petitioned A Planning Board

Poliquin Claimed He Was Not Attached To His Businesses While In Office, But Actively Sought Reduced Tax Abatements On Corporate Properties And Petitioned A Planning Board As State Treasurer

2011 – 2012: Poliquin Was Maine State Treasurer


December 2011: Poliquin Claimed He Was “Right By The Book” While Maintaining Ownership Of His Businesses While Serving As Maine’s Treasurer

December 2011: Poliquin Claimed He Was “Right By The Book” In Maine Ethics Law Regarding His Businesses, Which He Said Were “Run By Professionals [He] Trust[ed].” “Then-Attorney General Janet Mills, now vice chair of the Maine Democratic Party, said Tuesday that her office told Poliquin it could not give him legal
advice until he actually took over as treasurer. ‘I think we encouraged him to seek his own private legal counsel if he had any questions – because he wasn’t a public official,’ Mills said. Whether he did isn’t clear. But in that interview last month – which he put off until he was driving home that night because ‘this deals with a private-sector thing … (and) I’m right by the book’ – Poliquin told me that his various businesses now ‘are run by professionals I trust and I’ve worked with for a number of years.’” [Portland Press Herald, Bill Nemitz Column, 1/18/12]

2011: Poliquin Requested Tax Abatements On Two Of His Phippsburg Properties And Successfully Obtained $1,833.88 In Tax Abatements

9/18/11: Poliquin Sought A Tax Abatement From The Phippsburg Town Assessor For His Two Business Properties Using His State Government Email. In September 2011, Poliquin corresponded with the Phippsburg town assessor via email about having both the Popham Beach Club property and 106 Sagamore Dr reassessed. Poliquin represented himself as one of the active contacts for the Popham Beach Club and the Popham Woods development. Poliquin also included his title, Maine State Treasurer, in his signature and sent the emails from his official state email address (bpol@maine.rr.com). [Email, Bruce Poliquin to Juanita Wilson, 9/18/11]


9/9/11: Poliquin E-Mailed The Phippsburg Assessor To Request A Meeting About His Property Taxes. On September 9, 2011, then-State Treasurer Bruce Poliquin sent an e-mail to Juanita C. Wilson-Hennessey, the “Contract Assessing Agent” for the Town of Phippsburg, stating the following: “I’d like to take you up on your offer to meet regarding my Phippsburg property taxes … I’m concerned about all the properties, especially Popham Woods Condominium and the Popham Beach Club.” [Phippsburg Assessor’s Office e-mail, 9/9/11]

- **The Assessor Responded That “Certified Appraisal” And “Firsthand View” Would Be The Only Factors In A Potential Adjustment.** On September 14, 2011, Wilson-Hennessey responded with the following: “The only paperwork that will be relevant is a certified appraisal for any of the units, which I am willing to review with an open mind, but my first view is likely to whether I see room for further value adjustment.” [Phippsburg Assessor’s Office e-mail, 9/14/11]

- **Poliquin Replied With Concern Over The Assessed Value’s Impact On Condo Fees And Selling Units.** On September 18, 2011, Poliquin responded with concern over the impact the high assessed values were having on the monthly condominium fees and, therefore, Poliquin’s ability to sell the units. “Besides the Popham Woods Units and the Popham Beach Club, a real concern of mine is the common land value at Popham Woods. As you know, it’s now values at several times the assessed value a few short years ago … This spiking common land value has driven up the monthly maintenance fee at PW to $303. This, in turn, is a major reason why we haven’t been able to sell the Units. Comparable condo homes in Brunswick, for example, have monthly fees roughly $150 – 200. The $303 per month fee scares potentials [sic] buyers away. It happened again last week. Without a more realistic common land value, the Town will not receive the full tax benefit of building out the project and selling the homes. Lastly, I’d welcome you taking another look at Wood Island.” [Phippsburg Assessor’s Office e-mail, 9/18/11]

- **Poliquin Used His “Maine State Treasurer” Signature In Both E-Mails To The Assessor.** In both the September 9 and 14 e-mails, Poliquin indicated in his signature that he was the “Maine State Treasurer.” [Phippsburg Assessor’s Office e-mail, 9/18/11, 9/9/11]

December 2011: Poliquin Petitioned The Phippsburg Planning Board To Expand Operations At His Beach Club, Which He Later Admitted Was “A Dumb Thing To Do”
December 2011: Poliquin Personally Petitioned The Phippsburg Planning Board To Expand Operations At His Beach Club. “Last month, Poliquin appeared before the Phippsburg Planning board seeking to expand allowable uses for his beach club from a $1,950-per-season, members-only facility to ‘year-round catered functions including but not limited to corporate meetings, family, church, civic gatherings and health retreats.’” [Portland Press Herald, Bill Nemitz Column, 1/18/12]

- Poliquin Later Called His Petition Of The Phippsburg Planning Board “A Dumb Thing To Do.” “In December, Poliquin went before the Phippsburg Planning Board to expand operations at a beach club near a residential development he built. Poliquin now admits that was a mistake, telling a Portland radio station, ‘That was a dumb thing to do.’” [Portland Press Herald Editorial Board, 2/14/12]

**February 2012: The Maine State Attorney General Suggested That Poliquin “Disassociate” Himself From His Business Entities While In Office**

January 2012: Maine State Rep. Mark Dion Requested Maine’s Attorney General Opinion On Whether Poliquin’s Business Dealings In Office Violated The State Constitution. “Maine legislative Democrats say a second request is being filed with the state attorney general on whether Treasurer Bruce Poliquin’s private business dealings violate the state Constitution. Portland Democratic Rep. Mark Dion made a second request for a formal opinion on Poliquin’s business dealings as owner of the Popham Beach Club. Dion sent his initial request for an opinion to Attorney General William Schneider on Jan. 17. The Attorney General’s Office is investigating. Democrats say the Constitution bars the treasurer from engaging in any business of trade or commerce while serving in that office.” [Portland Press Herald, 1/30/12]

February 2012: Maine Attorney General Suggested That Poliquin “Disassociate” Himself From His Business Entities While In Office. “[Republican Attorney General of Maine William Schneider] did offer an opinion of what Poliquin should do next. ‘With respect to the Treasurer, any activities related to the active management of stock or other ownership interests should be handled by third persons in the absence of any authority suggesting that such activities are acceptable when undertaken directly,’ Schneider wrote. ‘During the Treasurer’s term in office he should take steps to disassociate himself from the active management of any of the entities in which he is invested and any entities in which he is the sole owner or principal or agent.’” [Bangor Daily News, 2/10/12]

**Maine State Democrats And Opinion Writers Criticized Poliquin’s Handling Of His Real Estate Business While Serving As Maine’s State Treasurer**

Maine State Senator Phil Bartlett Called For Poliquin’s Resignation Over His Conflicts Of Interest: “[Poliquin] Has Thumbed His Nose At The Maine Constitution”

May 2012: Maine State Senator Phil Bartlett Called For Poliquin’s Resignation Over His Conflicts Of Interest: “[Poliquin] Has Thumbed His Nose At The Maine Constitution.” “Maine families are struggling in these tough economic times. They are concerned about putting food on their tables, making sure their children have health care and a decent education, and maybe someday having the means to retire. Maine’s public servants are tasked first and foremost with safeguarding the interests of our working families. Time and time again, Maine State Treasurer Bruce Poliquin has chosen not to answer this call. He has kowtowed to special interests and squandered state resources on a political witch hunt. He has exploited loopholes for personal gain, forcing his neighbors to pay more for services that he uses. He has thumbed his nose at the Maine Constitution by engaging in prohibited personal business dealings. For these reasons, he must resign.” [State Senator Phil Bartlett, Press Release, 5/30/12]

4/1/12: Elliott Epstein Op-Ed: Poliquin Was “The Most Ethically Challenged Member Of Gov. Paul LePage’s Administration.” “It seems appropriate that State Treasurer Bruce Poliquin, the most ethically challenged member of Gov. Paul LePage's administration, has declared his candidacy for the U.S. Senate, probably the most ethically challenged legislative body in the United States.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Elliott Epstein Guest Column, 4/1/12]

• Elliott Epstein Op-Ed: Poliquin’s Dealings With His Real Estate Company While State Treasurer Were “Particularly Egregious.” “Poliquin has been criticized for failing to disclose his business ties on a state conflict-of-interest form (a lapse he has since cured by amending his filing), for improperly using Maine’s ‘tree growth’ tax break to reduce his real estate taxes on 10 acres of waterfront property (a lapse he has also cured by taking the land out of ‘tree growth’) and for running a real estate development business while acting as state treasurer. The last item involves Poliquin’s ownership of Dirigo Holdings LLC, which runs Popham Woods Condominiums in Phippsburg that includes memberships in Poliquin's Popham Beach Club. Poliquin even appeared last year before the Phippsburg Planning Board on behalf of the Beach Club. Poliquin’s participation in this business venture is particularly egregious. It violates more than just an inconsistently enforced and difficult-to-interpret legislative statute like the ‘tree growth’ law. It runs counter to a fundamental provision of the state’s highest law, the Maine Constitution.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Elliott Epstein Op-Ed, 4/1/12]

Elliott Epstein Op-Ed: Poliquin’s Leadership Of A Real Estate Company While Maine State Treasurer “Runs Counter To A Fundamental Provision Of The State’s Highest Law, The Maine Constitution.” “Poliquin's participation in this business venture is particularly egregious. It violates more than just an inconsistently enforced and difficult-to-interpret legislative statute like the ‘tree growth’ law. It runs counter to a fundamental provision of the state's highest law, the Maine Constitution. Article V, section III of the Maine Constitution states: ‘The Treasurer shall not, during the treasurer's continuance in office, engage in any business of trade or commerce, or as a broker, nor as an agent or factor for any merchant or trader.’ It seems a reasonable requirement to impose on the official responsible for the state's finances. Unless ‘business of trade or commerce’ is read extremely narrowly to mean only the sale of goods (the kind you can bag or box and walk away with), it's hard to make a straight-faced argument that Poliquin is not engaged in the kind of business barred by Article V.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Elliott Epstein Op-Ed, 4/1/12]

March 2012: The Maine Supreme Court Declined To Rule After The Maine House Of Representatives Voted Unanimously To Request They Issue An Opinion On Whether Poliquin Had Violated The Maine Constitution By Engaging In Commerce While In Office

3/1/12: The Maine House Of Representatives Voted Unanimously To Request That The Maine Supreme Court Issue An Opinion On Whether Poliquin’s Business Dealings While In Office Violated The Maine Constitution. “The Maine House of Representatives unanimously passed an order Thursday requesting the state’s highest court to issue an opinion on whether Treasurer Bruce Poliquin has violated the state constitution by engaging in commerce while in office. By a 122-0 vote, lawmakers approved House Order 41, offered by Majority Leader Philip Curtis of Madison, that asks the Maine Supreme Judicial Court to weigh in Poliquin’s situation. Curtis’ order reads, in part: ‘If it is determined that the ‘Treasurer of State has engaged in any business of trade or commerce, or as a broker, or as an agent or factor for any merchant or trader, does that finding affect or have an impact on the validity of the actions taken by the Treasurer of State in the performance of his official duties as used in the Constitution of Maine, Article V, Part 3, Section 3?’” [Bangor Daily News, 3/1/12]

3/29/12: The Maine Supreme Court Declined To Rule On Poliquin’s Potential Constitutional Violation. “Maine’s highest court has declined to issue a ruling on a complaint that state Treasurer Bruce Poliquin violated the state Constitution by engaging in commerce while in office. [...] ‘The record contains no findings or adjudication regarding the nature of any alleged constitutional violation; no facts have been presented to the Justices through the communication from the House of Representatives; the questions themselves are presented in the abstract and do not indicate the context in which they should be evaluated; and the record is silent with regard to the need for the discharge of any duties of the House of Representatives or the proposed commencement of any action by the Executive or Legislative Branch or any other governmental entities,’ the opinion reads. ‘Absent clear facts on
which to opine, the questions present too broad a range of potential factual and legal possibilities. Given the procedural posture of this matter, we cannot conclude that an unusual exigency exists concerning a matter of live gravity.” [Bangor Daily News, 3/29/12]

### Poliquin Dodged His Constituents And Reporters While In Office

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<td><strong>As Of June 2017, Poliquin’s Bangor Office Was Only Open To Constituents By Appointment And Rerouted Calls To Its Presque Isle Branch.</strong> “A photo with the post shows the door to the new office, which lists the hours as 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Le, who said she visits the Bangor offices of Poliquin and of Maine's senators every week, said those hours were removed from Poliquin's within the past week. She said that when she walked into the building on Tuesday, she was greeted with a note that states Poliquin's office is now open by appointment only. When she called the number listed on the note, the call was routed to the lawmaker's Presque Isle office.” [Bangor Daily News, 6/20/17]</td>
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**As Of October 2018, All Of Poliquin’s In-District Offices Were Only Open To Constituents By Appointment.** “All three of Poliquin’s challengers have said they will open the doors on district offices that Poliquin has closed. His policy is for constituents to schedule appointments with his staff rather than having the option of walking in during business hours. Maine’s two senators and its other member of Congress, U.S. Rep. Chellie Pingree, a 1st District Democrat, all have open-door policies. ‘Only Bruce Poliquin locks the doors of his state offices,’ Golden’s campaign said. Poliquin’s staff has said many times that the way they handle constituents allows them to focus on problems more efficiently and to provide more assistance than they would otherwise have time for.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 10/6/18] |

**As Of February 2017, Poliquin Banned Photography And Audio Recording At An In-District Office, Which His Spokesperson Said Protected Constituents’ Privacy**

**February 2017: A Letter To The Editor Questioned Why Poliquin Banned Photography And Audio Recording At His In-District Office.** “Why has U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, the self-anointed "Our Congressman," placed a notice at his Lisbon Street office banning photography and audio recording? Is this his modest contribution to the growing Republican ban-fest -- immigrants, health insurance, a woman's right to choose, a woman's right to speak on the Senate floor? Has he joined the growing ranks of his Republican colleagues who are avoiding transparency and are increasingly afraid of their constituents? David Das, Auburn” [David Das Letter to the Editor, Lewiston Sun Journal, 2/16/17]

**Poliquin’s Spokesperson Defended The Practice As Beneficial For Constituents’ Privacy.** “Editor’s note: Bendan [sic] Conley, Press Secretary for U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, offered the following statement: Congressman Poliquin wants to ensure his office is as welcoming and safe as possible for all constituents of Maine’s 2nd Congressional District, including by protecting constituents’ privacy. This policy is fully compliant with the guidance from the nonpartisan Office of General Counsel of the U.S. House of Representatives. Congressman Poliquin welcomes and encourages all constituents to visit his office and to share their diverse viewpoints, be active in our communities, and respectfully express their opinions.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 2/16/17]

**2017: Poliquin Moved Bangor District Office To Be Only Accessible By Stairs And Denied Constituents’ Allegations That It Violated The ADA**

**May 2017: Poliquin Announced A New Location For His Bangor Office That He Said Was Needed “Due To Size Constraints And Increased Staff.”** “Congressman Bruce Poliquin’s (ME-02) Bangor office has moved to a new location at 4 Union Plaza, Suite 7. The office will maintain the same phone number (942-0583) and fax
number (942-7101) and will continue providing casework services for constituents, as always. Due to size constraints and increased staff, the office has been actively seeking a new space since early Fall 2016.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 5/17/17]

The New District Office Space Was Less Physically Accessible Space, Causing “Some Constituents” To Accuse Him Of Violating The Americans With Disabilities Act. “Having an office in downtown Bangor will mark a departure from Golden's predecessor, former U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, who began his two-term tenure in Congress with an office on the first floor of 6 State St. But two years ago, Poliquin angered some constituents when he relocated the office to a space at 4 Union Plaza, near the Bangor waterfront, that was less physically accessible. The office suite's location forced visitors to walk up a small set of stairs, prompting accusations that the office didn't comply with accessibility standards set by the Americans with Disabilities Act, a claim Poliquin's staff disputed. At the time, Poliquin's staff responded that they would meet with constituents at other locations if they couldn't reach the office.” [Bangor Daily News, 1/17/19]

- Bangor Resident Samantha Le Said Poliquin’s Office Was “Not ADA Compliant” And Added, “He Says He's All About Veterans. Well, A Lot Of These Vets Are In Wheelchairs.” “‘It's four steep steps down into his office,’ Bangor resident Samantha Le said Tuesday. ‘His office is not ADA compliant,’ she said, referring to the Americans with Disabilities Act. Poliquin's new office is in Suite 7 inside 4 Union Plaza, a building under the Bangor side of the Joshua Chamberlain Bridge. ‘He says he's all about veterans. Well, a lot of these vets are in wheelchairs,’ Le said.” [Bangor Daily News, 6/20/17]

June 2017: A Group Of Poliquin’s Constituents Gathered At Poliquin’s Bangor Office To Demonstrate Its Three Steps Made It Inaccessible To Wheelchair Users. “A group of disabled constituents represented by a Maine congressman say his Bangor office is inaccessible to them and others. WABI-TV reported that the group gathered Tuesday at U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin's office to demonstrate the difficulty they have in accessing his office. The group said the building's broken doorbell and three steps leading to the office space present problems for them. Marianna Fricke, a constituent who uses a wheelchair, said she feels left out and powerless.” [Associated Press, 6/21/17]

Poliquin Spokesperson: “We Are Confident That The Office Is In Compliance With Our Accessibility Obligations Under The Americans With Disabilities Act.” “‘We have consulted with legal counsel and we are confident that the office is in compliance with our accessibility obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act,’ Conley said.” [Bangor Daily News, 6/20/17]

- Poliquin’s Spokesperson: “We Have A Longstanding Policy To Meet Individuals With Mobility Disabilities At Alternate Locations That Meet Their Specific Needs.” “Poliquin spokesman Brendon Conley told the BDN in an email, ‘Our [Bangor] office DOES have signage on the building for those who require assistance when entering for an appointment.’ He added, ‘Our office has been, and remains, firmly committed to providing members of the public with equal access to the office's services and assistance.’ This ‘equal access’ includes meeting people who can't get into the office at other locations, Conley said. ‘We have a longstanding policy to meet individuals with mobility disabilities at alternate locations that meet their specific needs,’ Conley said.” [Bangor Daily News, 6/20/17]

2016: Poliquin Refused To Tell Constituents How He Would Vote In The Upcoming Presidential Election Or Maine’s Five Referenda

October 2016: Poliquin “Declined To Comment” On Any Of Maine’s Referenda, Including Question Three. “Poliquin also declined to comment when asked for his thoughts on Maine's five referendum questions. Cain said she opposes marijuana legalization, but supports ranked-choice voting, expanded background checks for gun sales and raising the minimum wage.” [Kennebec Journal, 10/18/16]

contested 2nd District, has made it clear to this point he will not say whether he supports GOP standard-bearer Donald Trump. […] Poliquin has refused on many occasions to say whether he endorses Trump.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/1/16]

**Poliquin Dodged And Disparaged Reporters**


August 2017: Poliquin said “It Would Be Stupid For Me To Engage The National Media To Give Them And Everybody Else The Ammunition They Need And We Lose This Seat.” “In the audio, Rep. Poliquin can be heard saying he intentionally avoids the national media. Here is the full transcript: ‘We must win these seats. Flashback to 2016 last year. How many times did a newspaper reporter, Joe, put a microphone in my nose and say, ‘Yeah I know you just had a great event. New balance shoes, 900 jobs, American made jobs in Norway, Skowhegan and Norridgewalk. But by the way, Mr. Trump, your nominee, just said this. What's your reaction?’ As soon as you go down that path, Mark, you are in the swamp. You are exactly where they want you to be. Do not take the bait. […] You think the press is bad in Maine? They are - it's unbelievable. And they are dying to get you on record to say whatever. And that becomes the next. So I used to think that folks in Congress like me because I'm a big hearted Frenchman like Norman. I'm a happy guy. And I'm always walking around knowing exactly where we're going. The reason is because they need our seat. There are two dozen – that's it – two dozen swing districts in the country. […] So we've got to be incredibly careful. Now do I talk to the national media? Not often. I've been dying to do what you want me to do. Dying to do it. We've got to be very... It would be stupid for me to engage the national media to give them and everybody else the ammunition they need and we lose this seat. You have to be really careful.’” [News Center Maine, 8/25/17] (AUDIO) 00:58

- Poliquin: “The Socialist Group, Maine People's Alliance, Secretly Recorded Bruce Saying What Everyone Already Knows To Be True...Many National Media Outlets Push An Agenda That Is Biased.”

“The socialist group, Maine People's Alliance, secretly recorded Bruce saying what everyone already knows to be true...many national media outlets push an agenda that is biased. That is no shock to anyone that reads the Portland Press Herald or BDN or listens to MPBN radio. However, what they fail to mention is that just this past week alone, Bruce had WVII join him for an event in Penobscot Co., WABI joined him for an event in Hancock Co., and every Bangor station joined Bruce to announce his new Veterans Advisory Panel, composed of Veterans all across Maine's Second Congressional District. The reality is that Bruce would rather spend his time actually working for our Maine Seniors, Veterans, small business owners and families than get sucked into the accomplish-nothing drama that surrounds DC.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 8/26/17]

- Boston Globe Editorial Board: “Poliquin Campaigns Like An Undercover Candidate,” Without Posting His Schedule Or Returning Calls And Emails From Reporters. “Poliquin campaigns like an undercover candidate. His office doesn’t put out an advance schedule of where he will be. His campaign spokesman doesn’t return calls. Or e-mails. Or texts. Constituent visits to his Bangor and Lewiston offices were, until recently, by appointment only.” [Boston Globe Editorial Board, Boston Globe, 11/2/18]

- Boston Globe Editorial Board Called Poliquin A “Duck-And-Dodge” Who Used “Scare Tactics To Stave Off A Formidable Contender.” “All of which is to say, Poliquin is a poor fit for Maine, a party-line — and duck-and-dodge — Republican using scare tactics to stave off a formidable contender. Jared Golden would be a far better choice.” [Boston Globe Editorial Board, Boston Globe, 11/2/18]

February 2018: Poliquin “Is Refusing Most Interview Requests” And “Attempting To Maintain A Low, Hyper-Local Profile And Avoid The Inevitable Questions About Trump’s Chaotic Presidency.” “In his bid to hang on and buck the anti-Trump tide, Poliquin is attempting to maintain a low, hyper-local profile and avoid the inevitable questions about Trump’s chaotic presidency. He employed the same strategy in his successful 2016 reelection campaign. And again he is refusing most interview requests — a key part of his under-the-radar approach — and would not talk to the Globe for this article. ‘I drove the press crazy for nine months because I stayed on message’ and avoided questions about Trump in 2016, Poliquin said, in audio recorded at an event sponsored by the Maine Heritage Policy Center. ‘And it worked.’” [Boston Globe, 2/10/18]

Bangor Daily News: Poliquin “Has Taken Flak For Avoiding The Media Or Carefully Scripting His Interactions With Reporters.” “From last year when he consistently dodged questions about whether he supported Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump to this spring, when he scooted into a bathroom to avoid saying how he would vote on a health care bill, U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, a Republican who represents Maine’s 2nd District, has taken flak for avoiding the media or carefully scripting his interactions with reporters.” [Bangor Daily News, 10/19/17]

September 2018: Poliquin “Rarely Makes Himself Available To The Press.” “Poliquin, who rarely makes himself available to the press, paused for a while after talking to seniors in Canton to talk to the Sun Journal, to explain why he enjoys serving in a Congress that only one American in six thinks is doing well and even fewer actually trust.” [ Lewiston Sun Journal, 9/22/18]

Portland Press Herald Editorial Board On Poliquin: “Has There Ever Been A Public Official In Maine Who Gets So Much Attention For Saying So Little?” “Has there ever been a public official in Maine who gets so much attention for saying so little? Poliquin has been characteristically busy in recent months, sending out frequent news releases about his activities. He’s posted photographs of his name plate on his Veterans Affairs Committee room desk, and he’s announced the winners of the 2nd District high school art contest. What he hasn’t done is visit his district for unstructured meetings with constituents in town hall settings, and he hasn’t chosen to comment on the biggest issues facing the nation and his district in the first few weeks of this administration. The last public event posted on his website was in August, and no future events are scheduled” [Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 2/27/17]

- Portland Press Herald Editorial Board: Poliquin “Doesn’t Want To Upset Critics Of [Trump] Or His Hard-Core Conservative Supporters, So He Stands On The Sidelines Whenever He Can.” “It’s obvious why Poliquin is doing this: He doesn’t want to upset critics of the new administration or his hard-core
conservative supporters, so he stands on the sidelines whenever he can. But why people in his district let him get away with it is a mystery. In these polarized times, it’s hard to see how anybody could be satisfied with a congressman who tries to straddle every issue. Until they force him to change, however, expect Poliquin to keep everybody guessing where he stands.” [Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 2/27/17]

**2018: Portland Phoenix Editors Named Poliquin The “Best Elusive Creature” Of 2018**

2018: Portland Phoenix Editors Named Poliquin The “Best Elusive Creature” Of 2018. “Our readers' poll covers 180 or so of the most distinguished features Portland and its surroundings has to offer. But there's always more we appreciate that we can't quite stuff into a category. Or in some cases, more that we can't resist dragging in print. Here are our 2018 Editors Picks. Best Elusive Creature: Bruce Poliquin” [Portland Phoenix, Editorial Board, 5/8/18]

- Portland Phoenix Editorial Board: “It Might Be Easier To Find Bigfoot Squatting In The Allagash Woods Than To Get Rep. Bruce Poliquin On The Phone Or Find Him Talking To Constituents.” “It might be easier to find Bigfoot squatting in the Allagash Woods than to get Rep. Bruce Poliquin on the phone or find him talking to constituents. Apart from the occasional GOP functions or mainstream media appearance, the GOP Maine House Representative from District 2 has been this most elusive this year. This of course, is a shame, because after a year of witnessing his opposition to more relaxed work requirements for SNAP recipients, Medicaid expansion, legal retail marijuana, along with his undying loyalty for Wall Street and the NRA, many Mainers would like a word with him.” [Portland Phoenix, Editorial Board, 5/8/18]

- Portland Phoenix Editorial Board Wrote That They Had “Sent Out Probably Dozens Of Media Requests To [Poliquin’s] Office That Have All Gone Unanswered.” “Apart from the occasional GOP functions or mainstream media appearance, the GOP Maine House Representative from District 2 has been this most elusive this year. This of course, is a shame, because after a year of witnessing his opposition to more relaxed work requirements for SNAP recipients, Medicaid expansion, legal retail marijuana, along with his undying loyalty for Wall Street and the NRA, many Mainers would like a word with him. That includes us — we’ve sent out probably dozens of media requests to his office that have all gone unanswered! Brucie, where are you?” [Portland Phoenix, Editorial Board, 5/8/18]

**2017 – 2018: Poliquin Accused Two Of Maine’s Leading Publications Of Bias Against Him**

July 2017: Poliquin: “If You Were To Grab A Dictionary And Look Up The Word ‘Biased,’ You Would Find The Portland Press Editorial Board Listed As A Prime Example.” “Newsflash: If you were to grab a dictionary and look up the word "biased," you would find the Portland Press Editorial Board listed as a prime example. Look no further than yesterday where they again mischaracterize Bruce's positions and continue to attempt to paint him in a negative light, claiming he has avoided questions on issues that he has held press conferences on, participated in multiple in-depth TV interviews, discussed on radio and sent out numerous press releases on. Share with your friends because you know it's true.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 7/27/17]

Poliquin Claimed Bangor Daily News’ “Editorial Staff Has Purposely Misreported Bruce's Record For More Than Four Years” After Its Editorial Board Endorsed Golden. “We are pleased to announce the socialist candidate in the race, Jared Golden, has been endorsed by the Bangor Daily News. Their editorial staff has purposely misreported Bruce's record for more than four years. The paper highlights Golden's opposition to welfare reform, specifically work requirements for able-bodied adults to receive taxpayer-funded welfare. And they identify Golden’s scheme to more than double taxes on Maine families and small businesses while putting Medicare at risk for seniors. Unlike Jared Golden, most Mainers and Bruce think that these are bad ideas and don't want a socialist representing them in Congress. Please share if you agree.”

Poliquin Went To Great Lengths To Obscure His Support For Repealing The ACA From His Constituents And Reporters

March 24, 2017: Poliquin Refused To Say Whether He Planned To Support The AHCA Hours Before A Vote On It Was Called Off

3/24/17: Poliquin “Refused To State His Position” On The AHCA Hours Before A Vote On It Was Called Off. “Poliquin refused to state his position on the House health legislation before the vote was called off March 24. In a statement days beforehand, Poliquin said he had met with Trump at the White House and urged him and House leadership to push for increased benefits for those nearing retirement and families living in rural areas. Poliquin said at the time that he wanted “to ensure that rural Mainers and those ages 50 to 64 will be able to buy policies under the American Health Care Act,” the name of the health care overhaul proposed by Republicans.” [Portland Press Herald, 4/5/17]
• Poliquin’s Spokesperson Did Not Comment To Media And His DC Office Did Not Pick Up Maine Reporters’ Calls The Day The Vote Was Scheduled. “Leading up to a historic health care system overhaul vote that ultimately was canceled Friday, U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-2nd District, wouldn’t take a formal stance on the legislation. […] Conley didn’t respond immediately to request for comment Friday on whether Poliquin had an official stance on the GOP bill. Multiple calls Friday afternoon to Poliquin’s office in Washington received automated replies saying the voicemail was full.” [Portland Press Herald, 3/24/17]

• Colby College American Government Professor Sandy Maisel: Poliquin Was “Conspicuously Absent From This Debate” Leading Up To The Cancelled AHCA Vote. “But in some ways, Poliquin also has boxed himself into a corner and been ‘has been conspicuously absent from this debate,’ said Sandy Maisel, Goldfarb professor of American government at Colby College in Waterville. ‘The Republican alternative to the Affordable Care Act obviously hurts people like the elderly in rural Maine. Senator Collins could always say that, and she has been outspoken on the issue,’ Maisel said. ‘But congressman Poliquin is trying to be loyal to the Republican Party. I think his greatest hope was that it would never come to a vote.’” [Portland Press Herald, 3/24/17]

April – May 2017: Poliquin Avoided Reporters And Constituents In The Months Leading Up To The AHCA Vote – Even Hiding In A Bathroom To Escape Questions

Poliquin Did Not Hold A Town Hall Of Any Kind For More Than A Month Leading Up To His Vote For The AHCA. “A Poliquin spokesman, asked why the lawmaker has not conducted a town hall, said Poliquin prefers ‘telephone town halls,’ since his district is so large. He last held one of those at the end of March.” [Boston Globe, 5/15/17]

• May 2017: Asked If Poliquin Would Host Town Halls After Voting For The AHCA, Poliquin’s Spokesperson Said He “Has Been Actively Hearing From ALL 664,000+ Constituents Of Maine’s 2nd District.” “Asked whether Poliquin plans any town hall-style meetings in the 2nd District or other means of explaining the bill to constituents, Conley said via email, ‘The Congressman has been actively hearing from ALL 664,000+ constituents of Maine’s 2nd District and will continue to do so and work to best serve ALL 664,000+ Mainers he represents.’” [Kennebec Journal, 5/5/17]

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In The 48 Hours Before The Vote On AHCA, Poliquin Returned To Maine Because His Father Suffered A Stroke. “In the last 48 hours my father suffered a stroke and I had to rush back home from Washington to help him.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 5/4/17]
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- 5/4/17: Bill Nemitz Column: Poliquin Announced His Support For AHCA Over A Press Conference Via Phone That Lasted 15 Minutes Where “Only Selected TV Reporters Could Ask Questions.” “Then, rather than follow up with a full-fledged news conference, Poliquin opted for a phone call with the members of Maine's media. Some only learned of it indirectly and at the last minute on Twitter. For those who managed to patch into the call came this twist: Only selected TV reporters could ask questions. The rest were instructed beforehand to keep their traps shut. […] Poliquin's phone chat lasted all of 15 minutes. In keeping with his the-less-I-say-the-better approach to representing Maine's oldest and poorest region, it was just enough to let him off the hook.” [Kennebec Journal, Bill Nemitz Column, 5/7/17]

5/4/17: Poliquin Announced Support For AHCA In A Press Release: “There Are Powerful Special Interest Groups In Augusta And Washington Trying To Scare Us Into Doing Nothing.” “There are powerful special interest groups in Augusta and Washington trying to scare us into doing nothing. They say if we change the imploding ObamaCare law, millions of Americans will lose their health insurance. Families are already losing coverage because their plans have been cancelled by insurance providers. The special interests say those approaching retirement and the poor won’t be able to afford health insurance if ObamaCare is changed. That’s not true. They can’t afford it now due to high deductibles and increasing premiums. If the few providers in Maine offering ObamaCare go under or pull out due to continued massive financial losses, we will have no ObamaCare policies in Maine at all. That is not acceptable. I was elected to Congress to fix our serious problems. That’s exactly what I’m doing. If we don’t fix this ObamaCare problem, it’s going to get worse.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 5/4/17]

5/4/17: Poliquin Voted For The American Health Care Act. In May 2017, Poliquin voted for repeal and replace major parts of the Affordable Care Act. According to the New York Times, the bill “would eliminate tax penalties for people who go without health insurance. It would roll back state-by-state expansions of Medicaid, which covered millions of low-income Americans. And in place of government-subsidized insurance policies offered exclusively on the Affordable Care Act’s marketplaces, the bill would offer tax credits of $2,000 to $4,000 a year, depending on age. […] The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said the first version of the bill would trim the federal budget deficit considerably but would also leave 24 million more Americans without health insurance after a decade. Average insurance premiums would be 15 percent to 20 percent higher in 2018 and 2019, but after that, they would be lower than projected under current law.” The bill passed by a vote of 217-213. [HR 1628, Vote #256, 5/4/17; New York Times, 5/4/17]

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- Bill Nemitz Column Called Earbuds A “Fitting Symbol For Poliquin” Since “The Poor Guy Apparently Can’t Hear, Let Alone Answer, Tough Questions.” “[HEADLINE: Bill Nemitz: Earbuds are fitting symbol for ever-silent Rep. Poliquin] For those who haven't already heard, that's where the Republican congressman from Maine's 2nd District mistakenly almost took refuge inside the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday when a persistent reporter tried to ask for his position on repealing the Affordable Care Act. A short time later, Poliquin hastily emerged from the men's room wearing ear buds -- his clumsy add-on to a pre-existing condition that has afflicted him since the day he first arrived in Washington, D.C. The poor guy apparently can't hear, let alone answer, tough questions.” [Kennebec Journal, Bill Nemitz Column, 5/7/17]

- Poliquin Responded To “Those Engaging In Hyperbole On Social Media:” “When You Gotta Go, You Gotta Go.”

[Rep. Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 5/2/17]

**2018: Poliquin Repeatedly Denied That He Voted To Repeal The ACA**

November 2018: Poliquin Dismissed Attacks On His Health Care Record As “The Craziest Thing I’ve Ever Seen.” “Poliquin argued on WGAN radio on Friday that criticism of his health-care record is ‘the craziest thing I’ve ever seen.’ He insisted he supports Medicaid, Medicare and coverage for those with pre-existing conditions. He also pointed to his 2015 vote to keep President Barack Obama’s ACA until an acceptable alternative could be found. That is true. But his vote last year would, by all accounts, have repealed the ACA and cut Medicaid assistance. It also would have opened the door for insurance companies to charge older Americans more for their coverage.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/2/18]

October 2018: At A Candidate Debate, Poliquin “Framed His Vote To Repeal The Affordable Care Act As A Move To Replace It With A Market-Based Alternative.” “On the issues, Poliquin continued to defend his votes on health care. He framed his vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act as a move to replace it with a market-based alternative -- but was vague when asked about his plan to make health care more affordable for Mainers. He dismissed as too expensive Golden's Medicare-for-all approach, which would lower the eligibility age, allowing people 55 and older to buy into the plan.” [Bangor Daily News, 10/17/18]
The Lewiston Sun Journal Rated The DCCC’s Claim That Poliquin Would Take Away Protections For People With Pre-Existing Conditions As “Partly True And Partly False” Since He Voted For ACA Repeal. “POLIQUIN IS AGAINST COVERING PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS? Democrats, including Golden, have ripped into Poliquin for allegedly failing to protect the availability of health insurance for those with pre-existing conditions. In a Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee advertisement, someone asks whether Poliquin would ‘take protections away for people with pre-existing conditions?’ and then answers, ‘Yes.’ Advertisement Poliquin calls it a lie. It’s actually partly true and partly false. The reality is that Poliquin has always defended the need for coverage of pre-existing conditions, pointing out that his son has asthma, but he voted in 2017 for a health care plan that experts said would have made it difficult for many people with pre-existing conditions to pay for health care.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/1/18]

The Lewiston Sun Journal Rated Poliquin’s Emphasis On His 2015 Vote Against ACA Repeal “Less Than Genuine” Since He Voted For Repeal In 2017. “POLIQUIN SUPPORTS THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT? Poliquin routinely talks about his 2015 vote in opposition to repeal of the Affordable Care Act. What he doesn’t mention often is his House vote in 2017 in favor of repeal of the same law, which sent the issue to the U.S. Senate, where Republican Susan Collins of Maine voted against repeal, retaining the program. For that reason, his comments on the campaign trail about his 2015 vote are less then genuine.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 10/31/18]

October 2018: Poliquin Denied That He Voted To Repeal The ACA: “I Voted For A Replacement Plan.” “After being one of only three House Republicans to vote against a 2015 bill that would have repealed the Affordable Care Act, Poliquin in May 2017 was the only member of Maine's congressional delegation to vote to repeal the health insurance program, also known as Obamacare. Poliquin denied his vote to repeal as recently as last week in a story from WMTW-TV. When asked if he voted to repeal, he said, ‘No, I voted for a replacement plan.’” [Bangor Daily News, 10/15/18]

2018: Poliquin Framed Himself As A Defender Of The ACA By Only Highlighting His Votes Against Repeal In 2015

October 2018: During Candidate Debate, Poliquin Only Mentioned His Vote Against Repealing The ACA In 2015, Not His More Recent Vote To Repeal It In 2017. “Poliquin’s 2017 vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act came up often — but not when he was talking. The only mention he made about the ACA was to note that in 2015 he was one of three Republicans to vote against its repeal.” [Portland Press Herald, 10/9/18]

- October 2018: Portland Press Herald Editorial Board: Poliquin “Mostly Remains Silent” On His Decision To Vote For ACA Repeal. “Poliquin also voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act in ways that would have been devastating, stripping 24 million Americans of health insurance by 2026, including more than 100,000 Mainers. And while Poliquin has become an ardent supporter of protecting Americans with pre-existing conditions since he got on the campaign trail, his votes say otherwise. Poliquin chooses not to explain his position. Other members of Maine's congressional delegation frequently comment on the most important issues facing the country, while Poliquin mostly remains silent.” [Portland Press Herald Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 10/28/18]

September 2018: Poliquin Removed Language Advertising His Opposition To The Affordable Care Act From His Website. “So Democrats say it’s noteworthy that Poliquin has overhauled his campaign website for the Nov. 6 election to downplay his opposition to the health care program that many residents depend on for insurance. The language he used in 2014 and 2016 is gone. Instead, the two-term Republican vows to ‘continue to work on improving access to affordable, quality health care in Maine.’ […] Though Vice President Mike Pence and House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., have both said in recent days they intend to continue to try to repeal the ACA, some of the most vulnerable Republicans, including Poliquin, are no longer pushing the issue on the campaign trail.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 9/7/18]

- 2016: Poliquin’s Campaign Website Listed “End Obamacare” As An “Action Item. “ACTION ITEMS: Eliminate unnecessary job-killing regulations Lower heating oil, gasoline, electricity costs End Obamacare […]
Ending Obamacare and allowing Americans to shop across state lines to buy health insurance will lower unaffordable monthly premiums.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/29/16]

- **2018: Poliquin’s Campaign Website Did Not Mention The Affordable Care Act Nor The American Health Care Act In Its “Health Care” Section.** [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/5/18]

**Poliquin Touted His Understanding Of Maine’s Sportsmen Culture, But Has Never Had A Maine Hunting License And Did Not Have An Active Fishing License As Of September 2021**

**Poliquin Touted His “Understanding Of The Tradition” Of Hunting And Fishing**

August 2015: Poliquin Justified Support For Concealed Carry Based On His “Understanding Of The Tradition” Of Hunting And Fishing

“WASHINGTON – This weekend, Maine’s Second District Congressman, Bruce Poliquin, will be attending the gun show in Augusta. Congressman Poliquin released the following statement: ‘Growing up in Central Maine, I understand the importance and tradition of fishing, camping, hunting and exercising our Second Amendment rights. From combating the Administration’s proposed ban on M855 5.56 x 45mm ammunition to supporting a national concealed carry reciprocity bill, I have supported numerous bills that will help protect Mainers’ Second Amendment rights.’” [Poliquin Press Release, House of Representatives, 8/20/15]

- **September 2018: The NRA Political Victory Fund Chair Called Poliquin “A True Champion Of Our Second Amendment Freedoms And Hunting Heritage.”** “On behalf of our six million members across the country, the National Rifle Association Political Victory Fund (NRA-PVF) today endorsed Bruce Poliquin for re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives in the 2nd Congressional District of Maine. ‘Congressman Poliquin is a true champion of our Second Amendment freedoms and hunting heritage,’ said Chris W. Cox, NRA-PVF chairman.” [NRA Political Victory Fund Press Release, NRA Political Victory Fund, 9/20/18]

2014: Poliquin Attacked His Opponent’s Stance On Gun Rights By Saying She Didn’t Understand Maine’s Hunting Culture. POLIQUIN: “[6:55] I’m very proud to have the endorsement of the National Rifle Association. I also have the highest rating of the Sportsman’s Alliance of Maine. I grew up in Maine. My opponent, Miss Cain is from Kentucky and New Jersey. And she clearly doesn't understand our heritage and our culture here in the state of Maine. There are thousands of our families that enjoy the great outdoors and enjoy the sport of hunting. So I just don't believe as Miss Cain does that we want to restrict our Second Amendment rights. As a member of Congress, I will support all of our constitutional rights, including our Second Amendment rights. And you know, the state of Maine has one of the highest percentage of our population with gun ownership. And one of the lowest excuse me incidents of crime with guns so it works up here in Maine. I'm sorry that my opponent Miss Cain wants to restrict our gun rights here in the state of Maine. I do not. I want to protect them because it works up here in Maine.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter General Election Debate, 10/14/14] (VIDEO)

**Poliquin Repeatedly Claimed He Used A Marlin .22 Long Lever Action Rifle That He Bought At Age 14**

2014: Poliquin Claimed He Still Owned A Marlin .22 Long Lever Action Rifle He Bought At Age 14 And Continued To Use It To Target Shoot. POLIQUIN: “I still have the 22 long lever action Marlin that that I bought when I was age 14. Now it misfires, but I still use it to target shoot. So we need to protect our Second Amendment rights and not whittle away at them.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter General Election Debate, 10/14/14] (VIDEO) 7:48

2016: Poliquin Campaign Website: “I Still Use My .22-Long Lever Action Marlin Rifle That I Bought At
Age 14.” “For generations, 2nd District families like my own have responsibly used firearms to enjoy our long tradition of hunting and target shooting, and to ensure the protection of our rights and property. I’m a strong supporter of the Second Amendment and always have been. I still use my .22-long lever action Marlin rifle that I bought at age 14.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/29/16]

2010: Poliquin Said He Grew Up With Firearms. POLIQUIN: “[11:48] This is the most rural, largest congressional district east of the Mississippi River. We grew up with firearms. It’s the safest state in the union.” [C-SPAN, 2018 ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/16/18] (VIDEO)

...But As Of September 2021, Poliquin Did Not Have An Active Hunting Or Fishing License, And Has Never Had A Hunting License

September 2021: A FOAA Request For Any Fishing Or Hunting Licenses Currently Held By Poliquin Did Not Yield Results. In response to a FOAA requesting “releasable (or redacted) copies of hunting/fishing licenses, permits, and tags issued” to Bruce Poliquin, Christl Theriault, Assistant to the Commissioner of Maine’s Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, wrote, “After conducting a search of our hunting and fishing license information, staff could find no records related to your request.” [Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, received 9/16/21]

Poliquin’s Last Active Fishing License Expired In 2015, And He Has Never Had A Hunting License As Of October 2021.

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Maine Department Of Inland Fisheries And Wildlife: “In General, Anyone Who Hunts Wild Birds Or Animals In Maine Needs A Hunting License.” “Who Needs a License? In general, anyone who hunts wild birds or animals in Maine needs a hunting license. The type of license you need depends upon your age, resident status, and other factors, and there are some exceptions. See license fees for more information. In addition to a license, most hunting activities also require a permit. See individual species sections for details.” [Maine Department Of Inland Fisheries And Wildlife, accessed 10/28/21]

Note: Maine does not require permits or licenses to own a gun unless the owned can conceal carry; concealed carry permits are not subject to FOAA in Maine.

Poliquin’s Campaign Failed To Verify That Poliquin Created A Single Job During His Entire Business Career, Despite His Claims To Have Spent 35 Years Creating Jobs And Running Small Businesses


As Of October 2021, Poliquin’s Twitter Bio Stated He Was A “Job Creator.”


As Recently As 2017, Poliquin’s Campaign Website Claimed He Created “Hundreds Of Jobs.” “After college, I started my business career in Chicago and then New York City. It was a big adjustment and tough environment for a small town kid from Maine. However, I worked hard and learned what it takes to grow an economy and create jobs. For the next 35 years, I started and managed businesses that created hundreds of jobs. One investment company managed $5 billion of worker pension funds for clients such as Bath Iron Works and International Paper, two of Maine’s largest employers at the time.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 9/25/17]

2016 – 2021: Poliquin Claimed To Have Spent Decades Running “Small Businesses”
November 2021: Poliquin: “I Have 40 Years Of Experience Running Small Businesses.” “I have 40 years of experience running small businesses. It's really important to bring business skills down to Washington. Business folks know that you don't spend more than you take in. They know we need to keep regulations fewer and taxes lower and more jobs and higher take-home pay. We also have a commitment to make sure our border is secure,’ Poliquin said.” [News Center Maine, 11/3/21]

October 2021: Poliquin: “Mr. Golden Has Never Run A Business Before. I Spent 40 Years Running Small Businesses Before I Served As State Treasurer, And Then In Congress.” “Mr. Golden has never run a business before. I spent 40 years running small businesses before I served as state treasurer, and then in Congress,’ Poliquin said, explaining why he is the better choice to represent the district. ‘The people of the Second District want someone that reflects their values, fiscal discipline, a strong border with Mexico to keep fentanyl out our state. Unless we change course down there, these problems are going to get worse for the people of Maine, so I think they’re going to come out in droves, and I think we’re gonna win this thing again.” [Breitbart, 10/10/21]

2016: Poliquin Campaign Website: “For 35 Years, I Have Owned And Operated Small Businesses.” “For 35 years, I have owned and operated small businesses. I have experienced first-hand how government can help companies succeed and hire more workers, or can stifle growth that leads to lay-offs.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/29/16]

October 2018: Poliquin’s Campaign Failed To Back Up The Claim That Poliquin Created A Single Job During His 35-Year Business Career

October 2018: Portland Press Herald: Poliquin’s Campaign Failed To Back Up Its Claim That Poliquin Created Jobs During His 35-Year Business Career. “In two debates this month, Republican U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin has said he was a ‘job creator’ during his 35 years in private business. The 2nd District incumbent contrasted his record with that of his three opponents in the Nov. 6 election, including Democrat Jared Golden, who allegedly haven’t created any jobs. In a letter to voters recently, Poliquin said he spent his career ‘helping create jobs and grow the economy’ while Golden ‘has no job creation experience.’ Asked to explain where and when Poliquin created jobs, his campaign responded only that the two-term U.S. House member ‘has 35 years of job creation experience’ and that ‘Bruce’s business background is well-known.’ ‘Poliquin is the one candidate in this race with job creation experience, while Jared Golden has absolutely zero,’ said Brendan Conley, Poliquin’s campaign spokesman. The campaign turned down the opportunity to produce anybody who got a job because of Poliquin or to detail how Poliquin’s career as a banker, Wall Street executive or real estate developer created any permanent jobs.” [Portland Press Herald, 10/19/18]

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Poliquin Developed And Operated The Exclusive Popham Beach Club In Phippsburg, Maine From 2006 To 2015, And Denigrated The Club’s Neighboring Campground That Served Working-Class Mainers

1988: Poliquin Received Five Parcels Of Land In Phippsburg, Maine From His Parents, Which He
Then Developed Into The Popham Beach Club

1988: Poliquin’s Parents Filed For Joint Tenancy With Poliquin At Five Lots In Phippsburg, Maine That They Had Purchased In 1968. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument # 0359-0818, recorded 7/8/68, accessed 9/30/21; Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Quitclaim Deed, Instrument # 0912-0277, recorded 10/19/88, accessed 9/30/21]

October 2005: Poliquin’s Parents Transferred The Five Lots They Held In Joint Tenancy With Poliquin Solely To Poliquin. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Quitclaim Deed, Instrument # 2639-0276, recorded 10/20/05, accessed 9/30/21]

2006: Poliquin Began To Develop The Five Lots He Received From His Parents In Phippsburg, Maine Into The Popham Beach Club At 823 Popham Road. Poliquin’s parents claimed joint tenancy with him through a 1988 quitclaim deed that included five lots outlined in a 1924 planning document. The planning document indicated that the five lots in question were located between Silver Lake and the Atlantic Road along Sabing Road which, per a Google Maps search, did not exist in 2021. 823 Popham Road, the location of Popham Beach Club, was located directly between Silver Lake and the Atlantic Ocean in Phippsburg. In 2011, Bill Nemitz wrote in his column, Poliquin, who lives in Georgetown, bought the property from his parents back around 1990 when it was a collection of six rental cottages that had been in the family all the way back to 1968. That changed in 2006, when he applied for and received permission from the town to tear down the cottages and build a sprawling, two-and-a-half story private clubhouse.” [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Quitclaim Deed, Instrument # 0912-0277, recorded 10/19/88, accessed 9/30/21; Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Plan, Instrument # 0002-0053A, recorded 1/25/24, accessed 9/30/21; Google Maps, accessed 9/30/21; Portland Press Herald, Bill Nemitz Column, 12/4/11]

April 2012: Poliquin Transferred The Five Lots To Popham Beach Club LLC. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument # 3377-0345, 4/6/12, recorded 4/6/12, accessed 9/30/21]

2006 – 2015: Poliquin Developed Popham Beach Club, Which Sold $2,000 Memberships That He Personally Oversaw

In 2011, A Membership At Popham Beach Club Cost $1,950. “Long story short, the Popham Beach Club hoped to sell all 150 of those memberships, which currently go for $1,950 per season.” [Portland Press Herald, Bill Nemitz Column, 12/4/11]

Poliquin Personally Oversaw Popham Beach Club Membership Applications. “Check out the ‘membership’ page on the Popham Beach Club’s website and you’ll see that prospective members are directed to ‘complete and return the enclosed Membership Application to Beach Club owner Bruce L. Poliquin,’ followed by his home address in Georgetown. (As of December, the membership list was stuck at six.)” [Portland Press Herald, Bill Nemitz Column, 1/18/12]

2012: Poliquin Disclosed That He Earned $13,000 From Popham Beach Club Membership Dues. [Poliquin 2012 Public Financial Disclosure Report, Amended Senate Candidate Report, filed 12/13/12]

2011: While Maine State Treasurer, Poliquin Applied For A Permit That Would Allow His Beach Club To Provide Catering Services All Year Long, Angering His Phippsburg Neighbors. “Poliquin, who lives in nearby Georgetown and was a candidate in the 2010 Republican gubernatorial primary, seeks to rent out the Popham Beach Club for functions and to make it available year-round and later into the evening, both of which were not among the conditions he requested when he was granted a new business permit in April 2006, according to Planning Board Chairwoman Marie Varian. […] As of Tuesday, the town had received nine letters in opposition to Poliquin’s request before a public hearing on the issue scheduled for Thursday evening. Richard Nichols of Main
Road urged the Board of Selectmen and planning board to ‘vote against any expansion of business for the Popham Beach Club.’” [Bangor Daily News, 12/6/11]

**2011: Poliquin Showed Disdain for the Mostly Working-Class Campers And Called Them “Not My Kind Of People”**

In Reference To Ocean View Park Campground Patrons, Poliquin Told The Owner Of The Campground, “These Are Not My Kind Of People.” “Back in 2000, Poliquin went after the Konzelmans, alleging they were in violation of the local land use ordinance and demanding that they shrink their operation. According to Bernadette, Poliquin looked out over the tents and campers one day and told her, ‘These are not my kind of people.’” [Portland Press Herald, Bill Nemitz Column, 12/4/11]

In December 2011, While Facing Concerns About Noise From The Popham Beach Club, Which He Owned, Poliquin Said “I'm Abutted By A Trailer Park! A Trailer Park!” “Poliquin counters that all existing rules regarding bad behavior still will be enforced — the club’s six members have yet to cause a ruckus — and that this is truly no big deal. ‘I’m abutted by a trailer park!’ he said, referring to the Konzelmans’ campground. ‘A trailer park!’” [Portland Press Herald, Bill Nemitz Column, 12/4/11]

**July 2015: Popham Beach Club LLC Sold Its Real Property At Popham Road**

July 2015: Popham Beach Club Sold Its Five Lots Located At Popham Road, Phippsburg, Maine To Jeffrey And Laurel Harris. In July 2015, Popham Beach Club sold all five of the lots Poliquin received from his parents to Jeffery and Laurel Harris. Per the Phippsburg fiscal year 2021 real estate property tax commitment book, Jeffrey and Laurel Harris owned real property located at 823 Popham Road, Phippsburg, Maine, which encompassed all five of the lots. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument #2015R-05015, recorded 7/19/15, accessed 9/30/21; Phippsburg Real Estate Tax Commitment Book by Name, Fiscal Year 2021]

**2015 – 2021: Poliquin Continued To List Popham Beach Club LLC And The Mortgage Interest He Received From It As An Asset And Unearned Income On His Personal Financial Disclosures**


- **2021: Poliquin Disclosed Popham Beach Club LLC As An “Ownership Interest” Asset Worth Between $1,000,001 And $5 Million.** [Poliquin 2021 Public Financial Disclosure Report, Candidate Report, filed 10/22/21]


**2003: Poliquin Refused To Tell Police Whether He Stole 124 Feet Of Fencing From His Neighbors On Popham Road, With Whom He Had A Property Dispute**
2003: Poliquin Refused To Tell Police Whether He Stole 124 Feet Of Fencing, Some Of Which Was 6 Feet Tall, From His Neighbors On Popham Road

2003: Ocean View Park Campground On 817 Popham Road Called The Sagadahoc Sheriff To Complain That Someone Had Stolen 124 Feet Of Fence, 24 Feet Of Which Was 6 Feet Tall, From Their Property. In an April 2003 Phippsburg Police Report responding to a complaint from Ocean View Park Campground at 817 Popham Road, Phippsburg, Maine, the officer wrote, “Cmplt advised that sometime in the past week someone had pulled down and removed about 24 feet of 6 ft high fence and posts and about 100 feet of snow fence from his property.” [Sagadahoc County Sheriff, Incident # 03-003189, 4/14/03, received 11/2/21]

According To A 2003 Police Report, Poliquin Acknowledged An Ongoing Property Dispute With His Neighbors But Repeatedly Refused To Say Whether He Stole 124 Feet Of Fencing From Them. In an April 2003 Phippsburg Police Report, the officer wrote, “Cmplt advised that sometime in the past week someone had pulled down and removed about 24 feet of 6 ft high fence and posts and about 100 feet of snow fence from his property. … I spoke to Bruce Poliquin on the phone. He advised me that there has been a property dispute ongoing for some time now. … I then asked him if he had taken the fence down and he asked me if I was accusing him of taking it down. I told him that I was asking him if he took it down and he said that he would not answer the question. […] I told him I was only interested in the theft of the fence. He again refused to answer the question stating he did not have to.” [Sagadahoc County Sheriff, Incident # 03-003189, 4/14/03, received 11/2/21]

- Poliquin Was Listed As A Suspect For Theft.

April 2000: Poliquin Called The Police Twice Over A “Civil Dispute” In Phippsburg

4/10/2000: Poliquin Submitted A Complaint For A Sagadahoc County Sheriff Officer To Perform Officer Standby Over A Property Dispute In Phippsburg. According to a Sagadahoc County Sheriff report, Poliquin was the complainant in an incident in which the Sheriff’s office performed officer standby at Janes Way, Phippsburg. The officer noted, “Civil dispute over property lines. Complainant was advised to get a survey done.” [Sagadahoc County Sheriff, Incident # 00-01546, reported 4/8/2000, received 11/2/21]

4/8/2000: Poliquin Reported “Suspicion” Over A “Civil Matter” In Phippsburg. According to a Sagadahoc County Sheriff report, Poliquin was the complainant in an incident categorized as “Suspicion” at Janes Way, Phippsburg. The officer noted, “Civil matter.” [Sagadahoc County Sheriff, Incident # 00-01546, reported 4/8/2000, received 11/2/21]

Poliquin Sold The Property Where His Exclusive Beach Club Was Located To Campaign Donors And Passed An Amendment That Would Benefit A Golf Club Than They Ran

July 2015: Popham Beach Club LLC Sold Its Real Property At Popham Road To An Executive Of Harris Golf And Campaign Donor With A $1.3 Million Mortgage
July 2015: Popham Beach Club Sold Its Five Lots Located At Popham Road, Phippsburg, Maine To Jeffrey And Laurel Harris. In July 2015, Popham Beach Club sold all five of the lots Poliquin received from his parents to Jeffery and Laurel Harris. Per the Phippsburg fiscal year 2021 real estate property tax commitment book, Jeffrey and Laurel Harris owned real property located at 823 Popham Road, Phippsburg, Maine, which encompassed all five of the lots. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument #2015R-05015, recorded 7/19/15, accessed 9/30/21; Phippsburg Real Estate Tax Commitment Book by Name, Fiscal Year 2021]


• As Of October 2015, 823 Popham Road Had An Assessed Value Of $914,800. [Phippsburg Tax Assessor, Property Cards, dated 10/27/15, received 10/29/15]

2013 – 2015: The Harrises Contributed $1,100 Total To Poliquin’s Campaign, Including $100 Within A Month Of Purchasing 823 Popham Road. On December 17, 2013, Jeffrey and Laurel Harris each contributed $500 to Poliquin’s campaign. On June 30, 2015, Laurel Harris contributed an additional $100 to Poliquin’s campaign. Jeffrey and Laurel Harris purchased 823 Popham Road to the Harrises on July 19, 2015. [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed 11/5/21; Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument #2015R-05015, recorded 7/19/15, accessed 9/30/21]

As Of September 2021, Laurel Harris Listed The Beach House As A Rental That Cost More Than $1,200 Per Night, Slept 14, And Included A Peloton

As Of September 2021, Laurel Harris Listed The Phippsburg Beach House On VRBO For An Average Of $1,266 Per Night.

[VRBO, accessed 9/28/21]

• According To Its VRBO Listing, The House Had Four Floors And Slept 14. “House 3000 sq. ft 4 bedrooms 10 beds Sleeps 14 […] 4 floors of living space right on beautiful Popham Beach, minutes from the State Park. Bring your family and friends for a truly special vacation. Multiple decks, a huge screen porch, spacious bedrooms and living space make this the perfect house for a group.” [VRBO, accessed 9/28/21]

• The Rental House Included A Peloton. “4 floors of living space right on beautiful Popham Beach, minutes
from the State Park. Bring your family and friends for a truly special vacation. Multiple decks, a huge screen porch, spacious bedrooms and living space make this the perfect house for a group. We recently added a Peloton bike to our rental! Guests may login to their own account or create an account to use.” [VRBO, accessed 9/28/21]

**Popham Beach Locals Expressed Concerns About “Dramatic Changes” To The Area Stemming From Big Money ‘From Away’” And “Large, Luxury Homes”**


- “A Number Of Cottages Have Become Large, Luxury Homes” In Popham Beach; Locals “Fear Even More Dramatic Changes Are Imminent.” “More than 400 years after settlers first colonized the area, Popham Beach remains a treasured ‘gem,’ still somewhat undiscovered, except to those who wind their way from Bath to the end of Route 209. ‘When you get up to where we are, it’s like we’re locked in time,’ Hatch said. But much has changed over the years — various hurricanes washed houses away, and the beach has eroded and reshaped itself. The old Coast Guard station was purchased and renovated into a million dollar estate, and a number of cottages have become large, luxury homes. This summer, with ‘For Sale’ signs posted at the former Ocean View Campground and Cottages — now on the market as condominiums — as well as Percy’s Store and Spinneys Restaurant and Guest House, some fear even more dramatic changes are imminent.” [Bangor Daily News, 10/8/17]

- Bed And Breakfast Owner Jane Dennis: “Everybody Sees All The ‘For Sale’ Signs. […] What Is Going To Stop Someone From Coming In And Changing The Feel Of It. People Around Here Know.” “‘Everybody sees all the ‘for sale’ signs,’ said Jane Dennis, who with her husband, Timothy, own Stonehouse Manor Bed and Breakfast on Silver Lake, not far from the beach. ‘It doesn’t take a genius to figure out. What is going to stop someone from coming in and changing the feel of it. People around here know. It’s happened before.’” [Bangor Daily News, 10/8/17]

**Poliquin Sponsored An Amendment To The NDAA Which Expanded Eligibility For Business Incentives To Include Businesses At Brunswick Landing, Which Became Law In November 2015**


- The HUBZone (Historically Underutilized Business Zone) Program Incentivized Businesses To Move Into Former Military Base By Giving Them Preference In Federal Contracts. “The HUBZone (Historically Underutilized Business Zone) program provides incentives to businesses affected by recent military base closures and those affiliated with the civilian redevelopment of closed military installations. […] The HUBZone provides an advantage in acquiring federal government contracts to any qualifying business.” [Bangor Daily News, 4/30/15]

- Poliquin Sponsored An Amendment To Allow Businesses To Qualify For HUBZone If 35 Percent Of Its Employees Lived Within 25 Miles Of The Business, Rather Than Living On The Former Base. “Currently, a business qualifies for the program if at least 35 percent of its employees live on the former military base. […] If enacted by the Senate, the amendment, sponsored by Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-Maine, and Rep. Elise Stefanik, R-New York, would adjust the requirements of the HUBZone program to make the economic incentives available to more businesses. The proposed amendment would allow a business to qualify for the HUBZone if 35 percent of its employees live within a 25-mile radius of the business; allows businesses close to the former base to take advantage of the HUBZone program; and extends the length of time for eligibility to either eight years or until the next census data is released, Poliquin said.” [Bangor Daily News, 4/30/15]
• Poliquin’s Amendment Would Allow Businesses At Brunswick Landing, The Former Site Of The Brunswick Naval Base, To Benefit From The HUBZone Program. “The House Armed Services Committee on Thursday approved an amendment to the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act that, if approved by the Senate, would allow businesses on and near the former Brunswick Naval Air Station to qualify for a business incentive program offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration. The HUBZone (Historically Underutilized Business Zone) program provides incentives to businesses affected by recent military base closures and those affiliated with the civilian redevelopment of closed military installations. Brunswick Naval Air Station, now called Brunswick Landing, closed in 2011 under the most recent Department of Defense’s Base Realignment and Closure process.” [Bangor Daily News, 4/30/15]

• The Executive Director Of The Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority Said The HUBZone Program Was A “Hollow Promise” For Businesses At Brunswick Landing Without The Eligibility Expansion. “But the HUBZone designation is ‘a hollow promise’ without the amendment, according to the director of the entity charged with redeveloping the base. While some former military housing on the 3,200-acre Brunswick property has been converted to civilian use, the current HUBZone threshold is impractical, according to Steve Levesque, executive director of the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority, the entity charged with redeveloping the former Navy base.” [Bangor Daily News, 4/30/15]

• Sens. Collins And King Proposed The Expansion Of HUBZone Eligibility In 2012 And Praised Poliquin’s Amendment. “The expansion was first proposed in 2012 as a bill by U.S. Sens. Susan Collins and Angus King. After that effort failed, it was proposed in 2014 as an amendment to the defense budget. That effort also fell short of winning congressional approval. [...] On Thursday, Collins and King praised Poliquin for his work on the House National Defense Authorization Act and vowed to press for its approval in the Senate. ‘Members of the Maine delegation understand that with the right federal investments and opportunities, we can support the redevelopment of bases like the former Brunswick Naval Air Station and foster economic growth,’ the senators said in a joint statement. ‘As the Senate begins consideration of the 2016 NDAA in the coming weeks, we will continue to pursue every opportunity — as we have in the past — to secure the HUBZones provision and pass it into law.’” [Bangor Daily News, 4/30/15]

October 2015: Poliquin’s Amendment Passed The House, Of Which He Said, “This Amendment Will Give Job Creators The Confidence They Need To Start New Businesses, Create More Jobs And Help Hire More Mainers.” “By adjusting the HUBZone requirements, my amendment will help the former Brunswick Naval Air Station recruit businesses to come on to the base and qualify for the HUBZone program. ‘This amendment will give job creators the confidence they need to start new businesses, create more jobs and help hire more Mainer’s. I am pleased to see the House pass this important bipartisan legislation and I encourage the Senate to pass this as well and the President Obama to sign this bill in to law.’” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 10/1/15]

November 2015: Amended NDAA Included Poliquin’s Amendment. “Today, Maine’s Second District Congressman, Bruce Poliquin, released the following statement after the House of Representatives passed the National Defense Authorization Act: ‘I’m proud to, once again, support this important national defense funding bill as it includes vital HUBZone language – which I helped draft – that will help bring more business and jobs to Maine. ‘By adjusting the HUBZone requirements, this HUBZone language will help the former Brunswick Naval Air Station recruit businesses to relocate to the base and qualify for the HUBZone program under the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Act.’” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 11/5/15]

Harris Golf, Jeffrey Harris’ Business, Operated A Golf Course At Brunswick Landing With Nine Full-Time Employees As Of 2020

Jeffrey Harris Was The President Of Harris Golf. “When Poliquin wanted to open the club to public membership, abutters on both sides sued, eventually taking the case to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. Eventually, the club failed and the original 5,000 square-foot house was sold in July 2015 to Harris Golf president Jeffrey Harris for $858,000.” [Bangor Daily News, 10/8/17]

2011: Harris Golf Began Took Over Operations Of Mere Creek Golf Club At Brunswick Naval Air Base “Shortly After” Its Closure. “In an effort to provide its inhabitants with activities and entertainment, the Brunswick Naval Air Station constructed a golf course in 1958 for its servicemen. For the next 53 years, Mere Creek Golf Course provided a leisurely golf experience to a variety of military personnel, veterans and families. [...] When the Naval Air Station closed the doors on its military operations in 2011, the course remained open but lost its identity. The Harris Golf Group purchased the rights to the course from the Navy shortly after the closure of the base. The group has become well known in Maine for designing new courses and revitalizing others that had lacked maintaining.” [Bangor Daily News, 8/15/12]

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[Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority, Board Meeting Agenda, 6/29/16; 10/22/18; 6/26/19; 8/19/20]

Harris Golf’s Golf Club At Brunswick Landing Accepted $3,000 In Economic Injury And Disaster Loans

April 2020: Mere Creek Golf Club In Brunswick, Maine Accepted $3,000 In Economic Injury And Disaster Loans. On April 23, 2020, Mere Creek Golf Club and Freeport Country Club at 41 Merriconeag Road, Brunswick, Maine accepted a $3,000 Economic Injury and Disaster Loan dated April 23, 2020. [Small Business Administration data via USAspending.gov, accessed 11/5/21]

Note: As of November 2021, Harris Golf did not accept any federal pandemic relief besides Mere Creek Golf Club’s EIDL, according to searches on FederalPay and Accountable.US.

Poliquin Refused To Develop Affordable Housing At The Requests Of His Neighbors And Municipal Leadership At Two Separate Dirigo Holdings Developments

Poliquin Developed The Popham Woods Condominiums, A Project In Which He Refused To Consider Developing Affordable Housing And Listed Cottages For More Than Half Of A Million Dollars In 2021

1990 – 2006: Poliquin And Dirigo Holdings Purchased 183.6 Acres Of Property In Phippsburg, Maine, Which They Planned To Develop Into Popham Woods Condominiums

August 1990: Harold L. Ingerson Sold Nearly 100 Acres Of Property In Phippsburg, Maine To Bruce And Jane Poliquin. In August 1990, Harold L. Ingerson of Freeport, Maine sold two parcels of property with

- **August 2005: Poliquin Conveyed The Property He Purchased From Ingerson To Dirigo Holdings.**
  [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Quitclaim Deed, Instrument # 2612-0129, recorded 8/29/05, accessed 9/30/21]

May 2006: **Dirigo Holdings Purchased 83.7 Acres And Right Of Way To Brooks Drive In Phippsburg, Maine From Nancy And Maurice Brooks.** In May 2006, Dirigo Holdings purchased a parcel of land with unspecified addresses from Nancy and Maurice Brooks. The deed also granted Dirigo Holdings right of way to Brooks Drive. According to a plan dated October 28, 2005, the “land to be conveyed from Brooks to Poliquin (Dirigo, LLC)” was 83.7 acres. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument # 2719-0343, dated 10/28/05, recorded 5/8/06, accessed 9/30/21]

April 2007: **Poliquin Submitted A Plan To Develop Condos Throughout His 183.6 Acres Of Property In Phippsburg, Most Of Which Would Be Sagamore Drive.** A plan dated April 18, 2007 and recorded by the Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds on April 26, 2007, demonstrated Poliquin’s plans to develop condos and roads throughout his combined 183.6 acres of property in Phippsburg, Maine. Phase I of the project involved the construction of units 1 – 12 in a cul de sac on Sagamore Drive. The total five phases, all of which besides the first were marked as “need not be built,” involved the construction of 69 houses, most of which were along Sagamore Drive. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Plan, Instrument # 0043-0057, dated 4/18/07, recorded 4/26/07, accessed 9/30/21]

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January 2006: **When Planning The Popham Woods Subdivision, Poliquin Refused To Consider The Inclusion Of Affordable Housing**

January 2006: **When Planning The Popham Woods Subdivision, Poliquin Refused To Consider The Inclusion Of Affordable Housing When A Phippsburg Resident Asked Him About It During A Planning Board Meeting.** “Jo Shuman of the Popham Road stated her concern about water supply. […] Jo Shuman brought up the subject of affordable housing and stated that the homes will be priced way beyond the reach of the average buyer. Poliquin replied that the project was not designed for affordable housing and added that the project cannot solve affordable housing problems in Phippsburg. He further advised that local contractors will be utilized, depending upon their experience.” [Phippsburg Planning Board Minutes, Public Hearing: Popham Woods Condominiums Subdivision (Dirigo Holdings, 1/31/06]

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As Of November 2021, **Popham Woods Advertised For Condos Scheduled To Be Constructed By 2022; Its Realty Group Listed A “Lot TBD” Property In Popham Woods For $550,000**

As Of November 2021, **Popham Woods Advertised For Condos Scheduled To Be Constructed By 2022 Starting At $300,000.** Popham Woods’ website stated, “Popham Woods is a beautifully designed neighborhood carefully planned in concert with the surrounding natural elements. With 183 acres of adjacent conservation land, nearby Spirit Pond and trails, plus Popham Beach only two miles away - this is the Maine experience at an attractive price point. The "Georgetown" house plan features one level living with an open kitchen/living space. Other plans are available. Nestle your smart, efficient cottage in among the tall pines, birches and ledge outcroppings. Our trusted, seasoned contractor will walk you through all aspects of the project to completion. Completion dates in 2022!” A video on its website stated, “New construction packages start at $300k.”
As Of November 2021, A “Lot TBD” Sagamore Drive Property At Popham Woods Was Listed For $550,000. “Lot TBD Sagamore Drive Phippsburg, ME 04562 $550,000 […] The ‘Kennebec’ model features three bedrooms, two and a half baths, an open concept kitchen, dining, and living room area, and a two car garage with unfinished space above. Buyers are able to work directly with the builder to select their preferred lot from available options, and modify plans as desired to include upgrades such as screened porches, priced accordingly. Popham Woods is comprised of 183 wooded acres with association owned trails connecting to town owned recreational offerings near the stunningly beautiful Popham Beach State Park.” [Portside Realty Group, accessed 11/5/21]

Poliquin Continued To Unsuccessfully Attempt To Rezone The Site Of A Former Cannery In Bath, Maine For Condos That Sold For Half A Million Dollars, Even Though Municipal Leadership Expressed The City A Need For Affordable Housing

May 2005: The Stinson Seafood Cannery In Bath, Maine Closed

May 2005: The Stinson Seafood Cannery In Bath, Maine Closed. “It will take investigators at least another day to determine what caused Thursday's huge fire at the closed Stinson Seafood cannery and where it started. […] Giroux said he made the point that the city of Bath wants to preserve the Stinson site as its last piece of working waterfront. He said the city would also like to replace the jobs lost when Stinson closed on May 3, 2005, as well as jobs that have been eliminated over the years at Bath Iron Works.” [Portland Press Herald, 5/6/06]

March 2006: Poliquin’s Real Estate Company Purchased The Site Of The Stinson Cannery With The Intention Of Developing Residential Housing

3/20/06: Poliquin Purchased The Land Where The Stinson Cannery Was Located For $550,000. In a March 2007 letter from Bruce Poliquin to the Bath Board of Assessment, “Dirigo Holdings’ purchase the cannery for $550,000 on March 20, 2006 was the most recent transaction for this unique property. And, as explained above, the purchase was to acquire its land only. My company was the only entity to make a serious offer during the two years the cannery was on the market.” [Letter, Bruce Poliquin to Board of Assessment Review, 3/21/07; Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Instrument # 1892-0250, recorded 7/25/01, accessed 9/30/21]

As Of March 2006, The Property Of The Stinson Cannery Had An Assessed Value Of $1.5 Million. According to the property card for 65 Bowery Street, Bath, Maine printed on March 16, 2006, the property had a total assessed value of $1,503,300. As of March 2006, the property had most recently been purchased by Bumble Bee Foods on May 3, 2004 for $1,380,000. [65 Bowery Street Commercial Property Record Card, 3/16/06]
Poliquin Intended To Develop The Former Stinson Cannery Site Into Residential Housing And A Marina. In a March 2006 letter to the Bath City Council and Planning Board, Poliquin wrote, “…I purchased the former Stinson Cannery property on March 20. I am confident that the majority of Bath residents believe, as do I, that an excellent long-term use of the abandoned industrial site is residential housing and a marina. Short-term, however, I am concerned about owning the vacant and increasingly dangerous industrial facility in the dense North End neighborhood.” [Letter, Bruce Poliquin to Bath City Council and Planning Board, 3/29/06]

**2006 – 2007: The City Of Bath Rejected Poliquin’s Application To Rezone The Site Of The Stinson Cannery For A Townhouse Development**

March 2006: The City Of Bath Rejected Poliquin’s Request To Rezone The Site Of The Stinson Cannery For A Townhouse Development. “The fire occurred six weeks after the city denied an application to rezone the property for a townhouse development. The owner, Bruce Poliquin, told Justice Andrew Horton that the sequence of events left him in the awkward position of having to defend his innocence. ‘I was questioned a number of times, ‘Bruce, did you set this fire?’ That hurt a bit, to be honest with you,’ Poliquin said. Horton said there was not a ‘scintilla’ of evidence to suggest that Poliquin had anything to do with setting the fire.” [Associated Press, 3/31/07]

- **Stinson Cannery Site Was Zoned For “Marine Business.”** In a May 2007 memorandum, the Bath Assistant City Manager wrote, “The site is currently zoned for Marine Business, which allows for indoor manufacturing. The current zoning is very much in compliance with the comprehensive plan. It is immediately adjacent to the sewage treatment plant and makes a good buffer between the plant and residential areas. It is also the last deep water working waterfront site left for commercial development in Bath.” [Memorandum, Assistant City Manager Paul Mateosian to Bath City Council, 5/30/07]

May 2007: Poliquin Applied To Rezone The Former Site Of The Stinson Cannery As Mixed Use To Develop Townhouses And Marine Business. “Fourteen months after the city told him that his request for a zoning change had been denied, Poliquin has returned, seeking the permission he needs to revive the former Stinson Seafood cannery property. Poliquin is scheduled to go before the city’s Planning Board on May 15 with a request to rezone the 5.6-acre Bowery Street property, where an arson fire in May 2006 destroyed the buildings. […] In the application, Poliquin states that he wants to preserve a 50-foot strip of land along the Kennebec River as marine business - its current zoning use - while at the same time asking for city approval to rezone the remaining land from marine business to a mixed-use zone that would allow residential development as well as light commercial uses. Poliquin said if the city approves his request, he would build a 100-slip marina, 40 townhouse condominiums, a restaurant and possibly a small grocery store on the site.” [Portland Press Herald, 4/30/07]

July 2021: Poliquin Sought To Rezone The Former Site Of The Stinson Cannery, Which Was Zoned For Marine Business, For A $16 Million Residential Development

As Of July 2021, 65 Bowery St, Bath, Maine Was Zoned For Marine Business. “Mr. Averill reviewed the request to begin a visioning process on the site located at 65 Bowery Street as the applicant is requesting feedback on property development. The property is currently in the C5 Marine Business Zoning District.” [Bath Planning Board, Meeting Minutes, 7/20/21]

7/20/21: Poliquin Requested A Pre-Application Workshop To Rezone The Former Stinson Cannery Site For Residential Use At A Bath Planning Board Meeting. “New Business Item 1 Request for Pre-Application Workshop – 65 Bowery Street (Map 20, Lot 341); Dirigo Holdings, LLC, applicant. Mr. Averill reviewed the request to begin a visioning process on the site located at 65 Bowery Street as the applicant is requesting feedback on property development. The property is currently in the C5 Marine Business Zoning District. The proposed project would require a land use map amendment to allow the property to join the abutting R5 Waterfront Activity Zoning District. […] Mr. Poliquin then went on to review the project location and plan for energy efficient housing which would include open space for pedestrian access, playground, public dock and pier, as well as additional green space.” [Bath Planning Board, Meeting Minutes, 7/20/21]
• Poliquin Pitched His Idea To Redevelop The Site With “Energy Efficient Housing,” Green Space, A Playground, And A Public Pier And Dock. “Mr. Poliquin then went on to review the project location and plan for energy efficient housing which would include open space for pedestrian access, playground, public dock and pier, as well as additional green space. Mr. Poliquin spoke to the tax revenue benefits to the City, as well as the benefits of the location which is currently surrounded by dense neighborhoods. Mr. Poliquin reviewed the lack of success in marketing the property under the current zoning having invested 10 years into marketing the property, citing reasons including the liability of an industrial business amid residential properties and the narrow, residential streets.” [Bath Planning Board, Meeting Minutes, 7/20/21]

Poliquin Predicted The Project Would Cost $16 Million And Last Until January 2023. “Should the project move forward, Poliquin anticipated construction beginning in January 2023. He predicted the project would wrap up in mid-2024 and total $16 million.” [Central Maine, 7/22/21]

July 2021: Poliquin Planned To Develop Housing To Be Sold For Between $450,000 And $550,000, Close To Ten Times The Annual Average Salary Of An Employee In Bath

Poliquin Planned To Develop Housing With Values Ranging From $450,000 To $555,000 Without Subsidies Or Income-Based Rent. “The housing would not be subsidized or have income-based rent. Poliquin said the units will likely range from $450,000 to $550,000. [Poliquin] said he envisions seniors looking to downsize, young families and Bath Iron Works employees living there.” [Central Maine, 7/22/21]

• The Property Could Fit 40 Homes, But Poliquin Planned To Develop 20 Homes To Be Sold “At Market Value” Instead Of Rented. “The site is capable of holding up to 40 housing units, but developers said they’re thinking of building 20 two and three-bedroom units that would be purchased ‘at market value’ instead of rented.” [Central Maine, 7/22/21]

2020: Employees In Bath Had An Average Annual Wage Of $58,344. According to Maine Center for Workforce Research and Information, employees in Bath, Maine had an average weekly wage of $1,122 in 2020. Multiplied by 52, employees in Bath, Maine had an average annual wage of $58,344. [Maine Center for Workforce Research and Information, accessed 9/29/21]

• Maine State Housing Authority Considered Housing “Affordable” If “The Household Spends No More Than 30% Of Its Income On Housing-Related Costs.” “Housing is considered ‘affordable’ if the household spends no more than 30% of its income on housing-related costs (mortgage or rent, utilities, taxes, insurance, and maintenance). Keeping these costs under 30% of income allows the household enough money to cover other expenses, such as healthcare, food, education, and transportation. A household spending more than 30% of its income on housing is considered to be cost burdened.” [Maine State Housing Authority, August 2016]

• 2020: Housing Would Be Considered Affordable For A Bath Employee With An Average Salary If Their Monthly Rent Or Mortgage And Utilities, Taxes, And Insurance Was $1,458 Or Less. [Maine Center for Workforce Research and Information, accessed 9/29/21; Maine State Housing Authority, August 2016]

July 2021: Poliquin’s Architect And A Bath Planning Board Member Who Was A Director Of Poliquin’s Condominium Unit Owners’ Association Board Said Affordable Housing Would Not Be Financially Feasible To Develop

When Asked If The Development Team Would Consider Constructing Affordable Housing, David Matero, An Architect Working With Poliquin, Said The Project Cost “Does Not Lend Itself To Affordable Housing.” “David Matero, architect, spoke to the appeal of the project to create sustainable, energy-efficient housing within walking distance of the downtown, further stressing the need for housing in the local area. […] Mr. Hopkinson opened the floor to public comment. Mr. Averill reviewed the procedure for public comment using the Zoom conferencing platform. Roo Dunn of Green Street asked the applicant to envision looking down Bowery
Street, stating the importance of buy-in from abutting property owners. Mr. Dunn then asked if affordable housing should be a consideration. Mr. Matero noted that the development cost does not lend itself to affordable housing; then countered with the numerous amenities that will be available to the public.” [Bath Planning Board, Meeting Minutes, 7/20/21]

James Hopkinson said The Planning Board Would Not Be Able To Designate A Portion Of The Project For Affordable Housing And That Affordable Housing Would Not Be Financially Feasible At The Site. “William Fritzmeier of Somerset Place spoke to Ms. Blanco’s assessment of the need for affordable housing and asked if the Planning Board were allowed to dictate a percentage of the project to be designated as affordable housing. Mr. Hopkinson stated that the Board does not have the ability to dictate that the developer allow for affordable housing, further noting that the cost of development does not support affordable housing.” [Bath Planning Board, Meeting Minutes, 7/20/21]

- Poliquin “Disclosed His Longstanding Working Relationship” With Hopkinson. According to Bath Planning Board meeting minutes, “Sam Poliquin introduced himself; then proceeded to turn review over to Bruce Poliquin. Bruce Poliquin introduced himself; then disclosed his longstanding working relationship with Mr. Hopkinson.” James Hopkinson was the Vice Chair of the Bath Planning Board. [Bath Planning Board, Meeting Minutes, 7/20/21]

Note: For more details about Poliquin and Hopkinson’s “longstanding working relationship,” see the section on Hopkinson in Notable Individuals & Connections.

July 2021: Bath Planning Board Members Stated Their Preference For Affordable Housing And Rentals Over Poliquin’s Proposed “Pricey Condominiums”

Bath Planning Board Members Said They Would Prefer To Zone For More Housing Units Than Poliquin Proposed, Or For Affordable Housing, Rather Than “Pricey Condominiums.” “While planning board members said they aren’t opposed to the property, now somewhat of an eyesore in the city, being redeveloped, they weren’t entirely on-board with the preliminary designs. Some board members said they’d prefer more than 20 housing units while others didn’t like the idea of pricey condominiums being added to the neighborhood.” [Central Maine, 7/22/21]

Bath Planning Board Member Haley Blanco: “I Have Reservations About Condos Because I Feel The Need In Bath Are Rental Units.” “I have reservations about condos because I feel the need in Bath are rental units,’ said board member Haley Blanco. ‘There are a lot of people who work at BIW [Bath Iron Works] or elsewhere that don’t qualify to buy a house. I see a need for rental units to house people who don’t know if they’re going to be here long-term or are here at BIW for a short time.’” [Central Maine, 7/22/21]

As Of September 2021, Poliquin Called Local Police To Watch His Multi-Million Dollar Mansion More Than 30 Times And To Report “Suspicions” That Had No Effect On Public Safety

As Of September 2021, Poliquin Has Been A Complainant For Police To Check On His Mansion In Georgetown, Maine Or 183 Acre Subdivision 38 Times, Including Five Times In 2021

Poliquin Has Been A Complainant For Police To Check On His Property In Georgetown, Maine 22 Times, Including Five Times In 2021, And To Check On His Subdivision In Phippsburg, Maine 16 Times.

<p>| Sagadahoc County Property Watches In Which Poliquin Was A Complainant |
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<td>09-023452</td>
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<td>“On 12/23/09 at 1617 hours I stopped in to check the Popham Woods Subdivision on Sagamore Drive. I patrolled through the entire subdivision and found no vehicle or pedestrian traffic present. All looked in order and I cleared.”</td>
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<td>5/5/08</td>
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<td>“On 4/22/08 at 1414 hours I stopped in to check the premises of the Popham Woods Subdivision. I patrolled through the construction area and found only legitimate workers present. I cleared with no further action taken or required at this time.”</td>
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[Sagadahoc County Sheriff’s Office, received 11/2/21; Phippsburg Police, received 11/17/21]

- **Poliquin’s Property Located At 186 Ledgemere Road, Georgetown, Maine Had An Assessed Value Of $3.4 Million.** [Georgetown Tax Assessor, Property Tax Data 2021 Tax Year, accessed 10/6/21]

- **Poliquin’s Popham Woods Condominiums Subdivision At Sagamore Drive Spanned 183.6 Acres.** A plan dated April 18, 2007 and recorded by the Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds on April 26, 2007, demonstrated Poliquin’s plans to develop condos and roads throughout his combined 183.6 acres of property in
Phippsburg, Maine. Phase I of the project involved the construction of units 1 – 12 in a cul de sac on Sagamore Drive. The total five phases, all of which besides the first were marked as “need not be built,” involved the construction of 69 houses, most of which were along Sagamore Drive. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Plan, Instrument # 0043-0057, dated 4/18/07, recorded 4/26/07, accessed 9/30/21]

Poliquin Called The Police Over “Unfounded” Suspicions Of A Car Near His House, A Periwinkle Harvester, Kids Who Officers Described As “Causing No Problems,” And Other Cars Speeding


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<td>“Heather Manson, 5.18.83, on probation with Kevin, Buckmore, was stopped at the Dairy Queen […] Her vehicle had been reported as ‘suspicious’ in Georgetown. A search of the vehicle yielded nothing incriminating. She stated she had gone to Georgetown to wash her harvested periwinkles and she did have a bag of them in her trunk.”</td>
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<td>“On 5/30/08 at 1034 hours I responded to the Popham Beach Club on Popham Road for a report of a problem with camp fires on the beach. The complainant BRUCE POLIQUIN was concerned that campers from the abutting Ocean View camp ground were grilling/barbecuing on his property not there [sic] own. I arrived and checked the property with his attendant ALEX and saw no signs of illegal fires. I cleared with no further action.”</td>
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Poliquin’s Congressional Office Spent Nearly $300,000 In Taxpayer Funds On Services From Poliquin’s Longtime Political Ally, Brent Littlefield, And Nearly Half A Million Dollars On Self-Promotional Franked Mail
Poliquin And Gov. Paul LePage Shared A Political Advisor, Brent Littlefield

**Poliquin, LePage, And Ex-Gubernatorial Candidate Shawn Moody Shared A Political Advisor, Brent Littlefield.** “Littlefield has served as a political consultant to a variety of conservative Maine politicians, including the elder LePage, former gubernatorial candidate Shawn Moody and former Rep. Bruce Poliquin.” [Bangor Daily News, 3/11/19]

- **Littlefield Consulting Website:** “Littlefield Was Credited With The Victory Of Governor Paul LePage Of Maine.” “In an Associated Press profile, published under headlines ‘adviser’s savvy helped win election,’ and ‘political wiz,’ Littlefield was credited with the victory of Governor Paul LePage of Maine. At the time, the only Republican Governor in all New England, Littlefield created the campaign’s strategy and message deployment that drove LePage to a 21-point victory in a seven-way primary and a substantial win in the general election. Littlefield served as a Senior Political Adviser to the Governor throughout his terms and as his adviser and consultant again in his 2014 re-election victory which saw LePage receive the largest number of votes in the state’s history at that time.” [Littlefield Consulting, accessed 9/27/21]

- **September 2021: Littlefield Spoke To Reporters About LePage’s Gubernatorial Run As His “Longtime Campaign Media Consultant.”** “LePage’s longtime campaign media consultant, Brent Littlefield, has pitched a kinder, gentler LePage and says the former governor in recent months has been on a statewide listening tour, meeting with small groups and hearing them out, largely in private settings or in visits to fairs and festivals over the summer. […] ‘This is not a presidential election, not an election for the governor of New England, or any other election,’ Littlefield said. ‘This is an election for the governor of Maine. We intend to keep it about that and the issues and concerns of Maine people.’” [Portland Press Herald, 9/21/21]

Littlefield Joined Poliquin’s 2014 Campaign In Summer 2013 And “Crafted” Its Messaging. “A consultant who crafted the successful campaigns of both LePage and Poliquin, Littlefield proved beyond a doubt in 2014 that he’s got a winning strategy for electing conservative Republicans in Maine. […] Littlefield said that when he joined Poliquin’s campaign in summer 2013, he knew that telling the candidate’s story was priority No. 1. Poliquin’s background as a trust fund manager could be turned into a negative, so setting the message early was key.” [Bangor Daily News, 1/4/15]

**2014 –2019: Littlefield Consulting Received Nearly $300,000 In Taxpayer Funds From Poliquin’s Congressional Office And More Than $7 Million From Poliquin’s Campaign**

**2015 – 2018: Poliquin’s Congressional Office Paid Littlefield Consulting Nearly $300,000**


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[Note: A full spreadsheet of Poliquin’s campaign’s itemized disbursements to Littlefield Consulting is available on the drive.]

2015 – 2018: Poliquin’s Congressional Office Spent $465,550 On Franked Mail, More Than 16 Times The Average Member Spent, And At One Point More Than Any Other U.S. Representative


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- $465,550.54 Divided By $28,568.53 Was Roughly 16.3.


- $465,550.54 Divided By $6,661.62 Was Roughly 69.9.

July – August 2016: Poliquin Spent $150,000 In Six Weeks On Franked Mail, More Than Any Other Representative. “Still, that Poliquin spent more than $150,000 on franked mail during the six weeks after July 1, 2016, more than any of the other 434 members of the House, means something.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 8/13/18]

- July – August 2016: Poliquin’s Office Spent $150,902.80 On Franked Mail. [U.S. House of Representatives, Statements of Disbursements, 2016 Q3]

Poliquin’s Spokesperson Defended His Use Of Franked Mail

Poliquin Spokesperson Defended Franked Mail As Necessary To Communicate With Constituents Of “One Of The Most Elderly And Rural Districts In The Nation.” “‘As one of the most elderly and rural districts in the nation, many of our constituents primarily use hard copy mail,’ Conley said. ‘Our office puts a premium on communicating with constituents, and does so without any extra burden to taxpayers whatsoever.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 8/13/18]

Poliquin Spokesperson: “There Is Absolutely No Extra Burden Or Cost To The Taxpayer For Franking - None.” “Brendan Conley, Poliquin's press secretary, said Monday it is important to note ‘there is absolutely no extra burden or cost to the taxpayer for franking - none.’ He said each member of the House receives an allocation for office expenses - staff salaries, office rent, travel reimbursement and more - and can choose how to divvy up the money. Poliquin's share is $1.37 million annually. For Poliquin, who spent $83,000 on mailings in August 2016, franked mail to constituents is an especially big priority.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 8/13/18]

Portland Press Herald On Poliquin’s Increased Franked Mail Spending During Campaign Season: “ No Honest Person Can Dismiss The Connection Between Franked Mail And Campaigning.” “No honest person can dismiss the connection between franked mail and campaigning, particularly when you consider which members spend the most on mailings. In the six weeks before the 2016 deadline, as he faced a tough challenge in his first re-election race, Poliquin spent $150,000 on franked mail, the most of any member of Congress.” [Portland Press Herald, 8/17/18]
Poliquin Pioneered And Promoted The Big Lie

**Significant Findings**

- After losing his 2018 congressional race, Poliquin unsuccessfully sued the state of Maine over its ranked-choice voting system.
  - In 2018, Poliquin lost reelection in the second round of ranked-choice voting.
  - Before the second round of counting concluded, Poliquin sued the state of Maine over the constitutionality of ranked-choice voting; after he lost, Poliquin requested a new election.
  - A Trump-appointed district court judge ruled against Poliquin. Poliquin appealed, then voluntarily dismissed the suit on December 28, 2018, the day Gov. LePage certified his loss.
  - Amid his lawsuits, Poliquin requested a hand recount of the election results, then retracted it before it was complete after it showed no substantial difference in vote totals.
  - Poliquin was forced to reimburse the state more than $14,000, including for costs of Maine State Police troopers to retrieve nearly 300,000 ballots across the district, and an appeals court judge ruled that Poliquin and the state would pay their own legal costs after he voluntarily dismissed his lawsuit.

- Throughout his legal challenge, Poliquin spread election misinformation that Maine’s Secretary Of State and a variety of Maine editorialists said needlessly damaged confidence in elections.
  - In November and December 2018, Poliquin made many dubious election interference allegations, ranging from claims of unlocked ballot boxes to chaos at polling places due to ranked-choice voting.
  - Poliquin’s campaign did not file any election security complaints with Maine’s Secretary of State.
  - A variety of editorialists and Maine’s Secretary of State said Poliquin’s allegations needlessly damaged faith in Maine’s elections.
    - The editorial page director of the Portland Press Herald wrote that Poliquin “attack[ed] the honesty and trustworthiness of the election process itself;” columnist Bill Nemitz wrote Poliquin “resorted to seeding groundless doubt about the integrity of the election.”

- Poliquin asserted he won the 2018 election before the ranked-choice vote count was complete in November 2018 and as recently as August 2021.
  - Before the 2018 election, Poliquin refused to say whether he would accept the results of the election.
  - Poliquin declared victory after the first round of ranked-choice voting in November 2018.
  - Poliquin repeatedly said he won the 2018 election between August 2019 and August 2021.
  - In August 2021, Poliquin said he had a plan to “deal with” ranked-choice voting and said he hoped Democrats “won’t game the system again.”
After Losing His 2018 Congressional Race, Poliquin Unsuccessfully Sued The State Of Maine Over Its Ranked-Choice Voting System And Requested A Hand Recount, Which He Suspended After It Showed No Substantial Difference In Vote Totals

November 2018: Poliquin Lost The Race To Represent Maine’s 2nd Congressional District After He Came In Last Under Maine’s Ranked Choice Voting System

11/6/18: In Round One Of Maine’s Ranked-Choice Voting System, Poliquin Received 46.3% Of The Vote And Jared Golden Received 45.6% Of The Vote.

| 2018 General Election, United States Representative District: Maine 2, Ranked Choice Voting Round 1 |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Candidate                                      | Vote Total                   | Vote Percentage |
| Bruce Poliquin (R)                             | 134,184                      | 46.3%           |
| Jared Golden (D)                               | 132,013                      | 45.6%           |
| Will Hoar (Independent)                        | 6,875                        | 2.4%            |
| Tiffany Bond (Independent)                     | 16,552                       | 5.7%            |

[Maine Secretary of State, Election Results, 11/6/18]
In Round Two Of Maine’s Ranked-Choice Voting System, Poliquin Received 49.4% Of The Vote And Jared Golden Received 50.6% Of The Vote.

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[Maine Secretary of State, Election Results, 11/15/18]

Poliquin Was The First Candidate To Lead After One Round, Then Lose Under Maine’s Ranked-Choice Voting System

Poliquin Was The First Candidate In A Federal General Election To Lose Under A Ranked-Choice Voting System. “A spokeswoman for the Maine secretary of state’s office said the results remained unofficial pending certification by Nov. 26. But, if certified, the results would make Mr. Golden the winner of a four-candidate race in which Mr. Poliquin received 2,632 more first-choice votes but failed to reach the 50 percent needed to win. Instead, Mr. Golden was declared the winner Thursday with 50.53 percent of the vote — or by 2,905 votes — once the second and third choices of voters who originally chose the two lagging candidates were added. The district covers a majority of the state’s land area, much of it rural and densely forested. The contest was the first general election to federal office under a ranked-choice system.” [New York Times, 11/15/18]

Maine Voters Approved Of Ranked-Choice Voting In 2016 And 2018 Referenda

November 2016: 52 Percent Of Maine Voters Voted For A Referendum To Institute Ranked-Choice Voting In Congressional, Gubernatorial, And State Legislative Races. “Q: How did the switch to ranked-choice voting happen in Maine? A: In November 2016, 52 percent of Maine voters approved a ballot question that called for using a ranked-choice system in elections for governor, Congress and the Legislature. That didn't, however, end the debate or controversy.” [Portland Press Herald, 11/15/18]

June 2018: 54 Percent Of Maine Voters Approved A “People’s Veto” To Begin Ranked-Choice Voting In November 2018 After The State Legislature Voted To Delay Implementation Of Ranked-Choice Voting. “Responding to a query from the Republican-controlled Maine Senate, the state's Supreme Judicial Court issued an advisory opinion that the Maine Constitution dictates that general elections for governor and legislative seats must be decided by a ‘plurality’ of votes, not a majority. However, the Constitution is silent on primary elections for those offices, as well as all elections for Congress. The Legislature then passed a law delaying the implementation of ranked-choice voting for several years - and only then if voters amended the Constitution to address the concerns. Undeterred, supporters of ranked-choice voting organized a ‘people's veto’ campaign to override the Legislature. An even wider margin of voters - 54 percent - approved that ballot question in June, clearing the way for the system's use in congressional elections this month.” [Portland Press Herald, 11/15/18]

November – December 2018: Poliquin Sued Maine’s Secretary Of State To Prevent The Certification Of Ranked-Choice Votes And Lost

Poliquin Refused To Say He Would Accept The Results Of The Ranked-Choice Election, Then Declared Victory Before The Ranked-Choice Count Was Complete

VIDEO: Poliquin Did Not Answer When He Was Asked Whether He Would Accept The Results Of The Ranked Choice Voting Election. HOST: “With the new ranked choice voting method, will you accept the outcome of this race?” POLIQUIN: “I’m going to circle in Bruce Poliquin, one and only vote, drop in the box and go forward.” [C-SPAN, 2018 ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/16/18] (VIDEO) 49:00
10/22/18: Poliquin Refused To Say He Would Accept The Results Of A Ranked-Choice Election And Instead Said He Would “Circle In ‘Bruce Poliquin,’ […] One And Only One Vote.” “One of the more telling moments in the two debates between the four congressional candidates in Maine's 2nd District came during the final question they faced. Asked if they'd accept the outcome of the ranked-choice voting contest, three of the contenders say they would. But U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, a two-term Republican from Oakland, passed up the chance to rule out a possible legal challenge if he comes up short Nov. 6. ‘I'm going to circle in 'Bruce Poliquin',’ the incumbent said, adding ‘one and only vote, drop it in the box and go forward.’ ‘I don't think he answered the question,’ said Democratic challenger Jared Golden of Lewiston.” [Portland Press Herald, 10/22/18]

- 10/22/18: Poliquin’s Campaign “Ignored Requests For Comment” On Whether Poliquin Would Accept Election Results. “Golden, Bond and Hoar said that if ranked-choice voting leads to an outcome they don't like -- such as losing out in the second round -- they will accept the decision made by voters. But Poliquin has never made that assertion. His campaign ignored requests for comment on the issue Monday. Instead, its spokesman, Brendan Conley, said only that Poliquin ‘cannot in good conscience support any of the other candidates in this race.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 10/22/18]

- 11/6/18: Poliquin Refused To Say He Would Accept The Results Of A Ranked-Choice Election, Which He Dismissed As A “Hypothetical.” “Poliquin hasn’t said whether he'd accept the results of a ranked-choice election, saying Saturday it was a ‘hypothetical.’ Chatter about a lawsuit could heighten if Poliquin emerges as the first-round leader only to lose to Golden after the independents’ votes are re-allocated.” [Bangor Daily News, 11/7/18]

11/10/18: Poliquin: “It's Clear That Bruce Won Election Day By A Margin Of Over 2,000 Votes, Defeating All 3 Other Opponents. In Any Other Federal Election Across America This Process Would Be Complete.” “As Rank Choice Voting begins, it's clear that Bruce won Election Day by a margin of over 2,000 votes, defeating all 3 other opponents. In any other federal election across America this process would be complete. Maine is the only state subject to this Rank Choice Voting system which allows people multiple votes, via the reallocation of their vote, if they didn't initially select one of the two top vote earners. We will continue to monitor this process, as there have been ongoing concerns.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 11/10/18]

11/13/18: Poliquin Declared Victory “Fair And Square.” “Republican U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin says he won re-election ‘fair and square’ and says he has a duty to fight Maine's new voting system that he says is unconstitutional.” [Associated Press, 11/13/18]

November 2018: Poliquin Sued Maine's Secretary Of State In District Court To Stop The Count Of Ranked-Choice Votes

11/13/18: Poliquin Filed A Lawsuit In District Court Against Maine Secretary Of State Matthew Dunlap To Stop The Second Round Of Vote Counting In The Ranked-Choice Voting System. “That new system became the focus of Mr. Poliquin’s ire on Tuesday, when he filed a lawsuit in federal court against Maine’s secretary of
state, Matthew Dunlap, to stop the runoff, asserting that he would have won the election under the old voting system and that the new system was unconstitutional.” [New York Times, 11/15/18]

- **11/13/18: Poliquin Claimed RCV Was “Ripe For Mishandling And Unlawful Electioneering Actions, As Evidenced Already.”** “6 days and 15 hours after the polls have closed and because of rank choice voting we still have no final election result. This system only adds additional cost to taxpayers, creates overwhelming confusion for our citizens, and is ripe for mishandling and unlawful electioneering actions, as evidenced already. Mainers deserve better than their money being wasted, their frustrations growing, and their sacred right of voting being manipulated.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 11/13/18]

- **11/13/18: Poliquin Defended His Lawsuit And Said Walking Away Would Send “Absolutely The Wrong Message” To “Our Kids.”** “At a State House news conference Tuesday afternoon, Poliquin said he and other critics of ranked-choice voting believe the process could be ‘illegal’ under federal law. He said it's not true that he is challenging the process because he is likely to lose his seat if more than 23,000 votes received by two independent candidates get redistributed to second-choice candidates. ‘The people of the 2nd District have put their trust in me to do what's right,’ Poliquin said. ‘Not addressing this important constitutional issue would be completely irresponsible. I'll tell you this would be a heck of a lot easier on me if I just walked away from this vote-counting mess. But what kind of message would that send to our kids? Absolutely the wrong message.’” [Portland Press Herald, 11/13/18]

- **11/14/18: Poliquin: “The Easiest Thing Would Be To Walk Away, But That Is Not The Right Thing To Do.”** “I am standing up for Maine's 2nd District voters who voted against Ranked Choice Voting at the ballot box, as recent as June of this year. The easiest thing would be to walk away, but that is not the right thing to do. We hold voting rights sacred, meaning one vote per person, which has always been the successful system used. This RCV process no doubt gives additional preference to those who voted for a candidate that did not end up as one of the top two vote earners, thereby allowing them multiple votes. Whether that vote was for me or my opponent, it should not matter. The process is flawed, creates tremendous confusion, and is proving to be a recipe for disaster, as Maine's Second District predicted when they voted against it.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 11/14/18]
- Poliquin Alleged Ranked-Choice Voting Forced Voters “To Guess Whether There Would Be An ‘Instant Runoff’ Election And Who The Candidates Would Be,” Violating The 1st And 4th Amendments. “Poliquin’s case boils down to the proposition that in ranked-choice voting, those casting ballots cannot know the identities of the candidates who will remain in contention after the first round, forcing them ‘to guess whether there would be an ‘instant runoff’ election and who the candidates would be.’ That ‘lack of access to such basic information’ prevents them, Goodman argued, ‘from choosing among candidates and casting their votes effectively,’ a situation he insisted violated both the 1st and 14th amendments to the U.S. Constitution. ‘This system forces voters to make blind guesses about the ultimate matchup in the final round of vote,’ said James Gimpel, a University of Maryland political science professor who offered his testimony to the court Wednesday to bolster Poliquin’s case. Gimpel testified that in his study of the results, he found that 46 percent of voters only made one first-place pick and no others.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/28/18]

- Poliquin And Three Residents Of Maine’s Second Congressional District Who Voted For Him Were The Plaintiffs In The Case. “Plaintiff Brett Baber is a resident of and duly registered voter in Maine’s Second Congressional District. Consistent with Maine’s use of ranked choice voting in federal elections, the details of which are described more fully infra, in the November 6 general election Mr. Baber voted for Republican Bruce Poliquin as his first choice to serve as Maine’s Second District Congressional Representative. Mr. Baber did not rank or otherwise vote for any of the other remaining choices on the ballot for that office. […] Plaintiff Terry Hamm-Morris, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, is a resident of and duly registered voter in Maine’s Second Congressional District. Consistent with Maine’s use of ranked choice voting in federal elections, in the November 6 general election Ms. Hamm-Morris voted for Republican Bruce Poliquin as her first choice to serve as Maine’s Second District Congressional Representative. […] Plaintiff Mary Hartt is a resident of and duly registered voter in Maine’s Second Congressional District. Consistent with Maine’s use of ranked choice voting in federal elections, in the November 6 general election Ms. Hartt voted for Republican Bruce Poliquin as her first choice to serve as Maine’s Second District Congressional Representative. […]” [U.S. District Court District of Maine (Bangor), Baber, et al v. Dunlap, et al, 1:18-cv-00465-LEW, Complaint, 11/13/18]

- Poliquin’s Complaint Alleged RCV Violated The First And Fourteenth Amendments Because Voters Would Not Know Which Candidates Would Be In Later Rounds Of Ranked-Choice Voting When They Voted. “Here, Defendant’s implementation of the RCV Act denies Plaintiffs the opportunity to cast their votes effectively. At the time Plaintiffs cast their ballots in this election, and at the time they will cast their ballots in future elections, they do not know the identities of the candidates who are on the ballot, nor the match-ups of candidates who will be on the ballot, after the first round of voting. The lack of access to such basic information about which candidates will be on the ballot and the match-up of candidates who will be on the ballot prevents Plaintiffs from choosing among candidates and casting their votes effectively, causing them irreparable injury under the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Since no other adequate remedy at law is available, Plaintiffs are entitled to preliminary and permanent injunctive relief to prevent this injury.” [U.S. District Court District of Maine (Bangor), Baber, et al v. Dunlap, et al, 1:18-cv-00465-LEW, Complaint, 11/13/18]

11/15/18: Trump-Appointed District Court Judge Lance Walker Denied Poliquin’s Request To Stop Counting The Votes. “District Court Judge Lance Walker, recently appointed by President Donald Trump, has not shown much sympathy for Poliquin’s argument that ranked-choice voting is unconstitutional. His initial ruling on a Poliquin request to stop the ranked-choice tally allowed the count to continue, and Walker pointed out that Maine voters had chosen to use the ranked-choice system.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/28/18]

11/15/18: Maine Secretary Of State Tabulated The Second Round Of Ranked-Choice Votes And Determined Golden Won 50.6 Percent Of Ranked-Choice Votes. [Maine Secretary of State, Election Results, 11/15/18]

- 11/15/18: Poliquin Declared He Won “The Constitutional ‘One-Person, One-Vote’ First Choice Election On Election Day That Has Been Used In Maine For More Than One Hundred Years.” “Those votes were
tabulated on Thursday, after Walker issued an order allowing the counting to continue. They showed Golden won the election with 50.5 percent of the second round tallies. Shortly after the results were announced, Poliquin issued this convoluted, and deceptive, statement: ‘It is now officially clear I won the constitutional ‘one-person, one-vote’ first choice election on Election Day that has been used in Maine for more than one hundred years.’’ [Editorial, Bangor Daily News, 11/16/18]

- 11/15/18: Poliquin: “Election Day Was 8 Day Ago And Still No Results, Other Than The Fact That Bruce Won On Election Day.” “200+ hours: Election Day was 8 day ago and still no results, other than the fact that Bruce won on Election Day. The Red Sox won the whole World Series in two less days, including traveling across the United States. We can stop calling this RCV system anything ‘instant.’ Maybe a better name would be ‘Really Confusing Voters’ system. Please Share.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 11/15/18]

- 11/17/18: Poliquin: “Each Person Should Have One Vote, One Vote Per Person, That Is The Only Fair System And It Has Worked For Hundreds Of Years.” “Rank Choice Voting allows one person the opportunity to have their vote counted multiple times. This goes against the very fiber of fairness. Each person should have one vote, one vote per person, that is the only fair system and it has worked for hundreds of years.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 11/17/18]

Poliquin Requested A New Election After He Lost The Second Round Of Ranked-Choice Voting


- 11/26/18: Poliquin Claimed Ranked-Choice Voting “‘Goes Against The Very Fiber Of Fairness’ That Mandates Each Person Should Have Only One Vote.” “Poliquin contends ‘rank choice voting’ is unconstitutional because it ‘goes against the very fiber of fairness’ that mandates each person should have only one vote.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/26/18]
December 2018: Poliquin Called Ranked-Choice Voting “Unconstitutional” But Voluntarily Dismissed The Lawsuit, With Taxpayers Covering The State’s Legal Expenses, The Same Day Gov. LePage Certified The Results
12/24/18: Poliquin Stated That Ranked-Choice Voting Was Unconstitutional But That It Was “In The Best Interests Of My Constituents [...] To Close This Confusing And Unfair Chapter Of Voting History.” “Even though rank voting is unconstitutional, and therefore illegal, under Maine law in general elections to choose state officials like our Governor and State Legislators, the Maine District Court and 1st Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston both disagreed with the Constitutional arguments raised by the former Chairman of the Federal Election Commission and his legal team. As such, despite winning the largest number of votes on Election Day, I believe it's in the best interest of my constituents and all Maine citizens to close this confusing and unfair chapter of voting history by ending any further legal proceedings.”” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 12/24/18]


- 12/28/18: LePage Signed The Certified Election Results And Added “Stolen Election” Alongside His Signature. “Gov. Paul LePage certified the election results for Maine’s 2nd Congressional District after a recount and legal battle dragged out the final result in the race for almost two months, cementing a Democratic victory. But, LePage – a Republican firebrand – made one last jab at the drawn-out process when certifying the election, writing the words ‘stolen election’ next to his signature.” [CNN, 12/29/18]

- An Appeals Court Judge Ruled That Each Party Would Pay Its Own Legal Costs. “Upon consideration of appellants' motion to dismiss, it is hereby ordered that this appeal be voluntarily dismissed pursuant to Fed. R. App. P. 42(b) with each party to bear its own costs.” [Baber, et al v. Dunlap, et al, U.S. District Court District of Maine (Bangor), Judgment, PACER, 12/28/18]

Golden’s Attorneys And Pelosi Wrote Off Poliquin’s Lawsuit As “Sour Grapes”

11/28/18: Golden Attorney: “Poliquin's Sour Grapes Preliminary Injunction Is Too Little, Too Late, And Is Outweighed By The [Maine Voters] Who Would Be Disenfranchised” By Poliquin’s Lawsuit. “Golden's attorney, James Kilbreth, responded Wednesday in a brief that called Poliquin's legal challenge to ranked-choice voting ‘sour grapes.’ “Now, after 296,077 Maine citizens have voted based on their understanding that the [ranked-choice voting] system would be used to determine the winner of the election, Poliquin would like to change the rules,” he wrote. ‘Poliquin's sour grapes preliminary injunction is too little, too late, and is outweighed by the injury to the thousands of Maine voters who selected Golden over Poliquin and who would be disenfranchised by Poliquin's attempt to use the courts to overturn the results of the election,’ Kilbreth said. ‘Further, the chaos, disruption, and violation of fundamental rights that would result from Poliquin's attempt to rewrite the rules after the election is anathema to the public interest. Golden won the election fair and square.’” [Bangor Daily News, 11/28/18]

12/6/18: Pelosi On Poliquin’s Lawsuit: “But If [Republicans] Won, Of Course, There’d Be No Question About The Constitutionality” Of Ranked-Choice Voting. “Talking with reporters, U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., cited three races in which there may be objections filed about incoming lawmakers, especially one in North Carolina that appears to have involved cheating. ‘To add insult to injury about what the Republicans did in these races, they are now challenging the seating of our member in Maine,’ Pelosi said. She said they are ‘questioning the process’ of ranked-choice voting that delivered victory to Golden last month in his race against two-term U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, a Republican. ‘You know,’ Pelosi said, ‘they have ranked voting, which has been voted on twice by the people of Maine as their method of having an election. And now the Republicans are saying, ‘Well ...’’ ‘There’s even a question about the constitutionality of ranked voting, in their view,’ Pelosi said. ‘But if they won, of course, there’d be no question about the constitutionality of it.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 12/6/18]

Poliquin Requested A Hand Recount Of The Election Amid His Lawsuit In Late November 2018, But Ended It In Mid-December 2018 Before The Recount Was Complete
11/26/18: Poliquin Requested A Recount Of The Election By Hand By Maine’s Secretary Of State, Citing Concerns With The “Transparency Of The ‘Computer-Engineered’ Ranked-Choice Voting Results.”

“Secretary of state's office estimates hand-recount could take up to 1 month Republican U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin requested a recount Monday of results in Maine's 2nd Congressional District race, citing concerns about the transparency of the ‘computer-engineered’ ranked-choice voting results. To overturn the election results, Poliquin will have to erase a more than 3,500-vote lead Democrat Jared Golden holds after the nation's first use of ranked-choice voting to decide a congressional election. In a statement, Poliquin's campaign talked about ‘frightened’ voters as well as the use of ‘artificial intelligence’ and ‘black box’ voting systems to decide the outcome of Maine's historic election.” [Portland Press Herald, 11/26/18]

- 11/26/18: Poliquin: “The Computer Software And ‘BLACK-BOX’ Voting System Utilized By The Secretary Of State Is Secret. […] Today, We Are Proceeding With A Traditional Ballot Recount Conducted By Real People.” “BREAKING: We have heard from countless Maine voters who were confused and even frightened their votes did not count due to computer-engineered rank voting. Furthermore, we have become aware that the computer software and "BLACK-BOX" voting system utilized by the Secretary of State is secret. No one is able to review the software or computer algorithm used by a computer to determine elections. This artificial intelligence is not transparent. Therefore, today, we are proceeding with a traditional ballot recount conducted by real people. - Poliquin for Congress, the Poliquin campaign.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 11/26/18]

- 11/27/18: Poliquin On Recount: “This Is Not About Who Wins Or Loses This Election.” “Republican U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin said Tuesday that a recount in his failed re-election bid is necessary to make sure every vote is counted by hand under Maine's new election system. A day after requesting a recount, Poliquin reiterated his distrust of the ‘black box computer algorithm’ that calculated the final election tally. He told reporters that ‘this is not about who wins or loses this election.’ ‘It would be a heck of a lot easier to walk away from this,’ Poliquin said.” [Associated Press, 11/27/18]

The Recount Could Have Prevented Maine’s Secretary Of State From Certifying Election Results Before Congressional Swearing-In And Left Maine’s Second District Seat Vacant. “Poliquin asked for the recount Nov. 26 after Golden was declared the winner. Poliquin also has filed a lawsuit in federal court challenging the constitutionality of the ranked-choice system. Courtney Parella, a spokeswoman in Washington, D.C., for the Committee on House Administration, said Thursday that Golden has been participating in new member orientation and was assigned an office suite but wouldn't be sworn in without an election certificate from the state. ‘We swear in based on when we receive the certificate of election from the state, so until we receive that, the office will remain vacant,’ Parella said. But Kristen Muszynski, a spokeswoman for Maine Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap, said Dunlap would not issue an election certificate in the race until the recount was completed or ended -- a process that could take up to four weeks. However, the recount will break for the holiday week of Dec. 24, and resume on Jan. 3, the date when members of Congress will be sworn into office.” [Portland Press Herald, 12/7/18]
12/14/18: Poliquin Retracted His Request For A Hand Recount Of Election Results And Was Required To Reimburse The State $14,560.52 For Its Costs, Including For Maine State Police Troopers To Collect Nearly 300,000 Ballots,

12/14/18: Poliquin Requested An End To The Hand Recount Of Election Results After Not Picking Up A Substantial Number Of Votes With More Than 40% Of The Recount Complete. “U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin on Friday ended the hand recount of ballots cast in Maine's 2nd Congressional District race but still might appeal a federal judge's ruling on his constitutional challenge of ranked-choice voting. In a statement, Poliquin pointed out that he captured the most votes on Election Day -- a fact that has never been in question -- but said he is ending the recount. With more than 40 percent of the recount complete, Poliquin had yet to pick up a substantial number of votes in the ranked-choice runoff that would allow him to surpass Democratic Rep.-elect Jared Golden.” [Portland Press Herald, 12/14/18]

- Poliquin Was Required To Reimburse The State For The Recount, Which Had Counted More Than Half Of The Votes When Poliquin Ended It, Since It Did Not Alter Election Results. “Kristen Muszynski, spokeswoman for Secretary of State Matt Dunlap, said work on the recount halted around 11 a.m. Friday after her office received a call from Poliquin's campaign. By that point, the recount teams from both campaigns as well as Dunlap's staff had gone through 165,000 ballots from 320 municipalities, which represents more than 50 percent of the nearly 300,000 ballots cast on Election Day. Poliquin will be required to reimburse the state for the costs of the recount because it did not change the outcome, per state law. Muszynski said her office did not have a cost estimate yet.” [Portland Press Herald, 12/14/18]

- Poliquin Had To Pay $14,560.52 For The Recount, Including A $5,000 Deposit He Paid For The Recount Started. “Outgoing U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin will have to pay a balance of $9,560 for the 2nd House District recount, which concluded last week, Secretary of State Matt Dunlap said Thursday. […] The recount cost $14,560.52, which includes the $5,000 deposit Poliquin's campaign was required to pay before the ballot re-examination began, Dunlap said. The total amount covers pay for the time it took for Maine State Police troopers to retrieve roughly 296,000 ballots across the far-reaching district — $12,114.36 — and the more than six business days state staff spent overseeing the hand-counting those ballots, which was completed by Poliquin and Golden campaign volunteers — $2,446.16. Poliquin's campaign was also required to provide food for election workers each day of the recount, which amounted to about $150 a day, Dunlap said.” [Bangor Daily News, 12/20/18]

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Poliquin’s Lawsuits Interrupted Transition Between Poliquin And Golden, Potentially Affecting Mainers’ Federal Casework

12/10/18: Golden Told Reporters Poliquin Had Not Spoken To Him About Transitioning His Office, Potentially Affecting Mainers Who Had Casework Handled By Poliquin’s Office
12/10/18: Golden Told Reporters Poliquin Had Not Spoken To Him About Transitioning His Office, Potentially Affecting Mainers Who Had Casework Handled By Poliquin’s Office. “Golden said he would like to ‘have an orderly transition’ where casework could be handed off seamlessly and problems with which Poliquin’s staff is dealing would be addressed. Instead, he said, he has had no conversations with Poliquin. Golden said he has talked with both of Maine’s senators and with U.S. Rep. Chellie Pingree, the 1st District Democrat who is the state’s only other member of the House. He said he hopes if Poliquin’s casework is not handed over to his staff, it will be given to the offices of one of the other three so nobody is simply dropped. ‘It would be unfortunate’ if anyone gets lost in the shuffle, Golden said.” [Portland Press Herald, 12/10/18]

12/12/18: Former ME-02 Rep. Mike Michaud Said Golden Was In An “Unfortunate” Situation Of Receiving No Assistance In Transitioning Into His Role As Representative When Poliquin Was Tied Up In Lawsuits. “Former U.S. Rep. Mike Michaud, who served from 2002 to 2014, said Wednesday that he talked about staffing, budgets and more with Poliquin as the pair successfully ensured ‘a very smooth transition.’ […] Michaud said that getting a helping hand from the incumbent is a big boost for an incoming legislator on Capitol Hill. He said Baldacci explained to him how ‘to navigate the system,’ introduced him to key lawmakers and even wound up providing some of his staff. When Poliquin won in 2014, Michaud said, he made sure that his staff was ready to assist the Republican in any way they could. Newcomers have so much to do, Michaud said, from getting their offices lined up in Washington and back in the district to hiring staff, that anything that eases the way is useful. He said it’s too bad Golden isn’t receiving any advice from Poliquin. ‘It’s unfortunate he’s in the situation he’s in now,’ Michaud said.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 12/12/18]

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12/14/18: Golden Requested “That His Staff Be Allowed To Begin The Process Of Working With My Incoming Team To Transition Outstanding Casework, And Other Important Matters.” “Golden said Friday that he was ‘humbled by the support of the majority of voters in this election’ and working on the transition. ‘At this time, I remain focused on preparations to take office on January 3rd, and on building the strongest team possible to serve the people of Maine over the next two years,’ said Golden, who was assistant majority leader in the Maine House during the last legislative session. ‘I also want to thank Bruce Poliquin for his four years of service in Congress, and for running a spirited campaign,’ Golden said in the statement. ‘I now ask that his staff be allowed to begin the process of working with my incoming team to transition outstanding casework, and other important matters, for the good of the constituents that we were elected to serve.’” [WGME, 12/14/18]

| Poliquin’s Lawyers From His Case Against Ranked-Choice Voting Went On To Testify Against The For The People Act And Join The RNC’s “Election Integrity” Committee In 2021, Seeking To Restrict Access To The Ballot |


Lee Goodman And Josh Tardy Represented Poliquin And Three Other Plaintiffs In Their 2018 Case Against Maine’s Ranked-Choice Voting System. “Plaintiffs Brett Baber, Terry Hamm-Morris, Mary Hartt, and Bruce Poliquin (collectively ‘Plaintiffs’), by and through their attorneys, file this complaint against Matthew Dunlap, the Secretary of the State of Maine (‘Secretary’), seeking declaratory and injunctive relief on an expedited basis. […] The lack of access to such basic information about which candidates will be on the ballot and the match-up of candidates who will be on the ballot prevents Plaintiffs from choosing among candidates and casting their votes effectively, causing them irreparable injury under the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.
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The RNC “Election Integrity” Committee Recommended Eliminating Same-Day And Automatic Voter Registration, “ID Requirements For All Voting Methods” And “Clean[ing] Up” Voter Rolls. “The pandemic brought chaos and comprehensive changes to voting processes beginning in the spring primaries and lasting through the post-election process,” said the 23-page report from the RNC’s Committee on Election Integrity, created by party Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel. […] Many of the recommendations are common sense but opposed by some Democratic lawmakers who instead are using reforms to paint Republicans as proponents of limiting voting. The committee’s top recommendations: Clean up their voter rolls. Eliminate same-day and automatic voter registration. Enact ID requirements for all voting methods, while ensuring officials educate the public on ID requirements and provide free IDs to those few without one. Only use voting systems that produce a paper record of a voter’s selections that is reviewable pre-tabulation and auditable post-election. Prohibit ballot harvesting. Enact uniform and enforceable standards for rejecting and accepting absentee ballots.” [Washington Examiner, 8/19/21]

March 2021: Lee Goodman Testified To The Senate Committee On Rules And Administration Against The For The People Act

March 2021: Lee Goodman Testified To The Senate Committee On Rules And Administration Against The For The People Act, Which He Said Would Exacerbate “Cancel Culture.” “Thank you inviting me to speak about S. 1. Although the bill purports to support ‘the people,’ it ironically imposes significant burdens on the people’s core constitutional right to speak and associate. The most dramatic provisions of S. 1 would not regulate speech about elections, but speech about issues and public policy. Indeed, S. 1 proposes many restrictions on the right of the American people to speak about issues and politicians, hear ideas, and associate freely. It exposes Americans to an unprecedented system of mandatory public doxing and exposure when they desire to spend as little as $500 to discuss sensitive policy issues. It likewise imposes new civil and criminal liability on American media companies, which will push many media companies to eliminate low-cost online advertising platforms from populist organizations for political messages. […] At a time of intense political polarization, when ‘cancel culture’ and ‘call out tactics’ and political polarization and intolerance are at their zenith, this bill exacerbates all of these social problems.” [Senate Rules And Administration Committee, Lee Goodman Testimony, 3/24/21]

Throughout His Legal Challenge, Poliquin Spread Election Misinformation That Maine’s Secretary Of State Said Needlessly Damaged Confidence In Elections

November 2018: Poliquin Claimed Ballot Boxes Were Not Secured, But Never Filed A Complaint With Maine’s Secretary Of State Over The Allegation

Poliquin’s Campaign And Maine Republican Party Circulated Photos Of Ballot Boxes And Claimed They Were Unlocked. “Dunlap was responding to comments made Saturday by Brendan Conley, a spokesman for the campaign of U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-2nd District, whose contest against Democrat Jared Golden was not conclusive on Election Day and instead will be resolved by ranked-choice voting tabulations. Conley said ballot boxes appear to have been mishandled during the ranked-choice process underway in the state capital. He sent several photos to the Portland Press Herald that he claimed showed unlocked ballot boxes.” [Kennebee Journal,
Maine Secretary Of State Dunlap: “Rest Assured, All Ballot Boxes Containing Actual Ballots Are Not Only Locked But Also Have A Serialized Seal That Cannot Be Reconnected.” “Dunlap, who has not seen the photos, said he has not received any complaints about unpadlocked ballot boxes. He said Saturday night the state has a ‘very rigorous’ chain of custody for ballots, ‘from the printing press to when they're sealed in a ballot box and beyond.’ He also said the boxes that arrived in Augusta without locks contained material irrelevant to the ranked-choice tabulation, such as voter lists. ‘Rest assured, all ballot boxes containing actual ballots are not only locked but also have a serialized seal that cannot be reconnected,’ the Secretary of State's Office tweeted Saturday night. ‘The chain of custody for Mainer’s ballots is very strict and anyone involved in the transport process must sign off on it.’” [Kennebec Journal, 11/12/18]

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- Lewiston Sun Journal's Bill Nemitz: Poliquin And The Maine Republican Party Did Not File Complaints About Alleged Breaches In Ballot Security “Because, As They Well Know, There Were None.” “Yet for all their rumor mongering about a system that in fact performed perfectly, Poliquin and the Republicans have yet to file a formal complaint laying out their allegations about breaches in ballot security. That's because, as they well know, there were none.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Bill Nemitz Column, 11/16/18]

November 2018: Poliquin Claimed A Bangor Clerk Illegally Counted Absentee Ballots Without Supervision; Maine Secretary Of State Said No Such Complaint Was Filed

Poliquin Spokesperson Claimed A Bangor Polling Clerk “Was Tabulating Absentee Ballots On Her Own And Without Any Election Monitoring, Which Is Illegal.” “U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin's campaign on Saturday said it's clear the congressman won a third term in Tuesday's election and expressed concerns about the handling of ballots during the ranked-choice voting tabulation now underway in Augusta. Brendan Conley, a spokesman for Poliquin, said the concerns are related to the ballots and ballot boxes that arrived in Augusta, including some that were missing locks. ‘There is also a report of a clerk at the Bangor polling station who was tabulating absentee ballots on her own and without any election monitoring, which is illegal,’ Conley said in an email. ‘These are certainly concerning.’” [Portland Press Herald, 11/10/18]

- Maine Republican Party Executive Director Recorded Video Of Bangor City Clerk That Purportedly Showed Her Illegally Tabulating Votes. “[Executive Director of the Maine Republican Party Jason] Savage said he videotaped the clerk at the Bangor polling place on election night counting absentee ballots without election monitoring. He said the video was sent to the Secretary of State's Office.” [Kennebec Journal, 11/12/18]

Maine Secretary Of State Matthew Dunlap Stated He Did Not Receive A Complaint About The Bangor Polling Station. “Dunlap has said he received no complaints about the issue at the Bangor polling station.” [Kennebec Journal, 11/12/18]

Poliquin Claimed Voting Tabulation Software Distorted Votes, Which Maine’s Secretary Of State Denied, And A Bates Professor Debunked

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- Poliquin: “I think it’s time that we have real ballots, counted by real people. Real ballots counted by real people, instead of this black box that computes who wins and who loses.” [Bangor Daily News, 12/2/18]

Maine’s Secretary of State said the software had been “used for years” and denied the election results had been distorted

Maine’s Secretary of State denied that election results were distorted by software that the state “has used for years.” “Dunlap scoffed at the secrecy argument. He said Poliquin’s campaign asked about the software used to count the ballots and was told the state had to keep details confidential for security purposes. ‘You don’t put something like that out there for hackers to use,’ Dunlap said. He said the state paid Nebraska-based Election Systems & Software, which the state has used for years, to come up with the software needed to count the paper ballots Maine relies on. Dunlap said the tabulators in past recounts have proven 99.9 percent accurate and he expects that will happen once again with the congressional recount.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/26/18]

December 2018: A Bates College Professor used publicly available raw election data to recreate Maine Secretary of State’s vote totals to one hundredth of a percent. “The Maine secretary of state’s office has published all the election results on its website — every ballot, every ranking in every town. It’s all there in massive data files that can be inspected and downloaded. So [Bates College Chair of Economics Nathan] Tefft took that data and plugged it into Python, a program that allows users to write code that calculates the data — in this case, to simulate the ranked-choice election. Now, it’s true that the software the state uses is proprietary. But the rules that are used by that software are just as public as the election results. ‘Because the rules are publicly available I could implement those rules myself and then replicate the process directly,’ he said. So that’s what Tefft did, plugging in rules for all the various ballot scenarios. After about six hours, Tefft came up with a final tally for the election and the runoff: Golden received 50.62 percent of the vote, and Poliquin received 49.38 percent. The state results? 50.62 percent for Golden, 49.38 for Poliquin. ‘Yeah, it’s just math,’ Tefft said.” [Bangor Daily News, 12/2/18]

November 2018: Poliquin claimed without evidence that ranked-choice voting led to chaos and confusion

Poliquin claimed ranked-choice voting led to chaos and confusion at polls but could not provide evidence for his claim other than social media comments

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- Poliquin: Republican voters stayed home because they were confused about ranked-choice voting in a “glaring instance of voter suppression.” “Poliquin said the No. 1 reason why many GOP voters opted
to stay home on Election Day last year was ‘rank vote confusion.’ ‘Not a day goes by without a fellow Mainer stopping me in the grocery store or at Dunkin’ Donuts to complain about the unfair and confusing process, and angry about his or her sacred vote not counting,’ he said. Poliquin called it ‘a glaring instance of voter suppression, unintended or not.’ Bond called the notion that votes were suppressed “absolutely stupid. I met no one who found it confusing.”’ [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/19/19]

- **November 2018: Poliquin Claimed Ranked-Choice Voting Led To “Huge” Lines At The Polls And Long Wait Times.** “And I think that’s one of the reasons it took so long to vote on Election Day. I was up at the Bangor polling station, the largest one in our district, from about seven in the morning til eight at night, in fact I was there from seven in the morning til eight at night. And the lines were huge, it took […] forever. Some folks were waiting one to two hours, some folks just gave up and left because it was so long. Now, one of the reasons is because voter turnout was so high. The second is because of this chaotic rank voice process that has never been used here in the state of Maine before.” [News Center Maine YouTube, 11/27/18] (VIDEO) 5:23

Portland Press Herald: Poliquin’s Campaign Could Not Provide Evidence For Its Claims Of Chaos At The Polls Other Than Social Media Comments. “However, Poliquin's campaign couldn't provide any evidence of chaos or confusion on Election Day other than to point to comments on social media and the campaign's Facebook page. And clerks from a half-dozen larger towns in the 2nd District disagreed with - and sometimes chuckled at - Poliquin's portrayal of the election. Media organizations in Maine did not report on any widespread problems or confusion during or immediately after the election.” [Portland Press Herald, 11/27/18]

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Maine’s Secretary Of State Dunlap: “To Characterize This, As It Has Been Characterized, As ‘Chaotic,’ ‘Confusing’ And I Believe The Word ‘Circus’ Has Been Used […] Demeans What The Voters Have Done.” “Maine’s secretary of state fired back at critics – including Poliquin’s campaign and his lawyers – for characterizing the process of gathering and preparing ballots for the ranked-choice tabulations as ‘confusing’ and ‘chaotic.’ The entire process was closely watched – and often videotaped – by attorneys from both campaigns as well as members of the media. ‘To characterize this, as it has been characterized, as ‘chaotic,’ ‘confusing’ and I believe the word ‘circus’ has been used … it just demeans what the voters have done,’ said Dunlap, a Democrat. ‘And anybody who has doubts about this process is welcome to come to these public forums and watch us do our work.’” [Portland Press Herald, 11/15/18]

November 2018: Poliquin Claimed Thousands Of Ballots Were “Set Aside” On Election Day And That There Were “Hundreds Of Additional Votes” That Could Have Been Overlooked, Both Claims That Maine’s Secretary Of State Denied

Poliquin Claimed “Thousands And Thousands” Of Ballots Were Set Aside On Election Day, Denied By Maine’s Secretary Of State

11/27/18: Poliquin Claimed “Thousands And Thousands” Of Ballots Were Set Aside On Election Day, Which Was “Very, Very Unusual.” “Poliquin on Tuesday tried to cast doubt on the election results. He said his campaign received reports from ‘hundreds of people’ about confusion with the new ranked voting system, including conflicting instructions to voters at the polls. Poliquin also claimed that ‘thousands and thousands’ of ballots were set aside. ‘That is very, very unusual,’ he said.” [Associated Press, 11/27/18]
11/27/18: Poliquin: “IN A SHOCKING DEVELOPMENT The Secretary Of State Claims To Have Found New Rank Votes On The Eve Of The Recount Deadline.” “IN A SHOCKING DEVELOPMENT the Secretary of State claims to have found new Rank Votes on the eve of the recount deadline. These new Rank Votes, counted apparently with no observers using the computerized Rank Vote process, the Democrat Secretary of State said increases my political opponent’s Rank Vote total by hundreds of votes. What is still certain however is that I received the most votes under the ‘one-person, one-vote’ standard on Election Day. This is very concerning and casts further doubt and confusion over the entire Rank election process.”

[Associated Press, 11/27/18]

Maine Secretary Of State Spokesperson: “There Have Not Been Any Ballots Set Aside.” “But a spokeswoman for Democratic Secretary Matt Dunlap said that's incorrect. ‘There have not been any ballots set aside,’ Kristen Schulze Muszynski said.” [Associated Press, 11/27/18]

Poliquin Claimed “Hundreds Of Additional Votes” Could Have Been Overlooked, Which Maine’s Secretary Of State Denied


11/26/18: Maine Secretary Of State’s Office Released Corrected Vote Totals After It Discovered 6,100 Ballots Had Been Fed Into An Incompatible Tabulation Machine In First Tally Of Votes. “When Secretary of State Matt Dunlap recently certified the results of the race, Democrat Jared Golden’s lead over Republican incumbent U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin was 600 votes more than the number announced Nov. 15 following the ranked-choice tally. The bump gave the victor a lead of more than 3,500 votes. [...] The votes from six towns, though, were always there, state officials said. They hadn’t been counted properly because of a glitch in the system that elections workers didn’t discover until just before they went home for Thanksgiving vacation, according to Kristen Muszynski, Dunlap’s communications director. More than 6,100 ExpressVote ballots from the towns — Monroe, Blue Hill, Otis, Van Buren, Mars Hill and Brewer — had been mistakenly fed into a tabulating machine that couldn’t actually count them, she said.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/27/18]

Maine Secretary Of State Spokesperson: “This Is Nothing New Or Different Than What We Do For Every Other Election.” “Dunlap's office on Monday sent out official results that included about 6,000 additional votes that weren't included in that tally. Officials said the error occurred due to votes not uploading properly into election software at polling places in six cities. Maine's official results show Golden won with 142,440 votes and Poliquin with 138,931 votes. ‘This is nothing new or different than what we do for every other election,’ Muszynski said. ‘It's part of the work to make sure everything’s accurate.’” [Associated Press, 11/27/18]

December 2018: Poliquin Claimed Voters In Maine’s 1st Congressional District Received Ballots That Allowed Them To Vote In Maine’s 2nd District Race, Which Maine’s Secretary Of State Denied
Maine Republican Party Released Statements From 17 Voters From Maine’s 1st Congressional District Who Claimed Their Ballots Allowed Them To Vote In Maine’s 2nd Congressional District Race

12/8/18: Maine Republican Party Released Statements From 17 Voters From Maine’s 1st Congressional District Who Claimed Their Ballots Allowed Them To Vote In Maine’s 2nd Congressional District Race. “The [Maine Republican] party released a sheaf of sworn statements on Thursday from 17 voters -- several of them related to each other -- in Boothbay Harbor, Boothbay, Edgecomb and Trevett. The voters say they believe they turned in ballots for Maine's 2nd Congressional District election, which pitted incumbent Republican Bruce Poliquin against three challengers: Democrat Jared Golden and independents Tiffany Bond and William Hoar.” [Portland Press Herald, 12/7/18]

- 12/6/18: Poliquin And Maine Republican Party Claimed To “Have Spoken To Over 15 People In Maine's 1st Congressional District Who Say They Received Ballots For The Wrong District.” “US Rep. Bruce Poliquin and the Maine Republican Party have raised yet another concerns with the election in Poliquin's district. Specifically, they report they have spoken to over 15 people in Maine's 1st Congressional District who say they received ballots for the wrong district.” [Independent Voter Network, 12/6/18]

All Claims Of Second District Ballots Distributed To The First District Surfaced After Election Day. “There is a varying degree of certainty in the affidavits and it doesn't seem as though any complaints were raised until after Election Day. Affidavits came from 17 voters who are certain to varying degrees that they had the wrong ballot. Some signed form affidavits saying they ‘swear’ they voted for U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, who lost the 2nd District race to Democrat Jared Golden. A married couple said they were ‘nearly positive’ they did. Another vote said he ‘did not realize it at the time but I now know’ he voted in the wrong race.” [Bangor Daily News, 12/7/18]

Poliquin Amplified The Maine Republican Party’s Claims That First District Voters Were Able To Vote In The Second District’s Election

12/6/18: Poliquin Called The Maine Republican Party’s Claims That First District Voters Were Able To Vote In The Second District’s Election “Very Concerning.” “MORE BREAKING ELECTION BALLOT CONCERNS: Today the Maine Republican Party released signed - and notarized - affidavits from 15+ Maine citizens in the 1st Congressional District stating they were given ballots to vote in Maine's 2nd Congressional District on Election Day. Additionally, other voters in the Boothbay Harbor area have reported on their official Town Facebook page they were also given 2nd District ballots to vote for Congress even though the live in the 1st Congressional District. This is very concerning.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 12/6/18]

Maine’s Secretary of State Said That Tabulators Would Not Be Able To Read Votes Cast From Another District, And Any Outstanding Ballots From The 1st District Would Be Discounted In The Hand Recount
Maine’s Secretary Of State Spokesperson: Tabulators In Maine’s 1st Congressional District Would Not Be Able To Read Votes Cast In Maine’s 2nd Congressional District Race. “I reached out to Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap's office for comment on this and whether or not such claims made any consequential impact on the results in Maine's 2nd Congressional District. Here is what spokeswoman Kristen Muszynski told me: ‘In the towns that use tabulators, (Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor) their memory sticks are programmed and tested to only accept the ballot style for that municipality (including, in these cases, only Congressional District 1). If the printing contractor had mistakenly included a few ballots that are the wrong ballot style for that municipality (occasionally it can happen when ballots are being cut and shrink wrapped), the tabulator would not accept it – it would be incapable of reading it – and would have given an error message on the screen and required the ballot to be returned.’” [Independent Voter Network, 12/6/18]

- Maine Secretary Of State Spokesperson: Any Outstanding Ballots From Maine’s 1st Congressional District Voters Would Be Discounted In Hand Recount. “I reached out to Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap's office for comment on this and whether or not such claims made any consequential impact on the results in Maine's 2nd Congressional District. Here is what spokeswoman Kristen Muszynski told me: […] ‘In hand count towns, counters would see that the candidates on that ballot are incorrect and they would not count votes in that race either.’” [Independent Voter Network, 12/6/18]

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**December 2018: Poliquin Claimed Ranked-Choice Voting System Resulted In More Voters Failing To Select A Candidate In His Congressional Race, Which The Lewiston Sun Journal Disproved**

**Poliquin Claimed The Ranked-Choice Voting System Caused A Sharp Increase In The Number Of Voters Failing To Select A Candidate In His Congressional Race**

December 2018: Poliquin Claimed Ranked-Choice Voting System Resulted In More Voters Failing To Select A Candidate In His Congressional Race. “During a press conference last week at the Portland’s International Jetport, the two-term Republican, who is challenging his defeat, said one of his concerns is Maine’s new voting system caused a sharp increase in the number of ballots for which voters failed to pick someone in Maine’s 2nd District congressional race. ‘There are thousands and thousands of underballots that have been put aside,’ Poliquin said. ‘That is very, very unusual.’ The incumbent, who lost to Democrat Jared Golden of Lewiston, said in a typical race there ‘might be a few hundred’ ballots that are left blank. ‘But here, there’ve been thousands and thousands of underballots,’ Poliquin said. ‘And how do you deal with those? That’s an issue.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Steve Collins Column, 12/3/18]

The Lewiston Sun Journal Reported That Underballots In Maine’s 2nd District Were More Common During Poliquin’s Successful Elections Than The One He Lost In 2018

Lewiston Sun Journal’s Steve Collins: Underballots In Maine’s 2nd Congressional District Were More Common In Poliquin’s Successful 2014 And 2016 Elections Than In 2018. “The reality, though, is voters in this election cast more ballots indicating a preference in Poliquin’s race than they did in both 2014 and 2016, the two races the Oakland Republican won. Rob Richie, president of Fair Vote, a group devoted to overhauling the way American election operate, said numbers distributed by Maine’s Secretary of State’s Office showed there were more than twice as many blank votes in the 2016 congressional contest as there were this year. The numbers he cited for races in 2014, 2016 and 2018 match up with results released by the Secretary of State Matt Dunlap. Richie said statistics show in 2014, when Poliquin was first elected, 11,532 voters in the district who cast ballots but did not select anyone in the congressional race. Two years ago, there were 12,703 voters who did not make a pick in the congressional race when Poliquin defeated Democrat Emily Cain. This year, 6,018 ballots were cast by voters who left the congressional race blank on their ballots, Rich said.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Steve Collins Column, 12/3/18]

Judge Lance Walker Discounted Testimony That Argued More Voters Failed To Choose A Viable Candidate
Judge Lance Walker Discounted Testimony That Argued More Voters Failed To Choose A Viable Candidate Since It Assumed “That Those Voters Are Cognitively Unable To Fill Out A RCV Ballot.”

“Further, I am not persuaded by Dr. Gimpel’s testimony which attributes inherent virtue in the forced simplicity of two-party access to the ballot, thereby making easier the voters’ choice. He testified to what he perceived as a troubling reality that Maine has a low threshold for non-party candidates to gain access to the ballot. His thesis, as I understand it, is that by allowing for choices among several non-major-party candidates, voter turnout is likely to be comprised of a greater percentage of low-information voters, which apparently makes more likely that those voters are cognitively unable to fill out a RCV ballot.” [Judge Walker Judgment, Barber et al v. Dunlap et al, First Circuit Court of Appeals, PACER, 12/13/18]

- Judge Walker: The Testimony Was “Not Grounded In Anything Approaching A Reliable Standard That May Be Informative Of The Constitutional Questions.” “In addition to being cynical, these conclusions are not grounded in anything approaching a reliable standard that may be informative of the constitutional questions. They are instead provocative reactions to a new system of selecting representatives to Congress, and such reactions often are the byproduct of change. Dr. Gimpel’s testimony left me with the impression of a panel debate among political scientists in a nascent field of study. To his credit, Dr, Gimpel conceded that he has not discussed the RCV experience with a single Maine voter but would like to conduct such a study. In the meantime, I simply am unable to credit his testimony any weight on the constitutional issues before the Court.” [Judge Walker Judgment, Barber et al v. Dunlap et al, First Circuit Court of Appeals, PACER, 12/13/18]

Maine’s Secretary Of State And Editorialists: Poliquin Damaged Faith In Elections Through His Lawsuit And Misleading Criticism Of Ranked-Choice Voting

Maine Secretary Of State Dunlap On Poliquin’s Election Interference Allegations: “It Could Get People Thinking There Is Something Wrong”

Maine Secretary Of State Dunlap On Poliquin’s Election Interference Allegations: “It Could Get People Thinking There Is Something Wrong.” “Maine Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap criticized the campaign of U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin on Sunday for its allegations about mishandled ballot boxes, saying the charges could cause voters to lose confidence in the voting system. ‘I feel like I should reach out to the campaign and say, ‘Let us do our work before you assume there is something nefarious happening.’ It could get people thinking there is something wrong,’ Dunlap said.” [Kennebec Journal, 11/12/18]

- Dunlap: Poliquin’s Campaign Told Media Of Alleged Election Interference Instead Of Filing Complaints With His Office: “I Am Pretty Frustrated By This.” “Dunlap said Sunday that Poliquin's campaign has raised no complaints or sent any photographs of the mishandling of ballot boxes to him. ‘Rather than ask questions, they are going to the media. My entire stock in trade here is based not on the outcome of the election but on voter confidence. I am pretty frustrated by this,’ Dunlap said.” [Kennebec Journal, 11/12/18]


Greg Kesich Editorial: Poliquin “Attack[ed] The Honesty And Trustworthiness Of The Election Process Itself.” “Poliquin made a rare public appearance to declare that he “won the constitutional ‘one person, one vote’ election,” which is nonsense, not least because the phrase “one person, one vote” isn’t even in the Constitution. But we do have the 14th Amendment, which guarantees equal protection of the law. That’s a standard that this vote-counting system meets, whether you like it or not. Advertisement It’s easy to write off all the griping as the kind of thing that people say when their candidate loses a close election. But what’s happening here could be more sinister. Poliquin isn’t just challenging a controversial election reform. He’s attacking the honesty and trustworthiness of the election process itself.” [Portland Press Herald, Greg Kesich Editorial, 12/9/18]

Lewiston Sun Journal’s Bill Nemitz: Poliquin “Resorted To Seeding Groundless Doubt About The Integrity Of The Election” After Losing Under Ranked-Choice Voting System. “In other words, the man simply refuses to lose. What’s worse, as his lawsuit careens toward a crash landing before Judge Walker sometime next month, Poliquin’s campaign has resorted to seeding groundless doubt about the integrity of the election itself.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Bill Nemitz Column, 11/16/18]

Kennebec Journal Editorial Board Headline: “Poliquin Should Stop Trashing The Election”

Kennebec Journal Editorial Board: “It Does No Good For Maine To Have A Member Of Congress Claim — Without Evidence — That Our Elections Are Rigged.” “We expect that Poliquin will lose his case, but he was right to bring this challenge, because unsubstantiated claims about the constitutionality of ranked-choice voting will be a distraction until the questions are decided in court. But it does no good for Maine to have a member of Congress claim — without evidence — that our elections are rigged. People need to accept that elections are honest, and that starts with the candidates who lose.” [Kennebec Journal, Editorial Board, 11/29/18]

Kennebec Journal Editorial Board: “It’s Time For Poliquin To Let His Lawyers Do The Talking And Go Back To Wherever He’s Been Hiding From Cameras And Reporters Since Taking Office Four Years Ago.” [Kennebec Journal, Editorial Board, 11/29/18]

Kennebec Journal Editorial Board: Poliquin Was “Trying To Stir Up Public Panic About The Honesty Of Maine’s Elections” With “Hysterical Squawking” Because He Lost. “But Poliquin is not only suing, but also demanding a recount of every ballot and trying to stir up public panic about the honesty of Maine’s elections. The megaphone of the Maine Republican Party is amplifying Poliquin’s false alarms, claiming that his voters were confused and frightened by a ballot that asked whether they wanted to express a second choice. While the lawsuit seeks to resolve questions and create a predictable path forward, Poliquin’s hysterical squawking about ‘artificial intelligence’ and a secret ‘algorithm’ just sows chaos and distrust. Poliquin is a sophisticated, Harvard-trained investment banker, and he knows that there is no ‘algorithm’ at work, just simple arithmetic. He has a right to make sure that the election was honest, but the people of Maine also have rights, chief among them that Poliquin won’t use his position of trust to poison public confidence in the whole system just because he may have lost the election.” [Kennebec Journal, Editorial Board, 11/29/18]


First-Time Voter’s Editorial: Poliquin’s “Efforts To Change The Result Of Maine’s Second Congressional District’s Election Perilous For Our Democratic Process.” “Democracy requires fair voting processes and clear rules. It’s healthy and necessary to debate the best system for conducting elections, but it is unfair to change the rules once the outcome is known. For that reason, Bruce Poliquin’s recent lawsuit against ranked choice voting was misguided, and his efforts to change the result of Maine’s Second Congressional District’s election perilous for our democratic process.” [Emmett Shell Op-Ed, Lewiston Sun Journal, 12/16/18]
Editorial: “Poliquin’s Efforts To Change The Results Of The Election Would Have Disenfranchised Me And Thousands Of Fellow Mainers Like Me Who Voted For [Independents] Bond Or Hoar.” “Poliquin’s efforts to change the results of the election would have disenfranchised me and thousands of fellow Mainers like me who voted for Bond or Hoar. Not only was Poliquin trying to change the rules after the game ends, but he was trying to change a good rule that was agreed upon by all four candidates and affirmed twice by the citizens of Maine.” [Emmett Shell Op-Ed, Lewiston Sun Journal, 12/16/18]

Op-Ed: “Young Voters In Maine, Like Me, Need To Know That Our Elected Officials Are Doing Everything In Their Power To Make Sure Our Votes Count” And “ Poliquin Should Be Among Them.” “In this election, more than any midterm in recent history, energized voters from both sides of the aisle sent participation skyrocketing. Young people like me were particularly engaged. The national voting rate among 18- to 29-year-olds increased from 18 percent to 29 percent, the highest percentage in a midterm for more than three decades for this age group. More than voting, we worked on campaigns, talked to our friends, and collectively played a bigger role than usual in deciding our own future. Our national focus now needs to be toward retaining this energy, not finding ways to suppress and discount votes. Young voters in Maine, like me, need to know that our elected officials are doing everything in their power to make sure our votes count. As our congressman, Poliquin should be among them.” [Emmett Shell Op-Ed, Lewiston Sun Journal, 12/16/18]

2018 – 2021: Poliquin Maintained That He Won The 2018 Election And Foreshadowed A Plan To “Deal With” Ranked-Choice Voting In 2022

| Poliquin Refused To Say He Would Accept The Results Of The Ranked-Choice Election, Then Declared Victory Before The Ranked-Choice Count Was Complete |

VIDEO: Poliquin Did Not Answer When He Was Asked Whether He Would Accept The Results Of The Ranked Choice Voting Election. HOST: “With the new ranked choice voting method, will you accept the outcome of this race?” POLIQUIN: “I’m going to circle in Bruce Poliquin, one and only vote, drop in the box and go forward.” [C-SPAN, 2018 ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/16/18] (VIDEO) 49:00

10/22/2018: Poliquin Refused To Say He Would Accept The Results Of A Ranked-Choice Election And Instead Said He Would “Circle In ‘Bruce Poliquin,’ […] One And Only One Vote.” “One of the more telling moments in the two debates between the four congressional candidates in Maine's 2nd District came during the final question they faced. Asked if they'd accept the outcome of the ranked-choice voting contest, three of the contenders say they would. But U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, a two-term Republican from Oakland, passed up the chance to rule out a possible legal challenge if he comes up short Nov. 6. 'I'm going to circle in 'Bruce Poliquin',' the incumbent said, adding 'one and only vote, drop it in the box and go forward.' ‘I don't think he answered the question,’ said Democratic challenger Jared Golden of Lewiston.” [Portland Press Herald, 10/22/18]

10/22/2018: Poliquin’s Campaign “Ignored Requests For Comment” On Whether Poliquin Would Accept Election Results. “Golden, Bond and Hoar said that if ranked-choice voting leads to an outcome they don't like -- such as losing out in the second round -- they will accept the decision made by voters. But Poliquin has never made that assertion. His campaign ignored requests for comment on the issue Monday. Instead, its spokesman, Brendan Conley, said only that Poliquin ‘cannot in good conscience support any of the other candidates in this race.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 10/22/18]

11/6/2018: Poliquin Refused To Say He Would Accept The Results Of A Ranked-Choice Election, Which He Dismissed As A “Hypothetical.” “Poliquin hasn’t said whether he’d accept the results of a ranked-choice election, saying Saturday it was a ‘hypothetical.’ Chatter about a lawsuit could heighten if Poliquin emerges as
the first-round leader only to lose to Golden after the independents’ votes are re-allocated.” [Bangor Daily News, 11/7/18]

11/10/18: Poliquin: “It's Clear That Bruce Won Election Day By A Margin Of Over 2,000 Votes, Defeating All 3 Other Opponents. In Any Other Federal Election Across America This Process Would Be Complete.” “As Rank Choice Voting begins, it’s clear that Bruce won Election Day by a margin of over 2,000 votes, defeating all 3 other opponents. In any other federal election across America this process would be complete. Maine is the only state subject to this Rank Choice Voting system which allows people multiple votes, via the reallocation of their vote, if they didn't initially select one of the two top vote earners. We will continue to monitor this process, as there have been ongoing concerns.”

[11/10/18]

11/13/18: Poliquin Declared Victory “Fair And Square.” “Republican U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin says he won re-election ‘fair and square’ and says he has a duty to fight Maine’s new voting system that he says is unconstitutional.” [Associated Press, 11/13/18]

Portland Press Editorial Board: Poliquin Was “Undermining Democracy And The Rule Of Law For His Own Gain” By Claiming Victory In 2018 Race

Portland Press Herald Editorial Board: Poliquin Was “Undermining Democracy And The Rule Of Law For His Own Gain” By Claiming Victory In 2018 Race. “In other words, Maine voters wanted federal elections run with ranked-choice voting, and the Constitution doesn’t forbid it, so that’s the way it is. Everything else – including all the allegations pushed by Poliquin – is just noise. That includes the repeated assertion that because Poliquin received the most votes in the first round – that he got ‘more votes on Election Day’ – he was somehow entitled to the seat. With this claim, Poliquin is simply undermining democracy and the rule of law for his own gain. But those ‘Election Day’ numbers are essentially meaningless – Poliquin didn’t get the first-round majority needed to win. Besides, who knows how people would have voted if ranked-choice voting hadn’t been in play?” [Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 12/28/18]

August 2019 – August 2021: Poliquin Maintained That He Won The 2018 Election


- Poliquin: “I Won This Seat Three Times - 2014, 2016, 2018 - But Was Only Seated Twice Because Of Ranked Vote.” “Former U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin insists that he was the real winner of the 2018 race that he lost to Democratic challenger Jared Golden. Poliquin hopes to become the Republican nominee next year to take on Golden in Maine's GOP-friendly 2nd District. There are at least two other contenders who may force a primary next June. Poliquin, though, doesn't accept that he ever lost the seat to begin with. ‘I won this seat three times - 2014, 2016, 2018 - but was only seated twice because of ranked vote,’ he said in a radio interview Thursday. In the interview with WVOM-FM in Bangor, Poliquin said this time around, his campaign is ready to deal with ranked-choice voting.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 8/6/21]
8/4/21: Poliquin: “Head-To-Head, You Know, I Beat Golden In 2018, And God Willing, I Will Do It Again Next Year.” “Poliquin, who typically resides in Georgetown, said this year he’ll go into the race with his eyes wide open about ranked-choice voting, but in his radio interview he continued to maintain that he won the 2018 race. ‘Head-to-head, you know, I beat Golden in 2018, and God willing, I will do it again next year,’ Poliquin said. Poliquin lost the race by 3,509 votes. It was the first time since 1916 that an incumbent in Maine’s 2nd District went down to defeat.” [Portland Press Herald, 8/4/21]

November 2020: Poliquin Said He Won The 2018 Election. POLIQUIN: “I remember having experienced this in a little way, Matt, two years ago in my second re-election in 2018 which I won and then nine days later they scammed it with this ranked voting. But it was my responsibility to take this to court to make sure everything was up to snuff but once the election was certified, it becomes very difficult to do that. So what Trump is doing is what he should be doing. It’s his responsibility, win or lose, to make sure he challenges these results because they are so close and it was so unconventional, the way we voted this way with mail-in voting, to give people confidence that their vote counted. So he’s got to go through this process. He should. It’s his responsibility. But he’s got an uphill climb.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 11/13/20] (AUDIO) 1:47

August 2019: Poliquin: “I’m Itching To Run Again To Right The Rank Voting Scam Which Gave My Win - Our Win - On Election Day To The Candidate Who Came In Second Place.”
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said, adding that ‘we have a plan to deal with that.’ Poliquin, 67, also expressed hope that Democrats ‘won't try to game the system again’ this year. There is no evidence that anyone gamed the system in 2018, when Poliquin lost by 3,509 votes to Golden, 38, a former state representative from Lewiston.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 8/6/21]

Poliquin Questioned The Legitimacy Of The 2020 Election And Vote-By-Mail, Even Though He Voted Absentee For Years

As Of 2021, Poliquin Voted Absentee Twelve Times, And Has Not Voted In-Person Since 2014 …

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Note: This research was based on VoteBuilder data. FOAA documents confirming Poliquin’s voter activity were unavailable as of January 2022.

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[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 9/22/20]

- **8/18/20: Poliquin: Vote-By-Mail Sent Ballots To “People Who Have Died, Moved Away Or Don't Want To Vote!”** “Lets [sic] stop pretending that absentee voting is the same as mail-in voting. One requires a request for a ballot, the other requires ballots to be mailed out to anyone on the voter rolls -- including people who have died, moved away or don't want to vote! https://t.co/bPxjIfq66G?amp=1”

[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 8/18/20]

9/15/20: Poliquin Claimed The 2020 Election Could Be “Determined By Liberal Vote Harvesting Schemes” And Encouraged Republicans To Volunteer As Poll Watchers. “Pleased to see @mainegop and Trump Victory asking for volunteers to sign up to be trained as poll watchers on November 3. The future of our state and country should not be determined by liberal vote harvesting schemes like the one being pushed by Alliance for Retired Americans.”
August 2020: Poliquin: “Mail-In Voting Is Simply Too Susceptible To Fraud.” “The media should start telling the truth about the big difference between secure time-tested absentee voting and unsecured universal mail-in voting.” [Bruce Poliquin, 8/20/20]

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December 2020: Poliquin Said Biden Was “Likely The President-Elect” Though There Was Still A Chance Trump Would Win The Election. POLIQUIN: “If Trump had won the election, and he still may, but it looks like he probably won’t, if Trump had won the election, this would be dead on arrival. […] Now, however, that Biden is likely the President-elect and likely will be seated on January 20, she probably wants to give him some sort of win.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 12/4/20] (AUDIO) 4:23

December 2020: Poliquin: “IS A LIKELY BIDEN PRESIDENCY ENCOURAGING THE RESTART OF MIGRANT CARAVANS?”
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August 2021: Douglas Rooks Column: Poliquin “Is Trying To Create A ‘Little Lie’” That He Won The 2018 Election In Parallel To Trump’s “Big Lie.” “There were two former Democrats running as independents with significantly higher profiles than Bond; one, Alan Caron, withdrew and endorsed Mills, while the other, Terry Hayes — like Poliquin, a former state treasurer — got just 6%. Mills actually won a first-term majority, for the first time since Ken Curtis in 1966. Poliquin’s claim that ranked-choice voting was unconstitutional fared no better.
Federal Judge Lance Walker, a Donald Trump appointee, not only dismissed the claims, but eviscerated them — in well-written, reasoned judicial prose. Poliquin still insists he won, apparently with the idea that voter remorse will propel him back to Congress. Just as the ‘big lie’ that Trump won an election he lost seems to be tarnishing, Poliquin is trying to create a ‘little lie.’ The voters seem proficient in the use of ranked-choice voting, as even its critics — including this writer — must acknowledge. Bruce Poliquin may be the only candidate pretending otherwise.” [Seacoast Online, Douglas Rooks Column, 8/14/21]

- Rooks: “Poliquin Exhibits Nothing Much More Than A Desire To Get His Old Job Back.” “At 67, Poliquin exhibits nothing much more than a desire to get his old job back. Truth is, he was fortunate to become state treasurer, riding LePage’s endorsement to a job usually reserved for former legislators, since the Legislature makes the choice. He then drew a hapless 2nd District opponent, Emily Cain, in 2014 and 2016, whose sole reason for running the second time was that there would be ‘a different electorate,’ which there wasn’t. Golden, a former Iraq veteran is, whatever his failings, more than ready for a challenge. Like most political comebacks, Poliquin’s already resembles the characters of F. Scott Fitzgerald’s The Great Gatsby: ‘boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past.’” [Seacoast Online, Douglas Rooks Column, 8/14/21]

2019 – 2021: Poliquin Continued To Criticize Ranked-Choice Voting As A “Scam” That He Claimed Bred Voter Fraud And Awarded Second-Place Finishers

November 2019: Poliquin Claimed Ranked-Choice Voting Was A “Scam” That Resulted In Ballots Being Thrown Out In 2018 And Awarded Second-Place Finishers

Poliquin Said Ranked Choice Voting Was A “Scam” And A “Rip-Off” That Awarded The ME-02 Congressional Seat To The Race’s Second Place Finisher. POLIQUIN: “Ranked voting up here in Maine turned out to be the biggest voter rip-off in our state’s history. We’ve been using common sense one person, one vote, a constitutional way to do this, for 200 years up here and it worked just fine. No confusion, simple. The person that gets the most votes on election day wins, like myself. We won, but nine days later after this confusion of counting these votes again and again, this black box computer algorithm that gave the seat to the candidate that came in second. So I told them the truth. I said, you’ve got to look at this closely. The folks from the second district that I represented rejected it twice because it’s such a scam.” [WVOM, GHRT Rewind, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 11/18/19] (AUDIO) 1:47

Poliquin Discussed The Idea Of Finding Conservative Independents To Run In The ME-02 Congressional Race Who Would Tell Voters To Rank Poliquin Second. POLIQUIN: “Your thought process has to be something like this. Let’s find an independent who’s really a Republican and his or her only issue is the pro-life issue. Let’s make sure they get on the ballot and when people vote for them, make sure they vote for Bruce second. And let’s get someone whose only issue is the Second Amendment, and make sure when they vote for that individual, they vote for Bruce second, and so forth and so on. And on the Democrat side, Rick, it’s what they did in my election. Let’s get someone whose only issue is, pick an issue, animal rights, or the only issue is climate change. And so forth and so on and make sure they vote second place for the Democrat candidate.” [WVOM, GHRT Rewind, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 11/18/19] (AUDIO) 6:00

Poliquin Claimed There Were “Thousands And Thousands Of Ballots That Were Thrown Out” During The 2018 Congressional Election In ME-02. POLIQUIN: “There were thousands and thousands of ballots that were thrown out, spoiled ballots. We don’t know how many because they wouldn’t tell us. There were thousands of them. And in the end, the person who won this race did not get 50 percent of the votes cast. That’s what we were promised, you know, whoever wins is going to get 50 percent of the vote. Didn’t happen.” [WVOM, GHRT Rewind, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 11/18/19] (AUDIO) 7:54

November 2019: Poliquin Stated Ranked-Choice Voting System Yielded “Inherent” “Broken Promises, Confusion And Voter Fraud.” “The former congressman from Maine’s 2nd District, who lost his seat a year ago in the first federal race with ranked-choice voting, is speaking up in a bid to stymie the spread of an election system he views as ‘the biggest voter rip-off in Maine history.’” An outspoken critic of the system in Maine, Poliquin earlier this month urged a Massachusetts legislative committee looking into the possibility of adopting the system in the Bay State to ‘reject the broken promises, confusion and voter fraud inherent in rank voting. Don’t be hoodwinked like we were.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/19/19]

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• Poliquin Claimed The 2018 Campaign Proved Ranked-Choice Voting Did Not Diminish Influence Of Money In Politics And Was “The Nastiest On Record Up Here.” “Poliquin said the arguments for the change, including assertions it would ‘get big money out of political campaign’ and that races ‘would become more civil’ proved untrue. Instead, the race wound up costing more than $30 million and proved, Poliquin said, ‘the nastiest on record up here.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/19/19]

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April 2019: Poliquin Called Ranked-Choice Voting A “Scam” That Empowered Out-Of-State Interests. “Former U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin called ranked-choice voting a ‘complete scam’ puppeteered by out-of-state influences, speaking Tuesday evening in front of a Colby College audience. He shared his perspective on the process at a talk sponsored by Colby Republicans, a student organization. ‘It’s no longer the best candidate; it’s how you game the system,’ he said. Specifically, Poliquin said that the ranked-choice voting method gave the people who voted for the candidates with the fewest votes ‘a second bite of the apple.’ ‘You have more of a decision who gets seated in Congress even though you voted for people who are least representative of the district,’ he said.” [Kennebec Journal, 4/2/19]

Poliquin Claimed Ranked-Choice Voting “Was Introduced By Liberal Activists, Democratic Activists, To Make Sure They Win Elections Here In The State Of Maine.” “On Tuesday at Colby, Poliquin told a crowd of roughly 30 students and community members that John Arnold, a Texas billionaire, ‘funded a lot of initiatives, paid people to collect the signatures (to get ranked-choice voting on the ballot) and put the ads on.’ He emphasized that in 2016, when Maine voters approved ranked-choice voting, 26 percent of registered voters cast ballots on the referendum. The Committee for Ranked Choice Voting in Maine, which currently has 40 Republican endorsements on its website, lobbied for ranked-choice voting since at least 2015. ‘It was not introduced to get the best candidate,’ Poliquin said. ‘It was introduced by liberal activists, Democratic activists, to make sure they win elections here in the state of Maine.’” [Kennebec Journal, 4/2/19]

2020: Poliquin Said Ranked Choice Voting Was “Horrible,” “Unfair,” And Pushed By “Big Money, Out Of State Folks.” POLIQUIN: “I think it’s horrible. Here you see again ranked voting is a way for liberal candidates who pose as independents to harvest second place votes to push those second place votes, extra votes to the Democrat candidate so they can win close elections. This is not a Maine idea. Maine has always been one person, one vote. We did everything we could to deep six this thing but the big money, out of state folks come up here to influence how we live and how we vote, and they’re able to get this on the ballot. It is a real issue, and it’s unfair. Because all of a sudden it’s not head to head between the two best candidates. How do you game the system to scam a close election?” [WVOM, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 10/19/20] (AUDIO) 10:20

November 2020: Poliquin: “Rank Voting Was Designed By Out-Of-State Activists To Confuse And Discourage You From Going To The Polls And To Harvest 2nd Choice Votes To Win Close Elections For Liberal Candidates.” “Rank voting was designed by out-of-state activists to confuse and discourage you from going to the polls and to harvest 2nd choice votes to win close elections for liberal candidates. So, keep it simple and protect your vote by marking your choice for President Donald J. Trump in each of the columns 1-6 across the ballot left to right, as pictured below.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 10/22/20]

February 2020: Poliquin Claimed “Soros And These Other Billionaires Sent A Ton Of Money Up In Here” To Pass Ranked-Choice Voting. “This is not like the past, where Soros and these other billionaires sent a ton of money up in here, and political activists were able to fool about 15% of registered voters in Maine. That’s how they passed this scam. Now everybody’s going to the polls during a presidential election and they can weigh in on this: repealrankedchoice.com.” [WVOM FM, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 2/17/20] (AUDIO) 4:02

March 2020: Poliquin Claimed That Under Ranked-Choice Voting People Could Cast Multiple
Votes, Not All Votes Were Counted, And Seniors And Others Were Discouraged By The Process

3/18/20: Poliquin Editorial: Under Ranked-Choice Voting, “Citizens Can Cast Multiple Votes. Some Are Eventually Counted, And Some Are Not.” “Under ranked voting, citizens rank candidates in order of preference on one ballot. The first-choice votes are tallied, and, if a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in this round, that candidate wins. If nobody receives a majority in the first round, the last-place finisher is eliminated, and his or her votes are redistributed to the higher-performing candidates according to voters’ second choices. The process continues until more than 50% of the votes are assigned to one of the candidates. In other words, citizens can cast multiple votes. Some are eventually counted, and some are not.” [Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, Washington Examiner, 3/18/20]

3/18/20: Poliquin Editorial: “The Worst Unfairness Of Ranked Voting Is How It Confuses And Discourages Many Seniors And Others From Casting Ballots.” “The worst unfairness of ranked voting is how it confuses and discourages many seniors and others from casting ballots. After the 2018 election, a survey of GOP voters who decided not to go to the polls listed confusion over ranked voting (26%) as the main reason for not participating in the election. Our sacred constitutional right to vote should be easy, fair, and invite participation, not suppress it.” [Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, Washington Examiner, 3/18/20]

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The 147 Republicans Who Voted To Overturn 2020 Election Results Were Known As The “Sedition Caucus.” “Pingree is also among 54 Democratic co-sponsors of a resolution, HR 25. directing the House Ethics Committee to investigate the so-called ‘Sedition Caucus’ – the 147 Republican members of Congress who voted to undo the results of the 2020 election by blocking the certification of the Electoral College votes of Georgia and other key swing states.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 4/7/21]

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3/13/21: Poliquin Editorial: The For The People Act “Will Actually Lead To A Less Transparent, Nationalized System That Invites All Sorts Of Shenanigans.” “Last week, the top-priority H.R.1 bill passed by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and her liberal majority aims to nationalize the election chaos millions of Americans witnessed last November. The U.S. Constitution clearly authorizes the states to determine how elections...
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3/13/21: Poliquin: Maine Democrats Pushed “Unsecure Mail-In Ballots, Extended Counting Days, Door-To-Door Ballot Harvesting, No Identification Required At The Polls, Exposed Ballot Drop Boxes, You Name It.” “Extreme liberal lawmakers in Augusta are not waiting to see if H.R.1 becomes a national mandate for all states to adopt. Like the far left Congress in Washington, right now, the Democrat majority in the Maine Legislature is crafting its own voting schemes for the Pine Tree State. Unsecure mail-in ballots, extended counting days, door-to-door ballot harvesting, no identification required at the polls, exposed ballot drop boxes, you name it. If you think ranked-choice voting is a mess, buckle up if the ‘voting reformers’ get their way.” [Portland Press Herald, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 3/13/21]

Poliquin: “Common-Sense Mainers Of All Political Stripes Can Agree The Most Secure Way To Vote Is To Show Up At The Polls In Person On Election Day.” “Common-sense Mainers of all political stripes can agree the most secure way to vote is to show up at the polls in person on Election Day. It’s time-tested, simple, fair and accurate. If that’s not possible, straightforward early or absentee voting, requiring signature verification, has worked well in Maine for many years.” [Portland Press Herald, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 3/13/21]

May 2021: Poliquin Called Voter ID Laws “The Best Way To Protect Our Elections”

5/7/21: Poliquin: “The Best Way To Protect Our Elections Is W/ Voter ID.” “Common sense Americans agree: make it easy to vote, but hard to cheat. The best way to protect our elections is w/ voter ID, a policy 80% of Americans support according to Gallup. Unfortunately, Maine’s Reps. Pingree & Golden voted to undermine voter ID by supporting #HR1.”
April 2019: Poliquin Falsely Told Maine College Students That They Had To Obtain A Maine Driver’s License In Order To Vote In Maine And That They Should Not Vote In Local Elections

April 2019: Poliquin told Maine college students that they had to obtain a Maine driver’s license in order to vote in Maine. "At Tuesday’s event, Poliquin addressed the issue of college students voting in local elections. ‘The United States Supreme Court has ruled that a Colby student or Bates student or Bowdoin student can use your dorm as your legal address, so that’s not for me — that’s not the legislative branch. The courts decide that,’ he said. ‘Here’s the additional comment I’m going to make: Maine law says … if you want to claim the dorm or any other place your residence so you can vote, within 30 days you need to change your driver’s license to a Maine driver’s license. That means you have to pay excise tax. … So I’m all for obeying the law and what the Supreme Court says. I’m also all about obeying the laws of the state of Maine, which means you have to change your driver’s license within 30 days, or you’re violating the law.’” [Kennebec Journal, 4/2/19]

- Kennebec Journal: New Maine Residents Were Required To Get Maine Driver’s Licenses Within Thirty Days Of Moving, But Driver’s Licenses Were Not Required To Vote In Maine. "No requirement of a Maine driver’s license is listed in the state laws for voter registration, though individuals with out-of-state driver’s licenses are required to get a new Maine license and register their motor vehicle in Maine within 30 days of becoming a resident. Voter legislation requires a person to have established an address in a Maine municipality as a ‘fixed and principal home to which the person, whenever temporarily absent, intends to return.’ To determine whether a person meets these criteria, a registrar of voters can use documents that include a Maine driver’s license but also include a Maine motor vehicle registration, current income tax return, mail sent to a residential address, hunting or fishing licenses or ‘any other objective facts tending to indicate a person’s place of residence.’ It states that ‘the registrar need not find all of these factors to be present in order to conclude that an applicant qualifies to register to vote in the municipality.’ The state law does specify that post office boxes cannot be used as proof of residency.” [Kennebec Journal, 4/2/19]

April 2019: Poliquin Agreed With Student Who Said College Students Should Not Vote In Local Maine Elections. “Several members of the Colby Republicans said they did not think students should vote in local elections. ‘Most of us are gone for the summer,’ said Jonathan Taylor, a sophomore from San Francisco who is a member of Colby Republicans and has a Maine driver’s license. ‘Constitutionally, we’re allowed to vote; but generally speaking, I think it’s incredibly sanctimonious for (students to vote in local elections). … I don’t think they should.’ When Taylor expressed that view to Poliquin at the talk — not using the word ‘sanctimonious’ — the former congressman said, ‘I would agree with that.’” [Kennebec Journal, 4/2/19]
Poliquin Voted For Blocking The Voting Rights Advancement Act To Restore Federal Oversight To Protect The Right To Vote. In November 2015, Poliquin voted for: a motion to block consideration of a vote on the “Voting Rights Advancement Act, which would restore federal oversight to protect the most sacred right and responsibility of American citizenship; the right to vote.” The previous question carried, 241-178. A vote against the previous question would call for an immediate vote on the Voting Rights Advancement Act. [H Res 507, Vote #583, 11/3/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 11/3/15]
## Significant Findings

- Poliquin was an anti-choice extremist who voted against the Paycheck Fairness Act and the Violence Against Women Act.

- Poliquin voted for 20-week abortion bans, twice voted against exemptions for cases in which a woman’s health was at risk, and supported abortion bans in cases of rape and incest in 2012 and 2014.

- Poliquin did not vote on, and then voted to block, the Paycheck Fairness Act.

- Poliquin voted twice against consideration of reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act.

- Poliquin voted to limit seniors’ access to affordable health care, supported raising the retirement age, and championed measures that put Social Security at risk.

- Poliquin voted for budgets that would turn Medicare into a voucher-like program, against an amendment to lower prescription drug costs under Medicare Part D, and voted six times to reopen the Medicare donut hole.

- Poliquin voted for the American Health Care Act (AHCA), which would create an age tax on older Americans and cause thousands of seniors in Maine’s 2nd District to lose health care coverage.

- Poliquin voted for the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), which Republicans planned to pay for with cuts to Medicare and Social Security, and voted for the House version of TCJA which would have repealed the medical expense deduction tax.

- In 2012 and 2014, Poliquin said he supported raising the retirement age.

- Poliquin championed an amendment to the Constitution to require a balanced budget, which would force “deep cuts” to Medicare and Social Security and override promised benefits for seniors.

- Poliquin voted to weaken protections for Mainers with pre-existing conditions.

- Poliquin voted at least seven times to fully or partly repeal the Affordable Care Act, which protected Mainers with pre-existing conditions from higher premiums, benefit exclusions, and coverage denial.

- Poliquin voted for the AHCA, which PolitiFact found would have allowed insurers to charge people with pre-existing conditions “significantly more.”

- Poliquin voted to raise taxes on working families while opposing increases in the minimum wage, access to paid sick leave, investments in childcare, and federal unemployment insurance.

- Poliquin voted for the TCJA, which gave tax breaks to millionaires and large corporations while ultimately increasing taxes on middle class families.

- Poliquin opposed raising the minimum wage by as little as $1.69/hour and voted to block an amendment to allow Americans to earn paid sick leave.
Poliquin said free childcare was unfair to people who did not have children.

Poliquin called for Maine to opt out of the federal unemployment insurance as early as July 2020.

Poliquin is wrong for Maine’s lobstersmen, who saw an $85 million loss after two years of a trade war that Poliquin said proved Trump had the “guts to stand up to China.”

Poliquin is wrong for Maine’s manufacturing workers.

Poliquin voted for measures that incentivized companies to move jobs overseas, including the TCJA.

Poliquin refused to take a stance on the Trans-Pacific Partnership for weeks in 2016, even after Maine employer New Balance announced its opposition to the deal.

Poliquin criticized and repeatedly voted to block reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank before voting for it, which the Bangor Daily News Editorial Board wrote “risk[ed] Ex-Im Bank’s future.”

In 2018, Poliquin’s congressional office sent a letter to constituents touting his efforts to keep the Madison Paper Industries mill open; the mill closed in 2016 and laid off more than 200 Mainers.

Poliquin put his own profits and Trump’s agenda over the best interests of Maine’s shipyard workers.

Poliquin “helped build” Avatar Associates, an investment management firm that Bath Iron Works (BIW) union members said “rob[bed] them of a fair retirement.”

As recently as July 2021, Poliquin tried to rezone a site in Bath, Maine for “pricey condominiums,” even as municipal leadership emphasized the need for affordable rentals for BIW employees.

In 2018, Poliquin voted to authorize $5.7 billion in funding for Trump’s border wall, which risked $200 million for projects at Maine’s Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and a government shutdown.

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**Poliquin Is Wrong For Maine Women**

**Poliquin Voted Repeatedly To Ban Abortion Even When A Woman’s Health Was At Risk And Waivered On Whether Abortion Should Be Banned In Cases Of Rape And Incest**

**October 2017: Poliquin Voted For A 20-Week Abortion Ban Imposing Criminal Penalties On Doctors And Against An Amendment That Exempted Cases Where A Woman’s Health Was At Risk**

October 2017: Poliquin Voted For A 20-Week Abortion Ban Imposing Criminal Penalties On Doctors, With Exceptions For Rape And Incest Only If It Had Been Reported To Law Enforcement. In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit abortions in cases where the probable age of the fetus is 20 weeks or later and would impose criminal penalties on doctors who violate the ban. It would provide exceptions for cases in which the woman’s life is in danger as well as for pregnancies that are a result of rape for pregnancies that are a result of rape against an adult woman, if the woman received counseling or medical treatment for the rape at least 48 hours prior to the abortion. An exception would be provided for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest against a minor if the rape or incest had been previously reported to law enforcement or another government agency authorized to act on reports of child abuse. The bill would require a second doctor trained in neonatal resuscitation to be present for abortions where the fetus has the ‘potential’ to survive outside the womb.” The bill passed, 237-189. [HR 36, Vote #549, 10/3/17; CQ, 10/3/17]
Abortion Rights Groups Said The Legislation Had No Exception If The Pregnancy Threatened The Mother’s Health, And The Rape And Incest Exceptions Were Too Narrow. “Abortion rights groups and Democratic lawmakers panned the legislation ahead of its passage, arguing it is based on faulty science and contains no exception if a pregnancy would threaten a mother’s health. They also said the rape and incest exceptions are too narrow and that the bill is likely unconstitutional under existing Supreme Court rulings.” [Washington Post, 10/3/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of A 20-Week Abortion Ban.** In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 548) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 36) that would prohibit abortions in cases where the probable age of the fetus is 20 weeks or later and would impose criminal penalties on doctors who violate the ban, with certain exceptions.” The rule was adopted, 233-187. [HR 36, Vote #547, 10/3/17; CQ, 10/3/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To The 20-Week Abortion Ban Allowing For An Exception For An Abortion Necessary To Save The Health Of A Pregnant Woman.** In October 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Brownley, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would add an exception to the 20-week abortion ban for abortions necessary to save the health of the pregnant woman.” The motion was rejected, 238-187. [HR 36, Vote #548, 10/3/17; CQ, 10/3/17]

**May 2015: Poliquin Voted For Banning Abortion After 20 Weeks, Which Included A Waiting Period For Rape Survivors, And Against Adding An Exemption Where A Woman’s Health Was At Risk**

**Poliquin Voted For Banning Abortion After 20 Weeks, Including Requiring A 48-Hour Waiting Period For Rape Survivors.** In May 2015, Poliquin voted for “a bill banning abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy in a party-line vote on Wednesday.” According to The Hill, “But the bill did not change a provision that allows victims of incest to receive an abortion only if they are under 18 years old … The new version of the House bill also includes a two-day waiting period for rape victims. Doctors must also ensure that victims have received medical treatment or counseling during that time.” [HR 36, Vote #223, 5/13/15; The Hill, 5/13/15; The Hill, 5/11/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Adding An Exception To The Abortion Ban To Protect The Health Of A Pregnant Woman.** In May 2015, Poliquin voted against adding a woman’s health exception to a 20-week abortion bill. “U.S. Rep. Julia Brownley’s attempt to amend a bill calling for a ban on abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy was defeated Wednesday, and the House went on to pass the ban. The Westlake Village Democrat’s motion and amendment would have added language to the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act that would have permitted abortions after 20 weeks if a woman’s health were at risk. It was defeated on a mostly party-line 181-246 vote.” [H.R. 36, Vote #222, 5/13/15; Ventura County Star, 5/13/15]

**Planned Parenthood: 20 Week Abortion Ban Was Unconstitutional**

**Planned Parenthood: “20-Week Bans Are Unconstitutional.”** “20-week bans are unconstitutional. 20-week bans are a clear attempt to erode Roe v. Wade. In fact, 20-week ban proponents are outspoken about their goal to challenge the 1973 Supreme Court decision protecting a woman’s right to safe and legal abortion.” [Planned Parenthood, accessed 7/12/18]

**HEADLINE: 20-Week Abortion Bans: Still Unconstitutional After All These Years** [Rewire, 5/12/15]

**Poliquin Took Positions That Were Antagonistic Towards Roe**

**Poliquin Supported A Bill To Define Life As Beginning At Conception To “Resolv[e] For All Time” “The Difficult Question Of When Life Begins” Posed In Roe V. Wade.** On its 2014 candidate questionnaire, the National Pro-Life Alliance asked, “Would you support and cosponsor a Life at Conception Act defining
that life begins at the moment of conception thereby resolving for all time, as stated by the Supreme Court in Roe v. Wade, ‘the difficult question of when life begins?’” Poliquin answered yes on questionnaire. [National Pro-Life Alliance 2014 Congressional Survey, accessed 9/10/21]

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Poliquin Pledged To Support Federal Judicial Nominees Who Would “Uphold The Constitutional Right To Life” Of Fetuses. On its 2014 candidate questionnaire, the National Pro-Life Alliance asked, “Will you support nominees to the United States Supreme Court and the lower federal courts who will uphold the constitutional right to life of every human person, born and unborn?” Poliquin answered yes on questionnaire. [National Pro-Life Alliance 2014 Congressional Survey, accessed 9/10/21]

2012 – 2014: Poliquin Supported Banning Abortion Even In Cases Of Rape And Incest

In A 2014 Questionnaire, Poliquin Supported An Amendment To The U.S. Constitution Banning Abortion Even In Cases Of Rape Or Incest. On its 2014 candidate questionnaire, the National Pro-Life Alliance asked, “Will you support an amendment to the U.S. Constitution banning abortion except to save the life of the mother?” Poliquin answered yes on questionnaire. [National Pro-Life Alliance 2014 Congressional Survey, accessed 9/10/21]

2012: When Asked If He Supported A Woman’s Right To Abortion, Poliquin Only Mentioned That The Federal Government “Has No Place To Make Such A Decision” If The Mother’s Life Was At Risk. “[Bangor Daily News:] Do you support a woman’s right to an abortion? [Poliquin:] If the life of the mother and the unborn child are both in jeopardy, the mother and her family and doctor should decide how to deal with such a tragic situation. The federal government has no place to make such a decision.” [Bangor Daily News, 10/10/12]

2012: Poliquin Said “The Only Exception I Can Think Of” When Abortion Was Permissible Was If The Life Of The Woman Or The Unborn Child Was In Jeopardy. REPRESENTATIVE, MAINE RIGHT TO LIFE: “Under what circumstances, if any, would you favor legalized abortion?” […] POLIQUIN: “It’s clear to me that at conception, a life has begun. And that is a life that should be protected. […] Now, I am also a strong believer that the federal government is too intrusive. The only exception that I can think of right now is that when a doctor decides that the life of the mother or the child is in jeopardy. Government does not belong in that decision. Government should not choose who lives. That decision, in my opinion, belongs to the mom, the dad, if there is one, and the doctor.” [YouTube, Toby Hoxie, Senate Candidate Q&A on Abortion, 5/10/12] (VIDEO) :05

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2012: Poliquin: “When One Mom And One Dad Get Together With The Help Of God And They Create New Life, Nobody – Nobody – Has The Right To End That Life Before Its Natural Conclusion.” HOST: “This one is about abortion and the government funding of abortion, and please describe your chance on pro-choice.” POLIQUIN: “Sure. I believe that when one mom and one dad get together with the help of God and they create new life, nobody – nobody – has the right to end that life before its natural conclusion.” [YouTube, Toby Hoxie, Senate Candidate Q&A on Abortion, 5/10/12] (VIDEO) :05

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July 2016: Poliquin Voted For Allowing Private Health Care Providers To Deny Abortion Coverage

Poliquin Voted For Allowing Private Health Care Providers To Deny Abortion Coverage. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill mandating “federal government and state and local governments cannot penalize or discriminate against health care providers who won't perform abortions or sponsor or provide abortion coverage.” The bill passed 245-182. [S 304, Vote #443, 7/13/16; AP, 7/13/16]

January 2015: Poliquin “Solidified His Position As The Only Anti-Abortion Member Of Maine’s Congressional Delegation”

Poliquin Voted For Bill Blocking Federal Funding For Abortion, Including Tax Credits For Small Businesses Providing Health Care That Included Abortion Coverage. In January 2015, Poliquin voted for the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, which restricted federal funding for abortions and abortion coverage. “The House did easily pass H.R. 7, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2015, sponsored by Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.). White House advisers said they would recommend a veto should the bill reach the president’s desk. The Hyde Amendment already prevents the use of federal funds to pay for abortion, except in cases of incest, rape and life endangerment of the mother. That is passed every year as part of an appropriations bill, but this bill would make that permanent law. The House bill would also restrict small businesses from getting an Affordable Care Act tax credit if they purchase employee health plans that include abortion
coverage on the Small Business Health Options Program, or SHOP exchange.” [HR 7, Vote #45, 1/22/15; Politico, 1/22/15]

- **Bill Would Give Big Insurance Companies Incentive To Drop Abortion Coverage.** “The bill gives insurers a big incentive to drop abortion coverage from their plans, or risk losing the large pool of consumers who receive the law’s subsidies. Abortion coverage is historically relatively ubiquitous in health plans, so the effect could be far-reaching.” [National Journal, 1/28/14]

HEADLINE: “Poliquin’s Vote For Anti-Abortion Measure Prompts Disagreement Over Maine Values.” [Bangor Daily News, 1/22/15]

- **Bangor Daily News: Poliquin “Solidified His Position As The Only Anti-Abortion Member Of Maine’s Congressional Delegation” By Voting For The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion And Abortion Full Disclosure Act of 2015.** “U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin solidified his position as the only anti-abortion member of Maine’s congressional delegation Thursday when he cast his first vote against abortion on the 42nd anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. Thursday’s vote on the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Full Disclosure Act of 2015 is widely seen as a case of majority Republicans in the House trying to make a point and appeal to their constituents, even though the measure has no chance of surviving a veto by President Barack Obama.” [Bangor Daily News, 1/22/15]

- **Poliquin On His Vote: “I Don’t Believe Requiring Taxpayers To Fund Abortions Reflects The Values Of Our 2nd District Families.”** “In a written statement, Poliquin cited his Catholic upbringing and the fact he is a single father for his stance against abortion and justification for his vote. ‘I don’t believe requiring taxpayers to fund abortions reflects the values of our 2nd District families,’ said Poliquin, a Republican who represents Maine’s 2nd U.S House District. ‘Additionally, doing so would be in contrast to the moral conscience and religious beliefs of many taxpayers.’ Poliquin was at times cagey about his abortion stance during his 2014 campaign, insisting that his views were personal and not political.” [Bangor Daily News, 1/22/15]

- **Bangor Daily News: “Democrats Assailed Poliquin For Being Tone-Deaf To The Attitudes Within His District.”** “A Planned Parenthood poll conducted last year in Maine found that 68 percent of respondents from the 2nd Congressional District said they preferred to vote for a gubernatorial candidate who supports a woman’s right to make decisions about abortions. […] Democrats assailed Poliquin for being tone-deaf to the attitudes within his district while 1st Congressional District Rep. Chellie Pingree aimed her ire at Republican congressional leaders. ‘This is another example of how Republicans in Congress just don’t understand women’s lives,’ said Pingree in a written statement. ‘Over and over again, they have tried to restrict abortion, drive women’s health clinics out of business, and generally get in the way of what should be a private conversation between a woman and her doctor.’” [Bangor Daily News, 1/22/15]

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resolution to fund the remainder of the government and extend the National Flood Insurance Program, the Violence Against Women Act, and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Act until September 30.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of an amendment to bring up a bill funding the remainder of the government and extending the National Flood Insurance Program and Violence Against Women Act. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 220-191. [CQ, 12/12/18; HR 2, Vote #431, 12/12/18; Congressional Record, 12/12/18]

**September 2018: Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Reauthorize The Violence Against Women Act.** In September 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “We must oppose this rule and defeat the previous question. The reason for such is not because we do not support the troops or our children but because defeating the previous question will enable this House to consider and pass H.R. 6545, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2018.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. The motion was agreed to 230-188. [HR 6157; Vote #402; 9/26/18; CQ, 9/26/18; Congressional Record, 9/26/18]

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| 2015: Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Paycheck Fairness Act. In April 2015, Poliquin voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of
amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 189) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill to exclude insurance paid at closing into escrow, as well as fees paid to lender-affiliated companies, from the three percent limit on points and fees imposed on qualified mortgages by redefining "points and fees" under the Truth in Lending Act. It also would provide for floor consideration of the bill to modify federal rules regarding high-cost-mortgages as they apply to manufactured housing. The rule also would take the fiscal 2016 Senate budget resolution from the Speaker’s table, adopt a substitute amendment consisting of the text of the fiscal 2016 House budget resolution, as adopted by the House, and would adopt the concurrent resolution, as amended.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, The Democratic Previous Question demands the House vote on a key measure to end the pay gap between men and women and ensure equal pay for equal work: the Paycheck Fairness Act (HR 1619).” The previous question passed 239 to 183. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H. Res. 189, Vote #148, 4/14/15; Bloomberg, 4/14/15; CQ, 4/14/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 4/14/15]

2015: Poliquin Did Not Vote On Blocking Consideration Of The Paycheck Fairness Act. In April 2015, Poliquin did not vote on: “Stivers, R-Ohio, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 200) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 622) that would make permanent the ability of taxpayers to deduct state and local sales taxes in lieu of state and local income taxes, the bill (HR 1105) that would repeal the federal estate tax and repeal the generation-skipping transfer tax, and the bill (HR 1195) that would establish a small business advisory board, credit union advisory council and community bank advisory council for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question demands the House vote on a key measure to end the pay gap between men and women and ensure equal pay for equal work: the Paycheck Fairness Act (HR 1619).” The previous question passed 240 to 183. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H. Res. 200, Vote #154, 4/15/15; CQ, 4/15/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 4/15/15]

• Bloomberg: The Legislation Would Protect Workers Who Share Information About Their Wages, Require Employers To Explain Pay Disparities, And Allow Employees To Seek “Unlimited” Punitive Damages In Wage Bias Cases. “The legislation would protect workers from retaliation for sharing information about their wages, require employers to explain any pay disparities among workers performing the same job, and allow employees to seek unlimited punitive damages in wage bias cases.” [Bloomberg, 4/14/15]

Poliquin Is Wrong For Maine’s Seniors

Poliquin Repeatedly Voted For Republican Budgets That Would Gut Medicare By Turning It Into A Voucher-Like Program, Then Denied He Supported Those Proposals

Poliquin Repeatedly Voted For Republican Budgets That Would Gut Medicare

Poliquin Voted For FY18 House Republican Budget Resolution. [H Con Res 71, Vote #557, 10/5/17; CQ, 10/5/17]

• AP: House Budget “Reprises A Controversial Plan To Turn Medicare Into A Voucher-Like Program.” “The House on Thursday passed a $4.1 trillion budget plan that promises deep cuts to social programs while paving the way for Republicans to rewrite the tax code later this year. The 2018 House GOP budget reprises a controversial plan to turn Medicare into a voucher-like program for future retirees as well as the party’s efforts to repeal the "Obamacare" health law. Republicans controlling Congress have no plans to actually implement those cuts while they pursue their tax overhaul.” [Associated Press, 10/5/17]

• National Committee To Preserve Social Security & Medicare: 2015 House GOP Budget Would Leave “Seniors And The Disabled – Some Of Our Most Vulnerable Americans – Hostage To The Whims Of Private Insurance Companies.” “Once again, the House GOP’s budget would privatize Medicare with a voucher plan, leaving seniors and the disabled – some of our most vulnerable Americans – hostage to the whims of private insurance companies. Over time, this will end traditional Medicare and make it harder for seniors to choose their own doctor. Vouchers will not keep up with the increasing cost of health insurance… that is why seniors will pay more.” [National Committee to Preserve Social Security & Medicare, 3/17/15]

• New York Times: 2015 House GOP Budget Would Turn Medicare Into A “Voucherlike” Program. “House Budget Committee members previewed their plans in an unusual, campaign-style video on Monday. The plan envisions a remaking of the federal government. Future recipients of Medicare would be offered voucherlike ‘premium support’ to pay for private insurance rather than government-provided health care. Spending on Medicaid would be cut substantially over 10 years, with the money turned into block grants to state governments, which in turn would have much more flexibility in deciding how it is allocated.” [New York Times, 3/17/15]

2016: Poliquin Denied He Supported Proposals To Turn Medicare Into A Voucher-Like Program

October 2016: Poliquin Campaign Website: “If Emily Cain And Her Extreme Liberal Allies Would Actually Read The Budget Proposal, They Would See That It Clearly States Medicare Would Be Protected.” “Emily Cain and her extreme liberal allies continue to make false attacks on Congressman Bruce Poliquin’s record in Congress. Don’t believe them. Congressman Poliquin has voted to protect and strengthen Social Security and Medicare. His parents are in their 80s and rely on these important programs. He would never vote to cut them. If Emily Cain and her extreme liberal allies would actually read the budget proposal, they would see that it clearly states Medicare would be protected.” [Poliquin for Congress, 10/12/16]

August 2016: Poliquin Campaign Website: “Congressman Bruce Poliquin Has Never, Ever, Voted In Support Of A Medicare Voucher Program.” “On falsely accusing Congressman Poliquin of supporting a Medicare voucher scheme: Congressman Bruce Poliquin has never, ever, voted in support of a Medicare voucher program. He supported, and strongly urged, language to be included that will help protect Medicare for seniors at or near retirement. The plan Congressman Poliquin voted for would strengthen Medicare by offering future seniors guaranteed-coverage options – including traditional Medicare – regardless of pre-existing conditions or health history. All Maine seniors will have the resources they need to get the healthcare they deserve.” [Poliquin for Congress, 8/24/16]

2014: Poliquin Supported Ryan’s FY 2015 Budget, Which Would Have Made Medicare “Unrecognizable” And Cut Its Funding By $356 Billion

July 2014: Bangor Daily News Editorial Headline: “Bruce Poliquin Supports The Paul Ryan Budget. But What’s Actually In It?” “Poliquin, the Republican former state treasurer, says he supports the Ryan plan. He told the BDN editorial board in May that he would like to see the plan balance the federal budget more quickly.” [Bangor Daily News, Editorial, 7/25/14]

National Journal: “For Those Younger Than Age 55, Medicare Could Look Unrecognizable” If Ryan Budget Were Implemented. “And, for those younger than age 55, Medicare could look unrecognizable: People receive a fixed sum of money from the federal government to buy health insurance in their old age, regardless of the way inflation has caused health care costs to increase.” [National Journal, 3/10/13]

• CBPP: Ryan Budget Would Cut Medicare Spending by a Total of $356 Billion.” According to an analysis of the Ryan budget conducted by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities: “Over the 2013 to 2023 period, the Ryan budget would cut Medicare spending by a total of $356 billion. His budget would save $129 billion compared to current law from limiting medical malpractice awards, increasing income-tested premiums, and
repealing the Medicare benefit improvements in health reform, including closure of the prescription drug ‘donut hole.’ Ryan’s baseline includes $138 billion in scheduled cuts from Medicare’s sustainable growth rate formula for physicians and $89 billion in Medicare cuts from sequestration, bringing his total Medicare reductions to the aforementioned $356 billion.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 3/12/13]

### Poliquin Voted For The American Health Care Act, Which Would Cause Thousands Of Seniors In Maine’s 2nd District To Lose Health Coverage And Create An Age Tax On Older Americans

#### May 2017: Poliquin Voted For The American Health Care Act

**5/4/17: Poliquin Voted For The American Health Care Act.** In May 2017, Poliquin voted for repeal and replace major parts of the Affordable Care Act. According to the New York Times, the bill “would eliminate tax penalties for people who go without health insurance. It would roll back state-by-state expansions of Medicaid, which covered millions of low-income Americans. And in place of government-subsidized insurance policies offered exclusively on the Affordable Care Act’s marketplaces, the bill would offer tax credits of $2,000 to $4,000 a year, depending on age. [...] The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said the first version of the bill would trim the federal budget deficit considerably but would also leave 24 million more Americans without health insurance after a decade. Average insurance premiums would be 15 percent to 20 percent higher in 2018 and 2019, but after that, they would be lower than projected under current law.” The bill passed by a vote of 217-213. [HR 1628, Vote #256, 5/4/17; New York Times, 5/4/17]

**Boston Globe: Poliquin “Played A Pivotal Role” In House Passage Of The AHCA.** “Amid it all, Poliquin opted not to conduct any town meetings in his vast, rural district during last week’s House recess. Poliquin’s office said he was not available for an interview. Poliquin played a pivotal role in passage of the House bill. He rushed back to Washington from a family medical emergency in Maine to help the measure pass by just two votes. So his failure to step forward and explain his vote in detail has angered more than a few people in his district, including specialists who say the bill would decimate health care programs for low-income Maine residents, especially in impoverished rural townships.” [Boston Globe, 5/15/17]

#### Center For American Progress: 3,300 Of Poliquin’s Elderly Constituents Would Have Lost Coverage Under The AHCA

Center For American Progress Estimated That 63,800 Of Poliquin’s Constituents, Including 3,300 Elderly Mainers, Would Lose Health Insurance Under The AHCA. The Center for American Progress estimated that 60,500 nonelderly And 3,300 elderly constituents of Maine’s 2nd Congressional District would lose health insurance as the district was drawn during the 115th Congress. [Center for American Progress, 5/25/17]

**CBO Estimated 14 Million More People Would Be Uninsured In 2018; 23 Million By 2026 Under The AHCA.** “CBO and JCT estimate that, in 2018, 14 million more people would be uninsured under H.R. 1628 than under current law. The increase in the number of uninsured people relative to the number under current law would reach 19 million in 2020 and 23 million in 2026 (see Table 4, at the end of this document).” [CBO, 5/24/17]

- **CBO Found Increase In Uninsured Would Disproportionately Impact Older People With Lower Income.** “Although the agencies expect that the legislation would increase the number of uninsured broadly, the increase would be disproportionately larger among older people with lower income—particularly people between 50 and 64 years old with income of less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level (see Figure 2).” [CBO, 5/24/17]

#### American Health Care Act Would Create An Age Tax On Older Americans

**American Health Care Act Allows Insurers To Charge Older Customers Five Times More Than Younger Adults.** “Raises premiums for older people. The Affordable Care Act limited insurers from charging older...
customers more than three times what they charge younger adults. The House bill would raise that to five times. This may enable younger consumers to find cheaper coverage, but older policyholders would face higher rates.” [Huffington Post, 3/6/17]

New York Times: ACHA Achieved LowerPremiums Not Through Increased Choice And Competition, But By Making Health Insurance So Unaffordable For Many Older Americans They Would Leave The Market. “There are a lot of unpleasant numbers for Republicans in the Congressional Budget Office’s assessment of their health care bill. But congressional leadership found one to cheer: The report says that the bill will eventually cut the average insurance premiums for people who buy their own insurance by 10 percent. [...] But the way the bill achieves those lower average premiums has little to do with increased choice and competition. It depends, rather, on penalizing older patients and rewarding younger ones. According to the C.B.O. report, the bill would make health insurance so unaffordable for many older Americans that they would simply leave the market and join the ranks of the uninsured.” [New York Times, 3/14/17]

AARP: Under AHCA, Premiums For 60 To 64-Year-Olds Would “Increase By An Average Of $3,200.” “Under the AHCA: Average premiums would increase for all ages starting at about age 46. Premiums for 60- to 64-year-olds would increase by an average of $3,200, amounting to average unsubsidized premiums of almost $18,000 per year. Meanwhile, 20- to 29-year-olds are expected to see significantly smaller average savings, of only $700 per year, giving them average unsubsidized premiums of $4,010 per year.” [AARP, 5/4/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Lowering Out-Of-Pocket Drug Costs For Seniors

2017: Poliquin Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment Lowering Out-Of-Pocket Drug Costs For Seniors

Poliquin Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment Lowering Out-Of-Pocket Drug Costs For Seniors Under Medicare Part D. In January 2017, Poliquin voted against: the “Demings, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would exempt regulations that significantly lower seniors’ out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs under Medicare Part D. It would remove the bill’s provision that would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to an agency’s interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering challenges to agency rules.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-233. [HR 5, Vote #44, 1/11/17; CQ, 1/11/17]

Poliquin Voted Six Times To Reopen The Medicare Donut Hole, Costing Seniors Thousands More In Out-Of-Pocket Prescription Costs

Poliquin Voted Six Times To Repeal The Affordable Care Act. [H. Con Res. 27, Vote #141, 3/25/15; H. Con Res. 27, Vote #142, 3/25/15; S Con Res 11, Vote #183, 4/30/15; HR 3762, Vote #568, 10/23/15; HR 3762, Vote #6, 1/6/16; HR 3762, Vote #53, 2/2/16]

• The Affordable Care Act, AKA Obamacare, Would Eventually Close Medicare’s Prescription-Drug Program Coverage Gap. “Over time, Obamacare closes the coverage gap, informally referred to as the donut hole, in Medicare’s prescription-drug program (Part D). As originally designed, once Part D beneficiaries reached their (relatively low) deductible, they had to pay 25 percent of their drug costs up to a certain dollar amount; once beneficiaries’ drug costs reached that limit, they then had to pay all of their drug costs. Then, if their total out-of-pocket costs reached an even higher level (called the catastrophic coverage limit, which is currently set at $4,750), then they only had to pay 5 percent of drug costs above that limit. By the year 2020, though, there will no longer be a donut hole. From the moment beneficiaries’ drug costs reach their deductibles until they reach the catastrophic coverage limit, they will only pay 25 percent of their total drug costs.” [National Review, 11/26/13]

Poliquin Voted For The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act, Which Republicans Planned To Pay For With
Poliquin Voted For House And Final Passage Of The Republican Tax Scam Bill

November 2017: Poliquin Voted For Passage Of The House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “passage of the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering individual and corporate tax rates; consolidating the current seven tax income rates into four rates; eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes; limiting certain deductions for property taxes and home mortgages; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would eliminate personal exemptions and would nearly double the standard deduction. It would raise the child tax credit through 2022, repeal the alternative minimum tax, repeal the estate tax in 2025 and reduce the gift tax rate in 2025. It would establish a new top tax rate for pass-through business income and would modify tax credits related to energy production.” The bill passed 227-205. [HR 1, Vote #637, 11/16/17; CQ Floor Votes, 11/16/17]

- Poliquin Voted For Considering The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 619) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1) that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering individual and corporate tax rates; consolidating the current seven tax income rates into four rates; eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes; limiting certain deductions for property taxes and home mortgages; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries.” The rule was adopted 235-191. [HRes 619, Vote #633, 11/15/17; CQ, 11/15/17]

December 2017: Poliquin Voted For Adopting The Conference Report Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to $10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to $2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for “pass-through” business income through 2025.” The conference report was adopted 227-203. [HR 1, Vote #692, 12/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, 12/19/17]

December 2017: Poliquin Voted For Final Passage Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act By Concurring With A Senate Amendment. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Brady, R-Texas, motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the tax overhaul that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to $10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to $2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for "pass-through" business income through 2025. It would effectively eliminate the penalty for not purchasing health insurance under the 2010 health care overhaul law in 2019. It would also open portions of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling.” The motion was passed 224-201. [HR 1, Vote #699, 12/20/17; CQ Floor Votes, 12/20/17]

- House Was Forced To Vote For A Second Time On The Final Bill After Small Changes Were Made To Comply With Senate Budget Rules. “The House, forced to vote a second time on the $1.5 trillion tax bill, moved swiftly to pass the final version on Wednesday, clearing the way for President Trump to sign into law the most sweeping tax overhaul in decades. House lawmakers approved the tax bill 224 to 201 on Wednesday, after being forced to vote on the bill again after last-minute revisions were made to it in the Senate, which
passed the measure 51 to 48 early Wednesday morning. The final House vote was essentially a formality, as the changes, which were made to comply with Senate budget rules, did not significantly alter the overall bill.” [New York Times, 12/20/17]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased The Federal Debt – And Republicans Planned To Pay For It With Cuts To Medicare And Social Security

Official CBO Estimate Found Final Tax Bill Would Increase The Federal Deficit By $1.9 Trillion. “The GOP’s signature tax law is projected to increase the national debt by $1.9 trillion between 2018 and 2028, according to a new report by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). According to the report, the tax law would cost the government $2.3 trillion in revenues, but economic growth would offset that figure by about $461 billion.” [The Hill, 4/9/18]

After Passing A Tax Bill That Added Trillions To The Deficit, Speaker Ryan Said Medicare And Medicaid Would Need To Be “Reformed” In Order To Decrease The Deficit. “With his dream of tax reform now realized, Ryan is hoping to make progress on two other issues he’s targeted during his two-decade career in Washington: entitlement and welfare reform. ‘We’re going to have to get back next year at entitlement reform, which is how you tackle the debt and the deficit,’ Ryan, a former Budget Committee chairman, said in a recent interview this month on the Ross Kaminsky radio talk show. Medicare and Medicaid are the ‘big drivers of debt,’ Ryan said, suggesting Republicans could once again use the budget reconciliation process to avoid a Democratic filibuster. Medicare is the ‘biggest entitlement that’s got to have reform,’ Ryan added.” [The Hill, 12/27/17]


- HEADLINE: Ryan says Republicans to target welfare, Medicare, Medicaid spending in 2018 [Washington Post, 12/6/17]

- HEADLINE: Paul Ryan Pushes to Keep Overhaul of Safety-Net Programs on GOP Agenda [Wall Street Journal, 2/4/18]

AP: “A Wide Range Of Economists And Nonpartisan Analysts Have Warned That The Bill Will Likely Escalate Federal Debt, Intensify Pressure To Cut Spending On Social Programs And Further Widen America’s Troubling Income Inequality.” “The tax overhaul of 2017 amounts to a high-stakes gamble by Republicans in Congress: That slashing taxes for corporations and wealthy individuals will accelerate growth and assure greater prosperity for Americans for years to come. The risks are considerable. A wide range of economists and nonpartisan analysts have warned that the bill will likely escalate federal debt, intensify pressure to cut spending on social programs and further widen America’s troubling income inequality.” [Associated Press, 12/17/17]

House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Repealed Medical Expense Deduction - Hurting Americans Who Need Long Term Care, Like Seniors With Alzheimer’s

Medical Expenses Deduction Helped Older Americans With Long Term Care Costs, And Younger Families Struggling To Care For Children With Chronic Conditions And Disabilities. “According to an analysis in January from the Joint Committee on Taxation, most taxpayers who claim the deduction have incomes below $100,000, with about 40 percent below $75,000. More than half of those who claim it are older than 65, according to AARP, the lobby for older Americans. They often face staggering medical and long-term care costs. The deduction also helps younger families struggling to pay the enormous cost of caring for children with chronic conditions or disabilities, and couples going through costly fertility treatments like in vitro fertilization.” [New York Times, 11/8/17]
New York Times: “Eliminating The Medical-Expense Deduction Would Hit The Middle Class Squarely, Eliminating A Source Of Relief That Has Helped Millions Of People Cope With Steep Medical Costs.” “But while the party has framed its tax plan as a boon for the middle class, eliminating the medical-expense deduction would hit the middle class squarely, eliminating a source of relief that has helped millions of people cope with steep medical costs in a country without comprehensive, universal health coverage.” [New York Times, 11/15/17]

Poliquin Said He Hoped A Final Version Of TCJA Would Make Medical Expenses And Student Loan Interest Deductible. “Poliquin said there are provisions in the Senate measure that he hopes wind up in the final bill, including the ability to deduct medical expenses and student loan interest, but approving the House proposal is a necessary first step.” [Portland Press Herald, 11/14/17]

2012 – 2014: Poliquin Supported Raising The Retirement Age

April 2012: Poliquin Said He Supported Raising The Retirement Age. “‘I’m very encouraged by and impressed with Congressman Ryan,’ Poliquin says. ‘The part I like about his budget is that he’s dead serious about cutting all of government spending. I don’t think he cuts enough soon enough, but he also is very serious about paying down our debt.’ Poliquin has a plan of his own for saving Social Security: ‘The way to do it is raise the retirement age for new entrants and also slow down the rate of growth of benefits.’” [National Review, 4/30/12]

October 2012: Poliquin Said He Supported “Raising Age To Receive Benefits For Younger Workers.” “[Bangor Daily News:] What steps do you support to reform Social Security and Medicare? [Poliquin:] Save programs by raising age to receive benefits for younger workers. Less generous benefits for wealthy. No changes for current or near-retirees.” [Bangor Daily News, 10/10/12]

2014: Poliquin Said He Supported Saving Social Security For “Seniors Who Have Paid Into The System Who Are Counting On That Program,” But Raise The Retirement Age For Younger Workers. POLIQUIN: “Now, the social security plan is a very large $15 trillion unfunded defined benefit pension plan. It's the same problem we had here at the state level that I helped solve, we need to make sure we save that plan for our seniors who have paid into the system who are counting on that program. And then for individuals that are much younger, like my son, Sam who is 23, we have to be very honest with Sam, say, Sam, you're living longer, you're gonna have to retire at a later age before you get a retirement check. If you're a high wage earner, your your pension check might be a little bit less than someone who's really struggling. This is a math problem.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter GOP Primary Debate, 5/28/14] (VIDEO) 17:36

- Poliquin On The Future Of Social Security: “For Individuals That Are Much Younger, Like My Son, Sam Who Is 23, We Have To Be Very Honest With Sam, Say, ‘You’re Living Longer, You’re Going To Have To Retire At A Later Age Before You Get A Retirement Check.” POLIQUIN: “Now, the social security plan is a very large $15 trillion unfunded defined benefit pension plan. It's the same problem we had here at the state level that I helped solve, we need to make sure we save that plan for our seniors who have paid into the system who are counting on that program. And then for individuals that are much younger, like my son, Sam who is 23, we have to be very honest with Sam, say, Sam, you're living longer, you're gonna have to retire at a later age before you get a retirement check. If you're a high wage earner, your your pension check might be a little bit less than someone who's really struggling. This is a math problem.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter GOP Primary Debate, 5/28/14] (VIDEO) 17:36

2018: Poliquin Sent Franked Mail That Touted An Award He Received From An Organization That Supported Privatizing Social Security And Turning Medicare Into A Voucher-Like System

July 2018: Poliquin Sent A Piece Of Franked Mail That Touted The Guardian Of Seniors’ Rights Award He Received. “To that end, I was honored to be selected to receive the Guardian of Senior Rights’ award for 2018. This selective award is given to Members of Congress who vote to protect Medicare and Social Security and are
outspoken advocates for programs that help our Senior Citizens. Please know that I am working hard to Preserve and Protect these important programs.”


- Columnist Amy Fried Wrote That The Letter Was Postmarked July 12, 2018. “I haven’t seen any publicity about this from Poliquin’s campaign or congressional office, but two days ago my household received a letter dated July 12 from the latter saying the congressman ‘was honored to receive the Guardian of Seniors’ Rights award for 2018.’ You can see the letter below and can see the portion quoted just below the envelope.” [Amy Fried Column, 7/23/18]

The Koch Brothers Funded The 60 Plus Association, Which Was Founded As A Conservative Alternative To AARP. “The ad was put out last month by the 60 Plus Association, a Koch–funded 501(c)(4) group founded in 1992 by a Republican Senate staffer as a conservative alternative to AARP.” [The Intercept, 10/15/21]

The 60 Plus Association Supported Republicans’ Proposals To Privatize Social Security And Turn Medicare Into A Voucher-Like System. “Despite its televised claims to want to defend Medicare, the 60 Plus Association backed former Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan’s 2011 plan to end the program and turn it into a capped voucher system, as well as former President George W. Bush’s push to privatize Social Security.” [The Intercept, 10/15/21]

Note: This letter was not available in the Clerk of the House of Representative’s Franking Commission Advisory Opinion Public Disclosure archive of Poliquin’s mass communications from 2018.

As Of 2020, 179,279 Residents Of Maine’s Second Congressional District Were Social Security Beneficiaries. According to the Social Security Administration, 179,279 of residents of Maine’s Second Congressional District were Social Security beneficiaries. Of those beneficiaries, 121,461 were retirees, 30,468 were disabled workers, 9,944 were widows, widowers, and parents, 5,219 were parents, and 12,187 were children. [Social Security Administration, December 2020]

May 2017: Poliquin Voted For Blocking Legislation That Would Prevent The House From Cutting Social Security, Medicare, Or Medicaid. Poliquin Voted For Blocking Legislation That Would Prevent The House From Cutting Social Security, Medicare, Or Medicaid. In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment.)” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the motion blocked legislation to “restrict consideration of any bill, joint resolution, motion, amendment, or conference report that: (1) cuts social security benefits, (2) raises the retirement age for social security, (3) privatizes social security, (4) cuts guaranteed medicare benefits, or (5) results in cuts to state medicaid plan benefits or eligibility.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the legislation prohibiting the House from cutting these programs. The previous question carried, 229-191. [H Res 348, Vote #271, 5/23/17; CQ, 5/23/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, 5/23/17]

2014: Poliquin Called Cuts To Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid “Absolutely Fundamental”. Poliquin Said It Was “Absolutely Fundamental” To Make Cuts To Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid So Associated Spending Made Up Less Of Our Federal Budget. POLIQUIN: “I’m really glad the viewer asked this question because 43 percent of all federal government spending is in three very large programs, one of which is Social Security. The other two are Medicare and Medicaid. 43 percent of all spending. So unless we address this problem, we will never get our fiscal house in order and our economy will never be strong enough to generate the good-paying jobs that we need. It is absolutely fundamental. I understand this issue very well.” [YouTube, Maine 02 RawFootage, WAGM Raye Poliquin Primary Debate, 5/30/14] (VIDEO) 38:09

Poliquin Called On The Federal Government To Address “Problems” With Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid, Which Were “On Autopilot” And “Consumed” 43 Percent Of Our Federal Budget. POLIQUIN: “About 43 percent of our budget is consumed by three huge government programs: Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. Now unless we address those problems – because those programs are on autopilot – we’re never going to create or rather address this fiscal black cloud that’s, that's hovering above our economy, that's preventing business owners from investing in their companies, hiring more people and creating jobs. Now we have to make sure that for
our seniors or those that are close to being retirees or close to being seniors, if you will, they've paid into our Social Security, for example…” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter GOP Primary Debate, 5/28/14] (VIDEO) 9:51

2014: Poliquin Supported Means-Testing Social Security

Poliquin Supported Means-Testing Social Security. “‘Another thing we might have to do is a means test,’ Poliquin said. ‘So if you are a high earner, maybe your retirement check isn’t as generous as someone who is earning less.’” [MPBN, 5/1/14]

Poliquin Championed A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution, Which Would Override Commitments To Social Security And Medicare

Poliquin Voted For Proposing A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution And Against An Amendment To Protect Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid

Poliquin Voted For Proposing A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution. In April 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution that would propose a constitutional amendment that would require the U.S. government to operate under a balanced budget each year, beginning five years after ratification. Under the proposal, three-fifths of the entire House and Senate would be required to approve deficit spending or an increase in the public debt limit, but a simple majority would be sufficient to waive the requirement in times of congressionally declared war or in the face of a serious military threat.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 233-184. [H J Res 2, Vote #138, 4/12/18; CQ, 4/12/18; Congressional Record, H3018, 4/11/18]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking An Amendment To The Balanced Budget Amendment To Protect Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid. In April 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on […] providing for the speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules on April 12, 2018, relating to the joint resolution (H J Res 2) that would propose a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution.” According to Rep. McGovern, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule which would amend the bill to exempt Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, vital pillars of our social safety net.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 231-186. [H Res 811, Vote #133, 4/11/18; CQ, 4/11/18]

2015 – 2018: Poliquin Co-Sponsored A Balanced Budget Amendment Four Times


2016 – 2021: Poliquin Advocated For A Constitutional Amendment To Require A Balanced Budget

July 2021: Poliquin Said He Supported A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution. HOST: “Let’s say we made you King of America. What would you do?” POLIQUIN: “Well first of all what you do is pass a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution so the federal government would only be able to spend what they take in instead of borrowing and printing money to make up the difference, just like the state of Maine has.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 7/15/21] (AUDIO) 5:02

January 2021: Poliquin: “We’ve Got To Have A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution, The Federal Constitution.” POLIQUIN: “I got a stomachache, frankly. This is why we’ve got to have a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, the federal Constitution. We have one at the state level. […] What the
federal government does, Matt, is these folks that represent us, they just spend as much money as they want. If they run out of money, they just print more.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 1/15/21] (AUDIO) 9:34

**August 2018: Poliquin: “We Need A Balanced Budget Amendment To Our Constitution.”** “We need a Balanced Budget Amendment to our Constitution. We cannot afford Career Politicians like Jared Golden who, like Nancy Pelosi, vote for every radical tax increase. Like Maine families, DC must learn to live within its means and start paying off the twenty one trillion dollar national debt.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 8/20/18]

**August 2018: Poliquin: “The Only Way To Force A Separation Of The Good From The Bad And Require Hard Choices Is A Constitutional Balanced Budget Amendment.”** “Every budget in Washington has something good or bad in it, including jobs at BIW, support for our Veterans, and other needed items. The only way to force a separation of the good from the bad and require hard choices is a Constitutional Balanced Budget Amendment. Bruce will not stop fighting for this common sense measure. If you agree in working for a Balanced Budget Amendment to force both political parties to balance the budget, please share!”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 8/30/18]

**April 2018: Poliquin Said A Constitutional Amendment To Require A Balanced Budget Would “Force Politicians In Washington To Think More Seriously About These Fiscal Decisions.”** “Poliquin, a 2nd District Republican who is seeking a third term, has pushed for the measure since 2015 because of what he sees as a need ‘for our government to get our spending under control.’ ‘We need to reform how Congress operates in order to truly fix this enormous problem and I believe that starts’ with a constitutional amendment to require a balanced budget, Poliquin said in a prepared statement. The lawmaker, who in recent months voted for a $1.5 trillion tax cut and a $1.3 trillion spending plan for the next fiscal year, said it would ‘force politicians in Washington to think more
seriously about these fiscal decisions and force all members, from both political parties, to make the right
decision.”’” [Central Maine, 4/6/18]

February 2016: Poliquin Led A Group That Called On Republican Presidential Candidates To Support A Balanced Budget Amendment. “A group of freshmen Republicans in Congress is calling on the party’s presidential candidates to focus less on bickering and more on the national debt in advance of the South Carolina primary. Maine Rep. Bruce Poliquin is leading the group, which is sending a letter to the candidates Wednesday. Poliquin and the lawmakers want Republican candidates to put aside personal jabs and show support for a balanced budget amendment. The letter says candidates need to back spending restraints and show debt is one of the ‘primary threats to our freedoms.’ The signers are from more than a dozen states and many haven’t endorsed a candidate for president.” [Seacoast Online, 2/17/16]

2016: Poliquin Campaign Website: “Amending The U.S. Constitution For The 28th Time To Require An Annual Balanced Budget Would, Finally, Start Putting Our Fiscal House In Order And Keep It There.” “Amending the U.S. Constitution for the 28th time to require an annual balanced budget would, finally, start putting our fiscal house in order and keep it there. A balanced budget amendment would force Congress and the White House to start paying off the reckless $17 trillion national debt that is suffocating our economy. Business owners would have the confidence to invest in America, grow their companies, and create more jobs. Families could keep more of their own hard-earned wages as taxes could be lowered. The expanding economy would create more opportunities, more freedom, and more tax revenues to fund essential government programs.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/29/16]

A Balanced Budget Amendment Would Override All Government Guarantees And Promises Written Into Law, Including Social Security And Medicare

A Balanced Budget Amendment Would Override All Government Guarantees And Promises Written Into Law – Including Social Security, Medicare, Veterans Benefits, And Military Pensions. “In general, a balanced budget requirement in the U.S. Constitution would override any and all government guarantees and promises written into law: the guarantee to pay interest on the debt; or to pay insurance and guarantee claims for bank deposits, floods, loan defaults, and nuclear accidents; or to pay program benefits for Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, unemployment benefits, veterans’ benefits, or military and civil service pensions; or to pay contractors who have delivered goods or services to the federal government.” [CBPP, 3/16/18]

Under A Balanced Budget Amendment, It Would Be Unconstitutional For Social Security To Use Its Savings – What Workers Already Paid In To – To Pay Promised Benefits; Benefits Could Have To Be Cut. “Currently, Social Security holds $2.9 trillion in Treasury securities. But under the balanced budget amendment, it would essentially be unconstitutional for Social Security to draw down these savings to pay promised benefits. Instead, benefits could have to be cut, because all federal expenditures would have to be covered by tax revenues collected during that same year.” [CBPP, 3/16/18]

AARP And Center For American Progress: Balanced Budget Amendment Would Harm Social Security And Medicare

AARP Opposed The Balanced Budget Amendment Because It Would “Likely Harm Social Security And Medicare, Subjecting Both Programs To Potentially Deep Cuts.” “AARP is writing to express our opposition to a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States. […] A balanced budget amendment would likely harm Social Security and Medicare, subjecting both programs to potentially deep cuts without regard to the impact on the health and financial security of individuals. It would also likely diminish the resources available for programs assisting Americans who are least able to provide for themselves – services such as meals or heating for those who are too poor or physically unable to take care of their basic needs without some support.” [AARP, Letter, 4/9/18]
Poliquin Is Wrong For Mainers With Pre-Existing Conditions

2017: More Than Half Of Poliquin’s Constituents Had A Pre-Existing Condition

2017: Center For American Progress Estimated That 266,500 Of People In Maine’s 2nd Congressional District Under 65, Or 53 Percent Of The District’s Nonelderly Population, Had A Pre-Existing Condition. The Center for American Progress estimated that 266,500 constituents of Maine’s 2nd Congressional District under age 65, which totaled 53% of the district’s nonelderly population had a pre-existing condition as the district was drawn during the 115th Congress. [Center for American Progress, 4/5/17]

Poliquin Followed Through On Campaign Promises By Voting Seven Times To Repeal The Affordable Care Act, Which Protected Mainers With Pre-Existing Conditions

2011 – 2016: Poliquin Said He Aimed To Repeal The ACA As Quickly As Possible And Called It “The Wrong Way To Go”

2011: Poliquin: “It Cost Us Nothing, Essentially Nothing, Free, To Repeal Obamacare. So That’s The First Thing We’re Doing.” AUDIENCE MEMBER: “You say lower health insurance premiums. […] How? What do you have in mind?” POLIQUIN: “Well, the first thing is, as you know, Maine signed on with Florida [inaudible] and it costs us nothing, essentially nothing, free, to repeal Obamacare. So that’s the first thing we’re doing. The governor has a plan for this. Mary Mayhew has just been appointed head of HHS and had a couple businesspeople working underneath her and we need to make sure we tighten eligibility requirements to get the cost of delivering these services down. The problem is the governor is handcuffed, because Maine has been so generous with our MaineCare that now we’re way above the national average and if we want to drop down, they say ‘nope! You have to stay where you are.’ So we have to get this repealed.” [YouTube, stan5858, Bruce Poliquin, Maine State Treasurer, “The Importance of Fiscal Discipline,” 2/28/11] (VIDEO) 23:04

2012: Poliquin: “Here Are The First Few Things I Would Do. Number One, Repeal Obamacare.” POLIQUIN: “Now, if I have the opportunity to help fix our country and Maine at the same time here are the first few things I would do. Number one, repeal Obamacare.” [YouTube, Dirigo Blue, Bruce Poliquin’s First Priority, 9/11/14] (VIDEO) :00 Note: This video was uploaded in 2014; Poliquin’s remarks were made in 2012.

Poliquin: “I Believe That It Is Wrong To Have The Federal Government Take Over The Best Private Healthcare Industry In The World, And Obamacare I’m Dead Set Against.” POLIQUIN: “I believe that it is wrong to have the federal government take over the best private healthcare industry in the world, and Obamacare I’m dead set against. There’s a better way to do this.” [YouTube, Maine 02 RawFootage, WAGM Raye Poliquin Primary Debate, 5/30/14] (VIDEO) 8:34

2014: Poliquin: “Obamacare Is The Wrong Way To Go.” HOST: “Now that 50,000 Mainers have received private insurance through the Affordable Care Act, if you were to get to Congress, would you vote to take that health insurance away?” […] HOST: “Bruce Poliquin, do you think scrap it and replace it? And if so, what do you replace it with?” POLIQUIN: “Obamacare is the wrong way to go. We need to make sure we have the private sector, try to solve this health care problem. You know, we were promised that when the federal government took over our healthcare system, that you wouldn't lose your health insurance plans, you wouldn't lose your doctors and you wouldn't lose the hospitals of choice. That is absolutely not the case. It has been it's so it's a good example of a government run program that limits our choices and drives up costs and drives up taxes.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter GOP Primary Debate, 5/28/14] (VIDEO) 13:00
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2016: Poliquin’s Campaign Website Listed “End Obamacare” As An “Action Item. “ACTION ITEMS: Eliminate unnecessary job-killing regulations Lower heating oil, gasoline, electricity costs End Obamacare […] Ending Obamacare and allowing Americans to shop across state lines to buy health insurance will lower unaffordable monthly premiums.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/29/16]

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• Poliquin Voted To Agree With Senate Amendment To Bill To Repeal Major Portions Of The Affordable Care Act, Including Individual Mandate. [HR 3762, Vote #6, 1/6/16; CQ Floor Votes, 1/6/16]

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Poliquin Voted For The American Health Care Act. In May 2017, Poliquin voted for a bill to repeal and replace major parts of the Affordable Care Act. According to the New York Times, the bill “would eliminate tax penalties for people who go without health insurance. It would roll back state-by-state expansions of Medicaid, which covered millions of low-income Americans. And in place of government-subsidized insurance policies offered exclusively on the Affordable Care Act’s marketplaces, the bill would offer tax credits of $2,000 to $4,000 a year, depending on age. [...] The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said the first version of the bill would trim the federal budget deficit considerably but would also leave 24 million more Americans without health insurance after a decade. Average insurance premiums would be 15 percent to 20 percent higher in 2018 and 2019, but after that, they would be lower than projected under current law.” The bill passed by a vote of 217-213. [HR 1628, Vote #256, 5/4/17; New York Times, 5/4/17]

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• The Bill Attempted “To Overturn President Obama’s Veto Of Legislation To Repeal Obamacare.” “House Republicans are moving on to a new round of budget fights after failing on Tuesday to overturn President Obama’s veto of legislation to repeal Obamacare and defund Planned Parenthood. Republicans were not able to rally the support of two-thirds of the House necessary to overturn the veto, leaving conservatives to turn their attention to a final year of budget fights with the president. The 241-186 vote, appropriately scheduled for Groundhog Day, was the 63rd time the House has voted to overturn all or part of Obama’s signature health care law.” [Washington Post, 2/2/16]

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• CNN: The Legislation Would “Repeal Obamacare.” “The GOP-controlled House of Representatives on Wednesday afternoon passed legislation that would repeal Obamacare, and after more than 60 votes to roll back all or part of the law, the bill dismantle it will finally get to the President’s desk.” [CNN, 1/6/16]
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- Los Angeles Times: The Bill “Would Repeal Several Major Pillars Of President Obama’s Landmark 2010 Law, Including The Requirement That Americans Have Health Coverage.” “House Republicans pushed forward with another vote to roll back the Affordable Care Act on Friday, passing a bill that would repeal several major pillars of President Obama’s landmark 2010 law, including the requirement that Americans have health coverage.” [Los Angeles Times, 10/23/15]

- HEADLINE: House Republicans Vote To Repeal Obamacare, Again. [Los Angeles Times, 10/23/15]

- According To The CBO, The Bill Would Increase The Number Of Uninsured Americans By 32 Million. “The number of people who are uninsured would increase by 18 million in the first new plan year following enactment of the bill. Later, after the elimination of the ACA’s expansion of Medicaid eligibility and of subsidies for insurance purchased through the ACA marketplaces, that number would increase to 27 million, and then to 32 million in 2026.” [CBO, 1/2017]

- According To The CBO, The Bill Would Cause Health Insurance Premiums To Double. “Premiums in the nongroup market (for individual policies purchased through the marketplaces or directly from insurers) would increase by 20 percent to 25 percent—relative to projections under current law—in the first new plan year following enactment. The increase would reach about 50 percent in the year following the elimination of the Medicaid expansion and the marketplace subsidies, and premiums would about double by 2026.” [CBO, 1/2017]

- According To The CBO, The Bill Would Leave In Place Rules That Insurance Companies Could “Not Deny Coverage Or Vary Premiums Because Of An Enrollee’S Health Status Or Limit Coverage Because Of Preexisting Medical Conditions.” “Importantly, H.R. 3762 would leave in place a number of market reforms—rules established by the ACA that govern certain health insurance markets. Insurers who sell plans either through the marketplaces or directly to consumers are required to: Provide specific benefits and amounts of coverage; Not deny coverage or vary premiums because of an enrollee’s health status or limit coverage because of preexisting medical conditions; and Vary premiums only on the basis of age, tobacco use, and geographic location.” [CBO, 1/2017]

Repealing The ACA Could Have Subjected More Than Half A Million Mainers With Pre-Existing Conditions To Higher Premiums, Benefit Exclusions, Or Denial Of Health Care Coverage

Center For American Progress: 544,100 Mainers With Pre-Existing Conditions “Could Face Higher Premiums, Face Benefit Exclusions, Or Be Denied Coverage Altogether” If The ACA Were Repealed. “Select your state from the drop-down list below to see some of the harms that would result from ACA repeal. […] 544,100 people in Maine with preexisting conditions could face higher premiums, face benefit exclusions, or be denied coverage altogether—a discriminatory practice outlawed by the ACA nationwide—if they ever needed to turn to the individual market for coverage in another state.” [Center for American Progress, 3/2/20]

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August 2017: In Leaked Audio From A Private Event, Poliquin Said It Was “Shameful” That The Senate Did Not Pass The AHCA. “Poliquin has detailed many health care issues he would like to see Congress address, and considered the House vote a necessary step toward resolving them. He told Maine Heritage Policy Center supporters -- which was detailed in a secret recording of the talk provided to the Maine People's Alliance -- that with the House passage, it became the Senate's turn to act. But it refused to support any alternative offered, stalled in the end by the opposition of three senators, including Maine's Susan Collins, a Republican. ‘How can anybody vote not even to start debate on an issue this important?’ Poliquin asked. ‘We've got to fix this and we did in the House,' he said. ‘The Senate couldn't get it done. That is shameful.' ‘We have done what we needed to do in the House. Pray for our senators. Reach out to whoever you think you should,’ Poliquin said. Poliquin appeared to take aim at Collins in particular. ‘Now, for some people to say, 'Well, the reason I can't support this, Bruce, is because it cuts Medicaid,' that is a flat-out untruthful statement,’ the congressman alleged.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 8/25/17]

Poliquin Claimed The AHCA Would Affect "Only The 7 Percent Of Maine Residents Who Have Obamacare Policies"

On A Call With Reporters Just Before His Vote For The AHCA, Poliquin Repeatedly Claimed The Bill Only “Affects Only The 7 Percent Of Maine Residents Who Have Obamacare Policies.” “In a conference call with reporters before the vote, he said the bill represents the best parts of several previous attempts at reform and Republican efforts to undo former President Barack Obama's signature 2010 legislation, the Affordable Care Act. ‘This affects only the 7 percent of Maine residents who have Obamacare policies,’ he said. ‘People sent me to Congress to solve serious problems that are affecting Maine people.’ In his 15-minute exchange with Maine reporters, Poliquin repeated the same point multiple times about the small percentage of Mainers who would be affected, the roughly 80,000 people in the state who have insurance under the Affordable Care Act.” [Kennebec Journal, 5/4/17]

- May 2017: Poliquin Claimed “Folks Who Are On Obamacare Policies, They Continue To Have Those Policies” Under The AHCA. “Poliquin also said that people will be able to keep the health plans they have under the ACA, as long as insurance companies continue to offer them. ‘Folks who are on Obamacare policies, they continue to have those policies, but those that are looking for something different, we are bringing the insurance marketplace back in to hopefully lower the price and make sure we have protections for people with pre-existing conditions and guaranteed issuance,’ he said. Brostek was skeptical of that promise, especially since Obama made a similar claim when selling the ACA, which turned out not to be true. ‘It seems like a pretty dangerous claim, based on what we saw with Obama,’ she said.” [Portland Press Herald, 5/12/17]

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Kennebec Journal Editorial Board: Poliquin “Repeated Republican Talking Points That Were Instantly Exposed As False,” Including That His Vote Would Only Affect 7 Percent Of Mainers. “Then he repeated Republican talking points that were instantly exposed as false - claiming, for example, that the bill would affect only the 7 percent of Mainers who buy insurance on the individual market, and not the tens of thousands of Mainers on Medicaid, including thousands of his constituents, who would be direct losers. It's important to remember that what Poliquin and the others support is not just an attack on the Medicaid expansion created by the Affordable Care Act, an aspect of the law in which Maine does not participate. But roughly a fifth of Mainers get their health care through traditional Medicaid - and tearing that apart is central to both the House and Senate attempts to repeal the ACA. Both bills cap federal contributions for the states for their Medicaid programs, rather than paying a share of the costs of caring for each program enrollee. As health care costs climb, the federal share will shrink as a portion of the whole cost, forcing states to cut services.” [Kennebec Journal, Editorial Board, 7/18/17]

Poliquin Claimed The AHCA Would Not Hurt Mainers With Pre-Existing Conditions

July 2017: Poliquin Claimed The AHCA “Ensures Everyone Will Have Access, Even Those With Pre-Existing Conditions ... At A Price They Can Afford.” “A major concern with the new Republican health care bill is how it would affect people with pre-existing conditions. Poliquin said one of the biggest reasons he will support the new bill is because he's convinced it ‘ensures everyone will have access, even those with pre-existing conditions ... at a price they can afford.’” [Kennebec Journal, 7/12/17]

- 2018: Poliquin: “Everything I Have Ever Supported Is To Drive Down The Cost Of Health Insurance, Make Sure Everybody Is Protected When They Have A Preexisting Condition.” HOST: “The affordable care act is the law of the land. Although clearly a lot of people would make the argument that healthcare is anything but affordable under a lot of circumstances. In Congress what could you do to make sure people have access to affordable healthcare?” POLIQUIN: “Everybody in this country needs to have healthcare and everybody needs to be able to afford health insurance in order to get that care. One of the first votes I cast in Congress in 2015 was -- and I was one of only three republicans in Congress -- to vote against repealing the Affordable Care Act because there was no replacement. Let me tell you, I got some criticism about that, but it was the right thing to do. Since that time I have introduced a 14 point plan, in part based on the Maine model that drove down the cost of health insurance and gave us more choices. It was called PL-90. My mother is a nurse. She's 90 years old now. Doesn't practice of course. But she's a nurse. I grew up with healthcare in our family. My son has a preexisting condition. Everything I have ever supported is to drive down the cost of health insurance, make sure everybody is protected when they have a preexisting condition. But I will tell you what I don't think is a good idea is a 100% government run healthcare that Jared Golden supports, that will drive up taxes, cost 32 trillion dollars and end Medicare as we know it.” [C-SPAN, 2018 ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/16/18] (VIDEO) 24:59

May 2017: Poliquin On The AHCA: “If You Have Pre-Existing Conditions, Like My Family, You Are Going To Be Covered.” “Poliquin, who reportedly ducked into a bathroom last week to avoid discussing his position on the American Health Care Act ahead of the House vote, said Friday he personally met with President Trump in the Oval Office to discuss the legislation's potential impact on rural Maine, which makes up the bulk of his 2nd District. He said $138 billion has been allocated over a 10-year period to help people in so-called high-risk pools afford coverage. ‘We passed (a bill) that is better for more people and it guarantees that you will have access to
health insurance,’ he said. ‘You will not be denied. If you have pre-existing conditions, like my family, you are going to be covered. And tax credits allow you to buy the plan you want, and as you get older those tax credits go up.’” [Portland Press Herald, 5/12/17]

- Poliquin Evoked His Son, Who Has Asthma, To Defend His AHCA Vote: “I’ve Seen Health Care Up Close.” “In the debate over replacing the Affordable Care Act, U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-2nd District, brought up his asthmatic adult son, Sammy, and the importance of protecting people with pre-existing conditions. ‘My own son has an asthma condition, a pre-existing condition,’ Poliquin said in a statement Thursday. ‘I’ve seen health care up close. We need to do the best job we possibly can when it comes to health care so Maine people get the care they need.’ But the American Health Care Act -- the Republican House bill approved 217-213 on Thursday -- would result in millions losing health care coverage, and it undermines protections for pre-existing conditions.” [Portland Press Herald, 5/5/17]

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<td>Poliquin Praised The AHCA For “Bipartisan Maine Reforms At [Its] Center” And Incorporation Of “Maine's Models For Welfare Reforms.” “Poliquin pointed out that ‘Maine is in a unique position’ in the health care debate because its reforms ‘have become the core model of this new health care legislation, which includes some of Maine's models for welfare reforms as well.’ He said he agreed to back the measure ‘with bipartisan Maine reforms at the center of this new bill, and with Maine having ensured essential health benefits and pre-existing conditions are covered under state laws.’ ‘I have studied this health care issue carefully with one thing in mind: the people of Maine. I do not work for the Democrats, Republicans, or Washington bosses,’ the congressman said. ‘I work only for the people of Maine and my focus has been solely on the Maine people.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 5/4/17]</td>
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- The AHCA Incorporated The Model Of The Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Program, Which Subsidized A High-Risk Pool Of Insures With Pre-Existing Conditions. “A LePage administration health insurance program that inspired a key component of the latest Republican proposal to replace the Affordable Care Act was only in place 18 months before being supplanted by the Affordable Care Act. Critics say that wasn't long enough to gauge its effectiveness. Supporters, meanwhile, say the program was working well at lowering premiums. The Maine program, called the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Program, or MGARA, was superseded by the Affordable Care Act in 2013. […] But critics of Maine's high-risk pool say that to achieve lower premiums, Maine permitted insurers to offer plans with fewer benefits. For instance, Maine did not require plans to offer maternity care, a significant and expensive benefit used by many. […] LePage's program redistributed money to the individual marketplace in Maine by charging a $4 per person, per month fee on individual, small- and large-group plans.” [Portland Press Herald, 5/1/17]
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2018: Poliquin Campaign Website On High-Risk Pools: “I Continue To Advocate For This Solution As A National Model For Reform.” “Advocating for Maine solutions like the invisible risk pools created by the Maine Legislature which guaranteed coverage for pre-existing conditions while holding down and lowering health insurance costs for Maine people. I continue to advocate for this solution as a national model for reform.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/5/18]

Funding For The High-Risk Pool Under The AHCA Was “Drastically Underfunded And Would Have Minimal Impact On Rates” According To Its Critics Like The Center For American Progress. “Meanwhile, the Maine-inspired portion of the ACA replacement proposal is drastically underfunded in the House bill, and would have minimal impact on rates, critics say. […] Stein said there’s nothing wrong with the structure of a reinsurance program like MGARA, but the key is how well it’s funded. ‘In the end, it all comes down to how much money is put in,’ Stein said. Nationally, the AHCA would fund the Maine-like program to the tune of $15 billion over 10 years, plus states could draw from a $115 billion fund over 10 years that could be used for a number of programs, including reinsurance. Critics, including Topher Spiro, vice president of health policy for the Washington-based Center for American Progress, said the amount devoted to reinsurance programs is a tiny fraction of AHCA funding, and would have little impact on rates.” [Portland Press Herald, 5/1/17]

Poliquin Is Wrong For Maine’s Working Families

Poliquin Supported Giving Millionaires And Billionaires A Tax Break While Raising Taxes On Middle Class Families

2017: Poliquin Voted For House And Final Passage Of The Republican Tax Scam Bill

November 2017: Poliquin Voted For Passage Of The House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “passage of the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering individual and corporate tax rates; consolidating the current seven tax income rates into four rates; eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes; limiting certain deductions for property taxes and home mortgages; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would eliminate personal exemptions and would nearly double the standard deduction. It would raise the child tax credit through 2022, repeal the alternative minimum tax, repeal the estate tax in 2025 and reduce the gift tax rate in 2025. It would establish a new top tax rate for pass-through business income and would modify tax credits related to energy production.” The bill passed 227-205. [HR 1, Vote #637, 11/16/17; CQ Floor Votes, 11/16/17]

Poliquin Voted For Considering The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 619) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1) that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering individual and corporate tax rates; consolidating the current seven tax income rates into four rates; eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes; limiting certain deductions for property taxes and home mortgages; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries.” The rule was adopted 235-191. [HRes 619, Vote #633, 11/15/17; CQ, 11/15/17]

income tax system by lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to $10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to $2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for "pass-through" business income through 2025.” The conference report was adopted 227-203. [HR 1, Vote #692, 12/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, 12/20/17]

December 2017: Poliquin Voted For Final Passage Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act By Concurring With A Senate Amendment. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Brady, R-Texas, motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the tax overhaul that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to $10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to $2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for "pass-through" business income through 2025. It would effectively eliminate the penalty for not purchasing health insurance under the 2010 health care overhaul law in 2019. It would also open portions of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling.” The motion was passed 224-201. [HR 1, Vote #699, 12/20/17; CQ Floor Votes, 12/20/17]

- House Was Forced To Vote For A Second Time On The Final Bill After Small Changes Were Made To Comply With Senate Budget Rules. “The House, forced to vote a second time on the $1.5 trillion tax bill, moved swiftly to pass the final version on Wednesday, clearing the way for President Trump to sign into law the most sweeping tax overhaul in decades. House lawmakers approved the tax bill 224 to 201 on Wednesday, after being forced to vote on the bill again after last-minute revisions were made to it in the Senate, which passed the measure 51 to 48 early Wednesday morning. The final House vote was essentially a formality, as the changes, which were made to comply with Senate budget rules, did not significantly alter the overall bill.” [New York Times, 12/20/17]

Poliquin Claimed The TCJA Would Help Middle Class Families And Small Businesses…

October 2018: Poliquin Called The TCJA “A Huge Boost To Our Hardworking Families. Maine Families Will Finally Be Able To Keep More Of The Money That They Work Hard To Earn.” “Poliquin called the tax cut ‘a huge boost to our hardworking families. Maine families will finally be able to keep more of the money that they work hard to earn.’ He said that ‘for decades, Washington has continued to add to a maze of loopholes and separate deductions that have advantaged the few while making the entire system more complex for ordinary taxpayers.’ ‘I am committed to simplify our tax system so ordinary Mainers and Americans — not just the wealthy and well-connected — can keep more of their own money,’ Poliquin said.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 10/6/18]

December 2017: Poliquin Claimed Tax Bill Would Give “Our Small Businesses, The Backbone Of Maine's Economy, Relief So They Can Grow And Create More Jobs For Our Fellow Mainers.” “‘I look forward to continuing our work this week to get this landmark tax reform proposal across the finish line to help our Maine families keep more of their hard-earned money and to giving our small businesses, the backbone of Maine’s economy, relief so they can grow and create more jobs for our fellow Mainers,’ Poliquin said in a statement.” [Portland Press Herald, 12/18/17]

November 2017: Poliquin Called The TCJA “Very Pro-Family.” “Citing a desire to help families and spur growth, U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-2nd District, said Tuesday he plans to vote in favor of a Republican tax bill Thursday that critics say favors the wealthiest Americans. Poliquin said he's worked hard to make the measure
‘very pro-family.’ The idea, he said, ‘is to put more money back in the pockets’ of working people and to lower the tax burden on businesses so they can invest more. The plan would reduce corporate taxes from 35 percent to 20 percent and eliminate the estate tax in six years.’ [Portland Press Herald, 11/14/17]

**Poliquin On TCJA: “I’m Very Concerned About [The Debt], But I’m Also Very Concerned About Our Families Who Haven’t Had A Pay Raise In 10 Years.”** “Republicans argue that economic growth could offset debt impacts. The right-leaning Tax Foundation has said the House plan could lead to $1 trillion in growth over a decade. Poliquin, who has campaigned for his seat twice on reducing the national debt, held that line Tuesday. ‘I’m very concerned about [the debt], but I’m also very concerned about our families who haven't had a pay raise in 10 years,’ he said.” [Bangor Daily News, 11/14/17]

… But It Really Gave Significant Tax Breaks For The Wealthy And Corporations And Increased Taxes On Middle Class Families

**Washington Post: Final Tax Bill Included A “Significant Tax Break For The Very Wealthy” And A Massive Tax Cut For Corporations.”** “A new tax cut for the rich: The final plan lowers the top tax rate for top earners. Under current law, the highest rate is 39.6 percent for married couples earning over $470,700. The GOP bill would drop that to 37 percent and raise the threshold at which that top rate kicks in, to $500,000 for individuals and $600,000 for married couples. This amounts to a significant tax break for the very wealthy, a departure from repeated claims by Trump and his top officials that the bill would not benefit the rich. […] A massive tax cut for corporations “A massive tax cut for corporations: Starting on Jan. 1, 2018, big businesses' tax rate would fall from 35 percent to just 21 percent, the largest one-time rate cut in U.S. history for the nation's largest companies.” [Washington Post, 12/15/17]

**New York Times: “Financial Institutions Are Among The Biggest Winners So Far, Reaping Benefits From A Lower Corporate Rate And More Preferable Tax Treatment For So-Called Pass-Through Companies.”** “The nation’s banks are finding a lot to love about the Trump administration’s tax cuts. The $1.5 trillion tax overhaul signed into law late last year provided deep and lasting tax cuts to all types of businesses, but financial institutions are among the biggest winners so far, reaping benefits from a lower corporate rate and more preferable tax treatment for so-called pass-through companies, which include many small banks. While some of the biggest banks are reporting fourth-quarter earnings hits stemming from the new tax law, they see rich benefits over the long term, including effective tax rates that are even lower than the new 21 percent corporate rate.” [New York Times, 1/16/18]

**PolitiFact: GOP Tax Bill Would Raise Taxes For The Middle Class After Individual Tax Cut Provisions Expired In 2025.** “Gillibrand said the Republican ‘tax [plan] raises middle-class taxes.’ That's not true during the first years of the new tax provisions. If not for the sunset for the tax changes for individuals, we likely would have rated Gillibrand's statement False or perhaps Mostly False. Middle-income taxpayers will either benefit or see no change in their tax liability through 2025. But her claim could hold up after the bill's individual provisions expire that year. There's no guarantee a future Congress will extend those parts of the bill.” [PolitiFact, 12/22/17]

- **Tax Policy Center: In 2018, 5 Percent Of Taxpayers Would Pay More In Taxes Under The GOP Tax Bill, But Would Increase To 53 Percent Of Taxpayers In 2027.** “Some taxpayers would pay more in taxes under the proposal in 2018 and 2025 than under current law: about 5 percent of taxpayers in 2018 and 9 percent in 2025. In 2027, however, taxes would increase for 53 percent of taxpayers compared with current law.” [Tax Policy Center, 12/18/17]

**Portland Press Herald: “Poliquin Voted To Give Away Trillions Of Dollars To Extremely Wealthy Individuals And Corporations” While Cutting “Programs That [His] Middle-Class Constituents Rely On”**

**Portland Press Herald Editorial Board: Poliquin Should Have “Had The Guts To Stand Up For Their Constituents And Vote Against” The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act.** “This isn’t tax reform – it’s a publicly funded reward for the handful of wealthy donors who have bankrolled the Republican takeover of Congress. Still, 13
Republican House members had the guts to stand up for their constituents and vote against the bill last week. Maine’s Poliquin should have been one of them.” [Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 11/19/17]

- Editorial Board: “Poliquin Voted To Give Away Trillions Of Dollars To Extremely Wealthy Individuals And Corporations” While Cutting “Programs That [His] Middle-Class Constituents Rely On.” “Rep. Bruce Poliquin had a big week. The representative for Maine’s 2nd District voted to bankrupt graduate students, add $1.7 trillion to the federal deficit and cut $25 billion out of next year’s Medicare budget. And he did it all with a single push of a button. […] Poliquin voted to give away trillions of dollars to extremely wealthy individuals and corporations. The cuts would be partially offset by the elimination of most tax deductions, and what that wouldn’t cover would be added to the deficit ($1.7 trillion), triggering cuts to the programs that Poliquin’s middle-class constituents rely on, including Medicare, Social Security and financial aid for students.” [Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 11/19/17]

2014: Poliquin Supported Ryan’s FY 2015 Budget, Which Would Have Corporations And Millionaires Like Himself A Tax Cut While Raising Taxes On Families Making Less Than $200,000

July 2014: Bangor Daily News Editorial Headline: “Bruce Poliquin Supports The Paul Ryan Budget. But What’s Actually In It?” “Poliquin, the Republican former state treasurer, says he supports the Ryan plan. He told the BDN editorial board in May that he would like to see the plan balance the federal budget more quickly.” [Bangor Daily News, Editorial, 7/25/14]

CBPP: Families Making Less Than $200,000 Would Face Average Tax Hike of $3,000 Under Ryan’s Budget. “Families with children that have incomes below $200,000 would have to face tax increases averaging more than $3,000 a year, if policymakers enacted the same extremely ambitious reductions in tax expenditures for filers with incomes above $200,000…, filers with incomes of $1 million or more would lose tax breaks totaling about $90,000 on average – still leaving them with an average net tax cut of about $245,000…” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 3/17/13]

CBPP: Millionaires Would Likely Experience A $245,000 Net Tax Cut Under Ryan’s Budget. According to an analysis of the Ryan Budget conducted by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, “If policymakers enacted the same extremely ambitious reductions in tax expenditures for filers with incomes above $200,000 that TPC assumed when it analyzed Romney’s tax plan, filers with incomes of $1 million or more would lose tax breaks totaling about $90,000 on average – still leaving them with an average net tax cut of about $245,000. Households with incomes above $200,000 would get a net cut of about $16,000.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 3/17/13]

- 2014: Poliquin Reported He Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $9,971,062 And $37,690,000. [Poliquin 2014 Public Financial Disclosure Report, Candidate Report, filed 5/15/14]

Ryan Budget Would Slash The Corporate Tax Rate From 35 Percent to 25 Percent. “Under the Ryan plan, the corporate tax rate would also fall, from 35 percent to 25 percent – although all those tax changes are supposed to be crafted to bring in the same amount of revenue as the current tax code, a tall order.” [New York Times, 3/12/13]

Poliquin Opposed Raising The Minimum Wage

2017: Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bill To Increase The Minimum Wage To $15 Per Hour Within Seven Years

Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bill To Increase The Minimum Wage To $15 Per Hour Within Seven Years. In June 2017, Poliquin voted for: a motion to order the previous question. A yes vote would block consideration of “H.R. 15, The Raise The Wage Act., which would give workers the raise they deserve, and increase the federal
minimum wage to $15 an hour within 7 years.” The bill passed 235-190. [HR 3003, Vote #331, 6/28/17; CQ, 6/28/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, accessed 9/12/17]


April 2013: Poliquin Opposed Raising Maine’s Minimum Wage From $7.50 To $9.19 Because “The Poor Are Aided By a Broad Taxpayer-Funded Safety Net.” “In 2009, the federal minimum wage was set at $7.25 per hour. The same year, the Maine Legislature raised it to $7.50 for jobs within our state. Some Maine lawmakers now want to raise it to $9 an hour over the next three years, a 20 percent increase. Today, that would be the second highest state minimum wage after Washington’s $9.19 per hour. […] Over the years, studies have confirmed that raising the minimum wage does not reduce poverty. That’s primarily because the poor are aided by a broad taxpayer-funded safety net which includes food, housing, heating, health care, and cash assistance.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 4/7/13]

12/4/20: Poliquin: “Portland’s New Minimum Wage Is Going To Destroy Local Businesses.” “Portland’s new minimum wage is going to destroy local businesses. The new emergency min wage is higher than the min wage in NYC, DC and San Fran. How will struggling businesses respond? Temporary closures, layoffs, reduced benefits, etc. Be careful what you wish for, Portland!”

[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 12/4/20]

- 12/6/20: Poliquin: “New Min Wage Ordinance Will Drive Business Out Of The City And Kill Jobs.” “So sad what’s happening to Portland. I know what they’re trying to do -- get more money in the hands of frontline workers. This is the wrong way to do it. Instead, new min wage ordinance will drive business out of the city and kill jobs. #mepolitics https://t.co/4LSvmuQP7K?amp=1”
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Poliquin Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Allow Americans To Earn Paid Sick Leave. In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the previous question would allow for “consideration of the bill (H.R. 1516) to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the amendment for paid sick leave. The previous question carried, 231-188. [H Res 352, Vote #275, 5/24/17; CQ, 5/24/17]

2017: Poliquin Voted For Undermining Worker Protections By Allowing Private Sector Employees To Swap Overtime Pay For “Comp Time.” In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would allow private-sector employers to provide non-exempt employees compensatory time off at a rate of 1.5 hours per hour of overtime work. To be eligible, employees would be required to have worked at least 1,000 hours in a 12-month period. Employees would be limited to 160 hours of compensatory time and employers would be required to
provide monetary compensation by Jan. 31, for any unused compensatory time accrued during the preceding year. The bill’s provisions would sunset five years after enactment.” The bill was passed by a vote of 229-197. [HR 1180, Vote #244, 5/2/17; CQ, 5/2/17]

- **NBC News: Democrats Opposed The Bill, Saying It Weakened Worker Protections And Could Allow Employers, Who Would Have Final Say On Scheduled Comp Time, To “Kick The Can Down The Road On Money You Earned Putting In Extra Hours.”** “The House of Representatives passed a bill Tuesday that would allow employees to swap overtime pay for ‘comp time,’ a rules change congressional Republicans have tried to push through for more than two decades. […] Where do the Democrats stand? They really don’t like this bill. Many progressives in the House argue that the proposal would chip away at protections for hardworking Americans and undermine the Fair Labor Standards Act. The measure, among other rules, would give employers the final say on when comp time can be used. In other words, House Dems fear, your boss could conceivably kick the can down the road on money you earned putting in extra hours. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a fierce advocate for workers’ rights, blasted the bill as a ‘disgrace.’” [NBC News, 5/3/17]

- **Poliquin Voted Against Blocking Protections From The Bill For Employees Who Received Seven Or More Sick Days From Their Employers, Which Can Be Used To Seek Care For Pre-Existing Medical Conditions.** In May 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Scott, D-Va., motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and the Workforce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill’s provisions employees who receive seven or more sick days from their employer.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 192-234. [HR 1180, Vote #243, 5/2/17; CQ, 5/2/17]

- **Poliquin Voted To Waive Certain Rules Making It Easier For The House To Pass A Bill To Allow Employees To Trade Overtime Pay For Comp Time.** In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 299) that would allow private-sector employers to provide non-exempt employees compensatory time off at a rate of 1.5 hours per hour of overtime work. It would waive, through the legislative day of May 5, 2017, the two-thirds vote requirement to consider legislation on the same day it is reported from the House Rules Committee. It also would provide for consideration of measures under suspension of the rules on the legislative days of May 4 and May 5, 2017.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 230-193. [HR 1180 (HRes 299), Vote #241, 5/2/17; CQ, 5/2/17]

### 2020 – 2021: Poliquin Was An OutspokenOpponent Of Unemployment Insurance During The Pandemic

**February – July 2021: Maine Had An Unemployment Rate Of 4.8 Percent, With More than 32,000 Mainers Collecting Unemployment Insurance**

February – July 2021: Maine has a 4.8% unemployment rate for the past five months, with 32,500 people collecting state unemployment. Participation in the labor force is down more than 3% from a pre-pandemic high, but those people who are not counted as participating are not collecting any state or federal unemployment.” [Kennebec Journal, 7/19/21]

**July 2020 – June 2021: Poliquin Called For Maine To Opt Out Of Federal Unemployment Insurance**

June 2021: Poliquin Called Maine Not Opting Out Of Federal Unemployment Insurance “An Embarrassment.” “It’s a continued shame to pay capable workers to stay home instead of encouraging them to further their careers and grab one of the tens of thousands of available jobs across the Pine Tree State. It’s also an embarrassment for Maine not to opt out of this federal program paying an extra $300 per week of unemployment in addition to the roughly $450 per week state benefit. The governors of 26 states have ended this unfair and wasteful program, but not ours, of course!”
7/17/21: Poliquin On Federal Unemployment Insurance: “Time To Suspend These Benefits And Get Mainers Back To Work!” “I can't imagine @GovJanetMills ' ‘Back to Work’ program will make any difference in the unemployment numbers when we're still participating in $300/week additional unemployment. Time to suspend these benefits and get Mainers back to work!”

5/21/21: Poliquin: “New Hampshire Did The Right Thing Earlier This Week In Backing Out Of Enhanced Federal Unemployment Assistance. It's Time For Maine To Do The Same.” “New Hampshire did the right thing earlier this week in backing out of enhanced federal unemployment assistance. It's time for Maine to do the same. Will @GovJanetMills become the first Democrat chief executive to stop paying workers to stay home? Don't hold your breath!”
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[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 5/21/21]


[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 5/14/21]

July 2020: Poliquin On Federal Unemployment Insurance: “IT DOESN’T MAKE SENSE TO PAY WORKERS TO STAY HOME.” “IT DOESN’T MAKE SENSE TO PAY WORKERS TO STAY HOME On July 31, the federal emergency program which adds $600 per week to every unemployment check will expire. Democrats want to extend those payments until the end of the year. Starting three months ago, the extra $600 per week targeted families who lost jobs because of the coronavirus shutdown. The money was intended to help pay for expenses like groceries and rent. Now, many reopening businesses are having a hard time convincing former employees to return to work because they’re taking home more money than when on the job. It was right to help families who lost jobs because the government forced their employers to close. But, it’s not fair to force taxpayers to pay workers to stay home if their jobs are now available.”
Poliquin Claimed Unemployment Insurance Caused A Labor Shortage

October 2021: Poliquin Pledged To “Take Care Of People Who Really Need Help” But Added, “Don’t Make It Easier For [People] To Stay Home And Not Work Than Go Back To Their Job.” “Poliquin said when he’s back in Congress, and the Republicans are in control of the House, they will make sure to “take care of people who really need help and maybe have disabilities or have elderly parents at home. I get all that, but my goodness gracious, don’t make it easier for them to stay home and not work than go back to their job. It’s just not fair, and it’s not right.”” [Breitbart, 10/10/21]

7/6/20: Poliquin: “It No Longer Makes Sense To Pay Workers To Stay Home. […] Many Are Struggling To Convince Employees To Return To Work.” “It no longer makes sense to pay workers to stay home. It was right to help families who lost jobs because the govt forced their employers to close, but now with businesses reopening, many are struggling to convince employees to return to work. Unemployment system too lucrative.”

[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 7/6/20]
Poliquin Claimed Unemployment Insurance Drove Inflation

Poliquin Campaign Website: “We Have Rising Inflation And Small Businesses Struggling” Because Democrats “Are Attempting To Artificially Control Our Economy” Through Unemployment Insurance. “We have rising inflation and small businesses struggling to survive because Democrats running Washington are attempting to artificially control our economy with free government cash through unemployment benefits which never seem to end. Paying people stay home while thousands of jobs available throughout Maine is wrong.” [Poliquin for Congress, accessed 10/14/21]

August 2021: Poliquin Campaign Website: “Paying People Stay Home While Thousands Of Jobs Available Throughout Maine Is Wrong” And Drives Inflation. “We have rising inflation and small businesses struggling to survive because Democrats running Washington are attempting to artificially control our economy with free government cash through unemployment benefits which never seem to end. Paying people stay home while thousands of jobs available throughout Maine is wrong.” [Poliquin for Congress, accessed 8/5/21]

6/3/21: Poliquin: “Democrat Chief Executives […] Pay People To Stay Home When They're Perfectly Capable Of Working, And When There Are Tens Of Thousands Of Available Jobs.” “9 of 10 employers say a severe worker shortage is hurting their local economy. How much longer are Democrat chief executives (like @GovJanetMills) going to pay people to stay home when they're perfectly capable of working, and when there are tens of thousands of available jobs?”

[Poliquin for Congress, accessed 6/3/21]

Poliquin Is Wrong For Maine’s Lobstermen

August 2020: Poliquin Praised Trump For Tariffs That Hurt Maine’s Lobster Industry Even After He Expressed Concern About How They Would “Jeopardize” The Industry In 2018

June 2018: Poliquin Issued A Joint Statement With The Maine Congressional Delegation That Expressed Concern That China’s Retaliatory Tariffs Would “Jeopardize” Maine’s Lobster Industry. “Tonight, U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King and Representatives Chellie Pingree and Bruce Poliquin released the following joint statement in response to China’s retaliatory tariffs on American Lobster: ‘Maine’s lobster industry is an irreplaceable piece of our state’s economy that supports thousands of jobs and entire coastal communities. Just two weeks ago, the Maine delegation heard directly from our state’s lobster industry about the economic hardship a trade war with China would cause them. We will be outlining our concerns with the USTR about how these new tariffs will jeopardize this industry.’” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 6/15/18]

July 2018: China Announced Retaliatory Tariffs On The U.S., Including A 25 Percent Tariff On Lobster Imports, Beginning A Roughly $85 Million Loss To The Industry Over Two Years

July 2018: China Announced Retaliatory Tariffs On The U.S., Including A 25% Tariff On Lobster Imports That Eventually Rose To 35%. “Since then, the seas have turned rough. The trouble started in mid-2018, when lobsters got embroiled in President Trump’s trade war with China. In retaliation for the Trump administration’s first round of tariffs on Chinese goods, China started charging an additional 25% tariff on US lobster. It rose to 35% in 2019. (This year the country dropped it to 30%).” [Quartz, 6/25/20; 7/6/18]

Lobster Sales To China Declined By 64 Percent During The First Month Of Trump’s Tariffs. “LePage and Poliquin also pushed back on criticism of Trump’s trade war with China, which also hurt Maine’s lobster industry when China placed 25% retaliatory tariffs on U.S. seafood imports. Lobster sales to China, which had been a growing market, declined by 64% during the first month the tariffs were in place.” [Portland Press Herald, 8/27/20]


Quartz On Maine Lobster Industry’s Declining Value: “The Culprit Is The US-China Trade War.” “As of last year, Maine’s catch was still near all-time high. But the state’s lobster and fishing industry is not ‘bigger and better than anyone ever thought possible,’ as US president Donald Trump claimed yesterday. Under the Trump administration, the value of Maine’s lobster harvest has actually declined. The culprit is the US-China trade war.” [Quartz, 6/25/20]

June 2020: Trump Announced Maine Lobstermen Would Be Eligible For Financial Assistance To Offset Lost Income From The Trade War, Which Maine’s Congressional Delegation Pushed For In June 2019. “President Donald Trump directed his administration on Wednesday to provide lobstermen with financial assistance to make up for lost income from Chinese tariffs in a move that one of Maine’s senators praised and said ‘came out of the blue.’ White House trade adviser Peter Navarro said Trump signed a memorandum Wednesday calling on the U.S. Department of Agriculture to make available to the lobster industry subsidies like those given to soybean and other agricultural growers. Maine accounts for 80 percent of the U.S. lobster haul. The state’s congressional delegation lobbied for such a move in a June 2019 letter.” [Bangor Daily News, 6/24/20]

August 2020: Poliquin Praised Trump For Having “The Guts To Stand Up To China” In The Trade War

8/28/20: Poliquin On Trump’s Trade War Against China: “Trump Has Been The Only Guy In A Very Long Time With The Guts To Stand Up To China.” “LePage and Poliquin also pushed back on criticism of Trump’s trade war with China, which also hurt Maine’s lobster industry when China placed 25% retaliatory tariffs on U.S. seafood imports. Lobster sales to China, which had been a growing market, declined by 64% during the first month the tariffs were in place. Poliquin and LePage said China had taken advantage of the U.S. for years and that while some industries were hurt by the trade standoff, there were other gains made. ‘Trump has been the only guy in a very long time with the guts to stand up to China,’ Poliquin said.” [Portland Press Herald, 8/27/20]
Poliquin: “Trump Was The First President In Modern History Who Took This Chinese Threat Seriously, And It Was Getting To Be Quite Effective.” “Trump was the first president in modern history who took this Chinese threat seriously, and it was getting to be quite effective. They look at Biden and Mr. Obama with his administration, where Biden of course was the vice president for eight years, and they see weakness and appeasement.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 3/22/21] (AUDIO) 5:55

Poliquin Is Wrong For Maine’s Manufacturing Workers

Poliquin Voted For Measures That Incentivized Companies To Move Jobs Overseas

2017: Poliquin Voted For House And Final Passage Of The Republican Tax Scam Bill, Which Would Increase Incentives For Companies To Move Jobs Overseas

November 2017: Poliquin Voted For Passage Of The House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “passage of the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering individual and corporate tax rates; consolidating the current seven tax income rates into four rates; eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes; limiting certain deductions for property taxes and home mortgages; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would eliminate personal exemptions and would nearly double the standard deduction. It would raise the child tax credit through 2022, repeal the alternative minimum tax, repeal the estate tax in 2025 and reduce the gift tax rate in 2025. It would establish a new top tax rate for pass-through business income and would modify tax credits related to energy production.” The bill passed 227-205. [HR 1, Vote #637, 11/16/17; CQ Floor Votes, 11/16/17]

Poliquin Voted For Considering The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 619) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1) that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering individual and corporate tax rates; consolidating the current seven tax income rates into four rates; eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes; limiting certain deductions for property taxes and home mortgages; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries.” The rule was adopted 235-191. [H Res 619, Vote #633, 11/15/17; CQ, 11/15/17]

Tax Experts Said The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased Incentives For Companies To Move Jobs Overseas. “What happened to the workers in Clinton, tax experts say, will probably happen to more Americans if the Republican tax overhaul becomes law. The legislation fails to eliminate long-standing incentives for companies to move overseas and, in some cases, may even increase them, they say. ‘This bill is potentially more dangerous than our current system,’ said Stephen Shay, a senior lecturer at Harvard Law School and former Treasury Department international tax expert in the Obama administration. ‘It creates a real incentive to shift real activity offshore.’” [Washington Post, 12/15/17]

2015: Poliquin Voted To Block Consideration Of A Bill That Prevented American Companies From Moving Overseas To Dodge Taxes

2015: Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Preventing U.S. Corporations From Moving Overseas To Dodge Paying Taxes. In January 2015, Poliquin voted for: a “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the resolution that would set the rules for the 114th Congress.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would require Congress to vote on the Stop Corporate Expatriation and Invest in America’s Infrastructure Act, which would prevent U.S. corporations from renouncing their Americans citizenship to dodge taxes, and use that new revenue on projects to improve our nation’s infrastructure.” The previous question passed, 239 to 168. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 5, Vote #4, 1/6/15; CQ, 1/6/15; Democratic Leader’s office, 1/6/15]
Poliquin Dragged His Feet In Opposing The TPP, Even After New Balance Announced Its Opposition To The Trade Deal And Madison Paper Industries Laid Off Employees Due To Foreign Competition

Poliquin Voted Against Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) Twice

2015: Poliquin Voted Against Trade Promotion Authority. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against: a “Ryan, R-Wis., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (HR 2146) to allow public safety workers over the age of 50 to make penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans, with an amendment that would grant Trade Promotion Authority, under which implementing legislation for trade agreements negotiated by the administration would be considered by Congress under expedited procedures and could not be amended.” The motion passed 218 to 208. [HR 2146, Vote #374, 6/18/15; CQ, 6/18/15]

- Trade Promotion Authority Allowed Obama Administration To “Fast-Track” Trans-Pacific Trade Deal.

“The House on Thursday took the first step toward resuscitating the White House’s trade agenda by passing legislation granting President Obama fast-track authority. […] The House vote was 218-208, with 28 Democrats voting for it. This is the second time in a week the House has voted to approve the controversial fast-track bill. On Friday, the House voted 219-211 in favor of fast-track, which would make it easier for Obama to complete a sweeping trans-Pacific trade deal.” [The Hill, 6/18/15]

2015: Poliquin Voted Against Trade Promotion Authority. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against: a “Division III of the Ryan, R-Wis., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would provide Trade Promotion Authority for trade agreements negotiated by the administration, under which they would be considered by Congress under expedited procedures without amendment, and would extend Trade Adjustment Assistance programs to help displaced U.S. workers. The portion of the Senate amendment covered by the division would authorize special ‘trade promotion authority’ for congressional consideration of legislation to implement U.S. trade agreements, under which such agreements would be considered in Congress under an expedited process and would be subject to simple up-or-down votes so they could not be amended. The expedited authority would apply to trade agreements entered into before July 1, 2018, although the bill would allow for extensions.” The motion was agreed to 219 to 211. [HR 1314, Vote #362; CQ, 6/12/15]

March – April 2016: Poliquin Refused To Say Whether He Planned To Support TPP For Weeks

3/23/16: When Then-Attorney General Janet Mills Asked If He Supported TPP, Poliquin “Demurred And Later Called Her Question ‘Political.’” “The Republican from Maine’s 2nd District was put on the spot about the Trans-Pacific Partnership by Attorney General Janet Mills at a dinner held by the Maine Fair Trade Campaign, a coalition of labor, environmental and other groups that opposes the deal. […] Mills pressed him on that issue when she spoke later, asking him if he supported the deal or not. He demurred and later called her question ‘political.’” [Bangor Daily News, 3/23/16]

- Poliquin Said He Was “Poring Through” The Details Of TPP. “In Wednesday's speech, Poliquin said his staff is still ‘poring through’ the lengthy agreement and he'll vote on it based on the answer to one question: ‘Does it help us or not?’ ‘Then, it becomes a pretty easy decision,’ he said. ‘That's what we're looking at right now.’” [Bangor Daily News, 3/23/16]

April 12, 2016: New Balance Announced Its Opposition To TPP

4/12/16: New Balance Announced Its Opposition To TPP Because It Was Not “Confident That Our Government Will Take The Steps To Ensure Our Continued Domestic Operations.” “The New Balance Athletic Shoe Co. is taking off the gloves with the Obama administration for its support of a 12-nation Asian trade agreement and for what the company says is its failure to keep a Department of Defense promise to buy American-
made footwear for the military. […] [New Balance Vice President of Public Affairs Matt] LeBretton said New Balance is ‘coming out against TPP after remaining neutral and quiet for about a year on the issue. This administration has failed to provide a pathway that allows us to be confident that our government will take the steps to ensure our continued domestic operations and the growth in those operations.’” [Central Maine, 4/12/16]

- 4/12/16: Poliquin’s Spokesperson: Poliquin Voted Against Fast-Tracking TPP Because “The Secretive Process Of Negotiating Major Deals Is Not Fair To […] Businesses Like New Balance.” “Poliquin also voted in June, along with Rep. Chellie Pingree, D-1st District, against fast-track legislation for the trade pact, which would make it easier for Obama to negotiate the deal. Collins and King also voted against it. ‘The congressman has often said that the secretive process of negotiating major deals is not fair to the American people and businesses like New Balance,’ Conley said. ‘That’s why he voted, twice, against granting fast track to the president.’ He added that Poliquin ‘believes we need to protect and grow our Second District jobs by making sure our businesses and employers like New Balance are able to compete on a level playing field in the global market place. This fast-track trade legislation did not achieve that goal.’” [Central Maine, 4/12/16]

April 26, 2016: Poliquin Announced He Would Vote Against TPP

4/26/16: Poliquin Announced He Would Vote Against TPP “After Months Of Careful And Thorough Analysis.” “Republican Rep. Bruce Poliquin announced Wednesday he will vote against President Barack Obama's Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement, further solidifying the Maine congressional delegation's opposition to the measure. Poliquin joins Democratic Rep. Chellie Pingree against the trade deal. Independent Sen. Angus King and Republican Sen. Susan Collins have not taken a firm stance for or against the measure but have voiced serious reservations. ‘After months of careful and thorough analysis, I've concluded that the proposed TPP international trade agreement is not in the best interest of our workers and their families,’ said Poliquin in a video released Wednesday. ‘I don't believe this deal gives us a fair shot and as a result I do not support it.’” [Maine Public, 4/20/16]

May 2016: Maine Democrats Criticized Poliquin For “Trying To Score Political Points After Failing To Present Any Meaningful Opposition To The Proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership”

May 2016: Maine State Sens. John Patrick And Troy Jackson Op-Ed: Poliquin “Is Trying To Score Political Points After Failing To Present Any Meaningful Opposition To The Proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership.” “As the former co-chairs of Maine’s Citizens Trade Policy Commission, we have heard heartbreaking hours of testimony from Maine people whose lives were torn apart by trade deals negotiated in Washington. Now, yet another trade deal is on the verge of approval and, once again, its language was written — in secret — by multinational companies, lobbyists and big-money special interests. We are appalled that Congressman Bruce Poliquin, who represents Maine’s 2nd District, is trying to score political points after failing to present any meaningful opposition to the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, John Patrick and Troy Jackson Op-Ed, 5/8/16]

- Patrick And Jackson Op-Ed: Poliquin Stayed “Undecided” “For As Long As Possible While He Raked In Campaign Contributions From His Friends At The Big Companies That Will Benefit From It.” “In this case, Maine people have been pleading for years with their representatives to protect Maine interests, not corporate profits. But it took Poliquin until just two weeks ago to come out against the deal. A full year ago, New Balance told Poliquin that TPP might force them to move jobs out of Maine and overseas. Poliquin responded that he was ‘undecided.’ He says that he made his decision after he ‘pored through’ the deal. This is absurd. Anyone who has ever seen a few lines of a trade agreement knows that they are nearly-unintelligible legalese, understandable by only a handful of highly trained lawyers. The truth is, Poliquin needed to stay neutral on the deal for as long as possible while he raked in campaign contributions from his friends at the big companies that will benefit from it. Now that it is election season, Poliquin is singing a different tune.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, John Patrick and Troy Jackson Op-Ed, 5/8/16]
3/25/16 – 4/25/16: Poliquin Accepted At Least $83,658 From Corporate And Industry-Backed PACs.

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[Central Maine, 6/25/16]

Maine House Majority Leader Jeff McCabe: “The Day Madison Paper Industries Closed, That Would Have Been A Great Day For Bruce To Come Out And Say He Opposed The Trans Pacific Partnership.” “Maine House Majority Leader Jeff McCabe, a Skowhegan Democrat who has endorsed Cain, said he was disappointed in Poliquin's response when Madison Paper Industries closed in May, one of several paper mills that in the 2nd District that has struggled or closed. ‘To me, the day Madison Paper Industries closed, that would have been a great day for Bruce to come out and say he opposed the Trans Pacific Partnership,’ McCabe said. The proposed international trade agreement would lower tariffs and other barriers to international trade, hurting U.S. businesses like New Balance. ‘Living in the (2nd District), I think right out of the gate, that's something you should oppose. I think we need someone that's willing to make the decision that's best for the district, not hemming and hawing and not committing.’” [Central Maine, 6/25/16]

- **4/12/16:** Poliquin Announced Trade Adjustment Assistance For Former Madison Paper Industries Employees Who “Lost Their Jobs As A Result Of Foreign -- And Often Unfair -- Competition.” “Collins, King and Poliquin said in a joint statement Tuesday that the foreign competition played a large role in last month's announcement that the mill will close, putting about 215 employees out of work. ‘This announcement is welcome news for the more than 200 hardworking men and women at Madison Paper Industries who are being displaced,’ the delegation said. ‘TAA plays an essential role in helping Americans across our country who, through no fault of their own, have lost their jobs as a result of foreign -- and often unfair -- competition.’” [Central Maine, 4/12/16]

- McCabe: Poliquin’s Lobbying For Tariffs On Imported Paper Was “Too Late,” Since It Came After Madison Paper Industries Closed. “Poliquin, along with the rest of Maine's congressional delegation, successfully lobbied for high tariffs on imported Canadian paper, but ‘it was too late,’ McCabe said, and the mill announced in March it would close, citing foreign competition as one factor leading to the shutdown.” [Central Maine, 6/25/16]

- McCabe: “Living In The (2nd District), I Think Right Out Of The Gate, [TPP Is] Something You Should Oppose.” “‘To me, the day Madison Paper Industries closed, that would have been a great day for Bruce to come out and say he opposed the Trans Pacific Partnership,’ McCabe said. The proposed international trade
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June – August 2016: Poliquin Claimed He “Came Out Very Clear” Against TPP

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August 2016: Poliquin On TPP: “As I Have Said Time And Time Again, This Massive And Secretive Trade Deal Is Bad For Maine Workers And I Cannot And Will Not Support It.” “Maine's 2nd District Congressman, Bruce Poliquin, released the following statement in response to the Obama Administration's announcement today signaling its intention to force the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) international trade deal through Congress during the lame-duck period: ‘As I have said time and time again, this massive and secretive trade deal is bad for Maine workers and I cannot and will not support it,’ said Congressman Poliquin. ‘Once again, powerful Washington special interest groups, party elites, and the Obama Administration are attempting to push this secretive deal through Congress, but that doesn’t matter to me.’” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 8/12/16]

November 2016: Poliquin Touted His Opposition To The TPP In A Campaign Press Release: “I Stand With Maine’s Families, Voting Twice Against Granting The President ‘Fast-Track’ And Opposing The TPP.” “Congressman Poliquin stands up for Maine’s families and job creators and opposes massive, unfair and bureaucratic trade deals—like the TPP—that are harmful to Maine. Congressman Poliquin bucked the Republican establishment and voted, twice, against granting President Obama ‘fast-track’ trade authority. The Congressman also defied the powerful Washington establishment and lobbying interests and firmly opposes the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) international trade agreement, a massive trade deal brokered behind closed doors by Washington political elites. ‘I don’t work for the Republican Party and I certainly don’t work for Washington lobbyists,’ said Congressman Poliquin. ‘I work for the families of our 2nd District. ‘We need fair trade, not enormous, secret trade deals that hurt Maine workers, job creators and families. That is why I stand with Maine’s families, voting twice against granting the President ‘fast-track’ and opposing the TPP.’” [Poliquin for Congress, Press Release, 11/10/16]

April 2018: Poliquin Said He Would “Continue To Study Any Agreement” After Trump Considered Rejoining The TPP

April 2018: Poliquin Said He Would “Continue To Study Any Agreement” After Trump Proposed Rejoining The TPP. “Congressman Bruce Poliquin (ME-02) released the following statement today after reports that President Donald Trump is considering taking action for the United States to reenter the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) international trade deal: ‘I’ve expressed my strong concern that a trade deal like the TPP could harm Maine, especially our job creators like our mills and New Balance, which employs hundreds of Mainers at multiple locations around our State,’ said Congressman Poliquin. ‘I don’t care if this is being proposed by a President Obama, as he did during his term, or now potentially by a President Trump. I will continue to study any agreement to ensure that Maine jobs, our workers, and our families are not harmed. I will oppose any foreign trade deal which, on balance, harms Maine workers.’” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 4/12/18]

Poliquin Risked The Future Of The Export-Import Bank, Which Supported 80 General Electric Jobs In Maine, By Criticizing It For Months And Repeatedly Blocking Its Reauthorization

“Never Do Business With A Bank Like This”

June 2015: Poliquin Said He Would “Never Do Business With A Bank Like This” The Export-Import Bank. “And there are about four things that I'm guessing that all of us here in this room, including you folks at the table agree on, number one, is that Ex-Im does pick winners and losers. [...] You know when you talk about the fraud, the corruption and you talk about, you know, member of Congress in jail down in Louisiana because he had $90,000 in his freezer as a result of a bribe related to the bank, so there's been corruption and gross mismanagement. Nobody knows what the result is going to be of this discussion. I know that in my experience in the private sector where I came from and as a business owner currently, I would never do business with a bank like this. No. I'm not criticizing those who have chosen to do that, but there's reputational risk and if you're dealing with folks that have this sort of behavior, who knows what they're going to -- going to be doing.” [House Financial Services Committee Hearing, 6/3/15]

June 2015: Poliquin Wrote The Export-Import Bank’s Reauthorization Depended On “The Facts” Which Had “Thus Far Not Been Impressive,” Citing A “Never-Ending List Of Fraud And Corruption Charges.” “Recently, there was a bank employee, Johnny Gutierrez, who accepted tens of thousands of dollars in exchange for the bank’s assistance. In addition, there is a Congressman from Louisiana who is in jail, right now, on bribery charges. Authorities found $90,000 of cash in his freezer that was associated with lending practices at the Bank. These are just a few of the never-ending list of fraud and corruption charges that surround the Export-Import Bank. With the only way to hold the Export-Import Bank accountable is by the power to re-authorize their charter, we must have all the facts. The facts thus far have not been impressive.” [Maine Wire, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 6/9/15]

September 2015: Poliquin Called The Export-Import Bank A Hotbed For Fraud And “Corporate Welfare.” “Poliquin fired back, labeling the bank a hotbed for fraud and ‘corporate welfare.’ He noted in a statement that he had not voted to defund the Export-Import Bank and that he would consider reauthorizing federal funding for the bank ‘once corruption has been rooted out.’” [Bangor Daily News, 9/15/15]

September 2015: General Electric Announced Threatened To Ship 80 Maine Jobs To France If Export-Import Bank Was Not Reauthorized. “No Maine jobs have been lost, but GE said 80 jobs making power turbine components at its plant in Bangor could be moved to France because the company no longer has access to funding from the Export-Import Bank, which underwrites loans that help foreign purchasers buy American goods.” [Bangor Daily News, 9/15/15]

March – October 2015: Poliquin Voted To Block Reauthorization Of The Export-Import Bank On The Floor Six Times

- Poliquin Voted Against Bringing A Bill To Reauthorize The Export-Import Bank To The Floor. [H. Res. 450, Vote #569, 10/26/15]
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Poliquin Voted Against Brining A Bill To Reauthorize The Export-Import Bank To The Floor. In October 2015, Poliquin voted against a “motion to discharge from the House Rules Committee and bring to the House floor the rule (H Res 450) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 597) that would reauthorize the Export-Import Bank through fiscal 2019.” The motion carried 246-177. [HR 597, Vote #569, 10/23/15; CQ 10/23/15]

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- Poliquin Stated He Voted For Export-Import Bank Because Reauthorization Contained “Much Needed Reforms.” “As I have often said, I will do anything and everything to gain and secure jobs. … That’s why I voted to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank, with much needed reforms, so we can continue to attract and secure jobs. These reforms include establishing an Office of Ethics, an increase in loss reserves so that taxpayers are less on the hook, an independent audit of the Bank’s portfolio and more.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin Official Press Release, 10/27/15]

Bangor Daily News Editorial Headline: “Poliquin Ultimately Voted The Right Way – After Risking Ex-Im Bank's Future.” “Poliquin ultimately voted the right way, but he was a willing participant in Republican efforts to undermine the Ex-Im Bank’s credibility and make its normally apolitical reauthorization a political spectacle. Such efforts have put the bank’s future — and by extension, its ability to help U.S. exporters of all sizes — in doubt.” [Bangor Daily News, Editorial Board, 11/1/15]

Bangor Daily News Editorial Board: Poliquin Had “The Chance To Advocate For A Simple Policy Measure Directly Connected To” His District’s Job Creation “And He Blew It.” “It’s not every day a congressman has the chance to advocate for a simple policy measure directly connected to something important to any congressman: the preservation of jobs in his district. But U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin had that chance, and he blew it. On Tuesday night, the House voted overwhelmingly in favor of renewing the expired charter of the Export-Import Bank, the country’s official export credit agency, until 2019. Poliquin joined a majority of his fellow House Republicans and all but one Democrat in voting for the charter’s renewal. But the path Poliquin took to that final ‘yes’ vote is a puzzling one that highlights a dangerous balancing act between his commitment to a conservative Republican agenda and the needs of his own district.” [Bangor Daily News, Editorial Board, 11/1/15]

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November 2015: In An Op-Ed, Poliquin Called The Bangor Daily News’ Editorial “Untrue And Outrageous.” “Recently, the editorial board of this newspaper falsely insinuated that I, as one of 435 members of Congress, risked the entire future of the federal government’s Export-Import Bank. This is untrue and outrageous.” [Bangor Daily News, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 11/3/15]

Poliquin Claimed He “Help[ed] End The Long-Time Fraud, Corruption And Inside Dealings At The Export-Import Bank,” “Successfully Pushed For New Reforms At The Bank, And Then Voted To Reauthorize It.” “In Congress, I have stepped up to hold bureaucrats and their departments and agencies accountable. That includes calling out and helping end the long-time fraud, corruption and inside dealings at the Export-Import Bank. Government can create the environment for a stronger economy and more jobs here in Maine and across America without tolerating corruption at taxpayer expense. That’s why I successfully pushed for new reforms at the bank, and then voted to reauthorize it. Going forward, the bank will be stronger and operate with more integrity and less risk to taxpayers.” [Bangor Daily News, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 11/3/15]

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March 2015: New England Council Meeting Minutes Indicated Poliquin Was A “Lean No” On Export-Import Bank Reauthorization. “But the setting -- in the parking lot of the General Electric plant in Bangor -- is notable, because that plant was at the heart of a debate over reauthorization of the federal Export-Import Bank. […] Poliquin had been talking tough on the bank before that. In July 2015, MPBN reported that he was the only member of Maine's congressional delegation to oppose reauthorization. Notes from a March meeting with the New England Council said he was a ‘lean no’ on reauthorization.” [Bangor Daily News, 8/10/16]

Poliquin’s Spokesperson Denied That The Meeting Notes, Which Were Later Deleted From New England Council’s Website, Reflected Poliquin’s Position. “(Later, Poliquin's spokesman denied that those items reflected his stance, and the meeting notes disappeared from the New England Council's website.)” [Bangor Daily News, 8/10/16]

Poliquin Touted His Purported Success In Keeping The Madison Paper Industries Mill Open In A 2018 Letter Sent To Constituents, But The Mill Closed In 2016, Costing More Than 200 Jobs
9/20/18: Poliquin Spent Taxpayer Funds To Send A Letter To Hundreds Of Constituents Touting His Contributions To Keeping Madison Paper Industries Mill Open. “The congressional office of U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin erroneously sent a letter last month to hundreds of constituents in Maine’s 2nd District implying that the now-shuttered Madison Paper Industries mill is still open and was helped by a 2015 trade decision the Republican congressman supported. The taxpayer-funded letter, dated Sept. 20 of this year, cited an International Trade Commission ruling in 2015 allowing for continued duties on Canadian paper imports as key in ‘saving more than 200 jobs at Madison Paper and keeping the facility operating and producing their quality product.’” [Portland Press Herald, 10/12/18]

Madison Paper Industries Mill Closed In May 2016, Laying Off More Than 200 People. “In fact, the Somerset County mill closed in May 2016, laying off about 215 people, increasing property taxes in Madison and adding to the loss of paper industry jobs in Maine. The letter, which is signed by Poliquin and comes weeks before he is up for re-election, makes no mention of the mill closure or the job losses.” [Portland Press Herald, 10/12/18]

Poliquin’s Spokesperson Stated The Letter Was Sent Accidentally. “‘This constituent mailing was in fact sent in error,’ said Brendan Conley, a spokesman for Poliquin, in an email. ‘Congressman Poliquin and our staff have done a substantial amount of work to help the mill in both 2015 — including winning the ITC case at the time — and after the mill closed that year and since to assist former workers with TAA benefits and other casework as needed. We apologize for this error.'” [Portland Press Herald, 10/12/18]

Golden: Poliquin “Used Taxpayer Dollars To Send Out A Poorly Disguised Campaign Mail Piece” And Was “Wrong To Brag About Helping Save Jobs At A Mill That Closed Under His Watch.” “Golden, the Democrat running against Poliquin, said in a statement Wednesday that it appeared his rival ‘has used taxpayer dollars to send out a poorly disguised campaign mail piece.’ ‘More significantly, Poliquin takes credit for saving jobs at the Madison mill, which closed more than two years ago,’ Golden said. ‘Bruce Poliquin is wrong to brag about helping save jobs at a mill that closed under his watch. It’s of little comfort to the workers who lost their jobs, the people of the 2nd District, and is just more evidence the Congressman is completely out of touch with our community.’” [Portland Press Herald, 10/12/18]

Poliquin Is Wrong For Maine’s Shipyard Workers

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Poliquin “Helped Build” New York-Based Avatar Investors Associates Corp, Which Handled $5 Billion In Pensions Funds For “Bath Iron Works And International Paper, Among Others.” “Poliquin lists his management skills at the top of his qualifications to be the state’s chief executive. After an academic career at Phillips Academy followed by an economics degree from Harvard University, Poliquin helped build a New York City-based asset management firm called Avatar Investors Associates Corp., which handled $5 billion in worker pension funds for Bath Iron Works and International Paper, among others, according to the campaign’s website.” [Bangor Daily News, 5/17/10]

1978; Harris Trust and Savings Bank, 1976; Private Sector Business Owner/Manager. Education: Harvard University, degree in Economics.” [Penobscot Bay Press, 6/7/18]

- Poliquin “Proved Successful At Convincing Companies, Including Bath Iron Works, To Put Their Investments Into His Firm’s Hands.” “Poliquin proved successful at convincing companies, including Bath Iron Works, to put their investments into his firm’s hands. Nobody questions that his firm grew substantially with his help.” [Portland Press Herald, 10/19/18]

Poliquin Touted His Experience Managing Bath Iron Works Pensions At Avatar Associates While Campaigning, Despite A 1993 Press Release Stating He Had “Never Been In The Investment Process”

2016: Poliquin’s Campaign Touted His Management Of Bath Iron Works Pensions “A Number Of Times.” “Since he jumped into politics with an unsuccessful gubernatorial race in 2010, Bruce Poliquin hasn’t hesitated to tell voters that he prospered on Wall Street. Now a congressman fighting to keep his job in a tight 2nd District race against Democrat Emily Cain, Poliquin has mentioned his business background to make the case that he has the financial experience and willingness to work hard that Mainers need from their political leaders. One of the things he’s touted a number of times is that he successfully managed pensions at Bath Iron Works during his years in the world of finance.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/2/16]

November 2016: The Lewiston Sun Journal Quoted A 1993 Avatar Associates Press Release In Which Poliquin Said, “I've Never Been Involved In The Investment Process.” “One of the things he's touted a number of times is that he successfully managed pensions at Bath Iron Works during his years in the world of finance. But some say that's misleading. In 1993, a year after his wife died, Poliquin left his 13-year job at Avatar Associates, where he served as vice president for client services. He said he had to put his son first and couldn't be both a mother and father while holding such a demanding job. In a news release from Avatar announcing the move that year, overlooked since the time, Poliquin sought to allay any worries that his departure would have an impact on the company's work. ‘I've never been involved in the investment process so this will have zero effect on the investment management for clients,’ he said in a sweeping statement that includes the pension management Avatar carried out for employees at the Bath shipyard.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/2/16]

- Poliquin Spokesperson: Poliquin “Has Never Been A Wall Street Banker” And “Helped Manage The Process, Not Invest The Funds.” “Michael Byerly, Poliquin's campaign spokesman, said Wednesday the congressman's words in 1993 were exactly right. ‘Bruce Poliquin has never been a Wall Street banker,’ Byerly said. ‘Never. We have said this over and over and over again.’ […] As Byerly put it, Poliquin ‘is not part of the Wall Street soup.’ ‘Congressman Poliquin helped manage the process, not invest the funds,’ Byerly said.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/2/16]


- Ralph Hilton, Retired Bath Iron Works Union Member: Poliquin “Managed Our Pensions In A Way To Rob Us Of A Fair Retirement.” “What he doesn’t mention is that he managed our pensions in a way to rob us of a fair retirement. Poliquin’s management meant pathetic contributions to Bath Iron Works’ employees, and no contributions at all to those of us who were hourly. In 1994, the union said ‘Enough,’ and we switched to a new plan. Here’s the difference: For my 12 years of work under the ‘Poliquin plan,’ I get $160 a month — barely enough to cover Medicare Part B. For my 19 years under the new plan, I get nearly 10 times the amount.” [Ralph Hilton Op-Ed, Bangor Daily News, 10/9/16]
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- Glenn Burroughs, Bath Iron Works Employee Of 38 Years: Poliquin “Made Millions For Himself At Our Expense,” Which “He Used To Fund His Political Career.” “Working from Wall Street, Poliquin created a pension system that denied workers a good retirement. He boosted profits for the company and made millions for himself at our expense. He made enormous amounts of money — money he used to fund his political career. A lot of my friends received pensions that were barely enough to live on. During a recent visit to Bath, Poliquin dripped compliments about ‘the hardworking spirit of Maine’ and the ‘essential role’ BIW plays in supporting ‘America’s might around the world.’ He went on and on about the importance of ‘this great shipyard’ to Maine’s economy and U.S. military security. All of those things are true. We’re proud of that work. But for Poliquin to take credit for our work when he himself drove our pension into the ground takes a lot of nerve.” [Glenn Burroughs Op-Ed, Central Maine, 11/2/16]

- Burroughs: “Poliquin’s Plan Meant Poverty For The ‘Hard-Working’ Families He Loves To Praise” With Lower Pension Compensation. “The difference in pension compensation before and after Poliquin is substantial. Some workers are now getting more than ten times the amount they would have received under Poliquin’s plan. Poliquin’s plan meant poverty for the ‘hard-working’ families he loves to praise.” [Glenn Burroughs Op-Ed, Central Maine, 11/2/16]

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March 2006: Poliquin’s Real Estate Company Purchased The Site Of The Stinson Cannery With The Intention Of Developing Residential Housing

3/20/06: Poliquin Purchased The Land Where The Stinson Cannery Was Located For $550,000. In a March 2007 letter from Bruce Poliquin to the Bath Board of Assessment, “Dirigo Holdings’ purchase the cannery for $550,000 on March 20, 2006 was the most recent transaction for this unique property. And, as explained above, the purchase was to acquire its land only. My company was the only entity to make a serious offer during the two years the cannery was on the market.” [Letter, Bruce Poliquin to Board of Assessment Review, 3/21/07; Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Instrument # 1892-0250, recorded 7/25/01, accessed 9/30/21]

- As Of March 2006, The Property Of The Stinson Cannery Had An Assessed Value Of $1.5 Million. According to the property card for 65 Bowery Street, Bath, Maine printed on March 16, 2006, the property had a total assessed value of $1,503,300. As of March 2006, the property had most recently been purchased by Bumble Bee Foods on May 3, 2004 for $1,380,000. [65 Bowery Street Commercial Property Record Card, 3/16/06]
Poliquin Intended To Develop The Former Stinson Cannery Site Into Residential Housing And A Marina. In a March 2006 letter to the Bath City Council and Planning Board, Poliquin wrote, “…I purchased the former Stinson Cannery property on March 20. I am confident that the majority of Bath residents believe, as do I, that an excellent long-term use of the abandoned industrial site is residential housing and a marina. Short-term, however, I am concerned about owning the vacant and increasingly dangerous industrial facility in the dense North End neighborhood.” [Letter, Bruce Poliquin to Bath City Council and Planning Board, 3/29/06]

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• Stinson Cannery Site Was Zoned For “Marine Business.” In a May 2007 memorandum, the Bath Assistant City Manager wrote, “The site is currently zoned for Marine Business, which allows for indoor manufacturing. The current zoning is very much in compliance with the comprehensive plan. It is immediately adjacent to the sewage treatment plant and makes a good buffer between the plant and residential areas. It is also the last deep water working waterfront site left for commercial development in Bath.” [Memorandum, Assistant City Manager Paul Mateosian to Bath City Council, 5/30/07]

May 2006: Stinson Cannery Was Destroyed Due To Arson; A Judge Stated Poliquin Was Not Involved In The Arson

5/4/06: Stinson Cannery Burned Down Due To Arson. “A Bath man found guilty of setting the largest fire in the city’s history, a blaze last spring that destroyed the former Stinson Cannery, is headed to prison for six years after showing no remorse for what he had done. Franklin Dolliver Jr., 23, was sentenced Thursday in Sagadahoc County Superior Court to 14 years, with all but six years suspended, and four years of probation following his release. He also was ordered to pay a total of $20,000 in restitution to a family whose home sustained heat damage and to Bath and 11 other communities that fought the May 4 fire at the former sardine cannery along the Kennebec River.” [Associated Press, 3/31/07]

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August 2006: Franklin S. Dolliver, A 23-Year-Old Bath Resident, Was Arrested And Charged With The Stinson Cannery Arson. “After three months and 100 interviews, authorities announced Monday that they have charged a local man with deliberately setting the fire that destroyed the former Stinson Seafood cannery on the Bath waterfront. The State Fire Marshal’s Office, which headed up the investigation, said Franklin S. Dolliver, 23, of Bath was arrested at the York County Jail, where he was being held on a probation violation. He has been charged with arson, a Class A felony that could result in a prison sentence of up to 30 years. His initial appearance in Sagadahoc County Superior Court will occur today or Wednesday.” [Portland Press Herald, 8/8/06]

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May 2007: Poliquin Tried Again To Rezone The Former Site Of The Stinson Cannery For Residential Purposes, Which Municipal Leadership Rejected

May 2007: Poliquin Applied To Rezone The Former Site Of The Stinson Cannery As Mixed Use To Develop Townhouses And Marine Business. “Fourteen months after the city told him that his request for a zoning change had been denied, Poliquin has returned, seeking the permission he needs to revive the former Stinson Seafood cannery property. Poliquin is scheduled to go before the city's Planning Board on May 15 with a request to rezone the 5.6-acre Bowery Street property, where an arson fire in May 2006 destroyed the buildings. […] In the application, Poliquin states that he wants to preserve a 50-foot strip of land along the Kennebec River as marine business - its current zoning use - while at the same time asking for city approval to rezone the remaining land from marine business to a mixed-use zone that would allow residential development as well as light commercial uses. Poliquin said if the city approves his request, he would build a 100-slip marina, 40 townhouse condominiums, a restaurant and possibly a small grocery store on the site.” [Portland Press Herald, 4/30/07]

May 2007: Municipal Leadership Supported Keeping The Stinson Cannery Property As A Commercial Area, Rather Than Rezoning It For Housing

Bath’s Assistant City Manager Envisioned The Stinson Site As Component For Building An “Innovative Composite Manufacturing Cluster.” In a May 2007 memorandum, the Bath Assistant City Manager wrote, “As the region braces for the closure of the Brunswick Naval Air Station, it is widely recognized that jump-starting the region’s economy with new commercial development and the accompanying good paying jobs is of critical importance. … Bath can do its part by … holding the line and not converting the Stinson site from commercial to residential. … An exciting innovative composite manufacturing cluster is forming in the region, we are part of it, and the Stinson site is a key component to the success of this cluster.” [Memorandum, Assistant City Manager Paul Mateosian to Bath City Council, 5/30/07]

• Bath’s Assistant City Manager Stated It Did Not Make Sense To Re-Zone The Stinson Site For Residential Use. In a May 2007 memorandum, the Bath Assistant City Manager wrote, “It does not make sense to rezone Stinson to make competing residential townhouse development away from the downtown.” [Memorandum, Assistant City Manager Paul Mateosian to Bath City Council, 5/30/07]

The Brunswick Economic Development Department Advocated Keeping The Stinson Site As A Commercial Property Rather Than A Housing Project. In a letter to the Bath Assistant City Manager from a representative from the Brunswick Economic Development Department, it stated, “This memo is in support of the continued use of the Stinson’s Cannery property as a commercial property as opposed to a housing project. This office is very much in support of the commercial operation and the composite manufacturing activity that it can generate. … We hope that you consider keeping your present zoning. We would be glad to identify boat builders that have interest in such lots.” [Letter, Brunswick Economic Development Department, Mathew Eddy to Paul Mateosian, 5/08/07]

May 2007: The Bath Planning Board Rejected Poliquin’s Request To Rezone The Stinson Cannery. “Last month, the city's Planning Board rejected Poliquin's request for a zone change on the former Stinson Cannery property.” [Portland Press Herald, 6/7/07]

July 2021: Poliquin Sought To Rezone The Former Site Of The Stinson Cannery, Which Was Zoned For Marine Business, For A $16 Million Residential Development

As Of July 2021, 65 Bowery St, Bath, Maine Was Zoned For Marine Business. “Mr. Averill reviewed the request to begin a visioning process on the site located at 65 Bowery Street as the applicant is requesting feedback
on property development. The property is currently in the C5 Marine Business Zoning District.” [Bath Planning Board, Meeting Minutes, 7/20/21]

7/20/21: Poliquin Requested A Pre-Application Workshop To Rezone The Former Stinson Cannery Site For Residential Use At A Bath Planning Board Meeting. “New Business Item 1 Request for Pre-Application Workshop – 65 Bowery Street (Map 20, Lot 341); Dirigo Holdings, LLC, applicant. Mr. Averill reviewed the request to begin a visioning process on the site located at 65 Bowery Street as the applicant is requesting feedback on property development. The property is currently in the C5 Marine Business Zoning District. The proposed project would require a land use map amendment to allow the property to join the abutting R5 Waterfront Activity Zoning District. […] Mr. Poliquin then went on to review the project location and plan for energy efficient housing which would include open space for pedestrian access, playground, public dock and pier, as well as additional green space.” [Bath Planning Board, Meeting Minutes, 7/20/21]

- Poliquin Pitched His Idea To Redevelop The Site With “Energy Efficient Housing,” Green Space, A Playground, And A Public Pier And Dock. “Mr. Poliquin then went on to review the project location and plan for energy efficient housing which would include open space for pedestrian access, playground, public dock and pier, as well as additional green space. Mr. Poliquin spoke to the tax revenue benefits to the City, as well as the benefits of the location which is currently surrounded by dense neighborhoods. Mr. Poliquin reviewed the lack of success in marketing the property under the current zoning having invested 10 years into marketing the property, citing reasons including the liability of an industrial business amid residential properties and the narrow, residential streets.” [Bath Planning Board, Meeting Minutes, 7/20/21]

Poliquin Predicted The Project Would Cost $16 Million And Last Until January 2023. “Should the project move forward, Poliquin anticipated construction beginning in January 2023. He predicted the project would wrap up in mid-2024 and total $16 million.” [Central Maine, 7/22/21]

July 2021: Poliquin Planned To Develop Housing To Be Sold For Between $450,000 And $550,000, Close To Ten Times The Annual Average Salary Of An Employee In Bath

Poliquin Planned To Develop Housing With Values Ranging From $450,000 To $555,000 Without Subsidies Or Income-Based Rent. “The housing would not be subsidized or have income-based rent. Poliquin said the units will likely range from $450,000 to $550,000. [Poliquin] said he envisions seniors looking to downsize, young families and Bath Iron Works employees living there.” [Central Maine, 7/22/21]

- The Property Could Fit 40 Homes, But Poliquin Planned To Develop 20 Homes To Be Sold “At Market Value” Instead Of Rented. “The site is capable of holding up to 40 housing units, but developers said they’re thinking of building 20 two and three-bedroom units that would be purchased ‘at market value’ instead of rented.” [Central Maine, 7/22/21]

2020: Employees In Bath Had An Average Annual Wage Of $58,344. According to Maine Center for Workforce Research and Information, employees in Bath, Maine had an average weekly wage of $1,122 in 2020. Multiplied by 52, employees in Bath, Maine had an average annual wage of $58,344. [Maine Center for Workforce Research and Information, accessed 9/29/21]

- Maine State Housing Authority Considered Housing “Affordable” If “The Household Spends No More Than 30% Of Its Income On Housing-Related Costs.” “Housing is considered ‘affordable’ if the household spends no more than 30% of its income on housing-related costs (mortgage or rent, utilities, taxes, insurance, and maintenance). Keeping these costs under 30% of income allows the household enough money to cover other expenses, such as healthcare, food, education, and transportation. A household spending more than 30% of its income on housing is considered to be cost burdened.” [Maine State Housing Authority, August 2016]
July 2021: Poliquin’s Architect And A Bath Planning Board Member Who Was A Director Of Poliquin’s Condominium Unit Owners’ Association Board Said Affordable Housing Would Not Be Financially Feasible To Develop

When Asked If The Development Team Would Consider Constructing Affordable Housing, David Matero, An Architect Working With Poliquin, Said The Project Cost “Does Not Lend Itself To Affordable Housing.” “David Matero, architect, spoke to the appeal of the project to create sustainable, energy-efficient housing within walking distance of the downtown, further stressing the need for housing in the local area. […] Mr. Hopkinson opened the floor to public comment. Mr. Averill reviewed the procedure for public comment using the Zoom conferencing platform. Roo Dunn of Green Street asked the applicant to envision looking down Bowery Street, stating the importance of buy-in from abutting property owners. Mr. Dunn then asked if affordable housing should be a consideration. Mr. Matero noted that the development cost does not lend itself to affordable housing; then countered with the numerous amenities that will be available to the public.” [Bath Planning Board, Meeting Minutes, 7/20/21]

James Hopkinson Said The Planning Board Would Not Be Able To Designate A Portion Of The Project For Affordable Housing And That Affordable Housing Would Not Be Financially Feasible At The Site. “William Fritzmeier of Somerset Place spoke to Ms. Blanco’s assessment of the need for affordable housing and asked if the Planning Board were allowed to dictate a percentage of the project to be designated as affordable housing. Mr. Hopkinson stated that the Board does not have the ability to dictate that the developer allow for affordable housing, further noting that the cost of development does not support affordable housing.” [Bath Planning Board, Meeting Minutes, 7/20/21]

Poliquin “Disclosed His Longstanding Working Relationship” With Hopkinson. According to Bath Planning Board meeting minutes, “Sam Poliquin introduced himself; then proceeded to turn review over to Bruce Poliquin. Bruce Poliquin introduced himself; then disclosed his longstanding working relationship with Mr. Hopkinson.” James Hopkinson was the Vice Chair of the Bath Planning Board. [Bath Planning Board, Meeting Minutes, 7/20/21]

Note: For more details about Poliquin and Hopkinson’s “longstanding working relationship,” see the section on Hopkinson in Notable Individuals & Connections.

July 2021: Bath Planning Board Members Stated Their Preference For Affordable Housing And Rentals Over Poliquin’s Proposed “Pricey Condominiums”

Bath Planning Board Members Said They Would Prefer To Zone For More Housing Units Than Poliquin Proposed, Or For Affordable Housing, Rather Than “Pricey Condominiums.” “While planning board members said they aren’t opposed to the property, now somewhat of an eyesore in the city, being redeveloped, they weren’t entirely on-board with the preliminary designs. Some board members said they’d prefer more than 20 housing units while others didn’t like the idea of pricey condominiums being added to the neighborhood.” [Central Maine, 7/22/21]

Bath Planning Board Member Haley Blanco: “I Have Reservations About Condos Because I Feel The Need In Bath Are Rental Units.” “I have reservations about condos because I feel the need in Bath are rental units,’ said board member Haley Blanco. ‘There are a lot of people who work at BIW [Bath Iron Works] or elsewhere that don’t qualify to buy a house. I see a need for rental units to house people who don’t know if they’re going to be here long-term or are here at BIW for a short time.’” [Central Maine, 7/22/21]
July 2021: Bath Residents Raised Concerns About The Development's Potential Harm To Safety, Traffic, And Osprey Habitats

A Neighbor Of The Former Stinson Cannery Site Said Development Would Add Traffic And Make The Area Less Safe; Poliquin Responded By Speaking “To The Inherent Dangers Of The Vacant Lot.” “Michael Tisack of Bowery Street introduced himself as an abutting property owner; then expressed appreciation for the Board’s comments regarding neighborhood impact of the project. Mr. Tisack then stressed the importance of sidewalks in improving pedestrian access throughout the neighborhood, testifying that he feels Bowery Street in today’s condition could be safer. Mr. Poliquin spoke to the initial traffic assessment that has been completed and expressed sensitivity to pedestrian concerns, noting that previous traffic from the cannery produced higher traffic levels than are projected with the proposed development. Mr. Poliquin then spoke to the inherent dangers of the vacant lot, noting that development would reduce other activities taking place at the site. Mr. Tisack countered that developing the site would add additional traffic compared to the current environment.” [Bath Planning Board, Meeting Minutes, 7/20/21]

In Response To A Bath Resident’s Concern For An Osprey Habitat On The Site, Poliquin Said He Intended To “Relocate” An Osprey Nest During Construction Of The Development. “Marie Louise Dupuis of Somerset Place voice concern for the active osprey nest on the site. Bruce Poliquin reviewed conversations with the DEP wherein the osprey nest may be moved once the ospreys have migrated for the season. Mr. Poliquin stated that his intent is to relocate the habitat closer to the water at the northeastern section of the property.” [Bath Planning Board, Meeting Minutes, 7/20/21]

2018: Poliquin Voted To Authorize Billions In Funding For Trump’s Border Wall, Which Risked $200 Million For Vital Improvement Projects At Maine’s Portsmouth Naval Shipyards

December 2018: Poliquin Voted To Authorize $5.7 Billion For Building Trump’s Border Wall, Which He Called “The Greatest Christmas Gift For America” Though It Risked A Government Shutdown

Poliquin Voted For Funding The Government Through Feb. 2019 And Authorizing $5.7 Billion For Construction Of A Border Wall On The U.S.-Mexico Border. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill, with a further House amendment. The bill is the legislative vehicle for a short-term continuing resolution that would fund the government through Feb. 8, 2019. It would also authorize $5.7 billion for construction of a border wall on the U.S.-Mexico border, as well as an estimated $7.8 billion in emergency disaster relief funding.” The bill passed by a vote of 217 – 185. [H.R. 695, Vote #472, 12/20/18; CQ Floor Votes, 12/20/18]

- Headline: CNBC: House Passes Spending Bill With Border Wall Money — Setting Up Shutdown Stalemate With Senate. [CNBC, 12/20/18]

- Eight Republicans Joined All 177 Voting Democrats To Oppose The Measure. “The House of Representatives Thursday approved a bill that would fund most of the federal government through early February -- and provides $5.7 billion for President Trump's long-promised border wall, increasing the chances of a partial government shutdown later this week. Eight Republicans joined all 177 voting Democrats to oppose the measure, which passed 217-185. The bill now goes to the Senate, where it is certain to fall short of the 60 votes needed for passage since the chamber's 49 Democrats are against funding the wall.” [Fox News, 12/20/18]

- Voting Yes On Wall Funding, Which Was “Certain To Fall Short” Of Senate Passage, Made It More Likely That A Partial Government Shutdown Would Occur. “The bill now goes to the Senate, where it is certain to fall short of the 60 votes needed for passage since the chamber's 49 Democrats are against funding the wall. That, in turn, makes it more likely that parts of the federal government, including nine of 15 Cabinet-level departments and dozens of agencies, will cease operations at midnight Friday.” [Fox News, 12/20/18]
December 2018: Poliquin Called Trump’s Border Wall “The Greatest Christmas Gift For America.” “In his last days in the U.S. House, U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin has been pressing to help President Donald Trump get the wall he wants along the country’s border with Mexico. ‘The greatest Christmas gift for America is securing our borders,’ the two-term, lame duck lawmaker said. He insisted that drugs coming across the border are hurting rural Maine, though experts have said most of the opioids that have been the focus of attention are coming from China. ‘We have one heck of a problem on our southwest border with Mexico: in California, New Mexico, and Arizona,’ Poliquin said. ‘We have a very dangerous and very unhealthy situation just on the other side of the fence, in particular now, with Mexico.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 12/21/18]

March 2019: The Department Of Defense Put $200 Million For Improvement Projects At Maine’s Portsmouth Naval Shipyard On The Chopping Block To Fund Trump’s Border Wall

February 2019: Trump Declared A National Emergency At The Southern Border, Which Allowed Him To Allocate $3.6 Billion From Military Construction Projects To Construct A Border Wall. “Trump declared a national emergency at the Mexican boundary last month after Congress limited him to just under $1.4 billion to build border barriers. That could allow him to siphon $3.6 billion from military construction projects to fulfill his 2016 campaign promise for a border wall. The 21-page Defense Department list released Monday targets projects around the world.” [Concord Monitor, 3/19/19]

March 2019: The Department Of Defense Released A List Of Projects That Could Be Cut To Fund Trump’s Border Wall, Including $200 Million For Projects To Improve Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. “The Defense Department’s list of projects that could be cut to fund President Donald Trump’s wall at the southern border includes more than $200 million of projects that are aimed at making Portsmouth Naval Shipyard more efficient in refueling and overhauling nuclear-powered submarines. Projects that could be slashed include $110 million for dry dock improvements; $62 million for a paint, blast and rubber facility; and $40 million for an extended crane rail.” [Concord Monitor, 3/19/19]

- The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Was Located In The Piscataqua River Between Maine And New Hampshire. “The shipyard, which opened in 1800, is located on Seavey Island in the Piscataqua River, which separates Maine and New Hampshire.” [Concord Monitor, 3/19/19]

$110 Million For A Dry Dock, Which Would Allow The Shipyard To Accept Newer Submarines After Old Models Were Scheduled To Be Phased Out, Was On The Chopping Block For Trump’s Border Wall. “Critical work on Dry Dock 1 at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard could be on the chopping block along with several other projects at the yard in order to pay for President Donald Trump’s border wall, according to a new list compiled by the Department of Defense. Funding could be slashed for the $110 million superflood basin for Dry Dock 1; a $62 million paint, blast and rubber facility; $42 million for an extended portal crane rail; and a $12 million warehouse. According to the DOD list, some $6.8 billion in projects already approved by Congress in fiscal year 2019 alone are also in jeopardy. […] The upgrades to Dry Dock 1 are crucial in order for the shipyard to meet future demands, shipyard commander Capt. David Hunt told the Herald in a 2018 interview. The work will allow the dry dock to accept the newer Virginia Class submarines. Currently, it can only accept the older Los Angeles Class subs, which will be phased out by 2029. Design work for the superflood basin is underway, preparing for the $109 million basin project.” [Seacoast Online, 3/18/19]

- Chair Of The Seacoast Shipyard Association JJ Joyal Said Funding For A Dry Dock At Portsmouth Naval Shipyard “Will Enable The Shipyard To Continue For The Next 100 Years.” “Critical work on Dry Dock 1 at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard could be on the chopping block along with several other projects at the yard in order to pay for President Donald Trump’s border wall, according to a new list compiled by the Department of Defense. […]This most recent list of the DOD now puts that superflood basin in question. And that is ‘unfortunate,’ said JJ Joyal, a retired longtime shipyard worker and now chair of the Seacoast Shipyard Association. ‘That dry dock is critical. It will enable the shipyard to continue for the next 100 years,’ he said. ‘And this money has already been allocated by the US Congress. They’re moving full steam ahead with the
construction on that dry dock. To derail something like this is tinkering with national security.”” [Seacoast Online, 3/18/19]

**September 2019: Sen. Collins Announced Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Would Not Be Affected By Border Wall Funding**

“No infrastructure projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard will be affected by the Trump Administration’s plan to move money from military projects to fund a southern border wall, according to Maine Republican Sen. Susan Collins. In March, the Defense Department’s listed projects that could be cut to fund President Donald Trump’s border wall includes more than $200 million at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.” [WMTW, 9/5/19]

- The Department Of Defense “Put 127 Military Construction Projects On Hold” To Provide $3.6 Billion In Funding For The Border Wall. “Defense Department officials said on Tuesday that 127 military construction projects were being put on hold in order to use the $3.6 billion to fund building 175 miles of southern border wall.” [WMTW, 9/5/19]

**November 2019: Poliquin Said It Was “Shameful” That Democrats Refused To Include Border Wall Funding In Stopgap Measure To Keep The Government Open**

“In passing stop-gap funding to keep the federal government open through December 20, open border Democrats, again, refused to include money to secure our border with Mexico. It’s shameful they continue to refuse to work with President Trump and Republicans to control who is entering our country. During the 12 months ending September 30, Homeland Security apprehended 851,000 individuals who crossed our southwest border illegally, including several hundred who arrived in Portland earlier this year. [https://www.wsj.com/articles/senate-approves-spending-bill-to-avoid-government-shutdown-11574359183]

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 11/22/19]
2018 Challenge To Election Results

VIDEO: Poliquin Did Not Answer When He Was Asked Whether He Would Accept The Results Of The Ranked Choice Voting Election. HOST: “With the new ranked choice voting method, will you accept the outcome of this race?” POLIQUIN: “I’m going to circle in Bruce Poliquin, one and only vote, drop in the box and go forward.” [C-SPAN, 2018 ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/16/18] (VIDEO) 49:00

November 2018: Poliquin Claimed Ranked-Choice Voting Led To “Huge” Lines At The Polls And Long Wait Times. “And I think that’s one of the reasons it took so long to vote on Election Day. I was up at the Bangor polling station, the largest one in our district, from about seven in the morning til eight at night, in fact I was there from seven in the morning til eight at night. And the lines were huge, it took […] forever. Some folks were waiting one to two hours, some folks just gave up and left because it was so long. Now, one of the reasons is because voter turnout was so high. The second is because of this chaotic rank voice process that has never been used here in the state of Maine before.” [News Center Maine YouTube, 11/27/18] (VIDEO) 5:23

Abortion & Family Planning

Abortion

2012: Poliquin Said “The Only Exception I Can Think Of” When Abortion Was Permissible Was If The Life Of The Woman Or The Unborn Child Was In Jeopardy. REPRESENTATIVE, MAINE RIGHT TO LIFE: “Under what circumstances, if any, would you favor legalized abortion?” […] POLIQUIN: “It’s clear to me that at conception, a life has begun. And that is a life that should be protected. […] Now, I am also a strong believer that the federal government is too intrusive. The only exception that I can think of right now is that when a doctor decides that the life of the mother or the child is in jeopardy. Government does not belong in that decision. Government should not choose who lives. That decision, in my opinion, belongs to the mom, the dad, if there is one, and the doctor.” [YouTube, Dirigo Blue, ME-Sen Values Forum: Should abortion ever be legal?, 4/24/12] (VIDEO) 2:04

2014: Poliquin Said He Was A Pro-Life Catholic But That Abortion Could Be Permissible In Cases Of Rape Or Incest Or If A Woman’s Life Is In Jeopardy. HOST: “Under what circumstances, if any, do you support abortion?” […] POLIQUIN: “When I raised my son as a single parent, I realized how precious and fragile life is. I’m a pro-life Catholic, I’m proud of it. I do believe that the government should not get involved at all when a woman's life is in jeopardy or there's a case of incest or rape.” HOST: “I didn’t mean to cut you off there. So in the case of rape or incest, you believe it is appropriate, otherwise no?” POLIQUIN: “Yes.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter General Election Debate, 10/14/14] (VIDEO) :22

Contraceptives

2012: Poliquin Said He Was “Completely Against” Requiring Insurance Companies To Cover The Cost Of Contraceptives. POLIQUIN: “When you have this recent example of the federal government mandating the availability of contraceptives in specific health plans, I’m completely against that for a number of different reasons. First of all, I think that women who want to have available contraceptives and they will have those but the federal government should not mandate insurance companies, the private sector, to create specific policies, specific products. They can do that themselves, and I’m sure contraception will be available to women. However, when it comes to religious belief, if the federal government is mandating specific insurance policies to provide that product against the religious beliefs of those institutions that support that plan, that is a clear, in my mind, violation of
someone’s religious beliefs. As a United States Senator, I will vote against that.” [YouTube, Dirigo Blue, ME-Sen Values Forum: Should civil rights trump religious rights, 4/24/12] (VIDEO) 1:13

Poliquin Said He Would Vote Against Legislation Mandating Employer-Sponsored Health Care Plans To Cover The Cost Of Contraceptives Even If Those Employers Disagreed From A Religious Perspective. POLIQUIN: “When you have this recent example of the federal government mandating the availability of contraceptives in specific health plans, I’m completely against that for a number of different reasons. First of all, I think that women who want to have available contraceptives and they will have those but the federal government should not mandate insurance companies, the private sector, to create specific policies, specific products. They can do that themselves, and I’m sure contraception will be available to women. However, when it comes to religious belief, if the federal government is mandating specific insurance policies to provide that product against the religious beliefs of those institutions that support that plan, that is a clear, in my mind, violation of someone’s religious beliefs. As a United States Senator, I will vote against that.” [YouTube, Dirigo Blue, ME-Sen Values Forum: Should civil rights trump religious rights, 4/24/12] (VIDEO) 1:13

Planned Parenthood

2012: Poliquin Said He Would Vote To Defund Planned Parenthood. REPRESENTATIVE, MAINE RIGHT TO LIFE: “Would you vote for legislation much like the April 14 vote last year in the U.S. Senate to defund Planned Parenthood of America?” HOST: “We’ll begin with Bruce Poliquin.” POLIQUIN: “Yes, I would.” REPRESENTATIVE, MAINE RIGHT TO LIFE: “Thank you.” POLIQUIN: “If we want – I believe that the federal government should not intrude upon someone’s religious beliefs, and there are those taxpayers who believe in life like I do, and so I think it’s completely inappropriate for the federal government to mandate taxpayers to fund this sort of practice against their belief.” [YouTube, Dirigo Blue, ME-Sen Values Forum: Should Planned Parenthood be defunded, 4/24/12] (VIDEO) :08

Campaign Finance

2016: Poliquin Claimed He Supported “Complete Transparency” In Campaign Finance. POLIQUIN: “People are sick and tired of this, Jennifer, and they’re turning it off.” HOST: “Well, how do we change it?” POLIQUIN: “Well, first of all complete transparency. I absolutely believe in complete transparency.” [CSPAN, 2018 Maine Public ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/19/16] (VIDEO) 12:30

Guns & Hunting

Background Checks

2010: Poliquin Said He Supported Mandatory Background Checks For Guns Purchased At A Licensed Dealer But Not For Those Purchased At Gun Shows Or Through Personal Sales. POLIQUIN: “[4:30] I am a very strong supporter of the Second Amendment. I always have been. But what is very clear is we do not need any new gun laws, period. As governor, I will veto any further restrictions that are attempted to put on our Second Amendment rights. Now, what I do support is the law on the books today which is what the NRA supports, which is a mandatory background check on any gun purchased at a licensed dealer. Beyond that, if I want to purchase a gun, if I want to purchase from you, Jim, don’t need a background check. […] Or at a gun show or what have you or at Uncle Henry’s.” [YouTube, Bruce for Maine, Dover-Foxcroft Townhall, 4/28/10] (VIDEO)

Poliquin Claimed The Background Checks Bill Would Create A “National Registry” That Allowed The Government To Confiscate Legally-Owned Firearms. “There’s also a push, Matt, in one of these bills, to create a national registry, that means all gun owners in America are on a registry. And that means if they want to confiscate your firearms, that you legally own, there’s a way for them to do it.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 3/16/21] (AUDIO) 8:53
• AP Rated The Claims That HR 8 Would Create A “National Registry” Of Gun Owners And Criminalize Legal Gun Owners For Loaning Out Guns As “False.” “CLAIM: Proposed federal gun legislation expanding background checks for firearms would create a ‘national registration of firearms’ and put gun owners in jail for transferring or handing their gun to someone, even if they are in a dangerous situation. AP’S ASSESSMENT: False. HR 8 prohibits using the bill to establish a national firearms registry and includes exceptions allowing temporary transfers between family members, or transfers between people for self-defense or for use at a shooting range.” [Associated Press, 3/9/21]

Red Flag Laws

April 2021: Poliquin Insinuated He Opposed Red Flag Laws. POLIQUIN: “[18:21] You’ve got to focus on mental health. Now, right now when you go through a background check if you’re a felon or you have any mental health problems you are not awarded or not allowed to purchase a firearm. That’s good. We need to keep doing that. But you’ve got to be careful on all these other things, like this red flag law. The red flag laws are a part of what Biden’s going to be pushing and what it means is if the police get word that a person is a danger to him or herself or someone else, they can go and confiscate their guns. Well, what if you have a problem with your wife or your neighbor and you call the cops and say, ‘This fella is flashing around his firearm and we need to’ – you know.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 4/9/21] (AUDIO)

Claims Of Personal Experience With Firearms And Hunting

2014: Poliquin Attacked His Opponent’s Stance On Gun Rights By Saying She Didn’t Understand Maine’s Hunting Culture. POLIQUIN: “[6:55] I’m very proud to have the endorsement of the National Rifle Association. I also have the highest rating of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine. I grew up in Maine. My opponent, Miss Cain is from Kentucky and New Jersey. And she clearly doesn't understand our heritage and our culture here in the state of Maine. There are thousands of our families that enjoy the great outdoors and enjoy the sport of hunting. So I just don't believe as Miss Cain does that we want to restrict our Second Amendment rights. As a member of Congress, I will support all of our constitutional rights, including our Second Amendment rights. And you know, the state of Maine has one of the highest percentage of our population with gun ownership. And one of the lowest excuse me incidents of crime with guns so it works up here in Maine. I'm sorry that my opponent Miss Cain wants to restrict our gun rights here in the state of Maine. I do not. I want to protect them because it works up here in Maine.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter General Election Debate, 10/14/14] (VIDEO)

2014: Poliquin Claimed He Still Owned A Marlin .22 Long Lever Action Rifle He Bought At Age 14 And Continued To Use It To Target Shoot. POLIQUIN: “I still have the 22 long lever action Marlin that that I bought when I was age 14. Now it misfires, but I still use it to target shoot. So we need to protect our Second Amendment rights and not whittle away at them.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter General Election Debate, 10/14/14] (VIDEO) 7:48

2010: Poliquin Said He Grew Up With Firearms. POLIQUIN: “[11:48] This is the most rural, largest congressional district east of the Mississippi River. We grew up with firearms. It’s the safest state in the union.” [C-SPAN, 2018 ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/16/18] (VIDEO)

Education

Student Loans

May 2010: Poliquin Criticized Federal Student Loans For “Taking Competition Out Of The Program,” Which He Said Raised Student Loan Interest Rates. “This is what happens when you get the federal government intruding in the private sector. We now have roughly $1 trillion of outstanding student loans around the country. And a year ago, the federal government made a decision that they’re going to get into that business at the exclusion of everybody else. And so, on a lot of these loans, students are looking not at a 3.6% rate, but almost three points higher than that. The reason is that they’re taking competition out of the program. So now commercial banks are no
longer doing this, the only one offering these loans, and as a result, prices go up.” [YouTube, Toby Hoxie, Student loan debt- Schneider-Poliquin- D'Amboise-from GOP Senate candidates Q&A 05/10/2012, 5/10/12] (VIDEO) 1:48

K-12 Education

2010: Poliquin Said He Supported Paying K-12 Public School Teachers “In Part On Merit.” POLIQUIN: “Great teachers, Logan, inspire kids. So we need to do everything humanly possible to retain the best teachers possible for our students in the state. However, there are lots of tools we can help them that we’re not providing for them. One is a very innovative way to pay teachers based in part on merit. There are a lot of folks, a lot of, rather, school systems around the country that have adopted these new strategies that we should look at very seriously.” [YouTube, Bruce for Maine, Youth in Politics Interview Part 2, 4/19/10] (VIDEO) 3:25

Immigration

DACA

2014: Poliquin Called The DREAM Act “A Plan To Give Amnesty To Students Who Are Here Illegally.” POLIQUIN: “[10:12] Miss Cain supports the DREAM Act. And she’s been very public about this. And this is a plan to give amnesty to students who are here illegally. Now, my whole life has been in the business community, growing the economy and creating jobs, we need to make sure that we don’t follow the path that career politicians follow, which is always bickering and pointing fingers wastefully spending our money, driving up our debt, expanding welfare, and then taxing us to death to pay for it.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter General Election Debate, 10/14/14] (VIDEO)

Family Separation

June 2018: Poliquin Called A Mainer Who Asked Him About Family Separation On Camera “Very Rude.” “Pulled into the ongoing controversy about President Donald Trump’s zero-tolerance policy of immigrants crossing the border, Poliquin made the impromptu comments when confronted by a Maine woman, identified as Marcella Makinen, at an airport. As Poliquin tried to walk away, she recorded the exchange on video, which was then shared Tuesday on Facebook by the advocacy group Mainers for Accountable Leadership. ‘[:00] I wanted to ask you —’ starts Makinen. ‘When you put a camera in someone’s nose, that’s not a way to say hello,’ Poliquin says. ‘If you want to say it, tell me what your issue is.’ Makinen: ‘I’m really concerned about the children that are being separated from their parents’ - Poliquin: ‘Yeah, so am I. So am I.’ Makinen: ‘And I wondered if you have any plans with talking with [Attorney General] Sessions.’ Poliquin: ‘We’re talking tonight at 5:30 on it.’ Makinen: ‘Really, and what’s your position on it?’ Poliquin: ‘[:39] We want to make sure that kids stay with their parents. I’m a father. The kids stay with their parents. You can turn that off. You don’t have to put that in my face. That’s very rude. That’s very rude.’” [Bangor Daily News, 6/19/18] (VIDEO) 00:00

Affordable Care Act

Claims To Support Protections For Pre-Existing Conditions

2018: Poliquin: “Everything I Have Ever Supported Is To Drive Down The Cost Of Health Insurance, Make Sure Everybody Is Protected When They Have A Preexisting Condition.” HOST: “The affordable care act is the law of the land. Although clearly a lot of people would make the argument that healthcare is anything but affordable under a lot of circumstances. In Congress what could you do to make sure people have access to affordable healthcare?” POLIQUIN: “Everybody in this country needs to have healthcare and everybody needs to be able to afford health insurance in order to get that care. One of the first votes I cast in Congress in 2015 was -- and I was one of only three republicans in Congress -- to vote against repealing the Affordable Care Act because
there was no replacement. Let me tell you, I got some criticism about that, but it was the right thing to do. Since that time I have introduced a 14 point plan, in part based on the Maine model that drove down the cost of health insurance and gave us more choices. It was called PL-90. My mother is a nurse. She's 90 years old now. Doesn't practice of course. But she's a nurse. I grew up with healthcare in our family. My son has a preexisting condition. Everything I have ever supported is to drive down the cost of health insurance, make sure everybody is protected when they have a preexisting condition. But I will tell you what I don't think is a good idea is a 100% government run healthcare that Jared Golden supports, that will drive up taxes, cost 32 trillion dollars and end Medicare as we know it.” [C-SPAN, 2018 ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/16/18] (VIDEO) 24:59

2016: Poliquin Claimed He Supported Keeping The Affordable Care Act’s Protections For Pre-Existing Conditions. “Let me give you an example. We need to keep our pre existing conditions. My son is asthmatic. I think Sammy ought to have the opportunity to buy a health insurance policy, that he can not only take from job to job but insures him for that pre existing condition.” [CSPAN, 2018 Maine Public ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/19/16] (VIDEO) 31:00

2014: Poliquin Said He Supported Keeping Pre-Existing Conditions Protections In An ACA Replacement Plan. POLIQUIN: “Now there are a couple things that in the in the in Obamacare that are certainly worth holding on to, for example, preexisting conditions, my son, who's now 23 is asthmatic. We have to make sure when Sammy gets a health care plan down the road that he's able to insure himself for that. Also portability. If Sam wants to change jobs, he ought to be able to take that health care plan with him.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter GOP Primary Debate, 5/28/14] (VIDEO) 13:00

Claims To Have Protected The ACA

2016: Poliquin Said He Voted Against Repealing The Affordable Care Act Because There Was No Replacement. POLIQUIN: “I was one of three republicans in the House that voted last year, not, not to, to replace the Affordable Care Act rather not to, to do away with the Affordable Care Act because there wasn't a replacement. I'm a business person trying to find solutions.” [CSPAN, 2018 Maine Public ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/19/16] (VIDEO) 31:00

Pledges To Repeal The ACA

2014: Poliquin: “I Believe That It Is Wrong To Have The Federal Government Take Over The Best Private Healthcare Industry In The World, And Obamacare I’m Dead Set Against.” POLIQUIN: “I believe that it is wrong to have the federal government take over the best private healthcare industry in the world, and Obamacare I’m dead set against. There’s a better way to do this.” [YouTube, Maine 02 RawFootage, WAGM Raye Poliquin Primary Debate, 5/30/14] (VIDEO) 8:34

2014: Poliquin: “Obamacare Is The Wrong Way To Go.” HOST: “Now that 50,000 Mainers have received private insurance through the Affordable Care Act, if you were to get to Congress, would you vote to take that health insurance away?” […] HOST: “Bruce Poliquin, do you think scrap it and replace it? And if so, what do you replace it with?” POLIQUIN: “Obamacare is the wrong way to go. We need to make sure we have the private sector, try to solve this health care problem. You know, we were promised that when the federal government took over our healthcare system, that you wouldn't lose your health insurance plans, you wouldn't lose your doctors and you wouldn't lose the hospitals of choice. That is absolutely not the case. It has been it's so it's a good example of a government run program that limits our choices and drives up costs and drives up taxes.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter GOP Primary Debate, 5/28/14] (VIDEO) 13:00

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2014: Poliquin Said He Supported Repealing And Replacing The ACA. POLIQUIN: “No. Repeal it and replace it with something that’s better that’s based on the free market. […] And no, I would not drop by current insurance, which by the way has already been cancelled once and then re-instated my premium 30 percent higher, but I was able to keep a plan that I wanted to insure myself and Sammy with a high deductible to keep my premiums low, and we’re actually paying out of pocket.” [YouTube, Maine 02 RawFootage, WAGM Raye Poliquin Primary Debate, 5/30/14] (VIDEO) 47:35

2012: Poliquin: “Here Are The First Few Things I Would Do. Number One, Repeal Obamacare.” POLIQUIN: “Now, if I have the opportunity to help fix our country and Maine at the same time here are the first few things I would do. Number one, repeal Obamacare.” [YouTube, Dirigo Blue, Bruce Poliquin’s First Priority, 9/11/14] (VIDEO) :00 Note: This video was uploaded in 2014; Poliquin’s remarks were made in 2012.

2011: Poliquin: “It Cost Us Nothing, Essentially Nothing, Free, To Repeal Obamacare. So That’s The First Thing We’re Doing.” AUDIENCE MEMBER: “You say lower health insurance premiums. […] How? What do you have in mind?” POLIQUIN: “Well, the first thing is, as you know, Maine signed on with Florida [inaudible] and it costs us nothing, essentially nothing, free, to repeal Obamacare. So that’s the first thing we’re doing. The governor has a plan for this. Mary Mayhew has just been appointed head of HHS and had a couple businesspeople working underneath her and we need to make sure we tighten eligibility requirements to get the cost of delivering these services down. The problem is the governor is handcuffed, because Maine has been so generous with our MaineCare that now we’re way above the national average and if we want to drop down, they say ‘nope! You have to stay where you are.’ So we have to get this repealed.” [YouTube, stan5858, Bruce Poliquin, Maine State Treasurer, “The Importance of Fiscal Discipline,” 2/28/11] (VIDEO) 23:04

Medicaid

July 2017: Poliquin Made A “Hasty Retreat” From Event At A Senior Living Facility After A Mainer Whose Child Had Disabilities Asked About His Support For Cutting Medicaid. “Rep. Bruce Poliquin (R-ME) was forced to make a hasty retreat from a senior living facility when he was confronted by citizens about his vote for the Republican health care repeal bill. Poliquin told attendees that he would answer questions after his press conference, but as soon as the reporters turned their cameras off, he ignored their shouted questions and left the building. Video of the encounter recorded by Maine People’s Alliance shows Valerie Walker attempting to ask Poliquin how she will address the health concerns of her son, who has a disability, if the cuts to Medicaid he vote for become law. Instead of responding to her, Poliquin complained about her presence, asking, ‘If you’re not a resident — I think this is just for residents, isn’t that correct?’ And a woman accompanying him actually tried to physically block the camera recording the exchange, when Poliquin was told that the room is a public space and Walker was free to be there. So he simply walked away from her to give his presentation to the broadcast cameras.” [American Independent, 7/13/17] (VIDEO) :00

Marriage Equality

2014: Poliquin Said He Believed In “Traditional Marriage.” POLIQUIN: (8:34) “I’m a conservative when it comes to traditional family values. I believe in traditional marriage.” [YouTube, Maine 02 RawFootage, WAGM Raye Poliquin Primary Debate, 5/30/14] (VIDEO)

2012: Poliquin: “I’m A Pro-Life, Traditional Marriage Catholic. That’s What I Believe.” REPRESENTATIVE, CHRISTIAN CIVIC LEAGUE: (6:18) “I’d like to know what your position is in regard to
upholding the Defense of Marriage Act. […] I’d like to know what you will do specifically in regard to this or any aspect of the law that was not being executed by our government and by our Attorney General specifically in regard to DOMA and specifically in regard to any other law that deals with same-sex marriage or the attempted redefinition of marriage.” […] POLIQUIN: “I’m a pro-life, traditional marriage, Catholic. That’s what I believe.” [YouTube, Dirigo Blue, ME-Sen Values Forum: Defense of Marriage Act, 4/25/12] (VIDEO)

2012: Poliquin Said He Believed In “Traditional Marriage” But Felt The Federal Government Had No Role In Defining Marriage. POLIQUIN: (0:51) “The federal government does not belong in that decision. [INAUDIBLE]. We in Maine are about to decide that issue again in November, make sure the law [UNINTELLIGIBLE]. I believe in traditional marriage.” [YouTube, Toby Hoxie, GOP Senate candidates Homosexual Marriage, 5/23/12] (VIDEO)

Minimum Wage

2014: Poliquin Would Not Give A “Yes” Or “No” Answer When Asked If Congress Should Raise The Minimum Wage. HOST: “Should Congress raise the federal minimum wage?” […] POLIQUIN: “We need to make sure we create better-paying jobs. Everyone wants higher jobs. Senator Collins is coming out to –” HOST: “We’re trying for yes or no here.” POLIQUIN: “Senator Collins is coming out with a compromise. I want to see what that compromise looks like. I will support, I won’t support anything that hurts our economy and kills jobs.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter General Election Debate, 10/14/14] (VIDEO) 1:04

Residency

2010: Poliquin Told A Reporter He Had Been A Resident Of Georgetown, Maine For Seven Years. HOST: “And now you’re a resident of Georgetown, Maine?” POLIQUIN: “Yes.” HOST: “And you’ve been in Georgetown for…?” POLIQUIN: “Seven years.” [YouTube, Bruce for Maine, In and Around Augusta Interview Part 1, 2/4/10] (VIDEO) 3:53

2014: Poliquin Was Attacked For Running In ME-02 Despite Living In Southern Maine. RAYE: “[17:00] I pointed out the difference between a Wall Street perspective and a Main Street perspective. I’m a small business person. […] That’s different than the Wall Street perspective. […] The fact that he’s not from this district is another issue that I’ve brought up because I think it’s relevant. The people in Aroostok County certainly understand that as we do elsewhere across the district that Mr. Poliquin ran for governor, he ran for United States Senator from his home in southern Maine. He had the opportunity to run for Congress in southern Maine, his home district, but he chose to come to the northern district to run, and I think that’s a fair question to bring up.” [YouTube, Maine 02 RawFootage, WAGM Raye Poliquin Primary Debate, 5/30/14] (VIDEO)

9/20/21: Poliquin Announced He Planned To “Relocate[ei] To The Bangor Area” To “Better Serve [His] Constituents.” On WVOM, Poliquin said, “I served, as you folks know, the second district of Maine in Congress for four years, and it really hit me how big our district is. […] So I’m relocating to the Bangor area. This makes much more sense to be able to better serve my constituents if the voters want me back, and I hope they will, and I expect they will. I’ll be able to better do it from the Bangor area. I’ll have access to two airports, Portland and also Bangor.” [WVOM, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 9/20/21] (AUDIO) 1:23

Seniors’ Issues

Retirement Age

Poliquin Said He Supported Saving Social Security For “Seniors Who Have Paid Into The System Who Are Counting On That Program,” But Raise The Retirement Age For Younger Workers. POLIQUIN: “Now, the social security plan is a very large $15 trillion unfunded defined benefit pension plan. It’s the same problem we had here at the state level that I helped solve, we need to make sure we save that plan for our seniors who have paid into
the system who are counting on that program. And then for individuals that are much younger, like my son, Sam who is 23, we have to be very honest with Sam, say, Sam, you're living longer, you're gonna have to retire at a later age before you get a retirement check. If you're a high wage earner, your your pension check might be a little bit less than someone who's really struggling. This is a math problem.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter GOP Primary Debate, 5/28/14] (VIDEO) 17:36

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Social Security

Poliquin Said It Was “Absolutely Fundamental” To Make Cuts To Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid So Associated Spending Made Up Less Of Our Federal Budget. POLIQUIN: “I’m really glad the viewer asked this question because 43 percent of all federal government spending is in three very large programs, one of which is Social Security. The other two are Medicare and Medicaid. 43 percent of all spending. So unless we address this problem, we will never get our fiscal house in order and our economy will never be strong enough to generate the good-paying jobs that we need. It is absolutely fundamental. I understand this issue very well.” [YouTube, Maine 02 RawFootage, WAGM Raye Poliquin Primary Debate, 5/30/14] (VIDEO) 38:09

Poliquin Called On The Federal Government To Address “Problems” With Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid, Which Were “On Autopilot” And “Consumed” 43 Percent Of Our Federal Budget. POLIQUIN: “About 43 percent of our budget is consumed by three huge government programs: Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. Now unless we address those problems – because those programs are on autopilot – we're never going to create or rather address this fiscal black cloud that's, that's hovering above our economy, that's preventing business owners from investing in their companies, hiring more people and creating jobs. Now we have to make sure that for our seniors or those that are close to being retirees or close to being seniors, if you will, they've paid into our Social Security, for example…” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter GOP Primary Debate, 5/28/14] (VIDEO) 9:51

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Taxes

Personal Property Tax Payments

Poliquin Claimed He Had Always Paid His Taxes In Full. POLIQUIN: “[18:49] But let's go back to this because we just heard a whopper. I'm gonna look right in the camera right at the people of Maine and just tell you flat out
the truth. I have always paid all of my taxes in full. Always.” [CSPAN, 2018 Maine Public ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/19/16] (VIDEO)

**When Asked Whether He Got A Lower Tax Rate Through The Main Tree Growth Tax Abatement Program, Poliquin Said That He, As A Real Estate Businessman, Scrutinized His Tax Bills With A Business Manager.** HOST: “[21:20] Are you saying here today that you did not put any of your land in the Tree Growth tax abatement program, that you never put any land, waterfront land into that program?” POLIQUIN: “What I am saying, Jennifer, is that I’ve paid every single tax I’ve owed always in full.” HOST: “But did you get a lower tax because you took advantage of that program?” POLIQUIN: “Jennifer, I’m in the real estate business. I have properties in different parts of the state. And when I get a tax bill, I look at it, I scrutinize it my business manager does with me. And business, rather property is tax different ways. Depending on the parcel it is. And this happens to be a parcel along the coast, there are other parcels that are not, and I’ve paid every dollar I’ve owed in taxes. Always.” [CSPAN, 2018 Maine Public ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/19/16] (VIDEO)

**Pledge Against Raising Taxes**

2014: Poliquin Pledged Not To Raise Taxes. POLIQUIN: “[8:34] I have taken a pledge not to raise taxes. This is very, very important. My opponent refuses to take that pledge, and that’s fine, but I want to make sure the voters in Aroostok County know that I’ve taken that pledge not to raise taxes.” [YouTube, Maine 02 RawFootage, WAGM Raye Poliquin Primary Debate, 5/30/14] (VIDEO)

**Audio**

2018 Challenge To Election Results

**Claims To Have Won The 2018 Election**

**November 2020: Poliquin Said He Won The 2018 Election.** POLIQUIN: “I remember having experienced this in a little way, Matt, two years ago in my second re-election in 2018 which I won and then nine days later they scammed it with this ranked voting. But it was my responsibility to take this to court to make sure everything was up to snuff but once the election was certified, it becomes very difficult to do that. So what Trump is doing is what he should be doing. It’s his responsibility, win or lose, to make sure he challenges these results because they are so close and it was so unconventional, the way we voted this way with mail-in voting, to give people confidence that their vote counted. So he’s got to go through this process. He should. It’s his responsibility. But he’s got an uphill climb.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 11/13/20] (AUDIO) 1:47

**Poliquin Said Ranked Choice Voting Was A “Scam” And A “Rip-Off” That Awarded The ME-02 Congressional Seat To The Race’s Second Place Finisher.** POLIQUIN: “Ranked voting up here in Maine turned out to be the biggest voter rip-off in our state’s history. We’ve been using common sense one person, one vote, a constitutional way to do this, for 200 years up here and it worked just fine. No confusion, simple. The person that gets the most votes on election day wins, like myself. We won, but nine days later after this confusion of counting these votes again and again, this black box computer algorithm that gave the seat to the candidate that came in second. So I told them the truth. I said, you’ve got to look at this closely. The folks from the second district that I represented rejected it twice because it’s such a scam.” [WVOM, GHRT Rewind, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 11/18/19] (AUDIO) 1:47

**Election Interference Allegations**

**Poliquin Claimed There Were “Thousands And Thousands Of Ballots That Were Thrown Out” During The 2018 Congressional Election In ME-02.** POLIQUIN: “There were thousands and thousands of ballots that were thrown out, spoiled ballots. We don’t know how many because they wouldn’t tell us. There were thousands of them. And in the end, the person who won this race did not get 50 percent of the votes cast. That’s what we were
promised, you know, whoever wins is going to get 50 percent of the vote. Didn’t happen.” [WVOM, GHRT Rewind, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 11/18/19] (AUDIO) 7:54

### Criticism Of Ranked-Choice Voting

2020: Poliquin Said Ranked Choice Voting Was “Horrible,” “Unfair,” And Pushed By “Big Money, Out Of State Folks.” POLIQUIN: “I think it’s horrible. Here you see again ranked voting is a way for liberal candidates who pose as independents to harvest second place votes to push those second place votes, extra votes to the Democrat candidate so they can win close elections. This is not a Maine idea. Maine has always been one person, one vote. We did everything we could to deep six this thing but the big money, out of state folks come up here to influence how we live and how we vote, and they’re able to get this on the ballot. It is a real issue, and it’s unfair. Because all of a sudden it’s not head to head between the two best candidates. How do you game the system to scam a close election?” [WVOM, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 10/19/20] (AUDIO) 10:20

February 2020: Poliquin Claimed “Soros And These Other Billionaires Sent A Ton Of Money Up In Here” To Pass Ranked-Choice Voting. “This is not like in the past, where Soros and these other billionaires sent a ton of money up in here, and political activists were able to fool about 15% of registered voters in Maine. That’s how they passed this scam. Now everybody’s going to the polls during a presidential election and they can weigh in on this: repealrankedchoice.com.” [WVOM FM, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 2/17/20] (AUDIO) 4:02

### Abortion

2019: Poliquin Said He Opposed The State Of Maine’s Decision To Cover Abortion Procedures Under Medicaid. POLIQUIN: “There are movements in both bodies, the federal and the state government – here, we’re talking about Augusta specifically – to use for the first time in I think 45 or 50 years taxpayer dollars to pay for abortion. Whether you’re pro-life like me or pro-choice, that’s not the issue. The issue is do you want to use taxpayer dollars to pay for abortion. At the federal level, it’s been the law of the land that you do not do that for about 40 or 50 years with the exception of rape, incest, and life of the mother. But now there’s a movement in Maine to use state, not federal because it’s illegal at the federal level, but state taxpayer dollars to pay for abortion. I think that’s a really bad idea. It can violate folks’ religious beliefs and all kinds of other problems with it.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 5/7/19] (AUDIO)

### Corporate Taxes

Poliquin Said Democrats’ Plans To Tax Corporations Would Actually Result In Tax Increases On Individuals Because Corporations Only Make Up 7 Percent Of America’s Total Federal Tax Revenues. POLIQUIN: “$3 trillion taken from – excuse me, Matt – individuals, small businesses, larger businesses during a time where we’re recovering from a recovery, it’s just a really bad idea. And when the Democrats say, ‘Well, we’re just going to soak these corporations, they’re going to pay for it,’ that’s just not true. If you look at all the tax revenues collected each year in this country at the federal level, seven percent – only seven percent – from corps, 50 percent from individuals and then another 36 percent from payroll taxes which you get when you have a job.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 4/9/21] (AUDIO) 9:05

### Marjorie Taylor Greene

Poliquin Said It Was Not Right For Democrats To Kick Marjorie Taylor Greene Off Of Her Congressional Committees. HOST: “[4:57] One of the other things, Bruce, that’s happening in Congress right now is the situation with Marjorie Taylor Greene here and what they’ve been doing as it relates to her committee assignments and all that stuff. […] Do you have any sort of sense of what you think should have happened there?” POLIQUIN: “Yeah. Look, you can’t stop crazy in America. Right? I mean, it’s a free country so far anyway. And if someone like this represents a congressional district in the state of Georgia, you know, says crazy things and she’s going to be accountable for those statements. However for the opposing party, in this case the Democrats, shutting out a
Republican who is representing her district who was elected by her constituents, shutting her out from committee work so she’s unable to help pass legislation that will be helpful to her district, I don’t think it’s right.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 2/5/21] (AUDIO)

**Trump’s Second Impeachment**

February 2021: Poliquin Called Trump’s Second Impeachment A “Show Trial.” POLIQUIN: “[1:47] I’m glad it’s behind us. It was a show trial I think in many regards, Matt. Even before the trial started, 44 senators voted that this wasn’t even constitutionally allowed to impeach a president that’s no longer sitting as president. But during the proceedings, it is a trial – it’s a political trial, but it’s still a trial – the Democrat impeachment managers had to prove that Mr. Trump incited this riot in the Capitol and they were unable to do that. You’ve got to prove it. Now, clearly, he called folks to Washington and encouraged them to express their views, but it did not reach the level of incitement which includes intent. So they just didn’t prove their case.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 2/15/21] (AUDIO)

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Poliquin Said He Would Have Voted Against Impeaching Trump For His Involvement In The Capitol Riot On January 6, 2021. HOST: “[4:21] I’d love to get your thoughts on what you think about frankly her vote and then the reaction to it from the state GOP.” POLIQUIN: “Yeah well Senator Collins just won a new, six-year term against pretty big odds. […] I think a lot of this debate is fine. Republicans have a very big tent, Matt, as you know, and there’s all kinds of room for different decisions and different ideas. But for the most part, I don’t think it makes a lot of difference. I personally, and I think that was part of your question, I would have voted differently. I looked at the issues differently than the Senator did but she made the decision she did based on the information she has and she was elected to be in this case an impartial jurist and I’m sure she weighed all the facts. So I think this is a lot to do about nothing.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 2/19/21] (AUDIO)

**Big Lie & January 6th Impeachment**

Big Lie

Poliquin Said He Agreed With Trump’s Decision To Take The Results Of The 2020 Presidential Election To Court. POLIQUIN: “[1:47] I remember having experienced this in a little way, Matt, two years ago in my second re-election in 2018 which I won and then nine days later they scammed it with this ranked voting. But it was my responsibility to take this to court to make sure everything was up to snuff but once the election was certified, it
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December 2020: Poliquin Said Biden Was “Likely The President-Elect” Though There Was Still A Chance Trump Would Win The Election. POLIQUIN: “If Trump had won the election, and he still may, but it looks like he probably won’t, if Trump had won the election, this would be dead on arrival. […] Now, however, that Biden is likely the President-elect and likely will be seated on January 20, she probably wants to give him some sort of win.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 12/4/20] (AUDIO) 4:23

January 6th Insurrection

Poliquin Said The January 6th Insurrection Was “Horrible” And Did Not Qualify As Constitutional Free Speech. POLIQUIN: “[1:10] It was horrible. […] It was absolutely horrible. Violence in any form is not constitutional free speech. It is not free speech. You violate that police line, you should be prosecuted and arrested, the book should be thrown at you. And that’s what they’re doing.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 1/15/21] (AUDIO)

Poliquin Said The Capitol Riots Were Horrific And Not Right. POLIQUIN: “[2:50] There are a lot of double standards out there, Matt, and I worked with these people for four years down in Congress when I was serving Maine. […] Above the Supreme Court entrance, Matt, engraved in stone for everybody to see is ‘Equal justice under law.’ Now, I’m not saying what happened in the Capitol was right on January 6th. Those riots were horrific. So were the riots last summer across the country, including in Portland, Maine where some of these demonstrations turned into violence. You can’t club police officers. You can’t kill innocent people. You can’t burn down buildings and get away with it. So I wish and I hope they prosecute all these people, whether it’s Seattle, Washington, Portland, Maine, or in the Capitol. What’s good for the goose is good for the gander.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 2/12/21] (AUDIO)

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Balanced Budget

July 2021: Poliquin Said He Supported A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution. HOST: “Let’s say we made you King of America. What would you do?” POLIQUIN: “Well first of all what you do is pass a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution so the federal government would only be able to spend what they take in instead of borrowing and printing money to make up the difference, just like the state of Maine has.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 7/15/21] (AUDIO) 5:02

January 2021: Poliquin: “We’ve Got To Have A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution, The Federal Constitution.” POLIQUIN: “I got a stomachache, frankly. This is why we’ve got to have a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, the federal Constitution. We have one at the state level. […] What the federal government does, Matt, is these folks that represent us, they just spend as much money as they want. If they run out of money, they just print more.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 1/15/21] (AUDIO) 9:34
Debt Limit

Poliquin Said America Would Be In “A Real Financial Calamity” If It Was Forced To Default On Its Debt.
POLIQUIN: “One of the things you cannot avoid is paying the interest on the money that you have borrowed. You’ve got to pay that or our country defaults, which would be a real financial calamity.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 1/22/21] (AUDIO) 8:03

Covid Mitigation & Pandemic Relief

Covid Mitigation Measures

11/6/20: Poliquin Said Maine’s Mask Mandate Was “Really Insulting To A Lot Of People.” “However, you got to use common sense, and for Janet Mills to continue to extend her emergency powers, given to her by the legislature, and her continuing to tell us that we don’t have enough common sense to know where and when we should wear a mask is really insulting to a lot of people.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 11/6/20] (AUDIO) 8:12

June 2020: Poliquin Called The Closure Of Indoor Bars In Maine “Just Not Fair.” HOST: “I’d love to kick things off here by having your reaction to what you saw with the decision on bars reopening. Obviously, we had the original July 1st date that bars, or indoor service within bars, excuse me, was supposed to be happening, that has now been pushed back with no real idea of when it’s going to be lifted. Your thoughts, Mr. Poliquin?” POLIQUIN: “It’s another kick in the teeth to our small businesses, Matt. This is just not fair. It’s just not fair.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 6/23/20] (AUDIO) 00:13

Poliquin Said It Was A Big Mistake To Close Schools In Response To COVID-19, As “School-Aged Kids [Were] Generally Not Affected By This Virus.” POLIQUIN: “We also learned about a year ago that school-aged kids are generally not affected by this virus so schools should have been opened and they have not been. Some are still closed. Big mistake.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 5/14/21] (AUDIO) 2:05

November 2020: Poliquin Said The Major COVID-19 Vaccines Were “Highly Effective Vaccines” And “A Huge Success Story For The Trump Administration.” POLIQUIN: “We have an administration and a president who comes from the business community. He understands the power of the private sector. And remember, the government – federal government, state government, or local – they don’t invent vaccines. They don’t distribute vaccines. They don’t manufacture vaccines after they’ve been created. The private sector does that. […] The great thing about this, Aaron, is that these vaccines, we have three now that are just about to come out, Pfizer, Moderna, and AstraZeneca, they are all 90 to 95 percent effective. If you get a shingles shot, it’s about 80 percent effective. If you get a measles shot, it’s about 95 percent effective. So these are highly effective vaccines and it’s the power of the business community in partnership with the federal government that put a boatload of money into this. […] A huge success story for the Trump administration.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 11/27/20] (AUDIO) 2:39

Pandemic Relief

August 2021: When Asked About The Eviction Moratorium, Poliquin Said Democrats Would “Push To Give Everybody As Much Government Handouts As Humanly Possible.” HOST: “Finally here, Bruce, some current events, the non-eviction issue. The Centers for Disease Control issued a new eviction moratorium that’s going to go I think until October third. […] How much longer are we going to be paying rent for people?” POLIQUIN: “As long as Jared Golden is in the majority, and enables this to happen, and says nothing, by the way. As long as the Democrats are in the majority, and I really want to make this clear, Mike, is that the spending will continue. It will not stop, they’re going to push to give everybody as much government handouts as humanly possible, whether it be
food assistance, housing assistance, paying people to stay at home and not work when their jobs are available and they’re perfectly capable.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 8/4/21] (AUDIO) 13:45

**Dodging The Press**

**August 2017: Poliquin Said “It Would Be Stupid For Me To Engage The National Media To Give Them And Everybody Else The Ammunition They Need And We Lose This Seat.”** “In the audio, Rep. Poliquin can be heard saying he intentionally avoids the national media. Here is the full transcript: ‘We must win these seats. Flashback to 2016 last year. How many times did a newspaper reporter, Joe, put a microphone in my nose and say, ‘Yeah I know you just had a great event. New balance shoes, 900 jobs, American made jobs in Norway, Skowhegan and Norridgewalk. But by the way, Mr. Trump, your nominee, just said this. What's your reaction?’ As soon as you go down that path, Mark, you are in the swamp. You are exactly where they want you to be. Do not take the bait. […] You think the press is bad in Maine? They are - it's unbelievable. And they are dying to get you on record to say whatever. And that becomes the next. So I used to think that folks in Congress like me because I'm a big hearted Frenchman like Norman. I'm a happy guy. And I'm always walking around knowing exactly where we're going. The reason is because they need our seat. There are two dozen – that's it – two dozen swing districts in the country. […] So we've got to be incredibly careful. Now do I talk to the national media? Not often. I've been dying to do what you want me to do. Dying to do it. We've got to be very... It would be stupid for me to engage the national media to give them and everybody else the ammunition they need and we lose this seat. You have to be really careful.” [News Center Maine, 8/25/17] (AUDIO) 00:58

**Education**

**College Affordability**

**July 2021: Poliquin Said Tuition-Free Community College Was Unfair To People Who Did Not Go To College.** “Free community college. What if you did not go to college? What if you didn’t have that opportunity? It means you’re paying for somebody who did go to college, and you’re likely going to be paying off their debt.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 7/15/21] (AUDIO) 2:24

**K-12 Education**

**June 2021: Poliquin Said He Opposed Growing Maine’s Education Budget Since School Performance Was “Horrendous” During COVID-19.** POLIQUIN: “The state of Maine has already received several billion dollars from the federal government dealing with this COVID situation, much of which has nothing to do with COVID. There’s been a lot of money that’s gone to the schools and still we’ve had roughly 4,000 kids that have dropped out of public schools and instead their parents have opted to put them into parochial schools, religious schools, or independent schools, private schools, because the government doesn’t know how to keep these public schools open. So to put more money into an organization that’s unable to deliver a service effectively just doesn’t make any sense to me. It just doesn’t. […] This is just more money going to the schools even though their performance over the last year has been horrendous.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 6/4/21] (AUDIO) 5:54

**Immigration**

**Poliquin Said Democrats Were Allowing Massive Amounts Of People To Cross The Southern Border With Mexico As A Way Of Growing Their Voting Base.** POLIQUIN: “[10:32] At the same time the administration keeps the border with Mexico wide open so we have 170, 175,000 people per month illegally coming over the border with Mexico because they are from Central America, everything is free they get. And I believe, I hate to say this, the administration thinks they are possibly new voters. The Cubans who have lived through socialism for sixty years, they vote Republican. […] They vote Republican. And these other folks that are coming in, they want everything free, I think they think they are new voters. It is wrong. It is really scary.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 7/15/21] (AUDIO)
Infrastructure

July 2021: Poliquin Claimed That “Only About A Third” Of The Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework “Deals With True Infrastructure.” “This is a one trillion-dollar infrastructure package that deals with everything, including its brother. You know, only about a third of it deals with true infrastructure, but it deals with everything else.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 7/22/21] (AUDIO) 1:50

Paris Climate Agreement

Poliquin Said The United States Rejoining The Paris Accord “Screw[ed] The Little Guy” Since It Allowed The World’s Biggest Polluters To Keep Polluting. POLIQUIN: (2:36) “He thinks that climate change is a critical issue for us to deal with. OK. Let’s look at the data. The last 30 years, the United States has reduced the sulfur dioxide emissions by about 80 percent. This is stuff coming out of the smokestacks at power plants. And lead emissions are down about 80 percent. So when you join the Paris Accord, it means that we’re going to try and continue to reduce our pollution which we have been but China and India can go on their way, and they’re the biggest polluters in the world. So it screws the little guy.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 1/22/21] (AUDIO)

Policing

June 2020: Poliquin Called For Information On Police Misconduct To Be Shared Across Police Departments. “[4:38] For example, if you have find that there are some police officers who are not being fair in their treatment of folks who are being apprehended, and they have a history of this, that information, Matt, should be shared with other police departments in the event that this individual moves from one PD to another. Share that information.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 6/17/20] (AUDIO)

June 2020: Poliquin Said Police Unions “Should Not Protect Police Officers Who Are Not Treating The Public Well.” “[5:02] Second of all, the union that represents our police officers, I know they do good stuff and I appreciate all that, but they should not protect police officers who are not treating the public well. That is really important.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 6/17/20] (AUDIO)

Childcare


Trade

Poliquin: “Trump Was The First President In Modern History Who Took This Chinese Threat Seriously, And It Was Getting To Be Quite Effective.” “Trump was the first president in modern history who took this Chinese threat seriously, and it was getting to be quite effective. They look at Biden and Mr. Obama with his administration, where Biden of course was the vice president for eight years, and they see weakness and appeasement.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 3/22/21] (AUDIO) 5:55

2014: When Asked About His Stance On NAFTA, Poliquin Replied, “Free Trade Is Good.” “HOST: Bruce, let me ask a follow up question. Mike Michaud, who you’re running to replace in Congress, has stated publicly and often that he believes NAFTA was not good for Maine’s economy and citing many of the industries that have since left the state, what is your view on NAFTA and its legacy? POLIQUIN: My view on trade in general, Jennifer, is free trade is good. Because we want folks in Canada or Singapore or in Australia to buy our blueberries, our lobsters, and our potatoes. But we need to make sure that these trade agreements are fair. And if they are fair, I
support them. If they are not fair to our workers here in Maine and throughout America that I do not support them. [Maine Public Broadcasting Network, Your Vote Interview With Bruce Poliquin, 46:10, 10/6/14] (AUDIO) 45:50

Images

Note: All images are saved on the drive.

Poliquin Wearing Earbuds

May 2017: When A Reporter Asked If He Planned To Vote For The AHCA, Poliquin “Made A Beeline To The Restroom,” Accidentally Entered The Women’s Restroom, Then “Scurried Away” Wearing Earbuds.

“As House Republican leaders claim they’re getting ever closer to acquiring the votes they need to pass the American Health Care Act, pressure is mounting on a number of still-reluctant, vulnerable GOP members of Congress to fall in line. As such, those members want to go into hiding. Here is a taste of what it’s like trying to pin down an undecided Republican member of Congress on his or her possible Trumpcare vote this week. Maine Rep. Bruce Poliquin has yet to declare either his support or opposition for the bill. As he was walking out of the House Republican conference’s morning meeting Tuesday, I asked him if he had arrived at a decision. He said nothing and made a beeline to the restroom. Unfortunately it was the door to the women’s restroom that he had first run to, so he corrected himself and went into the men’s room. When he emerged several minutes later, he was wearing his earbuds and scurried away.” [Slate, 5/2/17]

- Bill Nemitz Column Called Earbuds A “Fitting Symbol For Poliquin” Since “The Poor Guy Apparently Can't Hear, Let Alone Answer, Tough Questions.” “[HEADLINE: Bill Nemitz: Earbuds are fitting symbol for ever-silent Rep. Poliquin] For those who haven't already heard, that's where the Republican congressman from Maine's 2nd District mistakenly almost took refuge inside the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday when a persistent reporter tried to ask for his position on repealing the Affordable Care Act. A short time later, Poliquin hastily emerged from the men's room wearing ear buds -- his clumsy add-on to a pre-existing condition that has afflicted him since the day he first arrived in Washington, D.C. The poor guy apparently can't hear, let alone answer, tough questions.” [Kennebec Journal, Bill Nemitz Column, 5/7/17]
Note: Unknown if this photo was taken in the run up to Poliquin’s vote for the AHCA.

Newspaper Front Pages/Images

2018 Election Challenge

8/7/21: Portland Press Herald: “Poliquin Lost His Congressional Race In 2018, But Insists He Was The Real Victor”

Bruce Poliquin lost his congressional race in 2018, but insists he was the real victor

The former U.S. Representative maintains that he was the real winner.

[Portland Press Herald, 8/7/21]
12/22/18: Portland Press Herald: “Poliquin Loses Bid To Block Golden Certification”
Jails could see better addiction treatment

Maine inmates are competing for a program that would expand medication-assisted treatment for addictions to heroin.

By JON LARSON

A successful bill to expand a program that would expand medication-assisted treatment for addictions to heroin is in jeopardy after the chairman of the House Criminal Justice Committee, Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-Wilton, announced he is opposed to funding for the program.

Poliquin, a co-sponsor of the bill, said he would vote against funding for the program because it would increase the state’s debt.

The program, known as the Heroin and Opiate Treatment Program, would provide funding to expand medication-assisted treatment for addictions to heroin. The program is currently funded by $1.5 million in federal and state funds.

Poliquin said he is concerned about the state’s ability to repay the debt.

The program, which includes medication-assisted treatment for addictions to heroin, is a collaborative effort between the Maine Department of Health and Human Services and the Maine Department of Corrections.

Here comes the sun power

University system leader to retire at end of school year

Chancellor James E. Page said he will step down next year, after almost four years as the head of the University of Maine System.

Page, who has served as chancellor since 2015, said he plans to retire at the end of next academic year, which will be the 2019-2020 school year.

“While I will miss the challenges and rewards of this job, I am looking forward to this next chapter of my life,” Page said in a statement.

Page has been a leader in higher education for more than 30 years, and has served as chancellor of the University of Maine, the University of Southern Maine, and the State of Maine.

Flynn’s fate at sentencing postponed

Judge Michaela Murphy announced on Thursday that sentencing for former U.S. Attorney John Kiriakou will be postponed.

Kiriakou is facing up to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to charges of leaking classified information to the media.

Flynn’s fate at sentencing postponed

[Portland Press Herald Twitter, 12/19/18]
Judge rejects Poliquin’s election challenge

The ruling upholds the constitutionality of ranked-choice voting and denies a request for a new election.

Chebeague shocked by slaying of ex-islander

Beth, 29, a native Mainer whose father still lives on the island, was totally shocked.

“HEARTFELT ASSISTANCE”

Meet the UMaine bear-huggers

The unprecedented playoff success of the university’s football team has inspired equally unbridled love from its fans.

Solar power achieves milestone on chilly Thanksgiving

It rained a novel that dried the day’s peak energy demand, showing it growing into one on the electric grid.

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[Portland Press Herald Twitter, 12/14/18]
12/8/18: Portland Press Herald: “‘NO EVIDENCE’ State Won’t Probe Claim 1st District Voters Got Wrong Ballot”

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"NO EVIDENCE" State won't probe claim 1st District voters got wrong ballot

Maine's secretary of state rejects affidavits signed by 17 residents saying they voted in the wrong races.

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[Portland Press Herald Twitter, 12/8/18]
Poliquin asks judge to call new election

The 2nd District Republican candidate to Iowa's1st congressional district challenging the constitutionality of the 2018 election ballot.

By AARON STEWART | Staff Writer

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The University of Maine football team is playing the University of Maine football team in a game to determine which team will face the University of Maine football team in the first round of the NCAA football playoffs.

“Darius is our motivation. He’s why we’re playing this season,”

The tragic preseason death of freshman player Darius Minor only cemented his presence on a Black Bears squad that realized "we had something to play for."
Golden wins 2nd District race

Not only has the Maine Democrat become the first congressional candidate to earn his seat through ranked-choice voting, he also strengthens his party’s takeover of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Lewiston Democrat, 36, joins 90 vets in Congress

Jared Golden is also among the youngest, and his upset victory Thursday means a single party holds all 22 of New England’s seats in the U.S. House.

Maine’s 2nd District race

The 32-year-old[1] won the race for the 2nd District seat as a Democrat in a field that included Republican Rep. Bruce Poliquin. In a race that had three candidates and three levels of voting, Golden secured the majority of votes and defeated Poliquin in the final round.

Bill Nelligan’s column

Congressman Bruce Poliquin could learn a thing or two from Republican Steven King.

Lottery winner gives $500,000 to veterans

In a surprise to Travis Hills, an Iowa woman shares her $500,000 lottery win with her foundation based in Maine.

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For California fire evacuees, ‘home’ remains a mystery

Huddled in a church parking lot, dozens of people huddle together and a chance to go back. "We're really up in the air."

By ROBERT KENNEDY

For the thousands of southern California residents who burned, the largest evacuations will be to the newest evacuations. As a result, the Church of the Nazarene in Glendale, Calif., has been taking in the evacuees as the number of homes destroyed continues to rise.

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[Portland Press Herald Twitter, 11/12/18]
American Health Care Act

Portland Press Herald: “Republicans Revive Health Care Bill [...] Lawmaker’s Usual Sidestep Gets Him All Turned Around”

[Portland Press Herald Twitter, 8/26/17]
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Abortion

HEADLINE: “Poliquin’s Vote For Anti-Abortion Measure Prompts Disagreement Over Maine Values.” [Bangor Daily News, 1/22/15]

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5/17/18: Times Record Headline: “Poliquin Voices Support For Children’s Health Insurance Cuts.” [Times Record, 5/7/18]

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### Poliquin Tax Loopholes


3/16/12: Times Record Headline: “Poliquin Applies For Different Property Tax Break.” [Times Record, 3/16/12]

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10/26/16: AP Headline: “Poliquin’s Thoughts On Trump? He’s Keeping Them To Himself.” [Associated Press, 10/26/16]

10/12/16: Ellsworth American Headline: “Poliquin: Not My Job To Weigh In On Trump.” [Ellsworth American, 10/12/16]


Personal & Professional History
Biography

This section provides background information on Poliquin’s personal life, including education, personal finances, criminal and civil record, and other areas. Searches were conducted with various local media in Maine, school website archives, Maine legal records, and other online resources, including Lexis-Nexis.

Birth Date


Education


- Poliquin Attended Waterville High School Before Transferring To Andover. “This weekend let's cheer the Patriots on to winning One More! Some of you may know I went to school with Bill Belichick. After time at Waterville High School, on a scholarship I went to Philips Academy. There Belichick and I played on the varsity football team together.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 2/4/17]

- Poliquin Attended Andover On A Scholarship “Based On His Smarts And Athletic Prowess”. “Based on his smarts and athletic prowess, Phillips Academy Andover in Andover, Massachusetts, accepted him with a scholarship that made it possible for Poliquin to attend by working sometimes in the library and washing windows for faculty members.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 9/2/18]

- Poliquin Supplemented His Scholarship “By Working Sometimes In The Library And Washing Windows For Faculty Members.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 9/22/18]

- Poliquin Called Graduating From Andover “One Of The Greatest Accomplishments Of [His] Life.” “Poliquin adored Andover, as he’s made clear on many occasions over the years, including giving classmates a private U.S. Capitol tour one night in 2015. ‘I love Andover. This is home to me. This is my family. One of the greatest accomplishments of my life has been graduating from this place,’ Poliquin said in a 2016 interview with The Phillipian during a visit to the school.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 9/22/18]


- Poliquin Played Lacrosse At Harvard. “On Harvard's lacrosse team, where Poliquin also tended goal, his hustle and team spirit made him stand out. ‘He was an energetic guy,’ said William Tennis, general counsel and executive vice president of DiamondRock Hospitality Co. in Maryland, a teammate who graduated with Poliquin. ‘He showed an enormous amount of spirit to the team.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 9/22/18]

- Poliquin Painted Metal Roofs In Waterville During The Summer While A College Student. “To earn some cash to buy textbooks while at Harvard, Poliquin said, he took a job painting metal roofs one summer in Waterville.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 9/22/18]
The following provides a brief overview of Poliquin’s professional career:

**Political**
- 2019: Nominee, Chair of Board Of Securities Investor Protection Corp (not confirmed by Senate)
- 2012: Candidate, U.S. Senator for Maine (lost in Republican primary)
- 2011 – 2012: Maine State Treasurer (elected by state legislature)
- 2010: Candidate, Maine Governor (lost in Republican primary)

**Professional**
- 2006 – 2015: Owner, Popham Beach Club
- 2005 – Present: Owner, Dirigo Holdings
- 1984 – Present: Limited Partner, Zweig-DiMenna Partners
- 1976 – 1978: Harris Bank

**Associated Entities**

The following provides a brief overview of Poliquin’s associated entities:

**Businesses**
- Dirigo Holdings (Managing Member, April 2005 – May 2021) [Maine Secretary of State Corporate Search, Dirigo Holdings Annual Reports, 2005 – 2021, accessed 10/7/21]
- Popham Beach Club LLC (Managing Member, 2012 – May 2021) [Popham Beach Club LLC Annual Reports, 2012 – 2021, accessed 10/7/21]

**Organizations**
- Popham Woods Condominium Unit Owners’ Association (President, 2009 – Present) [Maine Secretary of State Corporate Search, Popham Woods Condominium Unit Owners’ Association Annual Reports, 2009 – 2021, accessed 10/7/21]

**Key Individuals/Partners**
- James Hopkinson – Registered Agent, Popham Woods Condominium Unit Owners’ Association (2010 – Present); Bath Planning Board Vice Chair [Popham Woods Condominium Unit Owners’ Association Annual Reports, 2009 – 2021, accessed 10/7/21]
- Sam Poliquin – Son; Director, Popham Woods Condominium Unit Owners’ Association (2019 – Present)
- David Champoux – Registered Agent, Dirigo Holdings (2005 – Present); Manager, Dirigo Holdings (2021 – Present); Manager, Popham Beach Club LLC (2021 – Present) [Maine Secretary of State Corporate Search, Dirigo Holdings Annual Reports, 2005 – 2021, accessed 10/7/21; Popham Beach Club LLC Annual Reports, 2012 – 2021, accessed 10/7/21]
- Andrew Kern – Managing Director, CK Capital/Notch Hill Advisors (1999 – Present) [Florida Secretary of State Registration, 1/26/99, accessed 9/15/21; Florida Secretary of State Annual Report, 1/7/21, accessed 9/15/21]
- Harold Chefitz – Managing Director, CK Capital/Notch Hill Advisors (1999 – Present) [Florida Secretary of State Registration, 1/26/99, accessed 9/15/21; Florida Secretary of State Annual Report, 1/7/21, accessed 9/15/21]

**Criminal Record**

### As Of October 2021, Poliquin Had Nine Traffic Violations In Maine, Seven Of Which He Paid Fines On Years Later

**November 2010:** Poliquin Had A Traffic Violation For Speeding 1 to 9 Miles Per Hour Over The Speed Limit In Maine. [Maine Violations Bureau, State of Maine vs. Bruce L Poliquin, Case # 2568825, 11/3/10, accessed 10/7/21]

- **November 2010:** Poliquin Plead[ed No Contest And Paid $119 In Fines Related To The Violation. [Maine Violations Bureau, State of Maine vs. Bruce L Poliquin, Case # 2568825, 11/18/10, accessed 10/7/21]

**June 2006:** Poliquin Had A Traffic Violation For Speeding 15 To 19 Miles Per Hour Over The Speed Limit In Maine. [Maine Violations Bureau, State of Maine vs. Bruce L Poliquin, Case # 2065831, 6/15/06, accessed 10/7/21]

- **June 2006:** Poliquin Plead[ed No Contest And Paid $185 In Fines Related To The Violation. [Maine Violations Bureau, State of Maine vs. Bruce L Poliquin, Case # 2065831, 6/23/06, accessed 10/7/21]

**August 2000:** Poliquin Had A Traffic Violation For Not Wearing A Seatbelt In Maine. On August 1, 2000, Poliquin had a traffic violation for operator not wearing an operator seatbelt. [Maine Violations Bureau, State of Maine vs. Bruce L Poliquin, Case # 1208240, 8/1/2000, accessed 10/7/21]

- **January 2001:** Poliquin Plead[ed No Contest To The Violation. [Maine Violations Bureau, State of Maine vs. Bruce L Poliquin, Case # 1208240, 1/8/01, accessed 10/7/21]

- **March 2005:** Poliquin Paid $62 In Fines Related To The Violation. [Maine Violations Bureau, State of Maine vs. Bruce L Poliquin, Case # 1208240, 3/12/05, accessed 10/7/21]

**June 2000:** Poliquin Had A Traffic Violation For Speeding 15 To 19 Miles Per Hour Over The Speed Limit In Maine. [Maine Violations Bureau, State of Maine vs. Bruce L Poliquin, Case # 1184687, 6/19/2000, accessed 10/7/21]

- **June 2000:** Poliquin Plead[ed No Contest To The Violation. [Maine Violations Bureau, State of Maine vs. Bruce L Poliquin, Case # 1184687, 6/22/2000, accessed 10/7/21]
- **March 2005: Poliquin Paid $123 In Fines Related To The Violation.** [Maine Violations Bureau, State of Maine vs. Bruce L Poliquin, Case # 1184687, 3/14/05, accessed 10/7/21]

**January 1999: Poliquin Had A Traffic Violation For Speeding 20 to 24 Miles Per Hour Over The Speed Limit In Maine.** [Maine Violations Bureau, State of Maine vs. Bruce L Poliquin, Case # 825433, 1/21/99, accessed 10/7/21]

- **January 1999: Poliquin Plead No Contest To The Violation.** [Maine Violations Bureau, State of Maine vs. Bruce L Poliquin, Case # 825433, 1/21/99, accessed 10/7/21]

- **March 2005: Poliquin Paid $120 In Fines Related To The Violation.** [Maine Violations Bureau, State of Maine vs. Bruce L Poliquin, Case # 825433, 3/14/05, accessed 10/7/21]

**August 1997: Poliquin Had A Traffic Violation For Failure To Display A Current And Valid Certificate Of Inspection In Maine.** [Maine Violations Bureau, State of Maine vs. Bruce L Poliquin, Case # 599327, 8/19/97, accessed 10/7/21]

- **August 1997: Poliquin Plead No Contest To The Violation.** [Maine Violations Bureau, State of Maine vs. Bruce L Poliquin, Case # 599327, 8/19/97, accessed 10/7/21]

- **March 2005: Poliquin Paid $80 In Fines Related To The Violation.** [Maine Violations Bureau, State of Maine vs. Bruce L Poliquin, Case # 599327, 3/1/05, accessed 10/7/21]


- **September 1994: Poliquin Plead No Contest To The Violation.** [Maine Violations Bureau, State of Maine vs. Bruce L Poliquin, Case # 346443, 9/9/94, accessed 10/7/21]

- **March 2005: Poliquin Paid $55 In Fines Related To The Violation.** [Maine Violations Bureau, State of Maine vs. Bruce L Poliquin, Case # 346443, 3/1/05, accessed 10/7/21]


- **June 1994: Poliquin Plead No Contest To The Violation.** [Maine Violations Bureau, State of Maine vs. Bruce L Poliquin, Case # 320015, 6/8/94, accessed 10/7/21]

- **March 2005: Poliquin Paid $110 In Fines Related To The Violation.** [Maine Violations Bureau, State of Maine vs. Bruce L Poliquin, Case # 320015, 3/14/05, accessed 10/7/21]


- **March 1994: Poliquin Plead No Contest To The Violation.** [Maine Violations Bureau, State of Maine vs. Bruce L Poliquin, Case # 408719, 3/1/94, accessed 10/7/21]

- **March 2005: Poliquin Paid $55 In Fines Related To The Violation.** [Maine Violations Bureau, State of Maine vs. Bruce L Poliquin, Case # 408719, 3/1/05, accessed 10/7/21]
September 2005: Aaon Inc Filed A Construction Lien Against The Residents Of 300 Three Islands Blvd, Including Poliquin

September 2005: Aaon Inc Filed A Construction Lien Against The Residents Of 300 Three Islands Blvd, Including Poliquin. In September 2005, Aaon Inc filed a lien against the residents of 300 Three Islands Blvd, Hallandale Beach, Florida for a total value of $94,908 of work the company performed on the building and for which it was not compensated. Aaon Inc filed a lien against Poliquin and hundreds of other residents. Broward County Clerk of the Circuit and County Court listed the claimed amount against Poliquin as $0. [Broward County Clerk of the Circuit and County Court, Lien, Instrument # 105371635, recorded 9/16/05, accessed 9/30/21]

October 2005: Aaon Inc Released Its Lien Against The Residents Of 300 Three Islands Blvd, Including Poliquin. [Broward County Clerk of the Circuit and County Court, Lien Release, Instrument # 105445781, recorded 10/11/05, accessed 9/30/21]

September 2011: The City Of Bath Filed A Lien Against Dirigo Holdings For $8.92 In Unpaid Municipal Taxes

September 2011: The City Of Bath Filed A Lien Against Dirigo Holdings For $8.92 In Unpaid Municipal Taxes And Other Fines Totaling $59.72. In September 2011, the City of Bath filed a lien against Dirigo Holdings for $8.92 in unpaid municipal taxes on its 65 Bowery Street property, interest, and administrative fees totaling $59.72. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Municipal Lien, Instrument # 3322-0263, recorded 9/26/11, accessed 9/30/21]


Voter Registration & History

According to VoteBuilder, Poliquin’s voting history is depicted below:

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[VoteBuilder, accessed 11/5/21]
Note: This research was based on VoteBuilder data. FOAA documents confirming Poliquin’s voter activity were unavailable as of January 2022.
Personal Information

This section provides personal information on Poliquin’s personal life, including his residence, real property information, and information collected on his family members.

**Significant Findings**

- In October 2021, Poliquin purchased a condo in the Bangor area because the Maine Republican Party proposed moving the town out of which he ran his campaigns from Maine’s 1st District to its 2nd District.

- In January 2018, Poliquin sold his home in Oakland, Maine, which at the time was located in Maine’s 2nd Congressional District, but said he continued to live there through the end of 2018.

- Poliquin lived in Georgetown, Maine, which had been located in Maine’s 1st Congressional District, as recently as August 2021 per the Portland Press Herald.

- In September 2021, the Maine Republican Party proposed moving Oakland, where Poliquin’s primary opponent lived, to Maine’s 1st Congressional District in a move “largely seen in political circles […] coordinated by top Republican officials and Poliquin.”

- Within three weeks, Poliquin purchased a condo in the Bangor area for 57 percent more than its assessed value; the CEO of the real estate agency that listed it contributed to Poliquin’s campaign two weeks before the purchase.

- Poliquin repeatedly requested tax abatements, exploited property tax loopholes, and paid taxes late on his many properties.

- Poliquin exploited the Maine Tree Growth program to pay $30 in taxes annually on 10 oceanfront acres of his $3.4 million property between 2004 and 2012.

- The deed for Poliquin’s property prohibited harvesting lumber; the Maine Tree Growth Program was intended to support the development of Maine’s “commercial forest products.”

- After he faced criticism for exploiting the loophole, Poliquin enrolled his property in the Open Space property tax valuation reduction program, which it was still enrolled in as of 2021.

- Poliquin and his real estate company, Dirigo Holdings, paid property taxes late 48 times between 1993 and 2019.

- Between 1988 and 2014, Poliquin received homestead exemptions on properties in Oakland and Georgetown, Maine, which was not in Maine’s 2nd District.

- Between 1990 and 2008, Poliquin requested seven tax abatements on personal and corporate properties, including on his $3.4 million Georgetown mansion and his private island in Oakland.

- As of October 2021, Poliquin and his companies owned $6.2 million worth of real property.

- Poliquin refused to say whether he stole 124 feet of fencing from his neighbors per a 2003 police report.
Poliquin Moved To The Bangor Area In October 2021 Because The Maine GOP Proposed Moving His In-District Property To Maine’s 1st Congressional District, Even Though Poliquin Lived In Maine’s 1st District Before Then

September – October 2021: Poliquin Bought A Condo And Registered To Vote In The Bangor Area Weeks After The Maine GOP Proposed Moving Where He Once Resided In Oakland To Maine’s First Congressional District

9/9/21: Poliquin Filed A Statement Of Organization For A New Candidate- Authorized Committee With A Bangor PO Box After Previously Filing Using An Oakland PO Box Address

8/26/21: Poliquin Filed A Statement Of Organization For Poliquin For Congress, The Candidate- Authorized Committee He Had Used In Previous Cycles. On August 26, 2021, Poliquin filed a statement of organization for Poliquin for Congress, which he had established in 2012 and used for his 2012 Senate race in addition to his 2014, 2016, and 2018 House races. Poliquin’s August 2021 statement of organization listed P.O. Box 524, Bangor, Maine as its mailing address. [FEC, Poliquin for Congress Statement of Organization, 8/26/21]

- Poliquin For Congress’ Mailing Address Was Listed As PO Box 50, Oakland, Maine. [FEC, Poliquin for Congress, accessed 10/8/21]

9/9/21: Poliquin Filed A Statement Of Organization For Bruce Poliquin For Congress, A New Candidate- Authorized Committee With A Bangor PO Box. On September 9, 2021, Poliquin filed a statement of organization for Bruce Poliquin for Congress with a mailing address of P.O. Box 524, Bangor, Maine. [FEC, Bruce Poliquin for Congress Statement of Organization, 9/9/21]

9/17/21: The Maine GOP Proposed Moving Oakland To Maine’s First Congressional District In A Move “Largely Seen In Political Circles As […] Coordinated By Top Republican Officials And Poliquin”

9/17/21: The Maine GOP’s Redistricting Plan Moved Oakland, ME – Where Poliquin Once Owned Property And Perkins Resided As Of September 2021– Outside Of Maine’s 2nd Congressional District. “The former congressman and his primary challenger would be moved out of the 2nd District — at least temporarily — under their party’s plan. Democrats and Republicans released their long-awaited congressional and Maine Senate redistricting proposals on Thursday. More analysis is coming, but the big fight over moving 23,000 people into the swing 2nd Congressional District is going to focus on Democrats’ plan to move Waterville in. That is a red line for Republicans, who submitted a more restrained proposal for the district. That overshadowed a wrinkle in the Republican plan — shifting Oakland from the 2nd District to the solidly liberal 1st District. The town of 6,200 is notable as the place former U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, the Republican running for a 2022 rematch with Rep. Jared Golden, a Democrat, ran from during his tenure. Poliquin’s primary challenger, state Rep. Mike Perkins, also lives there.” [Bangor Daily News, 9/17/21]

- Bangor Daily News: The Proposed Move Of Oakland From The Second To First District “Was Largely Seen In Political Circles As A Move Coordinated By Top Republican Officials And Poliquin.” “Former U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin’s residence was yet again a topic in Maine’s political conversation after his party proposed moving Oakland, the town he declared residency in when he won the 2nd Congressional District in 2014, out of the district for the 2022 election. Poliquin said he was living in Oakland as recently as last week and his primary opponent, state Rep. Mike Perkins, also lives there. It was largely seen in political circles as a move coordinated by top Republican officials and Poliquin, whose political apparatus intersects with former Gov. Paul LePage, the de facto party leader running his own 2022 return bid against Gov. Janet Mills. The
other shoe dropped on Monday, when Poliquin told WVOM he was ‘relocating to the Bangor area’ for this race.” [Bangor Daily News, 9/21/21]

9/17/21: Poliquin’s Strategist Would Not Say In What Town Poliquin Currently Lived. “He grew up in Waterville and switched his residence to a family home in Oakland when he ran for Congress. He sold that home in 2018 but said he inked a rental agreement to keep an apartment there throughout his time in office. Poliquin’s political strategist, Brent Littlefield, did not answer a question about where his residence is now.” [Bangor Daily News, 9/17/21]

9/20/21: Poliquin Announced He Planned To Relocate To The Bangor Area

9/20/21: Poliquin Announced He Planned To “Relocate[e] To The Bangor Area” To “Better Serve [His] Constituents.” On WVOM, Poliquin said, “I served, as you folks know, the second district of Maine in Congress for four years, and it really hit me how big our district is. […] So I’m relocating to the Bangor area. This makes much more sense to be able to better serve my constituents if the voters want me back, and I hope they will, and I expect they will. I’ll be able to better do it from the Bangor area. I’ll have access to two airports, Portland and also Bangor.” [WVOM, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 9/20/21] (AUDIO) 1:23

10/4/21: Poliquin Purchased A Condo For $310,000 In Orrington, Maine, 57 Percent More Than Its Assessed Value, Through A Real Estate Agency Whose CEO Contributed To His Campaign Two Weeks Before Poliquin’s Purchase

10/4/21: Poliquin Purchased Real Property Located At 33 Pebble Creek, Orrington, Maine. On October 4, 2021, Poliquin purchased real property located at Unit 9 of the Pebble Creek Planned Unit Development in Orrington, Maine from James Brooker. According to Orrington, Maine’s 2021 Real Estate Tax Commitment Book, the property designated as “008-052-D-9,” with the last digit indicating the unit number, was located at 33 Pebble Creek. As of the 2021 tax year, the property had an assessed value of $197,900. [Penobscot County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument # 34323, dated 10/4/21, recorded 10/6/21, accessed 10/13/21; Orrington Tax Assessor’s Office, 2021 Real Estate Tax Commitment Book, 7/30/21]

- 33 Pebble Creek Had An Assessed Value Of $197,900 As Of The 2021 Tax Year. [Orrington Tax Assessor’s Office, 2021 Real Estate Tax Commitment Book, 7/30/21]

- According To The Real Estate Agent That Listed 33 Pebble Creek, The Property Was A Condo And Sold For $310,000. [The Masiello Group, accessed 10/13/21]

- 33 Pebble Creek, Orrington, Maine, 04474 Was Located In Maine’s 2nd Congressional District. [House.gov, accessed 10/13/21]

  - Orrington, Maine Was 6.4 Miles South Of Bangor. [Google Maps, accessed 10/13/21]


- 2017 – 2018: Masiello Contributed $3,000 To Poliquin’s Campaign. Chris Masiello contributed $1,000 to Poliquin’s campaign on October 6, 2017, and an additional $2,000 on June 19, 2018. [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed 10/20/21]

Chris Masiello Was The CEO And President Of The Masiello Group. [Chris Masiello, accessed 10/20/21]

- The Masiello Group Listed The Condo Poliquin Purchased.
October 2021: Poliquin Registered To Vote In Orrington, Maine

10/29/21: Poliquin Registered To Vote At 33 Pebble Creek Drive, Orrington, Maine. [Poliquin Voter Registration Card, Orrington Town Clerk, dated 10/29/21, received 12/28/21]

2018: Poliquin Sold His In-District Oakland Property And Said He Lived In An Apartment On The Property He Sold

August 2017: Poliquin Said He Intended To Sell His Oakland Home Because His Son Graduated From College; His Son Had Graduated Three Years Prior

August 2017: Poliquin’s Spokesperson Said Poliquin Was “Looking To Downsize” By Selling His Oakland Home After His Son Finished College And Hoped To Find A Home In The Belgrade Lakes Region. “U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin is selling his Oakland home, but the two-term Republican congressman hopes to remain in the Belgrade Lakes region, his spokesman said Friday. ‘Now that his son has finished college, the congressman has been looking to downsize,’ spokesman Brendan Conley said Friday. ‘The congressman’s property in Oakland has been in his family for decades and he’s hoping to find someone that will appreciate the special home as much as his family has.” [Bangor Daily News, 8/11/17]

Poliquin’s Son Graduated From Tufts University In 2014. [Sam Poliquin LinkedIn, accessed 9/17/21]

2018: Poliquin Sold His Oakland Home But Said He Continued To Lease An Apartment On The Property
1/3/18: Poliquin Sold His Property Located At 123 Snow Pond Rd, Oakland, ME To Elizabeth And Garry Willett. [Kennebec County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument # 2018000439, Recorded 1/3/18]

- 123 Snow Pond Rd, Oakland, ME Was Located In Maine’s 2nd Congressional District. [House.gov, accessed 7/29/21]

As Of September 2018, Poliquin Leased An Apartment At 123 Snow Pond Rd From The Property’s Owners. “He had some hits and misses in real estate, but the bottom line is that between his career in finance and his real estate dealings, Poliquin’s personal wealth totaled more than $5 million by 2015, according to his financial disclosure form. OpenSecrets.org, which studies congressional financial forms, estimated he had $11.6 million, putting him well ahead of most House members. Since then, he sold the Messalonskee Lake property he got from his parents in 2007, not long after they moved to a senior housing place in Brunswick, where they still reside. That netted him another $450,000. He leases an apartment on the property from the buyers.” [Bangor Daily News, 9/22/18]

10/2/18: Poliquin Listed 123 Snow Pond Rd, Oakland, ME As His Address In His Statement Of Candidacy Filing With The FEC. [Poliquin Statement of Candidacy, FEC, 10/2/18]

| Poliquin Lived In Georgetown, Maine, Which Was Located In Maine’s 1st Congressional District, As Recently As August 2021 |
| Poliquin Indicated He Lived In Georgetown, Maine, On Campaign Finance Contributions As Recently As March 2021 |


12/22/20: Poliquin Indicated That He Lived In Georgetown, Maine On A Contribution To The Maine Republican Party. [FEC, 2/22/20]

Georgetown, Maine Was Located In Maine’s 1st Congressional District

Georgetown, Maine Was Located In Maine’s 1st Congressional District. [House.gov, accessed 7/29/21]


8/4/21: Portland Press Herald: Poliquin “Typically Resides” In Georgetown. “Poliquin, who typically resides in Georgetown, said this year he’ll go into the race with his eyes wide open about ranked-choice voting, but in his radio interview he continued to maintain that he won the 2018 race.” [Portland Press Herald, 8/4/21]

On A Past Voter Registration Card, Poliquin Listed His “Current Residence Address” In Georgetown, Maine And His Mailing Address As A P.O. Box In Oakland, Maine

On A Past Voter Registration Card, Poliquin Listed His “Current Residence Address” As 186 Ledgemere Road, Georgetown, ME And His “Current Mailing Address” As PO Box 50, Oakland, Maine. [Poliquin Voter Registration Card, Georgetown Town Clerk, received 10/27/21, undated]

Note: As of January 2022, FOAAs confirming Poliquin’s voter registration since 2015 were unavailable.

2014: Poliquin Lived In Maine’s 1st Congressional District During The Republican Primary To Represent Maine’s 2nd Congressional District
Poliquin Did Not Originally Live In Maine’s 2nd Congressional District When He Ran In The 2014 Republican Primary To Represent It. “My roots are in central Maine; it's where I'm from,” said Poliquin, a Republican running for his party's nomination to the seat in Congress from Maine's 2nd Congressional District. ‘It’s where I grew up.’ But this year the campaign signs for his primary opponent, Kevin Raye, have a motto: ‘From here, for us.’ It’s a not-so-subtle jab at Poliquin, who lived at his large estate in coastal Georgetown -- which is in the state's other congressional district -- before moving to a family home in Oakland as he announced his run last year. The residency conversation is taking over the primary race. Not for 20 years has a politician’s home and history been such an issue in a Maine campaign.” [Kennebec Journal, 5/03/14]

Poliquin Was A Serial Tax Delinquent Who Paid Property Taxes Late 48 Times As Of 2021

As Of 2021, Poliquin And His Real Estate Company Paid Interest Payments On Property Taxes 48 Times

Between The 1993 And 2019 Tax Years, Poliquin And His Real Estate Company Paid Interest Payments On Property Taxes 48 Times. Poliquin and his real estate company, Dirigo Holdings LLC, paid interest 48 times on Maine property taxes. In total, they have paid $1,531.55 in interest payments. The properties include:

- 123 Snow Pond Road, Oakland, ME
- 69 Derby Place, Oakland, ME
- Blake Island, Oakland, ME
- 106 Sagamore Drive, Phippsburg, ME
- 119 Sagamore Drive, Phippsburg, ME
- 123 Sagamore Drive, Phippsburg, ME
- 125 Sagamore Drive, Phippsburg, ME
- Sagamore Drive (undeveloped land), Phippsburg, ME
- 1 East Wood Island, Phippsburg, ME
- 823 Popham Rd (Popham Beach Club), Phippsburg, ME
- 186 Ledgemere Rd., Georgetown, ME
- 65 Bowery St., Bath, ME

[Town of Phippsburg, Tax Collector and Treasurer, et al., received 10/29/15, received 10/5/21; Town of Oakland, Office of the Assessor, et al., received 11/6/15, received 9/29/21; Town of Georgetown, Office of Assessor, et al., received 11/17/15, received 9/30/21; Town of Bath, Treasurer’s Office, et al., received 11/17/15, received 9/28/21]

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Poliquin Claimed He Had Always Paid His Taxes In Full. POLIQUIN: “[18:49] But let's go back to this because we just heard a whopper. I'm gonna look right in the camera right at the people of Maine and just tell you flat out the truth. I have always paid all of my taxes in full. Always.” [CSPAN, 2018 Maine Public ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/19/16] (VIDEO)

2014: Poliquin Op-Ed: Poliquin Claimed To Have Always Paid His Property Taxes In Full. “My opponent, Emily Cain, and her agents have spent nearly $2 million on nasty TV ads and mailers personally attacking me. For months, she has attacked my successful professional career, which was earned with many years of hard work and sacrifice. She’s even attacked my record of always paying all property taxes in full (thousands of dollars), always!” [Kennebec Journal Poliquin Op-Ed, 10/31/14]

October 2016: Poliquin Campaign Website: “Congressman Poliquin Has Always Paid His Taxes – In Full! Don’t Believe The Lies On TV.” “False Attacks on Congressman Poliquin’s Taxes First and foremost, Congressman Poliquin has always paid his taxes – in full! Don’t believe the lies on TV. Congressman Poliquin did not break any tax rules or tax laws and he did not violate any program. He has paid literally THOUSANDS of dollars on the particular property extreme Emily Cain and her liberal allies are attacking him on. Again, his taxes are always paid and are always paid in full.” [Poliquin for Congress, 10/13/16]

Note: See next section for information on late tax payments on each of Poliquin’s properties individually.

As Of October 2021, Poliquin And His Companies Owned $6.2 Million Worth Of Real Property And Had Sold $5.1 Million Worth Of Real Property Since 1988

As of October 2021, Poliquin Owned $6.2 Million Worth Of Corporate And Personal Property
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- Phippsburg Tax Assessor 2022 Real Estate Tax Commitment Book Continued To List 106 Sagamore Drive As Belonging To Dirigo Holdings. [Phippsburg Tax Assessor, Real Estate Tax Commitment Books, 2022 Fiscal Year, 10/13/21]

- Units 18 And 19 Of The Popham Woods Condominiums Development Were 83 Sagamore Drive And 79 Sagamore Drive, Respectively. [Phippsburg Tax Assessor, Real Estate Tax Commitment Books, 2022 Fiscal Year, 10/13/21]

- Phippsburg Tax Assessor 2022 Real Estate Tax Commitment Book Continued To List 79 And 83 Sagamore Drive As Belonging To Dirigo Holdings. [Phippsburg Tax Assessor, Real Estate Tax Commitment Books, 2022 Fiscal Year, 10/13/21]

### 1988 – 2021: Poliquin Sold $5.1 Million In Personal And Corporate Properties

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**Total Sale Amount Of Properties†** $5,192,700

[Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, accessed 9/30/21; Kennebec County Registry of Deeds, accessed 9/30/21; Cumberland County Registry of Deeds, accessed 9/30/21; Broward County Clerk of Circuit Court, accessed 9/30/21; Volusia County Clerk of Circuit Court, accessed 9/30/21; Phippsburg Tax Assessor 2021 Tax Year Property Cards, 1/6/21; Real Estate Tax Commitment Books, 10/13/21; Maine IDX Data for 106 Sagamore Drive via Portside Realty Group, accessed 10/13/21; Maine IDX Data for 119 Sagamore Drive via Portside Realty Group, accessed 10/13/21; Oakland Tax Assessor, Snow Pond Road Property Cards, 8/26/20; Broward County Appraiser, accessed 10/6/21; Volusia County Property Appraiser, accessed 10/6/21; Cumberland Tax Assessor, Property Card, received 2015]

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† This total did not double-count the sale of 123 Snow Pond Road and 69 Derby Place, which were sold together for $450,000. This total includes $1,300,000 as the value of the mortgage Popham Beach Club LLC, one of Poliquin’s companies, issued for the sale of 823 Popham Road.

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186 Ledgemere Road, Georgetown, Maine

2001: Poliquin Purchased 186 Ledgemere Road, A 12.3 Acre Property, For $1.7 Million

July 2001: Poliquin Purchased 12.3 Acres Of Real Property Located At 186 Ledgemere Road, Georgetown, Maine For $1.7 Million. In July 2001, Bruce Poliquin purchased real property located at 1186 Ledgemere Road, Georgetown, Maine from Richard and Constance Porter for $1,700,000. [186 Ledgemere Road Property Card, Georgetown Tax Assessor, received 11/17/15; Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument # 1892-0250, recorded 7/25/01, accessed 9/30/21]

Poliquin’s Georgetown Property Spanned 12.3 Acres And “Has Been Written Up In Architectural Magazines”

Poliquin’s Georgetown Property “Has Been Written Up In Architectural Magazines.” “He also has a 12-acre place on Maine’s south-central coast in Georgetown where he spends time, as well, which has been written up in architectural magazines. Cyr said Poliquin opens his house on the shore to his cousins, with whom he is close.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 9/22/18]
Poliquin’s Georgetown Property Spanned 12.3 Acres, With 10.1 Acres Of Waterfront. “WVT 2012, PARCEL ACCEPTED INTO OPEN SPACE VALUATION FOR 10.1 ACRES. 2 ACRES IS A SHOREFRONT HOMESITE, NOT IN OPEN SPACE. 0.2 ACRES IS A ROAD-DRIVEWAY, NOT IN OPEN SPACE. 10.1 ACRES IS WATERFRONT IN OPEN SPACE ADJUSTED 50%, 20% FOR ORDINARY OPEN SPACE AND 30% FOR PERMANENT PROTECTION. THE PERCENT GOOD FACTOR OF 65.8% APPLIED TO THE SEPARATE 10.1 ACRES OF SHOREFRONT HOMESITE IS TO BRING THE VALUE OF THIS PORTION OF THE PARCEL DOWN TO THE SAME LEVEL IT WOULD HAVE BEEN AS PART OF THE VALUE OF THE ENTIRE FRONTAGE UNDER REGULAR VALUATION.” [186 Ledgemere Road Property Card, Georgetown Tax Assessor, received 11/17/21]

Photos Of Poliquin’s Georgetown Property, As Photographed For Its Town Of Georgetown Building Record, Are Below.

[Town of Georgetown, 186 Ledgemere Road Building Record, undated, received 11/17/21]

As Of The 2021 Tax Year, 186 Ledgemere Road Was Worth $3,417,600
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The Open Space Program Granted Poliquin A 34.2 Percent Reduction On The Valuation Of 10.1 Acres Of His Property Located At 186 Ledgemere Road, Georgetown, Maine. “WVT 2012, PARCEL ACCEPTED INTO OPEN SPACE VALUATION FOR 10.1 ACRES. 2 ACRES IS A SHOREFRONT HOMESITE, NOT IN
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Poliquin Paid Property Taxes Late On 186 Ledgemere Road Twice

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[Georgetown Tax Assessor, Account Detail, received 9/30/21]

As Of September 2021, Poliquin Paid $390,728.31 In Property Taxes On 186 Ledgemere Road

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Note: In 2010 and 2011, Poliquin’s Property Tax Data, which included separate property taxes for his 10 acres enrolled in the Maine Tree Growth Program and his 2 acres that were not, did not add up to the billed amount reflected in the Property Account Detail.

2005 – 2021: Poliquin Collected $10,000 In Homestead Exemptions On 186 Ledgemere Road
April 2013: Poliquin Filed For A Homestead Exemption For His Out-Of-District Georgetown, ME Property.
In April 2013, Poliquin filed a homestead exemption for 186 Ledgemere Rd, Georgetown, Maine. On the document, he did not list a location where he had previously asserted a Homestead Exemption. [Town of Georgetown, Application for Homestead Exemption, 4/01/13]

• 186 Ledgemere Rd Was Located In Maine’s 1st Congressional District. [House.gov, accessed 7/29/21]

• Poliquin Indicated That He Had a Homestead Property Within The Last Twelve Months In Another Municipality On His April 2013 Homestead Exemption Application, But Did Not List Its Address. [Town of Georgetown, Application for Homestead Exemption, 4/01/13]

• Homestead Exemption Was Claimed On Poliquin’s Georgetown, ME Property For The 2013 Fiscal Year. [186 Ledgemere Road Property Card, Town of Georgetown, updated 2015; 186 Ledgemere Road Property 2013 Tax Bill, 12/17/13]

Note: The Maine Tree Growth Program did not result in direct exemptions, but likely drastically changed the property valuation of the 10 acres enrolled in it instead, resulting in much lower property taxes. The Maine Tree Growth Program was not recorded on this property card as a tax exemption.

2004: Poliquin Applied For The Maine Tree Growth Program After The Town Of Georgetown Denied His Request For A Reduced Tax Assessment

January 2004: Poliquin Requested A $1.1 Million Tax Abatement On His Georgetown, Maine Property. In his 2004 tax abatement application for his property in Georgetown, Poliquin wrote, “Assessed valuation of real estate: $1,768,568 Requested abatement in value: $1,136,962. […] I believe that it is fair and reasonable to conclude that the cumulative effect of these restrictions and easements is to further reduce the value of my land by 20% resulting in the proposed final value of $631,606.” [Poliquin’s Application for Abatement of Property Taxes, Town of Georgetown, 1/21/04]

• In His Application For The Tax Abatement, Poliquin Claimed He Was Being “Unfairly Discriminated Against” Because Comparable Properties Were Valued Lower Than His. In his 2004 tax abatement application for his property in Georgetown, Poliquin wrote, “Specific reasons for abatement: The total 12.3 acres of my land is designated as the much higher-valued Homesite class. Two other comparable Georgetown properties which I have identified are designated partly as the lower-valued Rear Lands. Therefore, I believe that I am being unfairly discriminated against.” [Poliquin’s Application for Abatement of Property Taxes, Town of Georgetown, 1/21/04]

• Poliquin Claimed Restrictions On Subdivisions And Construction On His Land, As Well As Upkeep He Was Required To Maintain For A Nearby Nature Conservancy, Reduced The Value Of His Land. “I further believe that I am being unfairly discriminated against in the Town’s property valuation process because apparently no consideration has been given for the severe deeded restrictions/easements imposed on my land. Specifically: (a) my lot cannot be subdivided; (b) my lot cannot be used for any commercial purposes; (c) there cannot be any additional structure on my land; (d) the sizes of the current structures are limited; (e) the Nature
Conservancy can require me to maintain its satisfaction of the .7 mile road through its nature preserve to my property; and (f) the thousands of members of the Nature Conservancy have the right to traverse my land.”  
[Poliquin’s Application for Abatement of Property Taxes, Town of Georgetown, 1/21/04]

April 2004: The Town Of Georgetown Rejected Poliquin’s Request For A Reduced Tax Assessment. In January 2004, Poliquin asked the town of Georgetown to reduce his tax assessment by more than $1.1 million. Both the town and the Sagadahoc County commissioners rejected his appeal. In a letter to Poliquin dated April 7, 2004, Georgetown’s Chair of Selectmen wrote, “On the basis of Mr van Tuinen's recommendation, we voted unanimously to deny your application for an abatement.” In a letter to the Board Assessors dated March 24, 2004, Bill Van Tunien wrote, “Bruce Poliquin, Map R10 Lot 34A has requested an abatement from a land value of $1,768,568 to a land value of $631,606, a reduction of $1,136,962. The request states that this parcel has been valued entirely as shorefront land compared to two other similarly situated peninsula parcels of land. […] I discussed this property with Mr. Poliquin yesterday. At the time, I could not explain the discrepancy between the number of shorefront acres assigned with his property compared to the Long Island property and I indicated that an adjustment might be called for. However, I do think it was reasonable to value the island properties the way that I did. I do not recommend an abatement.” [Letter, Town of Georgetown, Bill Van Tuinen to Board of Assessors, 3/24/04]

July 2001: Poliquin Purchased Property Located At 186 Ledgemere Rd In Georgetown, ME. [Sagadahoc Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument # 1892-0250, Recorded 7/25/01]

After The Abatement Was Denied, The Chair Of The Board Of Selectman Suggested Poliquin Apply For The Maine Tree Growth Program. In an April 2004 letter to Bruce Poliquin, the Chair of the Board of Selectman wrote to Poliquin, stating, “We reviewed your application for an abatement of the taxes on your lot […] at our last meeting. We asked our professional assessor, Bill Van Tuinen, how to deal with the property such as yours, with water and water views on three sides. He said that, after looking carefully at the lot, he did not think putting some land into a rear category would be appropriate. Instead, he recommended that you consider seeking tree-growth status for much of the lot, and we agree.” [Letter, Town of Georgetown, William F. Plummer IV to Bruce Poliquin, 4/07/04]

Maine Department Of Agriculture: The Maine Tree Growth Program Gave Tax Breaks To Owners Of “Land Managed Primarily For The Production Of Commercial Forest Products.” “The Maine Legislature enacted the Tree Growth Tax Law in 1972 to help Maine landowners maintain their property as productive woodlands, and to broadly support Maine’s wood products industry. By choosing to develop a Woodland Management Plan designed to realize the value of your timber (and meet other goals for your forest) through well-planned harvests over time, your property may be eligible for enrollment. You should be sure you understand all of the benefits and obligations of Maine's Tree Growth Tax Law, as well as the penalties for removing your land from the program. To enroll your property in the Maine Tree Growth Tax Program, you must have at least ten acres of forest land managed primarily for the production of commercial forest products. You may benefit from a reduction in property taxes, making it more affordable for you to own and manage your woodland. The decision to enroll land in the Maine Tree Growth Tax Program is a long term one. The penalties for removing land from the program can be high, so consider all the aspects before enrolling.” [Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry, accessed 8/23/21]

4/14/04: Poliquin Received Approval To Enroll 10.3 Acres Of His Georgetown Property In The Maine Tree Growth Program From Georgetown’s Assessor. In a letter to Mary McDonald, Town of Georgetown Assessor, dated March 6, 2012, Poliquin wrote, “In applying for and maintaining my L0.3-acre lot in the Tree Growth Program, I have relied on the following: 1. A letter dated April 7, 2004 from the Town of Georgetown Board of Selectmen recommending that I consider enrolling the property in the Program. According to the letter, the recommendation originated from the Town's outside professional assessor, to which the Selectmen agreed. 2. The approval of my land being enrolled in the Program by the Georgetown Assessor dated April14, 2004.” [Letter, Town of Georgetown, Bruce Poliquin to Mary McDonald, 3/6/12]

The Deed For Poliquin’s Property At 186 Ledgemere Rd Prohibited Tree Harvesting

Poliquin Received A Tree Harvesting Tax Credit For His Georgetown Property, Despite Having A Deed Restriction On Tree Harvesting. “Bruce Poliquin, former state treasurer and Republican nominee, was asked whether it was ethical for him to enroll his Georgetown oceanfront property in Maine’s Tree Growth Tax Program, even though there were restrictions on the property that largely prevented tree harvesting. The program gives tax cuts to landowners whose property can be used for commercial harvesting.” [Bangor Daily News, 10/23/14]

Poliquin Claimed A Timber Tax Credit On His Property, Despite A Deed Restriction That Prohibited Timber Harvesting. “Problem is, when then-state Treasurer Poliquin’s use of the loophole came to light in 2012, inquiring minds quickly discovered that a deed restriction on his property largely prohibited any timber harvesting or other forestry activities the Tree Growth program was designed to encourage.” [Portland Press Herald, Bill Nemitz Column, 10/26/14]

Covenant Of The Deed Expressly Prohibited The “Excessive Cutting Of Trees.” The deed for his property in Georgetown states, “Trees may be thinned only for purposes of view, and the environment shall be completely protected at all times from the excessive cutting of trees.” [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Instrument #1892-0250, 7/25/01]

In His 2004 Tax Abatement Application, Poliquin Admitted His Property “Cannot Be Used For Any Commercial Purposes.” In his 2004 tax abatement application for his property in Georgetown, Poliquin wrote, “I further believe that I am being unfairly discriminated against in the Town’s property valuation process because apparently no consideration has been given for the severe deeded restrictions/easements imposed on my land. Specifically: … (b) my lot cannot be used for any commercial purposes.” [Poliquin’s Application for Abatement of Property Taxes, Town of Georgetown, 1/21/04]

Between 2004 And 2012, Poliquin Received A Reduced Tax Assessment On His Georgetown Property And Paid Only $30.53 Per Year In Taxes On The Estate’s 10 Oceanfront Acres

After Enrolling In The Maine Tree Growth Program, Poliquin’s Georgetown Property’s Assessed Value Dropped From $1.7 Million To $725,500. “Financially, it worked out rather nicely for Poliquin. By putting 10 of his 12 acres in tree growth in 2004, he dropped the overall assessed value of his land from $1,768,600 to $725,500 with the simple stroke of a pen. For the 2011-12 tax year, that land has a total value of $943,500 – of which the 10 acres in tree growth account for a paltry $4,300.” [Portland Press Herald, Bill Nemitz Column, 10/26/14]

Poliquin Paid $30.53 Per Year In Taxes On 10 Acres Of Oceanfront Property. “According to Georgetown’s property records, Poliquin’s tax bill is $6,668 on the two acres directly beneath his humble abode. (Taxes on the house and other structures total just over $13,000). And the annual tax on the 10 acres of prime oceanfront land just behind the mansion? That would be $30.53. You read that right.” [Portland Press Herald, Bill Nemitz Column, 10/26/14]

February 2012: Bangor Daily News Headline: “State Treasurer Poliquin Under Fire For Possible Misuse Of Tax Abatement Program. “Questions have arisen about State Treasurer Bruce Poliquin enrolling the majority of his 12-acre oceanfront property in the state's tree growth tax relief program. At the same time, lawmakers on
Thursday tentatively approved a bill that tightens the standards for those who are enrolled in the tree growth program so it can't be used simply as a tax shelter. … According to Mary McDonald, who is the assistant to the Georgetown Board of Selectmen, Poliquin enrolled in the program in 2004 when he applied to set aside 10 acres of his property for tree growth. By doing so, he reduced the assessed value of his property from about $1.75 million to $725,000 and saved $5,000 annually in property taxes, according to Maine's Majority, which cited town tax records.” [Bangor Daily News, 2/02/12]

3/6/12: Poliquin Applied For The Open Space Land Program After Surrendering The Tree Growth Tax Break. [Town of Georgetown, Poliquin Open Space Land Application Schedule, dated 3/6/12, received 11/17/21]

• The Open Space Tax Program Was Intended For Land That “Provide[s] A Public Benefit” By “Conserving Scenic Resources,” “Enhancing Public Recreation Opportunities,” “Promoting Game Management,” Or “Preserving Wildlife Or Wildlife Habitat.” “WHAT IS OPEN SPACE Land that is preserved or restricted in use to provide a public benefit in any of the following areas: ▫ Conserving scenic resources ▫ Enhancing public recreation opportunities ▫ Promoting game management ▫ Preserving wildlife or wildlife habitat” [Maine Revenue Services, 10/12/17]

• In His Application, Poliquin Wrote His Property “[Met] The Public Benefit Test” Because Its “Open Space And Scenic Natural Resources Will Help Maintain The Unique Georgetown Landscape Which Is Important To Attracting Tourism And Commerce To The Area.” “[Application:] List the factors, as appropriate, to demonstrate this parcel meets the public benefit test. [Poliquin:] Preserving my land’s open space and scenic natural resources will help maintain the unique Georgetown landscape which is important to attracting tourism and commerce to the area.” [Town of Georgetown, Poliquin Open Space Land Application Schedule, dated 3/6/12, received 11/17/21]

• Poliquin Wrote That He Applied To Transfer His Property To The Open Space Program Because His Property Became “An Unfair Distraction To The Georgetown Municipal Officials, My Neighbors, And Me.” “Although my 10.3-acre lot is only one of the 23,000 state-wide properties, totaling 11 million acres, enrolled in the Maine Tree Growth Program, it has become an unfair distraction to the Georgetown municipal officials, my neighbors, and me. To avoid further distractions concerning my property going forward, I have decided to withdraw my aforementioned lot from Tree Growth and to apply for its transfer to the Open Space Program. […] My goal to permanently preserve the land’s open space and conserve scenic resources is a good match with the public benefits of the Open Space Program targeted by the Town and State.” [Poliquin Letter to Town of Georgetown Assessor Mary McDonald, dated 3/6/12, received 11/17/21]

6/27/12: Tax Assessor Bill Van Tuinen Recommended Approving Poliquin’s Application For Open Space Tax Break And It Was Accepted The Next Day. In a 2012 letter to the Georgetown Board of Assessors, the tax assessor, Bill Van Tuinen, wrote, “In my opinion, the application for open space taxation from Bruce Poliquin is completely in order and should be accepted by the Board of Assessors for taxation under open space. … Accordingly, I recommend that the Board accept the application for open space taxation of the Bruce Poliquin parcel.” The application was approved by the Board of Assessors the next day. [Memorandum, Town of Georgetown, Bill Van Tuinen to Board of Assessors, 6/26/12; Letter, Town of Georgetown, Mary F. McDonald to Bruce Poliquin, 6/27/12]

• June 2012: Portland Press Herald Estimated Poliquin Would Save Approximately Half Of His $943,000 Valuation Through The Open Space Land Tax Break. “However, critics like Freeman believe Poliquin has avoided tens of thousands of dollars in property taxes. He’ll still receive a significant property-tax break in the Open Space program, approximately 50 percent of his most recent valuation of $943,000.” [Portland Press Herald, 6/27/12]

• Portland Press Herald: Landowners “Typically” Have To Pay Back Taxes After They Withdraw Properties From The Tree Growth Program. “Poliquin paid about $30 a year in property taxes for a 10-acre parcel of oceanfront forest he had enrolled in the program. He was later able transferred the land in question
into another open space conservation program that provides less of a tax break. Typically landowners who withdraw their properties from tree growth program are then required to pay a penalty often in the form of back taxes on what the land would have been valued at had it not been in the program.” [Portland Press Herald, 7/26/12]

• **June 2012: Poliquin Denied That His Open Space Tax Break Application Was Related To Any Misuse Of The Tree Growth Program And Called The Story “An Unfair Distraction.”** “Poliquin said Tuesday that his decision to transfer the property to Open Space had nothing to do with an inappropriate use of the Tree Growth program. ‘It’s an unfair distraction to Georgetown municipal officials, my neighbors and me. End of story,’ he said in a phone interview Tuesday afternoon.” [Portland Press Herald, 6/27/12]

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**2016: When Asked If He Took Advantage Of The Tree Growth Program, Poliquin Said He “Scrutinize[d]” His Tax Bills**

When Asked Whether He Got A Lower Tax Rate Through The Main Tree Growth Tax Abatement Program, Poliquin Said That He, As A Real Estate Businessman, Scrutinized His Tax Bills With A Business Manager. HOST: “[21:20] Are you saying here today that you did not put any of your land in the Tree Growth tax abatement program, that you never put any land, waterfront land into that program?” POLIQUIN: “What I am saying, Jennifer, is that I’ve paid every single tax I’ve owed always in full.” HOST: “But did you get a lower tax because you took advantage of that program?” POLIQUIN: “Jennifer, I’m in the real estate business. I have properties in different parts of the state. And when I get a tax bill, I look at it, I scrutinize it my business manager does with me. And business, rather property is tax different ways. Depending on the parcel it is. And this happens to be a parcel along the coast, there are other parcels that are not, and I’ve paid every dollar I’ve owed in taxes. Always.” [CSPAN, 2018 Maine Public ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/19/16] (VIDEO)

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**As Of November 2021, Poliquin’s Property Was Still Enrolled In The Open Space Program**

As Of November 2021, a note on the property card for 186 Ledgemere Road read, “WVT 2012, PARCEL ACCEPTED INTO OPEN SPACE VALUATION FOR 10.1 ACRES. 2 ACRES IS A SHOREFRONT HOMESITE, NOT IN OPEN SPACE. 0.2 ACRES IS A ROAD-DRIVEWAY, NOT IN OPEN SPACE. 10.1 ACRES IS WATERFRONT IN OPEN SPACE ADJUSTED 50%, 20% FOR ORDINARY OPEN SPACE AND 30% FOR PERMANENT PROTECTION. THE PERCENT GOOD FACTOR OF 65.8% APPLIED TO THE SEPARATE 10.1 ACRES OF SHOREFRONT HOMESITE IS TO BRING THE VALUE OF THIS PORTION OF THE PARCEL DOWN TO THE SAME LEVEL IT WOULD HAVE BEEN AS PART OF THE VALUE OF THE ENTIRE FRONTAGE UNDER REGULAR VALUATION.” As of November 2021, the Valuation Report for 186 Ledgemere Road included a reference to “10.1 ACRES OPEN SPACE 2012” [186 Ledgemere Road Property Card, Georgetown Tax Assessor, received 11/17/21; Valuation Report, received 11/17/21]

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**Poliquin Indicated He Lived In Maine’s 1st Congressional District On Campaign Finance Contributions As Recently As March 2021**


12/22/20: Poliquin Indicated That He Lived In Georgetown, Maine On A Contribution To The Maine Republican Party. [FEC, 2/22/20]

• **Georgetown, Maine Was Located In Maine’s 1st Congressional District.** [House.gov, accessed 7/29/21]

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8/4/21: Portland Press Herald: Poliquin “Typically Lives” In Georgetown. “Poliquin, who typically resides in Georgetown, said this year he’ll go into the race with his eyes wide open about ranked-choice voting, but in his radio interview he continued to maintain that he won the 2018 race.” [Portland Press Herald, 8/4/21]

2010: Poliquin Told A Reporter He Had Been A Resident Of Georgetown, Maine For Seven Years. HOST: “And now you’re a resident of Georgetown, Maine?” POLIQUIN: “Yes.” HOST: “And you’ve been in Georgetown for...?” POLIQUIN: “Seven years.” [YouTube, Bruce for Maine, In and Around Augusta Interview Part 1, 2/4/10] (VIDEO) 3:53

2014: Poliquin Lived In Maine’s 1st Congressional District During The Republican Primary To Represent Maine’s 2nd Congressional District

Poliquin Lived In Georgetown, Not In Maine’s 2nd Congressional District, When He Ran In The Republican Primary To Represent It. “‘My roots are in central Maine; it’s where I’m from,’ said Poliquin, a Republican running for his party’s nomination to the seat in Congress from Maine's 2nd Congressional District. ‘It’s where I grew up.’ But this year the campaign signs for his primary opponent, Kevin Raye, have a motto: ‘From here, for us.’ It’s a not-so-subtle jab at Poliquin, who lived at his large estate in coastal Georgetown -- which is in the state's other congressional district -- before moving to a family home in Oakland as he announced his run last year. The residency conversation is taking over the primary race. Not for 20 years has a politician’s home and history been such an issue in a Maine campaign.” [Kennebec Journal, 5/03/14]

2014: Poliquin Was Attacked For Running In ME-02 Despite Living In Southern Maine. RAYE: “[17:00] I pointed out the difference between a Wall Street perspective and a Main Street perspective. I’m a small business person. [...] That’s different than the Wall Street perspective. [...] The fact that he’s not from this district is another issue that I’ve brought up because I think it’s relevant. The people in Aroostok County certainly understand that as we do elsewhere across the district that Mr. Poliquin ran for governor, he ran for United States Senator from his home in southern Maine. He had the opportunity to run for Congress in southern Maine, his home district, but he chose to come to the northern district to run, and I think that’s a fair question to bring up.” [YouTube, Maine 02 RawFootage, WAGM Raye Poliquin Primary Debate, 5/30/14] (VIDEO)

2004: Poliquin Filed For Tenancy In Common Of His Georgetown Property With Judith Arbuckle

February 2004: Poliquin Filed For Tenancy In Common Of His Property At 186 Ledgemere Rd, Georgetown, Maine With Judith Arbuckle. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Warranty Deed, Instrument # 2355-0189, recorded 2/20/04, accessed 9/30/21]

July 2009: Poliquin And Arbuckle Divorced; Poliquin Was Ordered To Pay Arbuckle Back $750,919 For Her Interest In The Georgetown Property

7/7/09: Arbuckle Released Real Property Located At 186 Ledgemere Rd, Georgetown, Maine To Poliquin. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Release Deed, Instrument # 3103-0227, dated 7/7/09, recorded 7/10/09 accessed 9/30/21]

7/9/09: Poliquin And Arbuckle Divorced. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Divorce Documents, Instrument # 3105-0223, recorded 7/16/09 accessed 9/30/21]

7/21/09: A Court Ordered Poliquin To Pay Arbuckle $750,919 By January 2013 For Her Interest In The Georgetown Property. “Pursuant to the Prenuptial Agreement, Bruce shall pay to Judy, for her interest in the Ledgemere Road residential property in Georgetown, Maine, as described by deed filed in the Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds in Book 2889, Page 171 (the ‘Ledgemere Road Property’), the principal amount of $682,500, to be paid in the following amounts on or before the following times, based on an interest rate of 5% compounded annually on the unpaid principal and interest from the date of the divorce, with a total payment of principal and
interest in the amount of $750,919. Accordingly, the payments are as follows: Day of entry of a final Divorce Judgment - $120,000 January 10, 2010 - $100,000 January 10, 2011 - $100,000 January 10, 2012 - $210,204 January 10, 2013 - $220,715.” [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Divorce Documents, Instrument # 3105-0223, recorded 7/23/09, accessed 9/30/21]

**January 2013: Poliquin Fully Paid Arbuckle His Settlement**

**January 2013: Poliquin Fully Paid His Settlement To Arbuckle.** “KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that JUDITH R. ARBUCKLE, the holder of a mortgage deed from BRUCE L. POLIQUIN, dated July 1, 2009 and recorded in the Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds in Book 3108, Page 35, acknowledges satisfaction of the same.” [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Discharge, Instrument # 3470-0269, dated 1/18/13, recorded 2/4/13, accessed 9/30/21]

**33 Pebble Creek, Orrington, Maine**

**October 2021: Poliquin Purchased A Condo At 33 Pebble Creek, Orrington, Maine For $310,000**

**10/4/21: Poliquin Purchased Real Property Located At 33 Pebble Creek, Orrington, Maine.** On October 4, 2021, Poliquin purchased real property located at Unit 9 of the Pebble Creek Planned Unit Development in Orrington, Maine from James Brooker. According to Orrington, Maine’s 2021 Real Estate Tax Commitment Book, the property designated as “008-052-D-9,” with the last digit indicating the unit number, was located at 33 Pebble Creek. As of the 2021 tax year, the property had an assessed value of $197,900. [Penobscot County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument # 34323, dated 10/4/21, recorded 10/6/21, accessed 10/13/21; Orrington Tax Assessor’s Office, 2021 Real Estate Tax Commitment Book, 7/30/21]

**According To The Real Estate Agency That Listed 33 Pebble Creek, The Property Was A Condo And Sold For $310,000.** [The Masiello Group, accessed 10/13/21]

**As Of The 2021 Tax Year, 33 Pebble Creek Was Worth $197,900**

**33 Pebble Creek An Assessed Value Of $197,900 As Of The 2021 Tax Year.** [Orrington Tax Assessor’s Office, 2021 Real Estate Tax Commitment Book, 7/30/21]

**33 Pebble Creek Was Constructed In 2021 And Not Listed In Orrington’s 2020 Real Estate Tax Commitment Book.** According to the real estate agency that listed 33 Pebble Creek, the property was constructed in 2021. The property was not listed in Orrington’s 2020 Real Estate Tax Commitment Book. [The Masiello Group, accessed 10/13/21; Orrington Tax Assessor’s Office, 2020 Real Estate Tax Commitment Book, 8/25/20]

**Sagamore And Brooks Drives, Phippsburg, Maine**

**1990 – 2006: Poliquin And Dirigo Holdings Purchased 183.6 Acres Of Property In Phippsburg, Maine, Which They Planned To Develop Into Popham Woods Condominiums**

August 2005: Poliquin Conveyed The Property He Purchased From Ingerson To Dirigo Holdings. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Quitclaim Deed, Instrument # 2612-0129, recorded 8/29/05, accessed 9/30/21]

May 2006: Dirigo Holdings Purchased 83.7 Acres And Right Of Way To Brooks Drive In Phippsburg, Maine From Nancy And Maurice Brooks. In May 2006, Dirigo Holdings purchased a parcel of land with unspecified addresses from Nancy and Maurice Brooks. The deed also granted Dirigo Holdings right of way to Brooks Drive. According to a plan dated October 28, 2005, the “land to be conveyed from Brooks to Poliquin (Dirigo, LLC)” was 83.7 acres. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument # 2719-0343, dated 10/28/05, recorded 5/8/06, accessed 9/30/21]

April 2007: Poliquin Submitted A Plan To Develop Condos Throughout His 183.6 Acres Of Property In Phippsburg, Most Of Which Would Be Sagamore Drive. A plan dated April 18, 2007 and recorded by the Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds on April 26, 2007, demonstrated Poliquin’s plans to develop condos and roads throughout his combined 183.6 acres of property in Phippsburg, Maine. Phase I of the project involved the construction of units 1 – 12 in a cul de sac on Sagamore Drive. The total five phases, all of which besides the first were marked as “need not be built,” involved the construction of 69 houses, most of which were along Sagamore Drive. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Plan, Instrument # 0043-0057, dated 4/18/07, recorded 4/26/07, accessed 9/30/21]

April 2009: Poliquin Established The Popham Woods Condominium Unit Owners’ Association And Began Selling Condos On The Land He Purchased From Ingerson And The Brookses


- Poliquin Was A Board Member And President Of Popham Woods Condominium Unit Owners’ Association. According to his federal candidate personal financial disclosure filed in December 2012, Poliquin was a Board Member of Popham Woods Condominium Unit Owners’ Association beginning in 2009. In response to a 2012 ethics complaint, Poliquin wrote in a letter to the Executive Director of the Maine Ethics Commission, “I am the president of the non-profit Popham Woods Condominium Unit Owners’ Association.” [Poliquin 2012 Public Financial Disclosure Report, Amended Senate Candidate Report, 12/13/12; Letter from Bruce Poliquin to Jonathan Wayne, via Maine Wire, 2/3/12]

- James Hopkinson Was The Registered Agent Of Popham Woods Condominium Unit Owners’ Association. [Maine Secretary of State Non-Profit Corporation Filings, filed 4/24/09, accessed 10/1/21]


Note: For more information on sales, advertising, and the development of Popham Woods Condominiums properties, see Professional Career section.

As Of The 2022 Fiscal Year, Dirigo Holdings’ Brooks And Sagamore Drive Properties Were Worth
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Note: Brooks Drive was not listed as a property in Phippsburg’s 2022 or 2020 real estate tax commitment books. It is possible that it is included in the Sagamore Drive property.

Note: As of January 2022, FOAAs confirming the full valuation history of Dirigo Holdings’ Sagamore Drive properties were not available.

Poliquin’s Company Paid Property Taxes For His Sagamore Drive Properties Late Nine Times

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**Total** $182,488.45

[Phippsburg Tax Assessor, Account Details, received 10/29/15, received 10/5/21]

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**65 Bowery Street, Bath, Maine**

March 2006: Poliquin’s Real Estate Company Purchased The Site Of The Stinson Cannery With The Intention Of Developing Residential Housing

3/20/06: Poliquin Purchased The Land Where The Stinson Cannery Was Located For $550,000. In a March 2007 letter from Bruce Poliquin to the Bath Board of Assessment, “Dirigo Holdings’ purchase the cannery for $550,000 on March 20, 2006 was the most recent transaction for this unique property. And, as explained above, the purchase was to acquire its land only. My company was the only entity to make a serious offer during the two years the cannery was on the market.” [Letter, Bruce Poliquin to Board of Assessment Review, 3/21/07; Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Instrument # 1892-0250, recorded 7/25/01, accessed 9/30/21; Bath Tax Assessor, Property Cards, 9/24/21]
As Of March 2006, The Property Of The Stinson Cannery Had An Assessed Value Of $1.5 Million. According to the property card for 65 Bowery Street, Bath, Maine printed on March 16, 2006, the property had a total assessed value of $1,503,300. As of March 2006, the property had most recently been purchased by Bumble Bee Foods on May 3, 2004 for $1,380,000. [65 Bowery Street Commercial Property Record Card, 3/16/06]

2010 – 2017: Dirigo Holdings Listed 65 Bowery Street For Sale Multiple Times

2010: Dirigo Holdings Listed 65 Bowery Street For Sale For $2.5 Million, Meaning “Poliquin Has Given Up On A Plan To Convert The Site Into A Mixed-Use Development.” “The site of a former seafood cannery on Maine’s Kennebec River in Bath is up for sale. The 5.6 acre property is owned by Bruce Poliquin, an unsuccessful candidate for the Maine Republican Party’s gubernatorial nomination. The former Stinson Seafood cannery is on the market for $2.5 million. The Portland Press Herald says the decision means Poliquin has given up on a plan to convert the site into a mixed-use development with condominiums, a restaurant, shops and a marina. But the city of Bath refused to rezone the area to accommodate Poliquin’s proposed development. The vacant cannery building was destroyed by a May 2006 arson fire.” [Fosters, 9/29/10]

2017: Dirigo Holdings Listed 65 Bowery Street For Sale For $995,000. “NOTES: […] 2017 FOR SALE, ASKING $995,000” [Bath Tax Assessor, Property Cards, 9/24/21]

As Of The 2021 Tax Year, 65 Bowery Street Was Worth $648,000

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2019: The Assessed Value Of 65 Bowery Street Was Changed Twice, Including One Change Made At A Hearing.
Dirigo Holdings Paid Property Taxes On 65 Bowery Street Late Six Times

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As Of September 2021, Dirigo Holdings Paid $248,128.40 In Property Taxes On 65 Bowery Street

2006 – 2008: Poliquin Requested And Was Denied Two Tax Abatements For Old Stinson Cannery In Bath, ME

April 2006: Poliquin Received A $623,200 Reduced Valuation For The Cannery Shortly After Purchase Because Its Buildings Were Destroyed In The Arson. “As of April 1, 2006, I lowered the valuation of the Stinson property from $1,503,300 to $880,100, a reduction of $623,200. The parcel now has a land assessment of $680,000 and building assessment of $200,100. Since the buildings burned after April 1, they will be removed from the assessment for April 1, 2007.” [Valuation Appeal – Assessor’s Comments, City of Bath, 3/13/07]

October 2006: Poliquin Requested A $330,100 Valuation Abatement For The Bath, ME Cannery And Was Denied. “Finally, Mr. Poliquin asserts that the assessed value placed on his property results in unjust discrimination. I disagree. This property is assessed equally in accordance with its just value. Lowering this value would unfairly burden other taxpayers, causing them to pay more than their fair share. I urge the Board to uphold this assessment.” [Notice of Decision, City of Bath, 12/8/06; Valuation Appeal – Assessor’s Comments, Town of Bath, 3/13/07]

• Poliquin’s Appeal Of The Decision Was Denied By The Board Of Assessment Review. In an April 2007 letter to Bruce Poliquin, the Board of Assessment Review for the City of Bath denied his petition for a valuation abatement. "Your assertion that the sale price reflected the fair market value of the property is inconsistent with the constitutional basis for assessment. Your further assertions that buildings on the property were worthless and the condition of the property and its proximity to the sewage treatment plant made it far less valuable than other shorefront property in Bath had been considered by the assessor in the reduction of assessment from $1,503,300 to $880,100. This reduction in assessment has brought the assessed value to less than that of other property on the waterfront in Bath. Consequently the Board considers the current assessment, as of April 1, 2007, to be a fair and accurate value consistent with assessing practices throughout the City and not manifestly wrong.” [Letter, Board of Assessment Review, City of Bath, 4/19/07]

2008: Poliquin Requested A $621,600 Valuation Abatement For The Bath, ME Cannery And Was Denied. On February 27, 2008, Poliquin submitted an application a valuation abatement for 65 Bowery Street that read, “The basis of our company's abatement request is the lower $50,000 per acre valuation for the undeveloped portion of the abutting Sewer Treatment Plant lot vs. the much higher $161,000 per acre assessment for 65 Bowery Street. Our vacant property is completely undeveloped and, hence, should receive the same per acre assessment as the undeveloped part of the Sewer Plant lot resulting in an abatement of $621,600.” In a letter dated May 2, 2008, Bath Town Assessor wrote in a letter to Dirigo Holdings, “I have reviewed the assessed valuation for real property at 65 Bowery St. in accordance with the standards for assessment found in Section I of Article IX of the Maine Constitution and Title 36 of the Maine Revised Statutes. I find that the property is assessed equitably according to its just value, and there is no basis for the claim of unjust discrimination. The abatement request is denied.” [Notice of Decision, City of Bath, 5/2/08; Dirigo Holdings Application for Abatement, City of Bath, 2/27/08]

Note: For information on Poliquin’s attempted development of 65 Bowery Street, see Professional Career section.

823 Popham Drive, Phippsburg, Maine

1988: Poliquin Received Five Parcels Of Land In Phippsburg, Maine From His Parents, Which He Then Developed Into The Popham Beach Club
1988: Poliquin’s Parents Filed For Joint Tenancy With Poliquin At Five Lots In Phippsburg, Maine That They Had Purchased In 1968. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument #0359-0818, recorded 7/8/68, accessed 9/30/21; Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Quitclaim Deed, Instrument #0912-0277, recorded 10/19/88, accessed 9/30/21]

October 2005: Poliquin’s Parents Transferred The Five Lots They Held In Joint Tenancy With Poliquin Solely To Poliquin. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Quitclaim Deed, Instrument #2639-0276, recorded 10/20/05, accessed 9/30/21]

2006: Poliquin Began To Develop The Five Lots He Received From His Parents In Phippsburg, Maine Into The Popham Beach Club At 823 Popham Road. Poliquin’s parents claimed joint tenancy with him through a 1988 quitclaim deed that included five lots outlined in a 1924 planning document. The planning document indicated that the five lots in question were located between Silver Lake and the Atlantic Road along Sabing Road which, per a Google Maps search, did not exist in 2021. 823 Popham Road, the location of Popham Beach Club, was located directly between Silver Lake and the Atlantic Ocean in Phippsburg. In 2011, Bill Nemitz wrote in his column, Poliquin, who lives in Georgetown, bought the property from his parents back around 1990 when it was a collection of six rental cottages that had been in the family all the way back to 1968. That changed in 2006, when he applied for and received permission from the town to tear down the cottages and build a sprawling, two-and-a-half story private clubhouse.” [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Quitclaim Deed, Instrument #0912-0277, recorded 10/19/88, accessed 9/30/21; Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Plan, Instrument #0002-0053A, recorded 1/25/24, accessed 9/30/21; Google Maps, accessed 9/30/21; Portland Press Herald, Bill Nemitz Column, 12/4/11]

April 2012: Poliquin Transferred The Five Lots To Popham Beach Club LLC. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument #3377-0345, 4/6/12, recorded 4/6/12, accessed 9/30/21]

July 2015: Popham Beach Club LLC Sold Its Real Property At Popham Road To Jeffrey And Laurel Harris With A $1.3 Million Mortgage

2015: Popham Beach Club Sold Its Five Lots Located At Popham Road, Phippsburg, Maine To Jeffrey And Laurel Harris. In July 2015, Popham Beach Club sold all five of the lots Poliquin received from his parents to Jeffery and Laurel Harris. Per the Phippsburg fiscal year 2021 real estate property tax commitment book, Jeffrey and Laurel Harris owned real property located at 823 Popham Road, Phippsburg, Maine, which encompassed all five of the lots. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument #2015R-05015, recorded 7/19/15, accessed 9/30/21; Phippsburg Real Estate Tax Commitment Book by Name, Fiscal Year 2021]

- Jeffrey Harris Was The President Of Harris Golf. “When Poliquin wanted to open the club to public membership, abutters on both sides sued, eventually taking the case to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. Eventually, the club failed and the original 5,000 square-foot house was sold in July 2015 to Harris Golf president Jeffrey Harris for $858,000.” [Bangor Daily News, 10/8/17]


2015 – 2021: Poliquin Continued To List Popham Beach Club LLC And The Mortgage Interest He Received From It As An Asset And Unearned Income On His Personal Financial Disclosures

2021: Poliquin Disclosed Popham Beach Club LLC As An “Ownership Interest” Asset Worth Between $1,000,001 And $5 Million. [Poliquin 2021 Public Financial Disclosure Report, Candidate Report, filed 10/22/21]


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Poliquin’s Popham Beach And Popham Woods Properties Were Not Contiguous.

[Google Maps, accessed 9/30/21]

As Of The 2022 Fiscal Year, 823 Popham Road Was Worth $860,700

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Note: 823 Popham Road includes 1.61 acres of land and a house; Popham Road includes 0 acres and a shed. The 2015 property card FOAAs and the 2022 real estate tax commitment books did not include it as a separate entity.

Note: As of November 2021, FOAAs confirming the full valuation history of 823 Popham Drive were not available.

Poliquin And His Companies Paid Property Taxes On 823 Popham Road Late Ten Times

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[Poliquin And His Companies Paid $107,145.02 In Property Taxes On 823 Popham Road]

January 2000: Poliquin Filed A Complaint And A Lawsuit Against Ocean View Park Campground, Which Was Next Door To The Cottage He Inherited From His Parents In Phippsburg, Maine

March 2000: Poliquin Complained To Phippsburg, Maine Town Board Of Appeals Over “Noise And Crowding” At Ocean View Park Campground Next Door To Him. “Bruce Poliquin's campaign to force his next-door neighbor, Ocean View Park Campground, to reduce the size of its business will come to a head Tuesday night. […] Poliquin said he wants to be able to enjoy his cottage, which he acquired from his parents, with his young son. But, he claims, noise and crowding at the campground interfere with his ability to stay at the cottage,
which was built within a few feet of Popham Beach. The Board of Appeals heard Poliquin’s arguments March 30, but that hearing dragged on for four hours and had to be tabled until Tuesday.” [Portland Press Herald 4/24/2000]

- **Poliquin Inherited His Phippsburg Cottage From His Parents.** [Portland Press Herald 4/24/2000]

April 2000: The Phippsburg Board Of Appeals Rejected Poliquin’s Request To Reduce The Number Of Campsites At Ocean View Park Campground. “The Board of Appeals this week rejected an attempt by Bruce Poliquin to scale back the campground from 48 to 35 sites. Poliquin, a summer resident of Popham Beach, claimed the campground grew illegally over the years by adding a store and permanent trailer sites, and damaged sand dunes. The owners of the campground -- Charles and Bernadette Konzelman -- maintained the expansions were allowed. Board members voted 4-0 against Poliquin. In April 2000, the Phippsburg Board of Appeals voted 4-0 against Poliquin.” [Portland Press Herald, 4/28/2000]

April 2000: Poliquin Called The Police Twice Over A “Civil Dispute” In Phippsburg

4/10/2000: Poliquin Submitted A Complaint For A Sagadahoc County Sheriff Officer To Perform Officer Standby Over A Property Dispute In Phippsburg. According to a Sagadahoc County Sheriff report, Poliquin was the complainant in an incident in which the Sheriff’s office performed officer standby at Janes Way, Phippsburg. The officer noted, “Civil dispute over property lines. Complainant was advised to get a survey done.” [Sagadahoc County Sheriff, Incident # 00-01569, reported 4/10/2000, received 11/2/21]

4/8/2000: Poliquin Reported “Suspicion” Over A “Civil Matter” In Phippsburg. According to a Sagadahoc County Sheriff report, Poliquin was the complainant in an incident categorized as “Suspicion” at Janes Way, Phippsburg. The officer noted, “Civil matter.” [Sagadahoc County Sheriff, Incident # 00-01546, reported 4/8/2000, received 11/2/21]

2002: Poliquin Lost His Appeal Against Ocean View Park Campground

2002: Poliquin Appealed His Case Against Ocean View Park Campground To The County Superior Court And Lost. “The owner of a popular Popham Beach campground rejoiced Friday after a judge rejected a neighbor's allegations that the campground expanded illegally. […] Justice John R. Atwood's decision was filed Friday in Sagadahoc County Superior Court. Atwood exonerated the campground on the more significant charges that it had violated Phippsburg's shoreland zoning, land use and subdivision ordinances, but gave a small victory to the Konzelmans' neighbor, Bruce Poliquin, who filed the lawsuit.” [Portland Press Herald, 4/27/02]

- **Campground Owner Charles Konzelman After Lawsuit: “We’ve Been Through Hell.”** “We've been through hell,” said Charles Konzelman, who has operated the seasonal Ocean View Park campground with his wife, Bernadette, since 1979. ‘The charges he brought against us were uncalled for. He dreamed up a lot of this stuff and ended up putting us through a lot of grief and bad publicity.’” [Portland Press Herald, 4/27/02]

- **Campground Owners Bernadette And Charles Konzelman’s Attorney: “If That Campground Were Not There, Popham Beach, With The Exception Of The State Park, Would Be A Private Enclave.”** Roger Therriault, the Bath attorney who represented the Konzelmans, said Friday that his clients are relieved that the matter has been settled in their favor, though Poliquin does have the right to appeal Atwood's decision to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. ‘These people probably run one of the best campgrounds in Maine and the proof is in the pudding,’ he said. ‘It also serves an important role in public access. If that campground were not there, Popham Beach, with the exception of the state park, would be a private enclave.”’ [Portland Press Herald, 4/27/02]

2003: Poliquin Refused To Tell Police Whether He Stole 124 Feet Of Fencing, Some Of Which Was 6 Feet Tall, From His Neighbors On Popham Road
2003: Ocean View Park Campground On 817 Popham Road Called The Sagadahoc Sheriff To Complain That Someone Had Stolen 124 Feet Of Fence, 24 Feet Of Which Was 6 Feet Tall, From Their Property. In an April 2003 Phippsburg Police Report responding to a complaint from Ocean View Park Campground at 817 Popham Road, Phippsburg, Maine, the officer wrote, “Cmplt advised that sometime in the past week someone had pulled down and removed about 24 feet of 6 ft high fence and posts and about 100 feet of snow fence from his property.” [Sagadahoc County Sheriff, Incident # 03-003189, 4/14/03, received 11/2/21]

According To A 2003 Police Report, Poliquin Acknowledged An Ongoing Property Dispute With His Neighbors But Repeatedly Refused To Say Whether He Stole 124 Feet Of Fencing From Them. In an April 2003 Phippsburg Police Report, the officer wrote, “Cmplt advised that sometime in the past week someone had pulled down and removed about 24 feet of 6 ft high fence and posts and about 100 feet of snow fence from his property. … I then asked him if he had taken the fence down and he asked me if I was accusing him of taking it down. I told him that I was asking him if he took it down and he said that he would not answer the question. […] I told him I was only interested in the theft of the fence. He again refused to answer the question stating he did not have to.” [Sagadahoc County Sheriff, Incident # 03-003189, 4/14/03, received 11/2/21]

- Poliquin Was Listed As A Suspect For Theft.

2011: Poliquin Showed Disdain for the Mostly Working-Class Campers And Called Them “Not My Kind Of People”

In Reference To Ocean View Park Campground Patrons, Poliquin Told The Owner Of The Campground, “These Are Not My Kind Of People.” “Back in 2000, Poliquin went after the Konzelmans, alleging they were in violation of the local land use ordinance and demanding that they shrink their operation. According to Bernadette, Poliquin looked out over the tents and campers one day and told her, ‘These are not my kind of people.’” [Portland Press Herald, Bill Nemitz Column, 12/4/11]

In December 2011, While Facing Concerns About Noise From The Popham Beach Club, Which He Owned, Poliquin Said “I’m Abutted By A Trailer Park! A Trailer Park!” “Poliquin counters that all existing rules regarding bad behavior still will be enforced — the club’s six members have yet to cause a ruckus — and that this is truly no big deal. ‘I’m abutted by a trailer park!’ he said, referring to the Konzelmans’ campground. ‘A trailer park!’” [Portland Press Herald, Bill Nemitz Column, 12/4/11]

2016: Bernadette Konzelman Sold Ocean View Campground and Cottages To Developers Who Built Condos That Sold For Up To $395, 000

2016: Bernadette Konzelman Sold Ocean View Campground and Cottages To Developers Who Built Condos That Sold For Up To $395,000. “A year ago, Bernadette Konzelman, who with her late husband, Charles Konzelman, operated the Ocean View Campground and Cottages for 40 years, closed the campground and sold the property, with 425 feet of beachfront, for $3.45 million to Driftwood Partners of Harvard, Massachusetts, according
to tax records. The property is now on the market as ‘The Driftwood,’ with the five-bedroom main house listed for $1 million and each of the dozen 600-square-foot cottages, built in the 1940s, now renovated and listed as ‘condominiums’ for between $295,000 and $395,000.” [Bangor Daily News, 10/8/17]

Note: For information on Poliquin’s operation of the Popham Beach Club and connections to Jeffrey and Laurel Harris, see Professional Career section.

### 1 East Wood Island, Phippsburg, Maine

**1986: Poliquin Purchased 1 East Wood Island**


Note: Neither the deed nor the property cards for this property list the price for which Poliquin purchased it.

**As Of The 2022 Tax Year, 1 East Wood Island Was Worth $595,500**

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Note: As of January 2022, FOAAs confirming the full valuation history of 823 Popham Drive was not available.

Poliquin Paid Property Taxes For 1 East Wood Island Late Nine Times

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†Note: Principal was paid on 11/19/93

Note: Half of each Phippsburg property tax payment was due November and May 15 of each year. This table reflects the due date closest to Poliquin’s payment.


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123 Snow Pond Road, Oakland, Maine

October 2013: Poliquin’s Parents Transferred 123 Snow Pond Road And 69 Derby Place To Him

August 2007: Poliquin’s Parents Filed For Joint Tenancy Of 123 Snow Pond Road And 69 Derby Place, Oakland, Maine With Bruce Poliquin. [Kennebec County Registry of Deeds, Warranty Deed, Instrument # 2007025210, recorded 8/31/07, accessed 9/30/21]

October 2013: Poliquin’s Parents Granted 3.1 Acres Of Real Property Located At 123 Pond Road And A Half Acre Of Real Property Located At 69 Derby Place, Oakland Maine Solely To Poliquin. [Kennebec County Registry of Deeds, Warranty Deed, Instrument # 2013027619, recorded 10/1/13, accessed 9/30/21; 123 Snow Pond Road Property Card, 69 Derby Place Property Card, Oakland Tax Assessor, 8/26/20]

January 2018: Poliquin Sold 123 Snow Pond Road And 69 Derby Place For $450,000

January 2018: Poliquin Sold Real Property Located At 123 Snow Pond Road And 69 Derby Place, Oakland, Maine To Elizabeth And Garry Willett For $450,000. [Kennebec County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument # 2018000439, 1/3/18, accessed 9/30/21; Oakland Tax Assessor, 123 Snow Pond Road Property Card, 8/26/20]

As Of The 2017 Tax Year, 123 Snow Pond Road Was Worth $204,000

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*Note: Property held in joint tenancy with his parents*

### Poliquin Paid $29,231.97 In Property Taxes On 123 Snow Pond Road

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[123 Snow Pond Road Property Card, Oakland Tax Assessor, received 9/30/21]

December 2014: Poliquin Filed For A Homestead Exemption For His In-District Oakland, ME Property After Being Elected To Congress. In December 2014, Poliquin filed a homestead exemption for his in-district property at 123 Snow Pond Road, Oakland, Maine after being elected to Congress. [Town of Oakland, Application for Homestead Exemption, 12/26/14]

- **123 Snow Pond Rd Was Located In Maine’s 2nd Congressional District.** [House.gov, accessed 7/29/21]

- **Poliquin Indicated That He Had A Homestead In Another Municipality At 186 Ledgemere Road, Georgetown, Maine Within The Last Twelve Months On His December 2014 Homestead Application.** [Town of Oakland, Application for Homestead Exemption, 12/26/14]

### 69 Derby Place, Oakland, Maine

**October 2013: Poliquin’s Parents Transferred 123 Snow Pond Road And 69 Derby Place To Him**

**August 2007: Poliquin’s Parents Filed For Joint Tenancy Of 123 Snow Pond Road And 69 Derby Place, Oakland, Maine With Bruce Poliquin.** [Kennebec County Registry of Deeds, Warranty Deed, Instrument # 2007025210, recorded 8/31/07, accessed 9/30/21]

**October 2013: Poliquin’s Parents Granted 3.1 Acres Of Real Property Located At 123 Pond Road And 0.5 Acres Of Real Property Located At 69 Derby Place, Oakland Maine Solely To Poliquin.** [Kennebec County Registry of Deeds, Warranty Deed, Instrument # 2013027619, recorded 10/1/13, accessed 9/30/21; 123 Snow Pond Road Property Card, 69 Derby Place Property Card, Oakland Tax Assessor, 8/26/20]

**January 2018: Poliquin Sold 123 Snow Pond Road And 69 Derby Place For $450,000**

**January 2018: Poliquin Sold Real Property Located At 123 Snow Pond Road And 69 Derby Place, Oakland, Maine To Elizabeth And Garry Willett For $450,000.** [Kennebec County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument # 2018000439, 1/3/18, accessed 9/30/21; 69 Derby Place Pond Road Property Card, Oakland Tax Assessor, 8/26/20]

**As Of The 2017 Tax Year, 69 Derby Place Was Worth $269,500**

**69 Derby Place Property Valuation**
### Poliquin Paid Property Taxes For 69 Derby Place Road Late Five Times

**Poliquin Interest Paid On 69 Derby Place Property Taxes**

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*Note: Property held in joint tenancy with his parents*

### Poliquin Paid $32,026.09 In Property Taxes On 69 Derby Place

**123 Snow Pond Road Property Taxes**

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Poliquin Did Not Collect Any Tax Exemptions On 69 Derby Place

[69 Derby Place Road Property Card, Oakland Tax Assessor, received 11/6/15; Oakland Tax Assessor, Real Estate Bill, 2017 Tax Year, 2016 Tax Year, accessed 10/6/21]

Blake Island, Oakland, Maine

July 1988: Poliquin Purchased 7 Acres Of Real Property Located At Blake Island Oakland, Maine.
[Kennebec County Registry of Deeds, Warranty Deed, Instrument # 016807, recorded 7/5/88, accessed 9/30/21]

Note: Neither the deed nor the property cards for this property list the price for which Poliquin purchased it.

November 2014: Poliquin Sold Blake Island For $250,000

[Kennebec County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument # 2014028411, 11/21/14, accessed 9/30/21; Blake Island Property Card, Oakland Tax Assessor, 8/26/20]

As Of The 2014 Tax Year, 69 Derby Place Was Worth $319,500

| 123 Snow Pond Road Property Valuation |
|------------------|---------|
| Tax Year | Amount  |
| 2014    | $319,500 |
| 2013    | $319,500 |
| 2012    | $319,500 |
| 2011    | $319,500 |
| 2010    | $319,500 |
| 2009    | $319,500 |
| 2008    | $240,000 |
| 2007    | $123,000 |
| 2006    | $72,100  |
| 2005    | $50,900  |
| 2004    | $50,900  |
| 2003    | $50,900  |
| 2002    | $50,900  |
| 2001    | $50,900  |
| 2000    | $50,900  |
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| 1998    | $50,900  |
| 1997    | $50,900  |
Poliquin Paid Property Taxes For Blake Island Road Late Three Times

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1990 – 2008: Poliquin Requested A Lower Assessment For His Blake Island Property In Oakland, ME Four Times

2008: Poliquin Requested A Lower Assessment For His Private Island. In August 2008, Poliquin requested that his private island in Oakland, Me – Blake Island – be reassessed by the town; however, the town denied Poliquin’s request. “As you can see from the information enclosed that you have been fairly and equitably [sic] assessed in comparison to Brown Island. The assessed value is considerably less than what you really feel it is worth based on what it is currently on the market for. The recent sales of islands only confirm the correctness of the assessment.”

[Letter, Kathleen Geaghan to Bruce Poliquin, 8/25/08]

1992: Poliquin Received An Additional $152.90 Abatement For Blake Island Building That Was Re-Assessed At A Value Of $200. In a November 1992 letter from a representative of the Town of Oakland to Bruce Poliquin it stated, “After review of the property and property record card, I have decreased the value of the building from $11,200 to $200. I have thus issued an abatement to the Tax Collector in the amount of $152.90.” [Letter, Town of Oakland, Kathleen Martin to Bruce Poliquin, 11/13/92]

1990: Poliquin Requested A Reassessment And Tax Abatement For Blake Island Land And Building Value And Received A $131.92 Abatement. In a December 1990 letter from a representative of the Town of Oakland to Bruce Poliquin it stated, “I did take into consideration the information you supplied in reference to the building value and agreed with you that the value was too high. That value was the result of a computer error. The new valuation on the building is $8,200 and the land at $94,100 changing the total valuation to $102,300. This is a total reduction of $9,700 in valuation resulting in an abatement of $131.92.” [Letter, Town of Oakland, Irene Pion to Bruce Poliquin, 12/21/90]

- Poliquin Complained His Building On Blake Island Was More Like “A Big Outhouse” And Demanded A Reassessed Value Of $500. In a December 1990 letter from a representative of the Town of Oakland to Bruce Poliquin it stated, “The building value especially shocked me since it is a trashed old shack – no door/windows. It’s sort of a big outhouse. Is that worth $11,200?” [Letter, Bruce Poliquin to Irene Pion, 9/04/90; Application for Abatement of Property Taxes, Town of Oakland, 12/28/90]

Poliquin Did Not Collect Any Tax Exemptions On Blake Island

Poliquin Did Not Collect Any Tax Exemptions On Blake Island. [Blake Island Property Card, Oakland Tax Assessor, received 11/6/15]

300 Three Islands Blvd, Unit 118, Hallandale, Florida

February 2002: Poliquin Purchased 300 Three Islands Blvd, Unit 118, Hallandale, Florida For $220,000

February 2002: Poliquin Purchased Real Property Located At 300 Three Islands Blvd, Unit 118, Hallandale, Florida From John Wreiden For $220,000. [Broward County Clerk of the Circuit and County Court, Deed, Instrument # 101737044, recorded 2/19/09, accessed 9/30/21; Broward County Appraiser, accessed 10/6/21]

November 2012: Poliquin Sold 300 Three Islands Blvd, Unit 118, Hallandale, Florida For $290,000

November 2012: Poliquin Sold Real Property Located At 300 Three Islands Blvd, Unit 118, Hallandale, Florida To William McCarron And Kuei Kang Wu For $290,000. [Broward County Clerk of the Circuit and County Court, Deed, Instrument # 111161708, recorded 11/16/12, accessed 9/30/21; Broward County Appraiser, accessed 10/6/21]

As Of The 2014 Tax Year, 300 Three Islands Blvd, Unit 118 Was Worth $193,500

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2004 – 2012: Poliquin Paid $54,267.33 In Property Taxes On 300 Three Islands Blvd, Unit 118 In Full And On Time

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Poliquin Did Not Collect Any Tax Exemptions On 300 Three Islands Blvd, Unit 118

September 2005: Aaon Inc Filed A Construction Lien Against The Residents Of 300 Three Islands Blvd, Including Poliquin

In September 2005, Aaon Inc filed a lien against the residents of 300 Three Islands Blvd, Hallandale Beach, Florida for a total value of $94,908 of work the company performed on the building and for which it was not compensated. Aaon Inc filed a lien against Poliquin and hundreds of other residents. Broward County Clerk of the Circuit and County Court listed the claimed amount against Poliquin as $0. [Broward County Clerk of the Circuit and County Court, Lien, Instrument # 105371635, recorded 9/16/05, accessed 9/30/21]

October 2005: Aaon Inc Released Its Lien Against The Residents Of 300 Three Islands Blvd, Including Poliquin. [Broward County Clerk of the Circuit and County Court, Lien Release, Instrument # 105445781, recorded 10/11/05, accessed 9/30/21]

2290 Ocean Shore Blvd, Apartment 501, Ormond Beach, Florida

October 1989: Poliquin Purchased 2290 Ocean Shore Blvd, Apartment 501, Ormond Beach, Florida For
October 1989: Poliquin Purchased Real Property Located At 2290 Ocean Shore Blvd, Apartment 501, Ormond Beach, Florida For $94,000. [Volusia County Clerk of Circuit Court, Deed, Instrument # 1989129211, recorded 10/2/89, accessed 9/30/21; Volusia County Property Appraiser, accessed 10/6/21]

Poliquin’s Aunt And Uncle Lived At 2290 Ocean Shore Blvd, Apartment 501, Ormond Beach, Florida Until They Passed Away In 2018 And 2020

2017 – 2020: Poliquin’s Elderly Family Members Lived At 2290 Ocean Shore Blvd, Apartment 501, Ormond Beach, Florida. According to Volusia County Sheriff police reports, the Volusia County Sheriff responded to a request for a well-being check on Lorraine Cyr at 2290 Ocean Shore Blvd, Apartment 501, Ormond Beach, Florida in June 2017, and found her on her way to church with her husband. The Volusia County Sheriff responded to two additional requests for well-being checks on Raymond Cyr in December 2020, and reported that he had passed away on November 25, 2020. [Volusia County Sheriff Department Reports, #P171550684, 6/4/17; #P203571087, 12/22/20, #P203571109, 12/22/20, received 9/28/21]

November 2018: Poliquin’s Aunt, Lorraine Cyr, Passed Away. [Dalewood Funeral Home Obituary, 12/6/18]


January 2021: Poliquin Sold 2290 Ocean Shore Blvd, Apartment 501, Ormond Beach, Florida For $250,000

January 2021: Poliquin Sold Real Property Located At 2290 Ocean Shore Blvd, Apartment 501, Ormond Beach, Florida To Gayle And David Kapelka For $250,000. [Volusia County Clerk of Circuit Court, Deed, Instrument # 2021002188, recorded 1/5/21, accessed 9/30/21; Volusia County Property Appraiser, accessed 10/6/21]

As Of The 2021 Tax Year, 2290 Ocean Shore Blvd, Apartment 501 Was Worth $215,112

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**Total** $68,287.13

[Volusia County Property Appraiser, 1999 – 2020 Tax Bills, accessed 10/6/21]

### 68 And 70 Foreside Road, Cumberland, Maine

**October 1989: Poliquin Purchased 68 And 70 Foreside Road, Cumberland, Maine For $0**

October 1989: Poliquin Purchased 68 And 70 Foreside Road, Cumberland, Maine From Louise Norris For $0. [Cumberland County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument # 050816, recorded 10/12/89, accessed 9/30/21; Cumberland Tax Assessor, Property Card, received 2015]

#### 2003: Poliquin Sold 68 And 70 Foreside Road For $865,000

**October 2003: Poliquin Sold 68 And 70 Foreside Road To James Baldino For $865,000.** [Cumberland County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument # 114481, recorded 10/15/03, accessed 9/30/21; Cumberland Tax Assessor, Property Card, received 2015]

*Note: Existing research only included property valuations from 2015 and 1990 – 1995 tax years for 68 and 70 Foreside Road.*

#### 1990 – 1995: Poliquin Paid $35,087.80 In Property Taxes On 68 And 70 Foreside Road In Full And On Time

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[Cumberland Tax Assessor, Assessed Valuation and Taxes, received 2015]

#### Poliquin Did Not Collect Any Tax Exemptions On 68 And 70 Foreside Road

Poliquin Did Not Collect Any Tax Exemptions On 68 And 70 Foreside Road. [Cumberland Tax Assessor, Property Card, received 2015; Cumberland Tax Assessor, Assessed Valuation and Taxes, received 2015]

### 13 Western Ave, Waterville, Maine

**1985: Poliquin Inherited 13 Western Ave, Waterville, Maine From The Estate Of Amy Jones**

1985: Poliquin Inherited 13 Western Ave, Waterville, Maine From The Estate Of Amy Jones. [Kennebec County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument # 1985022352, recorded 11/2/85, accessed 9/30/21]

**1988: Poliquin Sold 13 Western Ave For $30,000**

1988: Poliquin Sold 13 Western Ave, Waterville, Maine To Lindsey And Robin Colby For $30,000. [Kennebec County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument # 1988018126, recorded 8/15/88, accessed 9/30/21]
125 Vaughan Street, Portland, Maine

1993: Judith Arbuckle Purchased Real Property Located At 125 Vaughan Street, Portland, Maine. [Cumberland County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument # 61451, recorded 9/24/93, accessed 9/30/21]

2009: A District Court Clerk Ordered That 125 Vaughan Street Was Solely Arbuckle’s Property

July 2009: A District Court Clerk Ordered That Arbuckle’s Property At 125 Vaughan St, Portland, Maine Was Solely Her Property. “I, Antoinette de Mareo, the Admin Clerk of the District Court, in the Town of Portland certify that the Divorce Judgment dated 7/9/09 became final on __ [sic], between Bruce L. Poliquin, Plaintiff of Georgetown and Judith Richmond Arbuckle, Defendant of Portland. […] (the ‘Vaughan Street Property’) is Judy’s sole and exclusive property.” [Cumberland County Registry of Deeds, Divorce Document, Instrument # 08949-270, dated 7/21/09, recorded 7/24/09, accessed 9/30/21]

July 2009: Poliquin’s Divorce From Arbuckle Was Finalized. “I, Carol Sarantakos, the Assistant Clerk of the Maine District Court, (Division of Cumberland County at Portland), hereby certify that the Divorce Judgment became final on July 9, 2009 between Bruce L. Poliquin, Plaintiff, of the Town of Georgetown, Sagadahoc County, Maine and Judith Arbuckle, Defendant, of the City of Portland, Cumberland County, Maine.” [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Miscellaneous Recordings, Instrument # 2015R-05013, recorded 7/21/15, accessed 9/30/21, Exhibit 1, Maine District Court District Nine (Cumberland), Poliquin v. Arbuckle, Docket No. FM-08-1233, dated 7/13/09]

2001 – Present: Poliquin Owned A Yacht He Bought For Potentially Up To $35,000


Poliquin Renewed His Boat Registration Most Recently In April 2021.

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According To Its Website, Novurania Was “The Leading Manufacturer Of Luxury Yacht Tenders.” “In 1989, as Novurania of America, Inc., the company built its first fiberglass hull in the USA and rapidly gained attention as a first-class producer of reliable tenders in the yachting industry. Novurania has since built its impeccable reputation by hand-building one vessel at a time to the precise specifications of highly discerning clientele. As the leading manufacturer of luxury yacht tenders, innovation is apparent in every model of our comprehensive line of boats. Our in-house engineers, equipped with the most advanced hardware and software applications, continue to introduce new models based on the needs of our direct clientele. Leading the industry through innovation has always been paramount at Novurania.” [Novurania, accessed 10/28/21]

1999: Novurania Manufactured Tender Yachts With Outboard Motors That Were Up To 22 Feet In Length And Sold For Up To $35,000. “After Rio Mar Yachts sunk under the weight of financial problems last year, Novurania, a Miami-based manufacturer of high-end, rigid inflatable yacht tenders, moved into Rio Mar’s old quarters on south U.S. 1 by the county line. […] The company produces 16 different models of its outboard tenders, ranging in length from 12 feet to 22 feet. They cost between $10,000 and $35,000. It also produces a line of four different, inboard diesel tenders for ‘super-yachts.’ These range in length from 22 feet to 25 feet. They cost between $55,000 and $70,000.” [Vero Beach Press Journal, 6/13/99]

• Poliquin’s Yacht Was Manufactured In 2000. According to its registration, Poliquin’s boat’s serial number was PKD13070I001. According to Novurania, “US-PKD is our USCG assigned builder code. ‘US’ for country code. ‘PKD’ for Novurania of America. XXXXX is the five digit serial number, assigned by Novurania which follows the Sales order and Work order during production. X correlates to the month the boat is built. ‘A-L’, works out to January thru December. XXX is the production year, and the model year of the tender. ‘415’ would be a boat built in 2014, and sold as a 2015 model year boat.” Since the last three digits of Poliquin’s boat’s serial number was 001, it was manufactured in 2000 and purchased in 2001. [Novurania, accessed 10/28/21; Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, Boat Registration, received 9/29/21]

Family

Lee And Esther Poliquin, Father And Mother

As Of August 2021, Poliquin’s Parents Were 93 And 91 Years Old

As Of 2021, Poliquin’s Parents Were 93 And 91 Years Old. “In a Sunday post on Facebook, Poliquin noted that he was the last surviving child of his parents, who are now 91 and 89 years old.” [Bangor Daily News, 8/5/19]

Esther And Lee Poliquin Employment History

Poliquin’s Parents, Esther And Lee Poliquin, Were A Nurse And A High School Teacher, Respectively. “Born on Nov. 1, 1953, Poliquin said he grew up ‘in a very small ranch home in a neighborhood loaded with kids.’ He lived with his parents, father Lee, a high school teacher, mother Louise, a nurse, and shared a room with his older brother, Jimmy.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 9/22/18]

Poliquin Said He Would Not Run For Office In 2020 To Take Care Of His Parents, Then Said They Were “Well-Cared For” While Launching His 2022 Campaign

January 2018: Poliquin Sold His Oakland Home “Not Long After” His Parents “Moved To A Senior Housing Place In Brunswick.” In September 2018, The Lewiston Sun Journal reported, “He had some hits and misses in real estate, but the bottom line is that between his career in finance and his real estate dealings, Poliquin’s personal wealth totaled more than $5 million by 2015, according to his financial disclosure form. OpenSecrets.org, which studies congressional financial forms, estimated he had $11.6 million, putting him well ahead of most House
members. Since then, he sold the Messalonskee Lake property he got from his parents in 2007, not long after they moved to a senior housing place in Brunswick, where they still reside. That netted him another $450,000. He leases an apartment on the property from the buyers.” Poliquin sold his property at 123 Snow Pond Road, Oakland, Maine on January 3, 2018. [Lewiston Sun Journal, 9/22/18; Kennebec County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument # 2018000439, Recorded 1/3/18]

- April 2020: Poliquin Said His Mother Was In A Nursing Home And His Father Was In Assisted Living.  
  “Mum is, as you mentioned, in a nursing home, and Dad is in assisted living, so they can spend most of the day together. But I spend a lot of time with them, and with doctors and nurses and pharmacies and aides and everything, that we’re supposed to do, as kids to care for our parents.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 4/7/20] (AUDIO) 1:07

August 2019: Poliquin Stated He Would Not Run For Office In 2020 In Order To Take Care Of His Aging Parents. “Former Republican U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, in a heartfelt post on his Facebook page Sunday, announced that he will not run next year against Democrat Jared Golden for the 2nd District seat. Poliquin’s Facebook post starts off by saying that ‘family always comes first.’ The 65-year-old Poliquin said he plans to spend his time caring for his aging father and mother, who are 91 and 89, respectively.” [Portland Press Herald, 8/4/19]

August 2021: Poliquin Said His Parents Were “Safe, Stable, And Well Cared For” After He Announced His 2022 Campaign. “Poliquin, who lost a lawsuit over the election outcome, sat out the 2020 election, citing ‘family priorities’ and the need to care for his elderly parents. He said that they’re ‘safe, stable, and well cared for.’ In fact, he said his 91-year-old dad encouraged him to run.” [Associated Press, 8/4/21]

Sam Poliquin, Son

As Of 2021, Sam Poliquin Was 31 Years Old

As Of 2021, Poliquin’s Son, Sam Poliquin Was 31 Years Old. “Poliquin lost his wife in a tragic swimming accident, leaving him to raise his now 28-year-old son Sam on his own.” [NBC News Center Maine, 10/5/18]

Sam Poliquin Employment History

July 2021 – Present: Sam Poliquin Was A Manager Of Strategy & Business Development At Warner Bros. Entertainment In Los Angeles, California. [Sam Poliquin LinkedIn, accessed 10/7/21]

January – June 2021: Sam Poliquin Worked In Creative Development And Production At London Audio In Los Angeles, California. [Sam Poliquin LinkedIn, accessed 10/7/21]

June – August 2020: Sam Poliquin Was An MBA Intern At Hulu In Los Angeles, California. [Sam Poliquin LinkedIn, accessed 10/7/21]

March 2018 – June 2019: Sam Poliquin Was A Senior Analyst Of Film Finance At IMAX In Los Angeles, California. [Sam Poliquin LinkedIn, accessed 10/7/21]

March 2018 – June 2019: Sam Poliquin Was A Senior Analyst Of At Lionsgate In Los Angeles, California. [Sam Poliquin LinkedIn, accessed 10/7/21]

2012: Bruce Poliquin Disclosed His Dependent Had A Summer Internship At Zweig-DiMenna And Earned More Than $1,000. [Poliquin 2012 Statement of Income for Executive Employees, Maine Ethics Commission, filed 4/4/12]

Sam Poliquin Business Interests
2019 – Present: Sam Poliquin Was A Director Of The Popham Wood Condominium Unit Owners’ Association. [Maine Secretary of State Corporate Search, Popham Wood Condominium Unit Owners’ Association Annual Reports, 2019 – 2021, accessed 10/7/21]

Sam Poliquin Education History

2019 – 2021: Sam Poliquin Attended The Wharton School At University Of Pennsylvania To Receive An MBA. [Sam Poliquin LinkedIn, accessed 10/7/21]

2011 – 2014: Sam Poliquin Attended Tufts University To Receive A BA In Economics And Film Production. [Sam Poliquin LinkedIn, accessed 10/7/21]

2007 – 2010: Sam Poliquin Attended Phillips Andover Academy. [Sam Poliquin LinkedIn, accessed 10/7/21]

2013: As An Undergraduate Student, Sam Poliquin Contributed $1,100 To His Father’s Campaign

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Jane Poliquin (Née Carpenter), Wife (Deceased)

1989: Poliquin Married Jane Carpenter In Phippsburg, Maine. “In New York at the same time was Jane Carpenter, a Waterville native and a good friend whom he had dated off and on over the years. She was working at the Brooklyn Museum’s lab in art restoration. Their time in New York overlapped for about five years, and the relationship became serious. They got married in Phippsburg in 1989, 17 years after they met.” [Portland Press Herald, 5/25/10]

Jane Poliquin Was Born In Waterville, Maine, Studied Art Conservation At University Of Delaware, And Worked As An Art Conservator At Museums In New York, Massachusetts, And California. “Mrs. Poliquin was born in Waterville. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and studied art conservation at the University of Delaware. She worked as an art conservator at several museums, including the Brooklyn Museum, the Fogg and Peabody museums at Harvard and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. She also participated in archeological digs in Cyprus and Portugal.” [New York Times, 2/15/92]

1992: Jane Poliquin And Her Father Drowned In A Swimming Accident In Puerto Rico, Making Bruce Poliquin A Single Father To Their Then-16-Month-Old Son. “State Treasurer Bruce Poliquin emphasizes fiscal reform and enjoys a close alliance with Gov. LePage. At a resort near Humacao, Puerto Rico, Jane Poliquin and her
father, James Carpenter, decided to go swimming. Bruce remembers that the ocean appeared a bit choppy. Jane and Carpenter were strong swimmers. He gave Jane a kiss. ‘Be careful,’ he said. The rip current ensnared Jane first. The 36-year-old woman futilely, fatally tried to swim against it. Carpenter, 77, tried to help, holding Jane’s head above the surface until he, too, succumbed to exhaustion. Bruce was with his 16-month-old son, Sam, in another part of the resort when he heard the ‘screams and commotion.’” [Portland Press Herald, 5/24/12]

Judith Arbuckle, Ex-Wife

2009: Poliquin And Arbuckle Divorced After A Six-Year Marriage

2003 – 2009: Poliquin And Arbuckle Were Married For Six Years. “Poliquin’s three challengers are married. He is a widower whose first wife drowned. He divorced his second wife in 2009 after a six-year marriage and remains single.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/2/18]

November 2008: Poliquin Filed For Divorce From Arbuckle. “Notice of the pendency of this action for divorce has been duly and seasonably given. Plaintiff filed for Divorce with this Court on November 7, 2008 on the grounds of irreconcilable differences. Through private mediation, and with the assistance and advice of counsel, the parties have reached an agreement as to all matters.” [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Miscellaneous Recordings, Instrument # 2015R-05013, recorded 7/21/15, accessed 9/30/21, Exhibit 2, Maine District Court District Nine (Cumberland), Poliquin v. Arbuckle, Docket No. FM-08-1233, dated 7/9/09]

July 2009: Poliquin’s Divorce From Arbuckle Was Finalized. “I, Carol Sarantakos, the Assistant Clerk of the Maine District Court, (Division of Cumberland County at Portland), hereby certify that the Divorce Judgment became final on July 9, 2009 between Bruce L. Poliquin, Plaintiff, of the Town of Georgetown, Sagadahoc County, Maine and Judith Arbuckle, Defendant, of the City of Portland, Cumberland County, Maine.” [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Miscellaneous Recordings, Instrument # 2015R-05013, recorded 7/21/15, accessed 9/30/21, Exhibit 1, Maine District Court District Nine (Cumberland), Poliquin v. Arbuckle, Docket No. FM-08-1233, dated 7/13/09]

Note: In Maine, divorce records are only available to parties involved in the legal proceedings.

Arbuckle Contributed $1,450 To Democratic Candidates And Committees

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James Poliquin, Brother

Poliquin’s Brother, James Poliquin, Passed Away In 2006

James Poliquin Was 54 Years Old When He Passed Away “After A Long Illness.” “James Michael Poliquin, 54, passed away Friday, Sept. 8, 2006, at Shore Village Rehabilitation & Nursing Center in Rockland after a long illness.” [Legacy Obituaries, 9/12/06]

Poliquin Said His Brother Was A “A Gifted Musician And A Great Baseball Player” And Attended Berklee College Of Music. “Jim’s death at age 54 was the second tragedy in Bruce Poliquin’s life. He called a reporter a week after a lengthy interview to offer details of his brother’s untimely death and explain an event that he said has affected his life and political career. He said Jim was a gifted musician and a great baseball player. He attended the Berklee College of Music in Boston.” [Portland Press Herald, 5/24/12]

Poliquin Has Blamed His Brother’s Death On The Welfare System, Opioids, And Marijuana

Poliquin Stated His Brother, Who Struggled With Substance Addiction, “Found A Way To Be Disabled” On Welfare Programs And “Spiraled Downhill From There.” “Bruce looked up to him, but he said during Jim’s teenage years he got involved in drugs and alcohol. Over the years, Poliquin said, his brother was in and out of rehab. Jim Poliquin applied for social assistance. ‘Eventually, he found a way not to work and take advantage of welfare programs,’ Bruce said. The programs were ‘well-meaning,’ he said, but he believes they contributed to his brother’s downward spiral because there was no work requirement. ‘He found a way to be disabled,’ Bruce said. ‘He just spiraled downhill from there.’” [Kennebec Journal, 5/24/12]

June 2016: Poliquin Said He Was Involved In The Fight Against Opioids “In Part, Because My Brother Is No Longer With Us.” “For Rep. Bruce Poliquin, the battle against opioid addiction is personal. ‘I’m involved in this, in part, because my brother is no longer with us,’ he said Tuesday night during the Operation Community SAFER (Supporting Area Families to Enable Recovery) forum at Eastern Maine Community College. ‘Here was a great guy with a big heart. A great musician,’ a man who died too young because of his drug addiction. Poliquin, who hosted the congressional town hall event, said that his brother, Jim, is just one of the casualties of opiate addiction.” [Bangor Daily News, 6/28/16]

Poliquin Said He Opposed Legalizing Marijuana Because His Brother Died Of Substance Abuse Which Started With Smoking Marijuana. POLIQUIN: “I am dead against legalizing marijuana. I’m going to tell you why. I had one sibling, Jim. […] He got involved in drugs and drinking at about 14 or 15 years old. We shared the same bedroom in our youthful years. He started on marijuana and grew from there. Got involved with alcohol, wine was cheaper than anything else and that’s what he bought. Jim died a very, very slow and painful death in a nursing home in Rockland, just absolutely tore apart my family. My only sibling.” [YouTube, Toby Hoxie, Senate candidates on Marijuana, 5/10/12] (VIDEO) 1:01

Poliquin Coached Baseball And Softball As A Volunteer For 17 Years

Poliquin: “For 17 Terrific Seasons, I Volunteer Coached Hundreds Of Maine Kids And Young Adults From Little League To College.” “Poliquin, who coached and played baseball and softball in Little League, high school and college, will be one of the base coaches for the Republican Team for the June 14 game at Nationals Park in Washington, D.C. The first team practice will be this Wednesday morning. ‘For 17 terrific seasons, I volunteer coached hundreds of Maine kids and young adults from Little League to college,’ said Congressman Poliquin. ‘I focused on the important life lessons of hard work, fair play, dealing with failure, and teamwork. Now, I’m looking forward to using ‘America’s pastime’ to build bipartisanship in Congress and to support a special charitable cause.’” [WAGM TV, 4/23/18]


2016: Poliquin Campaign Website: “To This Day, I Stay In Touch With Many Of My Former Players Who
Are Now Raising Their Own Families.” “For 17 terrific seasons, I volunteer coached Maine baseball and softball players in Little League, high school, and college. It was my way to give back to the next generation of Mainers, teaching them the values of teamwork and sacrifice. To this day, I stay in touch with many of my former players who are now raising their own families. In 2003, I was honored to receive the Portland Press Herald’s High School Baseball Coach of the Year Award.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/29/16]
**Personal Finance**

In 2021, Poliquin had an estimated net worth of between $11,953,012 and $56,945,000.

According to Poliquin’s federal personal financial disclosures, his assets totaled $11,953,012 and $56,945,000. Poliquin’s unearned income between January and October 2021 was between $40,206 and $131,200. Poliquin did not have any liabilities.

NOTE: For detailed descriptions of Poliquin’s personal financial disclosures by year, see [Appendix I – Personal Financial Disclosures](#).

### Poliquin’s Federal Personal Financial Disclosure Summary

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* In the disclosure, Poliquin listed an asset as “C.K. Capital LP, investment partnership (**see attached**), North Miami Beach, FL,” and attached a list of assets held within CK Capital LP. Poliquin’s minimum and maximum value for “C.K. Capital LP, investment partnership (**see attached**), North Miami Beach, FL,” did not match the total minimum and maximum asset values of the assets on this attached list. These totals include both the value listed for “C.K. Capital LP, investment partnership (**see attached**), North Miami Beach, FL,” and each individual asset on the attached list, potentially double-counting these assets.

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**2021: Poliquin Disclosed That His Net Worth Had Increased By Up To $33.9 Million Due To Increases In The Value Of His Vanguard Investment Funds**

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Note: Poliquin’s other assets had some reported changes in value between 2019 and 2021, but his Vanguard Tax-Exempt Money Market Fund and Vanguard Total Stock Market Index were the only assets to increase to the $5,000,001 - $25,000,000 range during this period. Poliquin held a different group of Vanguard funds prior to 2015. A full spreadsheet of Poliquin’s reported assets from all of his personal financial disclosures is available on the drive.

2018: Poliquin Reported Between $1,000,001 And $5,000,000 In Transactions Of Privately-Held Ganeden Biotech Stock

2018: Poliquin Reported Between $1,000,001 And $5,000,000 In Transactions Of Privately-Held Common Stock Of Ganeden Biotech, Co On September 1, 2017. [Poliquin 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, Periodic Transaction Report, filed 5/15/18]

10/11/17: Kerry Group, Based In Tralee, Ireland, Confirmed It Would Acquire Ganeden Biotech. “Kerry Group P.L.C. on Oct. 11 confirmed its acquisition of Ganeden, Inc., which offers patented probiotic ingredients. The acquisition will fit into Kerry’s nutrition, wellness and functionality portfolio, said Edmond Scanlon, chief executive officer and executive director of Tralee-based Kerry Group, during the company’s capital markets day.” [Food Business News, 10/11/17]

- **Ganeden Biotech Was Sold For “Nearly” 7.7 Times Its Revenue.** “In 2017, Ganeden was sold to Ireland’s Kerry Group for nearly 24 times EBITDA and 7.7 times revenue, Lefkowitz says.” [Smart Business Dealmakers Cleveland, 8/8/19]

- **2017: Ganeden Had An Estimated Annual Revenue Of $25 Million.** “At a capital markets day for the food and nutrition company, the acquisition of Ganeden was said to compliment the group’s acquisition of Wellmune in late 2015. The Cleveland, Ohio, based company has current year revenue of $25 million and more than 135 patents for technologies in the supplement, food, beverage, nutrition and personal care markets.” [Irish Times, 10/11/17]
Taxpayer Funded Salaries

2011 – 2018: Poliquin Received $840,776.75 In Taxpayer-Funded Salary

Between 2011 And 2018, Poliquin Received $840,776.75 In Taxpayer-Funded Salary:

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Poliquin Voted Against Automatic Pay Increases For Congress Three Times

2016: Poliquin Voted For A Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill That Included A Freeze On COLA For Congress. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would provide $3.5 billion for legislative branch operations, excluding Senate operations, in fiscal 2017. The total would include $1.2 billion for House operations, $629 million for the Library of Congress, $533 million for the Government Accountability Office, $552 million for the Architect of the Capitol and $391 million for the Capitol Police.” A vote yes was a vote to block pay increases. The bill passed 233-175. [CQ, 6/10/16; HR 5325, Vote #294, 6/10/16]

2015: Poliquin Voted For Passage Of An Appropriations Bill That Banned A COLA For Members Of Congress For 2016. In December 2015, Poliquin voted for: “Rogers, R-Ky., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill with an amendment that would provide $1.15 trillion in discretionary appropriations through Sept. 30, 2016 for federal departments and agencies covered by the fiscal 2016 spending bills.” According to the Congressional Record, HR 2029 included: “ADJUSTMENTS TO COMPENSATION. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no adjustment shall be made under section 601(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4501) (relating to cost of living adjustments for Members of Congress) during fiscal year 2016.” A vote yes was a vote to block a pay increase. The motion passed 316-113. [Congressional Record, HR 2029, 12/18/15; CQ, 12/18/15; HR 2029, Vote #705, 12/18/15]

2015: Poliquin Voted For Legislative Branch Appropriations That Blocked COLA For Members. In May 2015, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would provide $3.3 billion for legislative branch operations, excluding Senate operations, in fiscal 2016.” According to the Congressional Research Service, “The House-passed and Senate-reported versions of the FY2016 legislative branch appropriations bill (H.R. 2250) both contained a provision prohibiting this adjustment. The pay adjustment prohibition was subsequently included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (P.L. 114-113).” A vote yes was a vote to block pay increases. The bill passed, 357-67. [CRS, 6/21/16; CQ, 5/19/15; HR2250, Vote #247, 5/19/15]
Professional Career

**Significant Findings**

✓ Poliquin had a long career in investment management and real estate development in Maine, spanning the creation of Avatar Investments Associates Corp in 1981 to Maine real estate projects that were active as of October 2021.

✓ In 2018, Poliquin’s campaign failed to verify that Poliquin created a single job during his entire business career, despite his claims to have spent 35 years creating jobs.

✓ From 1981 to 1996, Poliquin was the principal of Avatar Investor Associates Corp, an investment advisory firm; he later touted his experience managing Mainers’ pensions through the firm.

✓ In 2016, Bath Iron Works Union members criticized Poliquin’s handling of their pensions, which they said had low compensation rates.

✓ Between 2011 and 2019, Poliquin disclosed he was a limited partner in two investment firms, C.K. Capital and Zweig-DiMenna Partners, LP, both of which were created by his fellow former Avatar Investments Associates Corp executives.

✓ In 2021, Poliquin did not disclose he was a limited partner in C.K. Capital or Zweig-DiMenna Partners, LP.

✓ C.K. Capital dissolved in 2013, but Poliquin continued to disclose he was a limited partner in it as recently as March 2019.

✓ Since 1990, Poliquin has developed the Popham Woods Condominiums in Phippsburg, Maine, on 183.6 acres owned by his real estate company, Dirigo Holdings.

✓ In 2006, Poliquin refused to consider developing affordable housing on this project when a Phippsburg resident asked him about it at a Phippsburg Planning Board meeting.

✓ From 2006 to 2015, Poliquin developed and operated Popham Beach Club in Phippsburg, Maine on land he received from his parents.

✓ Poliquin personally managed memberships, which sold for $2,000 each, before 2015.

✓ In 2015 Poliquin sold the land where Popham Beach Club was located to Laurel and Jeffrey Harris, a Harris Golf executive whom he issued a $1.3 million mortgage for the property which had an assessed value of $914,800.

✓ Jeffrey and Laurel Harris contributed $1,100 to Poliquin’s campaign between 2013 and 2015.

✓ In 2015, Poliquin sponsored an amendment to the NDAA that made businesses at Brunswick Landing, a former naval base, eligible for preferential consideration for federal contracts.

✓ Harris Golf operated a golf club at Brunswick landing; the business has not been awarded any federal contracts as of November 2021.
Harris Golf’s Brunswick Landing golf club accepted $3,000 in Economic Injury and Disaster Loans in April 2020.

Poliquin continued to disclose Popham Beach Club LLC as a real estate investment property and source of unearned income as recently as 2019.

As recently as July 2021, Poliquin unsuccessfully attempted to rezone the site of a former cannery in Bath, Maine for expensive condos despite an expressed need for affordable housing.

In March 2006, Poliquin bought a closed cannery and unsuccessfully applied to rezone it for residential development.

In May 2006, an arson destroyed the site, which a judge said Poliquin was not involved in.

In July 2021, Poliquin again attempted to rezone the site for condominiums to be sold for $450,000 to $550,000.

Members of the Bath Planning Board expressed that the community needed to develop rentals and affordable housing instead of condominiums; the Board’s Vice Chair, who was the registered agent for the Popham Woods Condominiums Unit Owners’ Association for more than a decade, disagreed.

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**Career Timeline**

**September 2019: Poliquin Was Nominated, But Not Confirmed, To Chair The Federal Board Of Securities Investor Protection Corporation**

9/20/19: Trump Nominated Poliquin To Chair The Federal Board Of Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC). “Former Republican U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin has accepted a nomination from President Trump for a volunteer position as Chairman of the Board of Securities Investor Protection Corporation.” [News Center Maine, 9/20/19]

- The SIPC Was A Non-Profit Corporation Created By The Federal Government “To Protect The Clients Of Brokerage Firms When Those Firms Go Out Of Business Or Go Bankrupt.” “The Securities Investor Protection Corporation is a nonprofit corporation that was created with the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970. It exists to protect the clients of brokerage firms when those firms go out of business or go bankrupt.” [Associated Press, 9/20/19]

- Poliquin Would Serve As Chair And Director Of The Corporation In A Volunteer Capacity For A Three-Year Term Ending In 2021. “President Donald Trump announced Thursday that he planned to nominate Poliquin for the volunteer post, which requires U.S. Senate confirmation. […] The White House said Poliquin was tapped to be both a director and the corporation’s designated chairman for the remainder of a three-year term, which expires at the end of 2021.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 9/20/19]

1/3/21: Poliquin’s Nomination Was Returned To The President. [Senate Executive Calendar, 1/3/21]

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[Maine Secretary of State, Election Results, 11/4/14; 11/8/16; 11/6/18]

### 2011 – 2012: Poliquin Was Maine State Treasurer

[Maine Office of the State Treasurer, accessed 7/29/21]

### 2010: Poliquin Was A Candidate For Governor Of Maine

[Maine Secretary of State, Election Results, 6/8/10]

### 2009 – Present: Poliquin Was President Of Popham Woods Condominium Unit Owners’ Association

[Maine Secretary of State Corporate Search, Popham Woods Condominium Unit Owners’ Association Annual Reports, 2009 – 2021, accessed 10/7/21]

Popham Woods Condominium Unit Owners’ Association Was A Non-Profit Corporation That Was Incorporated In Maine In April 2009. According to Maine Secretary of State, Popham Woods Condominium Unit Owners' Association was a non-profit corporation that filed to incorporate on April 24, 2009. As of August 2021, the organization was active and in good standing, and James Hopkinson was its registered agent. [Maine Secretary of State Taxable Non-Profit Corporation Search, filed 4/24/09, accessed 8/4/21]

### 2006 – 2020: Poliquin Was The Owner Of Popham Beach Club LLC

1990: Poliquin Bought Six Beach Rental Cottages On Popham Beach, Maine From His Parents. “Welcome to the Popham Beach Club, a private, members-only facility that sits on a 1.75-acre beachfront lot about a half mile from Popham Beach State Park. Poliquin, who lives in Georgetown, bought the property from his parents back around 1990 when it was a collection of six rental cottages that had been in the family all the way back to 1968.” [Portland Press Herald, 12/4/11]

2006: Poliquin Tore Down The Cottages To Build A “A Sprawling, Two-And-A-Half Story Private Clubhouse” And Sell Memberships To Popham Beach Club. “That changed in 2006, when he applied for and received permission from the town to tear down the cottages and build a sprawling, two-and-a-half story private clubhouse. He also got the green light to sell up to 150 club memberships to individuals and families who could use the facility and its 75 feet of beach as their exclusive slice of Maine’s coastal paradise.” [Portland Press Herald, 12/4/11]

April 2012: Poliquin Transferred The Land Where Popham Beach Club Was Located To Popham Beach Club LLC. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Instrument #3377-0345, recorded 4/12/12, accessed 7/29/21]

- July 2015: Poliquin Sold The Land Where Popham Beach Club Was Located. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Instrument #2015R-05015, recorded 7/19/15]

2013 – May 2021: Poliquin Was Listed As The “Member, Manager, Or Other Authorized Person” On Popham Beach Club LLC’s Annual Reports Filed With Maine’s Secretary Of State. [Maine Secretary of State Corporate Search, Popham Beach Club LLC Annual Reports, 2009 – 2021, accessed 10/7/21]

the developer of Popham Woods, a planned 69-unit condominium development on 183 acres near the Popham
Beach Club.” As of July 2021, Poliquin was listed as Dirigo Holdings’ owner on the business’s Nexis
Comprehensive Business Report. [Portland Press Herald, 2/08/12]

May 2021: Poliquin Did Not Appear On Popham Beach Club LLC’s Annual Report. On Popham Beach Club
LLC’s 2021 annual report, David Champoux was listed as the organization’s “member, manager, or other
authorized person.” Poliquin did not appear on the report. [Maine Secretary of State Corporate Search, Popham
Beach Club LLC Annual Reports, filed 5/7/21, accessed 10/7/21]

October 2021: Poliquin Indicated He Was A Member Of Popham Beach Club, LLC On His Personal

2005 – 2020: Poliquin Was The Owner Of Dirigo Holdings

April 2005: Dirigo Holdings Was Registered With Maine’s Department Of State. [Maine Department of State,
registered 4/6/05, accessed 7/29/21]

April 2005 – May 2021: Poliquin Was Listed As The “Member, Manager, Or Other Authorized Person” On
Dirigo Holdings’ Annual Reports Filed With Maine’s Secretary Of State. [Maine Secretary of State Corporate
Search, Dirigo Holdings Annual Reports, 2005 – 2021, accessed 10/7/21]

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did not appear on the report. [Maine Secretary of State Corporate Search, Dirigo Holdings Annual Reports, filed
5/7/21, accessed 10/7/21]


2002: Poliquin Became A Limited Partner In C.K. Capital LP. On his personal financial disclosure for his 2012
Senate run, Poliquin disclosed that he became a limited partner in C.K. Capital LP in 2002. [Poliquin 2012 Public
Financial Disclosure Report, Amended Senate Candidate Report, filed 12/13/12]

February 2012: Poliquin Was A Limited Partner In C.K. Capital, LP But Stated He “Was Not Engaged In
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or director position in these partnership investments. I am not engaged in any way in the operation or management
of these entities.” [Maine Wire, 2/4/12]

Report, filed 5/15/14; Poliquin 2013 Public Financial Disclosure Report, Candidate Report, filed 11/4/13; Poliquin


2013: Marshall Mall Associates Liquidated. On his 2013 personal financial disclosure, Poliquin disclosed that he was a limited partner in Marshall Mall Associates until it liquidated on December 31, 2013. [Poliquin 2013 Personal Financial Disclosure, 5/15/14]

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- **Poliquin Worked At Evaluation Associates, A Pension Fund Consulting Firm, In Westport, Connecticut.**
  
  “Bruce L. Poliquin was sworn in as state treasurer of Maine on January 7. He is a third generation Waterville, Maine native. Mr. Poliquin has been a private sector business owner and manager during the past 35 years. He started his career in the financial services industry in 1976 at the Harris Trust and Savings Bank in Chicago, working in the employee benefits area. Two years later, he joined Evaluation Associates, Inc. in Westport, a nationally recognized pension fund consulting firm.” [National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, & Treasurers, January 2011]

### 1976 – 1978: Poliquin Worked In The Trust Division Of Harris Bank In Chicago


- **Poliquin Worked In The Trust Division Of Harris Bank In Chicago; “Part Of His Job Was Talking To Small-Business Owners In The Midwest About Investing Their Pension Funds.”** “Bruce Poliquin’s first job after he graduated from Harvard with an economics degree was with Harris Bank in Chicago. His annual pay was $11,000. What the job lacked in pay – even in 1976 dollars – it made up for in experience, said Poliquin. He worked for a trust division of the bank, and part of his job was talking to small-business owners in the Midwest about investing their pension funds.” [Portland Press Herald, 5/25/10]

### Business Interests


Poliquin “Helped Build” New York-Based Avatar Investors Associates Corp, Which Handled $5 Billion In Pensions Funds For “Bath Iron Works And International Paper, Among Others.” “Poliquin lists his management skills at the top of his qualifications to be the state’s chief executive. After an academic career at
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- **Poliquin “Proved Successful At Convincing Companies, Including Bath Iron Works, To Put Their Investments Into His Firm’s Hands.”** “Poliquin proved successful at convincing companies, including Bath Iron Works, to put their investments into his firm’s hands. Nobody questions that his firm grew substantially with his help.” [Portland Press Herald, 10/19/18]

Poliquin Touted His Experience Managing Bath Iron Works Pensions At Avatar Associates While Campaigning, Despite A 1993 Press Release Stating He Had “Never Been Involved In The Investment Process”

2016: Poliquin’s Campaign Touted His Management Of Bath Iron Works Pensions “A Number Of Times.” “Since he jumped into politics with an unsuccessful gubernatorial race in 2010, Bruce Poliquin hasn’t hesitated to tell voters that he prospered on Wall Street. Now a congressman fighting to keep his job in a tight 2nd District race against Democrat Emily Cain, Poliquin has mentioned his business background to make the case that he has the financial experience and willingness to work hard that Mainers need from their political leaders. One of the things he’s touted a number of times is that he successfully managed pensions at Bath Iron Works during his years in the world of finance.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/2/16]

November 2016: The Lewiston Sun Journal Quoted A 1993 Avatar Associates Press Release In Which Poliquin Said, “I’ve Never Been Involved In The Investment Process.” “One of the things he’s touted a number of times is that he successfully managed pensions at Bath Iron Works during his years in the world of finance. But some say that’s misleading. In 1993, a year after his wife died, Poliquin left his 13-year job at Avatar Associates, where he served as vice president for client services. He said he had to put his son first and couldn't be both a mother and father while holding such a demanding job. In a news release from Avatar announcing the move that year, overlooked since the time, Poliquin sought to allay any worries that his departure would have an impact on the company's work. ‘I’ve never been involved in the investment process so this will have zero effect on the investment management for clients,’ he said in a sweeping statement that includes the pension management Avatar carried out for employees at the Bath shipyard.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/2/16]

- **Poliquin Spokesperson: Poliquin “Has Never Been A Wall Street Banker” And “Helped Manage The Process, Not Invest The Funds.”** “Michael Byerly, Poliquin’s campaign spokesman, said Wednesday the congressman's words in 1993 were exactly right. ‘Bruce Poliquin has never been a Wall Street banker,’ Byerly said. ‘Never. We have said this over and over and over again.’ […] As Byerly put it, Poliquin ‘is not part of the Wall Street soup.’ ‘Congressman Poliquin helped manage the process, not invest the funds,’ Byerly said.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/2/16]

2016: Bath Iron Works Union Members Criticized Poliquin’s Handling Of Their Pensions While At Avatar Investor Associates, Claiming His Mismanagement Robbed Them Of A Fair Retirement

Lewiston Sun Journal: “Some Bath Iron Works Employees Blame Poliquin For What They See As A Poor
Job By Avatar In Managing The Company’s Pensions.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/2/16]

- Ralph Hilton, Retired Bath Iron Works Union Member: Poliquin “Managed Our Pensions In A Way To Rob Us Of A Fair Retirement.” “What he doesn’t mention is that he managed our pensions in a way to rob us of a fair retirement. Poliquin’s management meant pathetic contributions to Bath Iron Works’ employees, and no contributions at all to those of us who were hourly. In 1994, the union said ‘Enough,’ and we switched to a new plan. Here’s the difference: For my 12 years of work under the ‘Poliquin plan,’ I get $160 a month — barely enough to cover Medicare Part B. For my 19 years under the new plan, I get nearly 10 times the amount.” [Ralph Hilton Op-Ed, Bangor Daily News, 10/9/16]

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- Glenn Burroughs, Bath Iron Works Employee Of 38 Years: Poliquin “Made Millions For Himself At Our Expense,” Which “He Used To Fund His Political Career.” “Working from Wall Street, Poliquin created a pension system that denied workers a good retirement. He boosted profits for the company and made millions for himself at our expense. He made enormous amounts of money — money he used to fund his political career. A lot of my friends received pensions that were barely enough to live on. During a recent visit to Bath, Poliquin dripped compliments about ‘the hardworking spirit of Maine’ and the ‘essential role’ BIW plays in supporting ‘America’s might around the world.’ He went on and on about the importance of ‘this great shipyard’ to Maine’s economy and U.S. military security. All of those things are true. We’re proud of that work. But for Poliquin to take credit for our work when he himself drove our pension into the ground takes a lot of nerve.” [Glenn Burroughs Op-Ed, Kennebec Journal, 11/2/16]

- Burroughs: “Poliquin’s Plan Meant Poverty For The ‘Hard-Working’ Families He Loves To Praise” With Lower Pension Compensation. “The difference in pension compensation before and after Poliquin is substantial. Some workers are now getting more than ten times the amount they would have received under Poliquin’s plan. Poliquin’s plan meant poverty for the ‘hard-working’ families he loves to praise.” [Glenn Burroughs Op-Ed, Kennebec Journal, 11/2/16]

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Zweig-DiMenna Cofounder Martin Zweig Was A Principal Of Avatar Associates, Which Poliquin Called An “Affiliate Company” Of Zweig/Avatar Group

1988: Martin Zweig Was A Principal Of Avatar Associates. “As things turned out, 46-year-old Martin Zweig -- who got his early education at Coral Gables High (Class of 1960) and later taught finance courses at the University of Miami -- became one of the heroes of the historic crash of ’87. He had sounded an alarm in his Zweig Forecast newsletter, in advice to his clients, in meetings with his portfolio managers, and -- finally -- on a national television program estimated to have 10 million viewers. The $380 million Zweig Fund, traded on the New York Stock Exchange, is only part of $1.3 billion in investment capital managed by Zweig and his colleagues from offices at 900 Third Ave. Avatar Associates, of which he is a principal, is right there with him. It manages money for pension funds and well- heeled private investors.” [Miami Herald, 1/2/88]

1988: While Vice President Of Avatar Associates, Poliquin Called The Zweig/Avatar Group “Our Affiliate Company.” “[Byline: Bruce L. Poliquin, Vice president, Avatar Associates, New York] To the Editor: We appreciate Pensions & Investment Age recognizing our 1987 performance of 23% as one of the best in the business (March 7 issue). Our asset allocation style produced this return by remaining nearly fully committed to stocks during the market rise through August, and then systematically shifting heavily into cash during early September before the October crash. The article, however, was incomplete by not listing the 36.1% performance of our affiliate company Zweig/Avatar Trend Timing Services. This ranked No. 2 of all the managers surveyed. Zweig/Avatar practices our same asset allocation strategy, but uses no-load equity and money market mutual funds instead of individual securities to implement the portfolio stocks/cash mix decisions. This service is designed primarily for middle-market tax-exempt funds.” [Bruce Poliquin Letter to the Editor, Pensions & Investment Age, 5/30/88]

- Avatar Associates Was “An Original Division Of The Zweig/Avatar Group.” “Prior to joining Schwab in 2002, Sonders was a managing director at U.S. Trust (a division of Schwab, 2000-2007) and a member of its Investment Policy Committee. Before U.S. Trust, she was a managing director and senior portfolio manager at Avatar Associates (1986-1999), an original division of the Zweig/Avatar Group which employed a tactical asset allocation investment approach.” [Plus Company Updates, 6/6/16]

1984: Zweig Founded Zweig-DiMenna Partners. “Zweig wrote ‘Winning on Wall Street’ and published stock-picking newsletters such as the Zweig Forecast for 26 years, helping start his career in hedge funds and philanthropy. He co-founded Zweig-DiMenna Partners in 1984 and, according to the New York Post, bought a 16-room apartment at Manhattan’s Pierre hotel in 1999 for $21.5 million. He also had a residence in Fisher Island, Fla.” [Newsday, 2/19/13]

CK Capital’s Managing Director, Andrew Kern, Was A Portfolio Manager And Executive Vice President At Zweig-Avatar And Avatar Associates

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January 1999: Kern Registered CK Advisors, Which Did Business As CK Capital, With Florida's Secretary Of State As The Business’ Managing Director. [Florida Secretary of State Registration, 1/26/99, accessed 9/15/21]

CK Capital Dissolved In 2013, But Poliquin Continued To List His Partnership With It On Financial
February 2013: CK Capital LP Filed To Dissolve As A Business In The State Of Florida. [Florida Secretary of State Withdrawal of Authority to Transact Business in Florida, 2/18/13, accessed 9/15/21]


1990 – Present: Poliquin Developed The Popham Woods Condominiums, A Project In Which He Refused To Consider Developing Affordable Housing

1990 – 2006: Poliquin And Dirigo Holdings Purchased 183.6 Acres Of Property In Phippsburg, Maine, Which They Planned To Develop Into Popham Woods Condominiums


August 2005: Poliquin Conveyed The Property He Purchased From Ingerson To Dirigo Holdings. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Quitclaim Deed, Instrument # 2612-0129, recorded 8/29/05, accessed 9/30/21]

May 2006: Dirigo Holdings Purchased 83.7 Acres And Right Of Way To Brooks Drive In Phippsburg, Maine From Nancy And Maurice Brooks. In May 2006, Dirigo Holdings purchased a parcel of land with unspecified addresses from Nancy and Maurice Brooks. The deed also granted Dirigo Holdings right of way to Brooks Drive. According to a plan dated October 28, 2005, the “land to be conveyed from Brooks to Poliquin (Dirigo, LLC)” was 83.7 acres. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument # 2719-0343, dated 10/28/05, recorded 5/8/06, accessed 9/30/21]

April 2007: Poliquin Submitted A Plan To Develop Condos Throughout His 183.6 Acres Of Property In Phippsburg, Most Of Which Would Be Sagamore Drive. A plan dated April 18, 2007 and recorded by the Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds on April 26, 2007, demonstrated Poliquin’s plans to develop condos and roads throughout his combined 183.6 acres of property in Phippsburg, Maine. Phase I of the project involved the construction of units 1 − 12 in a cul de sac on Sagamore Drive. The total five phases, all of which besides the first were marked as “need not be built,” involved the construction of 69 houses, most of which were along Sagamore Drive. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Plan, Instrument # 0043-0057, dated 4/18/07, recorded 4/26/07, accessed 9/30/21]

January 2006: When Planning The Popham Woods Subdivision, Poliquin Refused To Consider The Inclusion Of Affordable Housing

January 2006: When Planning The Popham Woods Subdivision, Poliquin Refused To Consider The Inclusion Of Affordable Housing When A Phippsburg Resident Asked Him About It During A Planning Board Meeting. “Jo Shuman of the Popham Road stated her concern about water supply. […] Jo Shuman brought
up the subject of affordable housing and stated that the homes will be priced way beyond the reach of the average buyer. Poliquin replied that the project was not designed for affordable housing and added that the project cannot solve affordable housing problems in Phippsburg. He further advised that local contractors will be utilized, depending upon their experience.” [Phippsburg Planning Board Minutes, Public Hearing: Popham Woods Condominiums Subdivision (Dirigo Holdings, 1/31/06]

April 2009: Poliquin Established The Popham Woods Condominium Unit Owners’ Association And Began Selling Condos On The Land He Purchased From Ingerson And The Brookses


- **Poliquin Was A Board Member And President Of Popham Woods Condominium Unit Owners’ Association.** According to his federal candidate personal financial disclosure filed in December 2012, Poliquin was a Board Member of Popham Woods Condominium Unit Owners’ Association beginning in 2009. In response to a 2012 ethics complaint, Poliquin wrote in a letter to the Executive Director of the Maine Ethics Commission, “I am the president of the non-profit Popham Woods Condominium Unit Owners’ Association.” [Poliquin 2012 Public Financial Disclosure Report, Amended Senate Candidate Report, 12/13/12; Letter from Bruce Poliquin to Jonathan Wayne, via Maine Wire, 2/3/12]

- **James Hopkinson Was The Registered Agent Of Popham Woods Condominium Unit Owners’ Association.** [Maine Secretary of State Non-Profit Corporation Filings, filed 4/24/09, accessed 10/1/21]


As Of October 2021, Poliquin And Dirigo Holdings Sold And Transferred Seven Popham Woods Condominiums Properties


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As Of October 2021, Dirigo Holdings Maintained Ownership Of 79 And 83 Sagamore Drive Per Real Estate Tax Commitment Books. [Phippsburg Tax Assessor, Real Estate Tax Commitment Books, 10/13/21]

April 2021: Dirigo Holdings Sold 106 Sagamore Drive To Michael Jones And Sharlene Hesse-Biber For $390,000. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Deeds, Instrument # 2021R-01536, recorded 2/22/21 accessed 9/30/21; Maine IDX Data for 119 Sagamore Drive via Portside Realty Group, accessed 10/13/21]

- Phippsburg Tax Assessor 2022 Real Estate Tax Commitment Book Continued To List 106 Sagamore Drive As Belonging To Dirigo Holdings. [Phippsburg Tax Assessor, Real Estate Tax Commitment Books, 2022 Fiscal Year, 10/13/21]

Note: Prices for 2021 sales of Dirigo Holdings’ Sagamore Drive properties were not listed on deeds.

As Of October 2021, Poliquin And Dirigo Holdings Maintained Ownership Of Four Cottages, Brooks Drive, And Sagamore Drive

As Of October 2021, Poliquin And Dirigo Holdings Maintained Ownership Of The Following Popham Woods Condominium Properties:

| Popham Woods Condominium Properties Owned By Poliquin And Dirigo Holdings As Of September 2021 |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| Street Address                         | Unit Number | Acreage |
| 79 Sagamore Drive                      | 19           | Unknown |
| 83 Sagamore Drive                      | 18           | Unknown |
| 102 Sagamore Dr                        | None         | 0      |
| 125 Sagamore Dr                        | 10           | 1.0    |
| Brooks Drive                           | None         | 0      |
| Sagamore Drive                         | None         | 183.6  |

[Note: This list included addresses as they were designated for property cards in January 2021, and does not include properties that were listed as owned by Dirigo Holdings and/or Poliquin that have since sold. 125]
Sagamore Drive and the 183.6 acre Sagamore Drive property encompass the remainder of the properties Poliquin purchased in 1990 and 2006 and has not sold as of September 2021, with the exception of the properties purchased by Moody Group Builders.

As Of November 2021, Popham Woods Advertised For Condos Scheduled To Be Constructed By 2022; Its Realty Group Listed A “Lot TBD” Property In Popham Woods For $550,000

As Of November 2021, Popham Woods Advertised For Condos Scheduled To Be Constructed By 2022 Starting At $300,000. Popham Woods’ website stated, “Popham Woods is a beautifully designed neighborhood carefully planned in concert with the surrounding natural elements. With 183 acres of adjacent conservation land, nearby Spirit Pond and trails, plus Popham Beach only two miles away - this is the Maine experience at an attractive price point. The "Georgetown" house plan features one level living with an open kitchen/living space. Other plans are available. Nestle your smart, efficient cottage in among the tall pines, birches and ledge outcroppings. Our trusted, seasoned contractor will walk you through all aspects of the project to completion. Completion dates in 2022!” A video on its website stated, “New construction packages start at $300k.”

As Of November 2021, A “Lot TBD” Sagamore Drive Property At Popham Woods Was Listed For $550,000. “Lot TBD Sagamore Drive Phippsburg, ME 04562 $550,000 […]” The “Kennebec” model features three bedrooms, two and a half baths, an open concept kitchen, dining, and living room area, and a two car garage with unfinished space above. Buyers are able to work directly with the builder to select their preferred lot from available options, and modify plans as desired to include upgrades such as screened porches, priced accordingly. Popham Woods is comprised of 183 wooded acres with association owned trails connecting to town owned recreational offerings near the stunningly beautiful Popham Beach State Park.” [Portside Realty Group, accessed 11/5/21]

Poliquin Developed And Operated The Exclusive Popham Beach Club In Phippsburg, Maine From 2006 To 2015, And Reported It As An Asset And Source Of Unearned Income As Recently As October 2021

1988: Poliquin Received Five Parcels Of Land In Phippsburg, Maine From His Parents, Which He Then Developed Into The Popham Beach Club

1988: Poliquin’s Parents Filed For Joint Tenancy With Poliquin At Five Lots In Phippsburg, Maine That They Had Purchased In 1968. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument # 0359-0818, recorded 7/8/68, accessed 9/30/21; Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Quitclaim Deed, Instrument # 0912-0277, recorded 10/19/88, accessed 9/30/21]
October 2005: Poliquin’s Parents Transferred The Five Lots They Held In Joint Tenancy With Poliquin Solely To Poliquin. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Quitclaim Deed, Instrument # 2639-0276, recorded 10/20/05, accessed 9/30/21]

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<td>“Check out the ‘membership’ page on the Popham Beach Club’s website and you’ll see that prospective members are directed to ‘complete and return the enclosed Membership Application to Beach Club owner Bruce L. Poliquin,’ followed by his home address in Georgetown. (As of December, the membership list was stuck at six.)” [Portland Press Herald, Bill Nemitz Column, 1/18/12]</td>
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- As Of October 2015, 823 Popham Road Had An Assessed Value Of $914,800. [Phippsburg Tax Assessor, Property Cards, dated 10/27/15, received 10/29/15]

2013 – 2015: The Harrises Contributed $1,100 Total To Poliquin’s Campaign, Including $100 Within A Month Of Purchasing 823 Popham Road. On December 17, 2013, Jeffrey and Laurel Harris each contributed $500 to Poliquin’s campaign. On June 30, 2015, Laurel Harris contributed an additional $100 to Poliquin’s campaign. Jeffrey and Laurel Harris purchased 823 Popham Road to the Harrises on July 19, 2015. [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed 11/5/21; Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument #2015R-05015, recorded 7/19/15, accessed 9/30/21]

Poliquin Sponsored An Amendment To The NDAA Which Expanded Eligibility For Business Incentives To Include Businesses At Brunswick Landing, Which Became Law In November 2015


- The HUBZone (Historically Underutilized Business Zone) Program Incentivized Businesses To Move Into Former Military Base By Giving Them Preference In Federal Contracts. “The HUBZone (Historically Underutilized Business Zone) program provides incentives to businesses affected by recent military base closures and those affiliated with the civilian redevelopment of closed military installations. […] The HUBZone provides an advantage in acquiring federal government contracts to any qualifying business.” [Bangor Daily News, 4/30/15]

- Poliquin Sponsored An Amendment To Allow Businesses To Qualify For HUBZone If 35 Percent Of Its Employees Lived Within 25 Miles Of The Business, Rather Than Living On The Former Base. “Currently, a business qualifies for the program if at least 35 percent of its employees live on the former military base. […] If enacted by the Senate, the amendment, sponsored by Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-Maine, and Rep. Elise Stefanik, R-New York, would adjust the requirements of the HUBZone program to make the economic incentives available to more businesses. The proposed amendment would allow a business to qualify for the HUBZone if 35 percent of its employees live within a 25-mile radius of the business; allows businesses close to the former base to take advantage of the HUBZone program; and extends the length of time for eligibility to either eight years or until the next census data is released, Poliquin said.” [Bangor Daily News, 4/30/15]

- Poliquin’s Amendment Would Allow Businesses At Brunswick Landing, The Former Site Of The Brunswick Naval Base, To Benefit From The HUBZone Program. “The House Armed Services Committee on Thursday approved an amendment to the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act that, if approved by the Senate, would allow businesses on and near the former Brunswick Naval Air Station to qualify for a business incentive program offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration. The HUBZone (Historically Underutilized Business Zone) program provides incentives to businesses affected by recent military base closures and those affiliated with the civilian redevelopment of closed military installations. Brunswick Naval
Air Station, now called Brunswick Landing, closed in 2011 under the most recent Department of Defense’s Base Realignment and Closure process.” [Bangor Daily News, 4/30/15]

- **The Executive Director Of The Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority Said The HUBZone Program Was A “Hollow Promise” For Businesses At Brunswick Landing Without The Eligibility Expansion.** “But the HUBZone designation is ‘a hollow promise’ without the amendment, according to the director of the entity charged with redeveloping the base. While some former military housing on the 3,200-acre Brunswick property has been converted to civilian use, the current HUBZone threshold is impractical, according to Steve Levesque, executive director of the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority, the entity charged with redeveloping the former Navy base.” [Bangor Daily News, 4/30/15]

- **Sens. Collins And King Proposed The Expansion Of HUBZone Eligibility In 2012 And Praised Poliquin’s Amendment.** “The expansion was first proposed in 2012 as a bill by U.S. Sens. Susan Collins and Angus King. After that effort failed, it was proposed in 2014 as an amendment to the defense budget. That effort also fell short of winning congressional approval. […] On Thursday, Collins and King praised Poliquin for his work on the House National Defense Authorization Act and vowed to press for its approval in the Senate. ‘Members of the Maine delegation understand that with the right federal investments and opportunities, we can support the redevelopment of bases like the former Brunswick Naval Air Station and foster economic growth,’ the senators said in a joint statement. ‘As the Senate begins consideration of the 2016 NDAA in the coming weeks, we will continue to pursue every opportunity — as we have in the past — to secure the HUBZones provision and pass it into law.’” [Bangor Daily News, 4/30/15]

**October 2015: Poliquin’s Amendment Passed The House, Of Which He Said, “This Amendment Will Give Job Creators The Confidence They Need To Start New Businesses, Create More Jobs And Help Hire More Mainers.”** “By adjusting the HUBZone requirements, my amendment will help the former Brunswick Naval Air Station recruit businesses to come on to the base and qualify for the HUBZone program. ‘This amendment will give job creators the confidence they need to start new businesses, create more jobs and help hire more Mainers. I am pleased to see the House pass this important bipartisan legislation and I encourage the Senate to pass this as well and the President Obama to sign this bill in to law.’” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 10/1/15]

**November 2015: Amended NDAA Included Poliquin’s Amendment.** “Today, Maine’s Second District Congressman, Bruce Poliquin, released the following statement after the House of Representatives passed the National Defense Authorization Act: ‘I’m proud to, once again, support this important national defense funding bill as it includes vital HUBZone language – which I helped draft – that will help bring more business and jobs to Maine. ‘By adjusting the HUBZone requirements, this HUBZone language will help the former Brunswick Naval Air Station recruit businesses to relocate to the base and qualify for the HUBZone program under the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Act.’” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 11/5/15]


**Note:** As of November 2021, Harris Golf and Mere Creek Golf have not been awarded any federal contracts, according to searches in the Federal Procurement Data System.

**Harris Golf, Jeffrey Harris’ Business, Operated A Golf Course At Brunswick Landing With Nine Full-Time Employees As Of 2020**

**Jeffrey Harris Was The President Of Harris Golf.** “When Poliquin wanted to open the club to public membership, abutters on both sides sued, eventually taking the case to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. Eventually, the club failed and the original 5,000 square-foot house was sold in July 2015 to Harris Golf president
2011: Harris Golf Began Took Over Operations Of Mere Creek Golf Club At Brunswick Naval Air Base “Shortly After” Its Closure. “In an effort to provide its inhabitants with activities and entertainment, the Brunswick Naval Air Station constructed a golf course in 1958 for its servicemen. For the next 53 years, Mere Creek Golf Course provided a leisurely golf experience to a variety of military personnel, veterans and families. […] When the Naval Air Station closed the doors on its military operations in 2011, the course remained open but lost its identity. The Harris Golf Group purchased the rights to the course from the Navy shortly after the closure of the base. The group has become well known in Maine for designing new courses and revitalizing others that had lacked maintaining.” [Bangor Daily News, 8/15/12]

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[Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority, Board Meeting Agenda, 6/29/16; 10/22/18; 6/26/19; 8/19/20]

April 2020: Mere Creek Golf Club In Brunswick, Maine Accepted $3,000 In Economic Injury And Disaster Loans. On April 23, 2020, Mere Creek Golf Club and Freeport Country Club at 41 Merriconeag Road, Brunswick, Maine accepted a $3,000 Economic Injury and Disaster Loan dated April 23, 2020. [Small Business Administration data via USASpending.gov, accessed 11/5/21]

Note: As of November 2021, Harris Golf did not accept any federal pandemic relief besides Mere Creek Golf Club’s EIDL, according to searches on FederalPay and Accountable.US.

2015 – 2021: Poliquin Continued To List Popham Beach Club LLC And The Mortgage Interest He Received From It As An Asset And Unearned Income On His Personal Financial Disclosures


• 2021: Poliquin Disclosed Popham Beach Club LLC As An “Ownership Interest” Asset Worth Between $1,000,001 And $5 Million. [Poliquin 2021 Public Financial Disclosure Report, Candidate Report, filed 10/22/21]


As Of September 2021, Laurel Harris Listed The Beach House As A Rental That Cost More Than $1,200 Per Night, Slept 14, And Included A Peloton
As Of September 2021, Laurel Harris Listed The Phippsburg Beach House On VRBO For An Average Of $1,266 Per Night.

[VRBO, accessed 9/28/21]

- **According To Its VRBO Listing, The House Had Four Floors And Slept 14.** “House 3000 sq. ft 4 bedrooms 10 beds Sleeps 14 […] 4 floors of living space right on beautiful Popham Beach, minutes from the State Park. Bring your family and friends for a truly special vacation. Multiple decks, a huge screen porch, spacious bedrooms and living space make this the perfect house for a group.” [VRBO, accessed 9/28/21]

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Popham Beach Locals Expressed Concerns About “Dramatic Changes” To The Area Stemming From “Big Money ‘From Away’” And “Large, Luxury Homes”


- **“A Number Of Cottages Have Become Large, Luxury Homes” In Popham Beach; Locals “Fear Even More Dramatic Changes Are Imminent.”** “More than 400 years after settlers first colonized the area, Popham Beach remains a treasured ‘gem,’ still somewhat undiscovered, except to those who wind their way from Bath to the end of Route 209. ‘When you get up to where we are, it’s like we’re locked in time,’ Hatch said. But much has changed over the years — various hurricanes washed houses away, and the beach has eroded and reshaped itself. The old Coast Guard station was purchased and renovated into a million dollar estate, and a number of cottages have become large, luxury homes. This summer, with ‘For Sale’ signs posted at the former Ocean View Campground and Cottages — now on the market as condominiums — as well as Percy’s Store and Spinneys Restaurant and Guest House, some fear even more dramatic changes are imminent.” [Bangor Daily News, 10/8/17]

- **Bed And Breakfast Owner Jane Dennis:** “Everybody Sees All The ‘For Sale’ Signs. […] What Is Going To Stop Someone From Coming In And Changing The Feel Of It. People Around Here Know.”
“‘Everybody sees all the ‘for sale’ signs,’ said Jane Dennis, who with her husband, Timothy, own Stonehouse Manor Bed and Breakfast on Silver Lake, not far from the beach. ‘It doesn’t take a genius to figure out. What is going to stop someone from coming in and changing the feel of it. People around here know. It’s happened before.’” [Bangor Daily News, 10/8/17]

### Poliquin’s Popham Beach And Popham Woods Properties Were Not Contiguous

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### Poliquin Continued To Unsuccessfully Attempt To Rezone The Site Of A Former Cannery In Bath, Maine For Expensive Condos, Even Though Municipal Leadership Expressed The City A Need For Affordable Housing

#### May 2005: The Stinson Seafood Cannery In Bath, Maine Closed

“May 2005: The Stinson Seafood Cannery In Bath, Maine Closed. “[It will take investigators at least another day to determine what caused Thursday’s huge fire at the closed Stinson Seafood cannery and where it started. […] Giroux said he made the point that the city of Bath wants to preserve the Stinson site as its last piece of working waterfront. He said the city would also like to replace the jobs lost when Stinson closed on May 3, 2005, as well as jobs that have been eliminated over the years at Bath Iron Works.” [Portland Press Herald, 5/6/06]

#### March 2006: Poliquin’s Real Estate Company Purchased The Site Of The Stinson Cannery With The Intention Of Developing Residential Housing

3/20/06: Poliquin Purchased The Land Where The Stinson Cannery Was Located For $550,000. In a March 2007 letter from Bruce Poliquin to the Bath Board of Assessment, “Dirigo Holdings’ purchase the cannery for $550,000 on March 20, 2006 was the most recent transaction for this unique property. And, as explained above, the purchase was to acquire its land only. My company was the only entity to make a serious offer during the two years the cannery was on the market.” [Letter, Bruce Poliquin to Board of Assessment Review, 3/21/07; Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Instrument # 1892-0250, recorded 7/25/01, accessed 9/30/21]

- As Of March 2006, The Property Of The Stinson Cannery Had An Assessed Value Of $1.5 Million. According to the property card for 65 Bowery Street, Bath, Maine printed on March 16, 2006, the property had a total assessed value of $1,503,300. As of March 2006, the property had most recently been purchased by
Poliquin Intended To Develop The Former Stinson Cannery Site Into Residential Housing And A Marina. In a March 2006 letter to the Bath City Council and Planning Board, Poliquin wrote, “...I purchased the former Stinson Cannery property on March 20. I am confident that the majority of Bath residents believe, as do I, that an excellent long-term use of the abandoned industrial site is residential housing and a marina. Short-term, however, I am concerned about owning the vacant and increasingly dangerous industrial facility in the dense North End neighborhood.” [Letter, Bruce Poliquin to Bath City Council and Planning Board, 3/29/06]

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- Stinson Cannery Site Was Zoned For “Marine Business.” In a May 2007 memorandum, the Bath Assistant City Manager wrote, “The site is currently zoned for Marine Business, which allows for indoor manufacturing. The current zoning is very much in compliance with the comprehensive plan. It is immediately adjacent to the sewage treatment plant and makes a good buffer between the plant and residential areas. It is also the last deep water working waterfront site left for commercial development in Bath.” [Memorandum, Assistant City Manager Paul Mateosian to Bath City Council, 5/30/07]

May 2006: Stinson Cannery Was Destroyed Due To Arson; A Judge Stated Poliquin Was Not Involved In The Arson

5/4/06: Stinson Cannery Burned Down Due To Arson. “A Bath man found guilty of setting the largest fire in the city’s history, a blaze last spring that destroyed the former Stinson Cannery, is headed to prison for six years after showing no remorse for what he had done. Franklin Dolliver Jr., 23, was sentenced Thursday in Sagadahoc County Superior Court to 14 years, with all but six years suspended, and four years of probation following his release. He also was ordered to pay a total of $20,000 in restitution to a family whose home sustained heat damage and to Bath and 11 other communities that fought the May 4 fire at the former sardine cannery along the Kennebec River.” [Associated Press, 3/31/07]

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August 2006: Franklin S. Dolliver, A 23-Year-Old Bath Resident, Was Arrested And Charged With The Stinson Cannery Arson. “After three months and 100 interviews, authorities announced Monday that they have charged a local man with deliberately setting the fire that destroyed the former Stinson Seafood cannery on the Bath waterfront. The State Fire Marshal's Office, which headed up the investigation, said Franklin S. Dolliver, 23, of Bath was arrested at the York County Jail, where he was being held on a probation violation. He has been charged with arson, a Class A felony that could result in a prison sentence of up to 30 years. His initial appearance in Sagadahoc County Superior Court will occur today or Wednesday.” [Portland Press Herald, 8/8/06]
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| May 2007: Poliquin Applied To Rezone The Former Site Of The Stinson Cannery As Mixed Use To Develop Townhouses And Marine Business. **Fourteen months after the city told him that his request for a zoning change had been denied, Poliquin has returned, seeking the permission he needs to revive the former Stinson Seafood cannery property. Poliquin is scheduled to go before the city’s Planning Board on May 15 with a request to rezone the 5.6-acre Bowery Street property, where an arson fire in May 2006 destroyed the buildings. […] In the application, Poliquin states that he wants to preserve a 50-foot strip of land along the Kennebec River as marine business - its current zoning use - while at the same time asking for city approval to rezone the remaining land from marine business to a mixed-use zone that would allow residential development as well as light commercial uses. Poliquin said if the city approves his request, he would build a 100-slip marina, 40 townhouse condominiums, a restaurant and possibly a small grocery store on the site.” [Portland Press Herald, 4/30/07] |

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| Bath’s Assistant City Manager Envisioned The Stinson Site As Component For Building An “Innovative Composite Manufacturing Cluster.” **In a May 2007 memorandum, the Bath Assistant City Manager wrote, “As the region braces for the closure of the Brunswick Naval Air Station, it is widely recognized that jump-starting the region’s economy with new commercial development and the accompanying good paying jobs is of critical importance. … Bath can do its part by … holding the line and not converting the Stinson site from commercial to residential. … An exciting innovative composite manufacturing cluster is forming in the region, we are part of it, and the Stinson site is a key component to the success of this cluster.”** [Memorandum, Assistant City Manager Paul Mateosian to Bath City Council, 5/30/07] |

| • Bath’s Assistant City Manager Stated It Did Not Make Sense To Re-Zone The Stinson Site For Residential Use. **In a May 2007 memorandum, the Bath Assistant City Manager wrote, “It does not make sense to rezone Stinson to make competing residential townhouse development away from the downtown.”** [Memorandum, Assistant City Manager Paul Mateosian to Bath City Council, 5/30/07] |

| The Brunswick Economic Development Department Advocated Keeping The Stinson Site As A Commercial Property Rather Than A Housing Project. **In a letter to the Bath Assistant City Manager from a representative from the Brunswick Economic Development Department, it stated, “This memo is in support of the continued use of the Stinson’s Cannery property as a commercial property as opposed to a housing project. This office is very much in support of the commercial operation and the composite manufacturing activity that it can generate. … We hope that you consider keeping your present zoning. We would be glad to identify boat builders that have interest in such lots.”** [Letter, Brunswick Economic Development Department, Mathew Eddy to Paul Mateosian, 5/08/07] |

| May 2007: The Bath Planning Board Rejected Poliquin’s Request To Rezone The Stinson Cannery. **“Last month, the city's Planning Board rejected Poliquin's request for a zone change on the former Stinson Cannery property.”** [Portland Press Herald, 6/7/07] |

| July 2021: Poliquin Sought To Rezone The Former Site Of The Stinson Cannery, Which Was Zoned For Marine Business, For A $16 Million Residential Development |
As Of July 2021, 65 Bowery St, Bath, Maine Was Zoned For Marine Business. “Mr. Averill reviewed the request to begin a visioning process on the site located at 65 Bowery Street as the applicant is requesting feedback on property development. The property is currently in the C5 Marine Business Zoning District.” [Bath Planning Board, Meeting Minutes, 7/20/21]

7/20/21: Poliquin Requested A Pre-Application Workshop To Rezone The Former Stinson Cannery Site For Residential Use At A Bath Planning Board Meeting. “New Business Item 1 Request for Pre-Application Workshop – 65 Bowery Street (Map 20, Lot 341); Dirigo Holdings, LLC, applicant. Mr. Averill reviewed the request to begin a visioning process on the site located at 65 Bowery Street as the applicant is requesting feedback on property development. The property is currently in the C5 Marine Business Zoning District. The proposed project would require a land use map amendment to allow the property to join the abutting R5 Waterfront Activity Zoning District. […] Mr. Poliquin then went on to review the project location and plan for energy efficient housing which would include open space for pedestrian access, playground, public dock and pier, as well as additional green space.” [Bath Planning Board, Meeting Minutes, 7/20/21]

- Poliquin Pitched His Idea To Redevelop The Site With “Energy Efficient Housing,” Green Space, A Playground, And A Public Pier And Dock. “Mr. Poliquin then went on to review the project location and plan for energy efficient housing which would include open space for pedestrian access, playground, public dock and pier, as well as additional green space. Mr. Poliquin spoke to the tax revenue benefits to the City, as well as the benefits of the location which is currently surrounded by dense neighborhoods. Mr. Poliquin reviewed the lack of success in marketing the property under the current zoning having invested 10 years into marketing the property, citing reasons including the liability of an industrial business amid residential properties and the narrow, residential streets.” [Bath Planning Board, Meeting Minutes, 7/20/21]

Poliquin Predicted The Project Would Cost $16 Million And Last Until January 2023. “Should the project move forward, Poliquin anticipated construction beginning in January 2023. He predicted the project would wrap up in mid-2024 and total $16 million.” [Kennebec Journal, 7/22/21]

July 2021: Poliquin Planned To Develop Housing To Be Sold For Between $450,000 And $550,000, Close To Ten Times The Annual Average Salary Of An Employee In Bath

Poliquin Planned To Develop Housing With Values Ranging From $450,000 To $555,000 Without Subsidies Or Income-Based Rent. “The housing would not be subsidized or have income-based rent. Poliquin said the units will likely range from $450,000 to $550,000. [Poliquin] said he envisions seniors looking to downsize, young families and Bath Iron Works employees living there.” [Kennebec Journal, 7/22/21]

- The Property Could Fit 40 Homes, But Poliquin Planned To Develop 20 Homes To Be Sold “At Market Value” Instead Of Rented. “The site is capable of holding up to 40 housing units, but developers said they’re thinking of building 20 two and three-bedroom units that would be purchased ‘at market value’ instead of rented.” [Kennebec Journal, 7/22/21]

2020: Employees In Bath Had An Average Annual Wage Of $58,344. According to Maine Center for Workforce Research and Information, employees in Bath, Maine had an average weekly wage of $1,122 in 2020. Multiplied by 52, employees in Bath, Maine had an average annual wage of $58,344. [Maine Center for Workforce Research and Information, accessed 9/29/21]

- Maine State Housing Authority Considered Housing “Affordable” If “The Household Spends No More Than 30% Of Its Income On Housing-Related Costs.” “Housing is considered ‘affordable’ if the household spends no more than 30% of its income on housing-related costs (mortgage or rent, utilities, taxes, insurance, and maintenance). Keeping these costs under 30% of income allows the household enough money to cover other expenses, such as healthcare, food, education, and transportation. A household spending more than 30% of its income on housing is considered to be cost burdened.” [Maine State Housing Authority, August 2016]
July 2021: Poliquin’s Architect And A Bath Planning Board Member Who Was A Director Of Poliquin’s Condominium Unit Owners’ Association Board Said Affordable Housing Would Not Be Financially Feasible To Develop

When Asked If The Development Team Would Consider Constructing Affordable Housing, David Matero, An Architect Working With Poliquin, Said The Project Cost “Does Not Lend Itself To Affordable Housing.” “David Matero, architect, spoke to the appeal of the project to create sustainable, energy-efficient housing within walking distance of the downtown, further stressing the need for housing in the local area. […] Mr. Hopkinson opened the floor to public comment. Mr. Averill reviewed the procedure for public comment using the Zoom conferencing platform. Roo Dunn of Green Street asked the applicant to envision looking down Bowery Street, stating the importance of buy-in from abutting property owners. Mr. Dunn then asked if affordable housing should be a consideration. Mr. Matero noted that the development cost does not lend itself to affordable housing; then countered with the numerous amenities that will be available to the public.” [Bath Planning Board, Meeting Minutes, 7/20/21]

James Hopkinson Said The Planning Board Would Not Be Able To Designate A Portion Of The Project For Affordable Housing And That Affordable Housing Would Not Be Financially Feasible At The Site. “William Fritzmeier of Somerset Place spoke to Ms. Blanco’s assessment of the need for affordable housing and asked if the Planning Board were allowed to dictate a percentage of the project to be designated as affordable housing. Mr. Hopkinson stated that the Board does not have the ability to dictate that the developer allow for affordable housing, further noting that the cost of development does not support affordable housing.” [Bath Planning Board, Meeting Minutes, 7/20/21]

Poliquin “Disclosed His Longstanding Working Relationship” With Hopkinson. According to Bath Planning Board meeting minutes, “Sam Poliquin introduced himself; then proceeded to turn review over to Bruce Poliquin. Bruce Poliquin introduced himself; then disclosed his longstanding working relationship with Mr. Hopkinson.” James Hopkinson was the Vice Chair of the Bath Planning Board. [Bath Planning Board, Meeting Minutes, 7/20/21]

Note: For more details about Poliquin and Hopkinson’s “longstanding working relationship,” see the section on Hopkinson in Notable Individuals & Connections.

July 2021: Bath Planning Board Members Stated Their Preference For Affordable Housing And Rentals Over Poliquin’s Proposed “Pricey Condominiums”

Bath Planning Board Members Said They Would Prefer To Zone For More Housing Units Than Poliquin Proposed, Or For Affordable Housing, Rather Than “Pricey Condominiums.” “While planning board members said they aren’t opposed to the property, now somewhat of an eyesore in the city, being redeveloped, they weren’t entirely on-board with the preliminary designs. Some board members said they’d prefer more than 20 housing units while others didn’t like the idea of pricey condominiums being added to the neighborhood.” [Kennebec Journal, 7/22/21]

Bath Planning Board Member Haley Blanco: “I Have Reservations About Condos Because I Feel The Need In Bath Are Rental Units.” “I have reservations about condos because I feel the need in Bath are rental units,” said board member Haley Blanco. ‘There are a lot of people who work at BIW [Bath Iron Works] or elsewhere that don’t qualify to buy a house. I see a need for rental units to house people who don’t know if they’re going to be here long-term or are here at BIW for a short time.’” [Kennebec Journal, 7/22/21]
July 2021: Bath Residents Raised Concerns About The Development’s Potential Harm To Safety, Traffic, And Osprey Habitats

A Neighbor Of The Former Stinson Cannery Site Said Development Would Add Traffic And Make The Area Less Safe; Poliquin Responded By Speaking “To The Inherent Dangers Of The Vacant Lot.” “Michael Tisack of Bowery Street introduced himself as an abutting property owner; then expressed appreciation for the Board’s comments regarding neighborhood impact of the project. Mr. Tisack then stressed the importance of sidewalks in improving pedestrian access throughout the neighborhood, testifying that he feels Bowery Street in today’s condition could be safer. Mr. Poliquin spoke to the initial traffic assessment that has been completed and expressed sensitivity to pedestrian concerns, noting that previous traffic from the cannery produced higher traffic levels than are projected with the proposed development. Mr. Poliquin then spoke to the inherent dangers of the vacant lot, noting that development would reduce other activities taking place at the site. Mr. Tisack countered that developing the site would add additional traffic compared to the current environment.” [Bath Planning Board, Meeting Minutes, 7/20/21]

In Response To A Bath Resident’s Concern For An Osprey Habitat On The Site, Poliquin Said He Intended To “Relocate” An Osprey Nest During Construction Of The Development. “Marie Louise Dupuis of Somerset Place voice concern for the active osprey nest on the site. Bruce Poliquin reviewed conversations with the DEP wherein the osprey nest may be moved once the ospreys have migrated for the season. Mr. Poliquin stated that his intent is to relocate the habitat closer to the water at the northeastern section of the property.” [Bath Planning Board, Meeting Minutes, 7/20/21]

Poliquin’s Campaign Failed To Verify That Poliquin Created A Single Job During His Entire Business Career, Despite His Claims To Have Spent 35 Years Creating Jobs And Running Small Businesses


As Of October 2021, Poliquin’s Twitter Bio Stated He Was A “Job Creator.”

[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, accessed 10/8/21]

As Recently As 2017, Poliquin’s Campaign Website Claimed He Created “Hundreds Of Jobs.” “After college, I started my business career in Chicago and then New York City. It was a big adjustment and tough environment for a small town kid from Maine. However, I worked hard and learned what it takes to grow an economy and create jobs. For the next 35 years, I started and managed businesses that created hundreds of jobs. One investment
company managed $5 billion of worker pension funds for clients such as Bath Iron Works and International Paper, two of Maine’s largest employers at the time.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 9/25/17]

### 2016 – 2021: Poliquin Claimed To Have Spent Decades Running “Small Businesses”

**November 2021: Poliquin: “I Have 40 Years Of Experience Running Small Businesses.”** “I have 40 years of experience running small businesses. It’s really important to bring business skills down to Washington. Business folks know that you don’t spend more than you take in. They know we need to keep regulations fewer and taxes lower and more jobs and higher take-home pay. We also have a commitment to make sure our border is secure,’ Poliquin said.” [News Center Maine, 11/3/21]

**October 2021: Poliquin: “Mr. Golden Has Never Run A Business Before. I Spent 40 Years Running Small Businesses Before I Served As State Treasurer, And Then In Congress.”** “Mr. Golden has never run a business before. I spent 40 years running small businesses before I served as state treasurer, and then in Congress,’ Poliquin said, explaining why he is the better choice to represent the district. ‘The people of the Second District want someone that reflects their values, fiscal discipline, a strong border with Mexico to keep fentanyl out our state. Unless we change course down there, these problems are going to get worse for the people of Maine, so I think they’re going to come out in droves, and I think we’re gonna win this thing again.’” [Breitbart, 10/10/21]

**2016: Poliquin Campaign Website: “For 35 Years, I Have Owned And Operated Small Businesses.”** “For 35 years, I have owned and operated small businesses. I have experienced first-hand how government can help companies succeed and hire more workers, or can stifle growth that leads to lay-offs.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/29/16]

**October 2018: Poliquin's Campaign Failed To Back Up The Claim That Poliquin Created A Single Job During His 35-Year Business Career**

**October 2018: Portland Press Herald: Poliquin’s Campaign Failed To Back Up Its Claim That Poliquin Created Jobs During His 35-Year Business Career.** “In two debates this month, Republican U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin has said he was a ‘job creator’ during his 35 years in private business. The 2nd District incumbent contrasted his record with that of his three opponents in the Nov. 6 election, including Democrat Jared Golden, who allegedly haven’t created any jobs. In a letter to voters recently, Poliquin said he spent his career ‘helping create jobs and grow the economy’ while Golden ‘has no job creation experience.’ Asked to explain where and when Poliquin created jobs, his campaign responded only that the two-term U.S. House member ‘has 35 years of job creation experience’ and that ‘Bruce’s business background is well-known.’ ‘Poliquin is the one candidate in this race with job creation experience, while Jared Golden has absolutely zero,’ said Brendan Conley, Poliquin’s campaign spokesman. The campaign turned down the opportunity to produce anybody who got a job because of Poliquin or to detail how Poliquin’s career as a banker, Wall Street executive or real estate developer created any permanent jobs.” [Portland Press Herald, 10/19/18]

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Notable Individuals & Connections

**James Hopkinson**


As Of July 2021, **James Hopkinson Was The Vice Chair Of The Bath Planning Board.** [Bath Planning Board, Meeting Minutes, 7/20/21]

Hopkinson Was A Real Estate Attorney Who Owned A Private Plane And Said He Enjoyed “Vacationing And Island Hopping In The Bahamas And Caribbean.” “Jim Hopkinson has been serving clients in Maine since 1983. His primary areas of practice include residential and commercial real estate, estate planning, Medicaid planning and business planning. […] Jim and his wife, Susan, enjoy weekends at their camp on the west branch of the Kennebec River in Taunton and Raynham Township, travelling, boating, fishing and hiking. Jim is a pilot with over 3200 hours and holds a commercial pilot license with multi engine and instrument ratings. He owns a Cessna Turbo Centurion (T-210) which he and Susan use on weekend trips, visits to family in Colorado or vacationing and island hopping in the Bahamas and Caribbean.” [Hopkinson & Abbondanza Attorneys, accessed 10/7/21]

**John Moody**


March 2021: **Moody Group Builders And Dirigo Holdings Entered Into An Agreement For Moody Builders To Construct Units 18 And 19.** [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Assignment, Instrument # 2021R-02039, recorded 3/10/21, accessed 9/30/21]

- **Dirigo Holdings’ June And August 2021 Deeds Stated That It Transferred Land In Accordance With The March 2021 Assignment.** [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Deed, Instrument # 2021R-06472, recorded 8/2/21, accessed 9/30/21; Deed, Instrument # 2021R-05525, 6/30/21, accessed 9/30/21]

**Steven Boyce**

2010 – 2014: **Steven Boyce Was A Business Member Of Dirigo Holdings.** [Maine Secretary of State Corporate Search, Dirigo Holdings Annual Reports, 2005 – 2021, accessed 10/7/21]

David Champoux

2005 – Present: David Champoux Was The Registered Agent For Dirigo Holdings. [Maine Secretary of State Corporate Search, Dirigo Holdings Annual Reports, 2005 – 2021, accessed 10/7/21]

2021 – Present: Champoux Was The Manager Of Popham Beach Club LLC. [Popham Beach Club LLC Annual Reports, 2012 – 2021, accessed 10/7/21]

Champoux Was A Partner At Pierce Atwood’s Business Law Practice Group. “David Champoux is a partner in Pierce Atwood's Business Law Practice Group. His practice focuses on business transactions and business entities, including acquisitions and dispositions of businesses (through asset purchase, stock purchase or merger), securities offerings and other financing transactions, structuring and negotiating complex commercial contracts, forming business entities and counseling clients on corporate governance matters and shareholder and other agreements among the entities’ owners, and advising clients on compliance with federal and state securities law public disclosure and other requirements.” [Pierce Atwood LLP, accessed 10/7/21]

Non-Profits

2013 – 2016: Poliquin Was A Director Of The Alfond Scholarship Foundation

2013 – 2016: Poliquin Was A Director Of The Alfond Scholarship Foundation. According to 990 Forms submitted by the Alfond Scholarship foundation, Poliquin served as a Director for the organization from 2013 to 2016. Poliquin worked for approximately one hour per week for the organization and was not compensated. [Alfond Scholarship Foundation 990 Form, via ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016]

The Alfond Scholarship Foundation Invested $500 In A College Fund For Every Baby Born As A Maine Resident Since 2013. “Children born as Maine residents in 2013 and later have automatically been awarded the Alfond Grant. For every baby born a Maine resident since 2013, the Alfond Scholarship Foundation invests a $500 Alfond Grant for his or her future qualified higher education expenses. The Alfond Scholarship Foundation invests these funds until the child is ready to use them. The Alfond Grant can be used to pay for higher education expenses at eligible higher education institutions and must be used by the child’s 28th birthday.” [Alfond Scholarship Foundation, accessed 10/8/21]
Political Career

This section provides an overview of Poliquin’s political career from 2010 to 2021.

**Significant Findings**

- Between 2015 and 2018, Poliquin voted with his party 90.5% of the time.
- In 2019, Poliquin was nominated, but not confirmed, to chair the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.
- Poliquin has given or loaned his campaigns and committees more than $1.3 million since 2009.
- Poliquin repeatedly lost the endorsements of major Maine newspapers’ editorial boards.
  - In 2018, the Portland Press Herald and Bangor Daily News’ editorial boards endorsed Golden, citing Poliquin’s support for repealing the Affordable Care Act and the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.
  - In 2016, the Portland Press Herald editorial board endorsed Cain and wrote Poliquin supported House Republicans’ obstructionism.
  - In 2014, the Bangor Daily News editorial board endorsed Cain and criticized Poliquin for shutting down a state program that allowed non-profits to borrow money from the state government.
- In 2016, Poliquin refused to publicly release his tax returns, while his general election opponent released hers to The Portland Press Herald.

**Partisanship**

**Poliquin Voted With His Party 90.5% Of The Time**

**Poliquin Voted With The Republican Party 90.5% Of The Time.** According to CQ, over his career, Poliquin has voted with other members of the Republican Caucus 90.5% of the time. [CQ Vote Studies, accessed 10/1/21]

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| Lifetime Average | 90.5% | 9.5% |

[CQ Vote Study, accessed 10/20/21]

**Speakership Votes**

**2015, 2017: Poliquin Voted For Paul Ryan For Speaker Of The House**
January 2017: Poliquin Voted To Elect Paul Ryan Speaker Of The House. In January 2017, Poliquin voted for the Nomination of Paul D. Ryan, D-Wis., and Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., for Speaker of House of Representatives for the 115th Congress.” Ryan was elected by a vote of 239-189. [Election to the Speaker, Vote #2, 1/3/17; CQ, 1/3/17]

October 2015: Poliquin Voted To Elect Paul Ryan Speaker Of The House. In October 2015, Poliquin voted for Paul Ryan to be Speaker of the House. Paul Ryan received 236 votes, Nancy Pelosi received 184 votes, and Daniel Webster received 9 votes. [Election to the Speaker, Vote #581, 10/29/15]

2015: Poliquin Voted For John Boehner For Speaker Of The House

January 2015: Poliquin Voted To Elect John Boehner Speaker Of The House. In January 2015, Poliquin voted for John Boehner to be Speaker of the House. John Boehner received 216 votes, and Nancy Pelosi received 164 votes. [Election to the Speaker, Vote #2, 1/6/15]

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[GovTrack.us, Poliquin, accessed 10/1/21]

Committees

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Caucuses

Poliquin was a member of, but not limited to, the following caucuses:

- Founder: Bipartisan Rural Hospitals Caucus
- Founding Member: Bipartisan Heroin Task Force
- Chair: Congressional Paper and Packaging Caucus
- Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus
- Congressional Fire Services Caucus
- Military Veterans Caucus
- Congressional Shellfish Caucus
- Congressional Cybersecurity Caucus
- Congressional Shipbuilding Caucus
- Assisting Caregivers Today
- Congressional Boating Caucus
- Rural Health Care Caucus
- Small Brewers Caucus
- House General Aviation Caucus
- Congressional Coastal Communities Caucus
- International Religious Freedom Caucus
- Congressional Biomass Caucus
- Congressional Diabetes Caucus
- Congressional Rural Broadband Caucus
- Northern Border Caucus
- Congressional Estuary Caucus
- Congressional Cystic Fibrosis Caucus
- Congressional Coalition on Adoption
- Congressional Oceans Caucus
- International Conservation Caucus
- Congressional Ports Caucus
- Specialty Crops Caucus
- Working Group on Women in the 21st Century Workforce
- Municipal Finance Caucus
- Private Property Rights Caucus
- Congressional Working Forests Caucus
- Congressional Army Caucus
- Friends of Job Corps Congressional Caucus
- House Organic Caucus

[Rep. Bruce Poliquin, captured 12/26/18]

Campaigns & Nominations

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### 2022 Campaign

**October 2021: The NRCC Named Poliquin An “On The Radar” Candidate, The First Step In The Group’s “Young Guns” Program**

“October 2021: The NRCC Named Poliquin An “On The Radar” Candidate, The First Step In The Group’s “Young Guns” Program. “The House GOP reelection committee is spotlighting an initial list of promising Republican candidates running in the 2022 midterms in some of the nation's most competitive congressional districts. The list by the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC), which was shared first with Fox News on Tuesday, includes 32 candidates from districts across the country. Those on the list are labeled ‘On the Radar’ candidates, the initial step in the NRCC’s ‘Young Guns’ program. […] Candidates deemed ‘On the Radar’ are Republicans running in competitive districts who’ve exhibited potential by meeting minimum thresholds for campaign fundraising and organization. […] Those on the list are […] Bruce Poliquin (ME-02), […] Also included are Tim Baxter, Gail Huff Brown, Karoline Leavitt and Matt Mowers (NH-01), Tom Kean Jr. (NJ-07), […] Lisa Scheller (PA-07)” [Fox News, 10/12/21]

- **Poliquin Said He Was “Pleased” To Be Named To The Program.** “Pleased the @NRCC, the Committee charged with reclaiming the U.S. House for Republicans and replacing Nancy Pelosi, has chosen our campaign as a top race for 2022. We must restore some common sense in Washington. https://t.co/eHRh1gKo2I?amp=1 #mepolitics #megov”
August 2021: Poliquin Announced His 2022 Candidacy And Said His Parents Were “Safe, Stable, And Well Cared For”

August 2021: Poliquin Said His Parents Were “Safe, Stable, And Well Cared For” After He Announced His 2022 Campaign. “Poliquin, who lost a lawsuit over the election outcome, sat out the 2020 election, citing ‘family priorities’ and the need to care for his elderly parents. He said that they’re ‘safe, stable, and well cared for.’ In fact, he said his 91-year-old dad encouraged him to run.” [Associated Press, 8/4/21]

2020 Campaign: Poliquin Said He Would Not Run In Order To Take Care Of His Aging Parents

August 2019: Poliquin Stated He Would Not Run For Office In 2020 In Order To Take Care Of His Aging Parents. “Former Republican U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, in a heartfelt post on his Facebook page Sunday, announced that he will not run next year against Democrat Jared Golden for the 2nd District seat. Poliquin’s Facebook post starts off by saying that ‘family always comes first.’ The 65-year-old Poliquin said he plans to spend his time caring for his aging father and mother, who are 91 and 89, respectively.” [Portland Press Herald, 8/4/19]

- Poliquin: “My Family Priorities Will Not Allow Me To Run For Public Office Next Year.” “FAMILY ALWAYS COMES FIRST. When my brother passed some years ago, I became my parents’ only surviving child. They devoted their lives to raising Jim and me. Now, it’s my turn and responsibility to help care for them. Mom and Dad are 91 and 89. I love them dearly. I’m very involved in their lives. If you do it right, serving Maine in Congress is more then a full-time job. […] I’m committed to helping our small businesses build the strongest Maine economy in fifty years. The liberal Democrats have proven they’ll do none of this.
All they do is obstruct and criticize. Unfortunately, my family priorities will not allow me to run for public office next year. I’ll continue to speak up and battle for what’s right for Maine and America. There are lots of ways I’m already helping Republicans win next November. Then, we’ll see what the future holds for 2022. THANK YOU for all the encouragement and support during the past years. We’re not done yet! God Bless!”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 8/4/19]

2019: Poliquin Was Nominated, But Not Confirmed, To Chair The Securities Investor Protection Corporation
9/20/19: Trump Nominated Poliquin To Chair The Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC).
“Former Republican U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin has accepted a nomination from President Trump for a volunteer position as Chairman of the Board of Securities Investor Protection Corporation.” [News Center Maine, 9/20/19]

- The SIPC Was A Non-Profit Corporation Created By The Federal Government “To Protect The Clients Of Brokerage Firms When Those Firms Go Out Of Business Or Go Bankrupt.” “The Securities Investor Protection Corporation is a nonprofit corporation that was created with the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970. It exists to protect the clients of brokerage firms when those firms go out of business or go bankrupt.” [Associated Press, 9/20/19]

- Poliquin Would Serve As Chair And Director Of The Corporation In A Volunteer Capacity For A Three-Year Term Ending In 2021. “President Donald Trump announced Thursday that he planned to nominate Poliquin for the volunteer post, which requires U.S. Senate confirmation. […] The White House said Poliquin was tapped to be both a director and the corporation’s designated chairman for the remainder of a three-year term, which expires at the end of 2021.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 9/20/19]

1/3/21: Poliquin’s Nomination Was Returned To The President. [Senate Executive Calendar, 1/3/21]

2018 Campaign

October 2018: The Portland Press Herald Editorial Board Endorsed Golden, Citing Poliquin’s Votes For The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act And Repeal Of The ACA

“Where we think Golden would stand up for Mainers, Rep. Bruce Poliquin has, for the most part, let them down. Poliquin voted for the $1.5 trillion Trump tax cut that has done little for the average American but is now ballooning the deficit. The loss of revenue caused by the tax cut has led Republican leaders like House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to call for cuts to Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security. Meanwhile, Poliquin said there is a ‘finite amount of money out there’ for the temporary food assistance that helps thousands of Mainers, and he has championed policies in the House farm bill that worsened hunger here in Maine. Poliquin also voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act in ways that would have been devastating, stripping 24 million Americans of health insurance by 2026, including more than 100,000 Mainers. And while Poliquin has become an ardent supporter of protecting Americans with pre-existing conditions since he got on the campaign trail, his votes say otherwise.” [Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 10/22/18]

“Poliquin chooses not to explain his position. Other members of Maine's congressional delegation frequently comment on the most important issues facing the country, while Poliquin mostly remains silent.” [Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 10/22/18]

October 2018: Poliquin Criticized Golden For Recruiting Volunteers From Boston And Nearby Massachusetts Towns. “Bruce Poliquin is Maine’s candidate. Jared Golden appears to be more of a Massachusetts-backed candidate. See the photos. There are busses of liberal activists being pushed up from Boston to flood our state and advance Golden’s radical agenda.”
October 2018: The Bangor Daily News Endorsed Golden Over Poliquin’s “Radical” Agenda

October 2018: Bangor Daily News Endorsed Golden To “Represent The 2nd District’s Interests, Not A ‘Radical’ Agenda.” [Bangor Daily News, Editorial Board, 10/18/18]

- Bangor Daily News Editorial Board: Poliquin “Who Dodges Debate Questions, The Media And His Constituents, Has Been A Reliable Vote For Much Of The GOP Agenda In Congress,” Including TCJA, ACA Repeal, And “Welfare Reform.” “Poliquin, who dodges debate questions, the media and his constituents, has been a reliable vote for much of the GOP agenda in Congress, including tax cuts, ACA repeal and ‘welfare reform.’ Golden has a record of working with both Democrats and Republicans in the Maine House to pass a diverse array of legislation. He has done this at a time when Democrats control the House, but Republicans control the Maine Senate and governor’s office.” [Bangor Daily News, Editorial Board, 10/18/18]

Poliquin Claimed Bangor Daily News’ “Editorial Staff Has Purposely Misreported Bruce's Record For More Than Four Years” After Its Editorial Board Endorsed Golden. “We are pleased to announce the socialist candidate in the race, Jared Golden, has been endorsed by the Bangor Daily News. Their editorial staff has purposely misreported Bruce's record for more than four years. The paper highlights Golden's opposition to welfare reform, specifically work requirements for able-bodied adults to receive taxpayer-funded welfare. And they identify Golden’s scheme to more than double taxes on Maine families and small businesses while putting Medicare at risk for seniors. Unlike Jared Golden, most Mainers and Bruce think that these are bad ideas and don't want a socialist representing them in Congress. Please share if you agree.”
**October 2018: Maine Snowmobilers’ Association Endorsed Poliquin**

October 2018: Maine Snowmobilers’ Association Endorsed Poliquin. “Proud to have the support and endorsement of the Maine Snowmobilers Association. Snowmobiles are an important part of our Maine way of life. These are real Mainers, not political pundits or biased papers. I will always be a voice in Congress for our snowmobilers in Maine.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 10/19/18]

**September 2018: The NRA Endorsed Poliquin**

September 2018: The NRA Endorsed Poliquin. “On behalf of our six million members across the country, the National Rifle Association Political Victory Fund (NRA-PVF) today endorsed Bruce Poliquin for re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives in the 2nd Congressional District of Maine. ‘Congressman Poliquin is a true champion of our Second Amendment freedoms and hunting heritage,’ said Chris W. Cox, NRA-PVF chairman.” [NRA Institute for Legislative Action, 9/20/18]

**September 2018: Maine Sportsmen’s Alliance Endorsed Poliquin**

September 2018: Maine Sportsmen’s Alliance Endorsed Poliquin. “In the Second District Congressional race, the SAM ILA endorsement went to Congressmen Bruce Poliquin. He has been a strong advocate for the Second Amendment, a tireless worker for the Second District, as well as a great congressman. We will work hard for his re-election.” [Sportsman's Alliance of Maine Institute for Legislative Action Facebook, 9/10/18]

2018: Poliquin Repeatedly Claimed Golden Had A Socialist Agenda

October 2018: Poliquin Repeatedly Accused Jared Golden, A Veteran, Of Being A Young Radical Socialist. “In the first debate of the election campaign for Maine’s 2nd Congressional District, two-term U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin called his Democratic challenger a radical at least five times, a socialist twice and young three times. Within minutes of the start of the televised debate, Poliquin, a Republican, strung all of them together to declare that Lewiston state Rep. Jared Golden ‘is a young radical who embraces a socialist agenda.’ Golden, a 36-year-old who served two combat tours in the Marines, repeatedly declared that the 64-year-old Poliquin was lying. ‘The amount of lies coming out of Bruce’s mouth is astounding,’ Golden said, insisting that the ‘absolutely despicable’ charges suggest he is ‘somehow un-American’ after he fought for his country in both Iraq and Afghanistan.” [Portland Press Herald, 10/9/18]

- Golden Campaign Stated, “To Question Golden’s Commitment To Country Is Not Only Wrong, It Is Disgusting,” And That Added Poliquin Chose To Stay At Harvard During The Vietnam War. “The ‘most outrageous’ comments, it said, were ‘Poliquin’s repeated attacks on Jared Golden’s patriotism’ despite the fact
the Democrat left college to serve in the Marines while Poliquin ‘chose not to leave Harvard during the Vietnam War.’ ‘To question Golden’s commitment to country is not only wrong, it is disgusting,’ the campaign said in a post-debate news release.” [Portland Press Herald, 10/9/18]

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**Poliquin Alleged That The Republican Golden Said He Collaborated With In Maine’s State Legislature Was Really A Democrat; The Lewiston Sun Journal Called Poliquin’s Claim “Clearly Deceptive.”** “GOLDEN SUPPORTER SAVIELLO IS A DEMOCRAT? In a recent mailer, the Poliquin campaign called Golden a liar in part because the Democrat touts his support from state Sen. Tom Saviello as an indication that he’s willing to work across the aisle with Republicans. The ad shows photographs of Golden and Saviello with the senator’s picture circled in red and tied to a comment below it that states, ‘This guy Golden claims is a bipartisan ‘Republican’ was actually an elected Democrat.’ The ad is as close to false as you can get and clearly deceptive. Saviello is a Republican from Wilton. He ran for Senate as a Republican and continues to be a member of the Senate GOP caucus. When he first ran for the Maine House in 2002, Saviello was a Democrat. But in 2005, he switched his affiliation to independent. He said the Republicans recruited him to run on the GOP line for a Senate seat in 2009 and he’s remained a Republican ever since.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/1/18]

**Poliquin Alleged Golden Improperly Worked Part-Time For A Dentist, Which The Lewiston Sun Journal Rated As A “False” Claim**

**Poliquin Alleged Golden Improperly Worked Part-Time For A Dentist, Which The Lewiston Sun Journal Rated As A “False” Claim.** “A Poliquin mailer included a section headlined ‘Golden: a dental worker?’ that went on to say, ‘In official documents he claims work for a dentist. With no dental license he took home $23,000 from the office.’ The assertion aims to imply Golden did something fishy or improper after the number showed up on a the financial disclosure form he filed when he was an aide to U.S. Sen. Susan Collins on the Senate’s Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs seven years ago. Golden mentioned on the form that he earned $23,000 working at a dental office, where he was a part-time office manager mostly responsible for cleaning up the place. ‘I wasn’t working on anybody’s mouth,’ Golden said. ‘I didn’t need a license.’ The implication that Golden’s pay for part-time work for a dentist was improper is false.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/2/18]

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**2016 Campaign**

**October 2016: Portland Press Herald Editorial Board Endorsed Cain, Citing Poliquin’s Support For House Republicans’ Obstructionism**

**October 2016: Portland Press Herald Editorial Board Endorsed Cain Because Poliquin “Sided Regularly With The House Republicans Whose Obstructionism Gives Congress Its Bad Name.”** “Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-2nd District, has, through his energetic style and prodigious fundraising, earned attention in a way not often seen for a first-term congressman. But he has also sided regularly with the House Republicans whose obstructionism gives Congress its bad name, and whose efforts are largely centered on repealing the significant gains of the Obama administration. For those reasons, and for Democrat Emily Cain’s solid legislative record and firm grasp of the federal issues facing Maine, we are endorsing Cain in the Nov. 8 election.” [Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 10/23/16]


**October 2016: The NRCC Launched TV And Radio Ads That Claimed A Bill Cain Supported To Screen Students’ Weight To Combat Child Obesity Would Have Violated Teenage Girls’ Privacy.** “The National Republican Congressional Committee released a radio ad that criticizes L.D. 1886, a bill Cain sponsored in 2007
that would have introduced a weight-screening process in public schools as a way to collect data on childhood obesity trends. The screening would have been confidential and parents could opt out of the program, but those details are left out of the radio ad and a similar television ad released Monday. The ad suggests the legislation Cain supported would have violated the privacy rights of students, ‘including teenage girls,’ while painting Cain as a lawmaker who favors unnecessary government regulations.” [Portland Press Herald, 10/7/16]

- Portland Press Herald: The NRCC Ad Left Out That The Screening Would Have Been Confidential And That Parents Could Have Opted Their Children Out. “The screening would have been confidential and parents could opt out of the program, but those details are left out of the radio ad and a similar television ad released Monday.” [Portland Press Herald, 10/7/16]

- The Maine Medical Association And Maine State Nurses Association Denounced The Ad As “Offensive,” “Outrageous,” And “False.” “An advertisement campaign aimed at candidate Emily Cain in the heated 2nd Congressional District race has stirred controversy among several medical associations in the state. […] The Maine Medical Association (MMA) spoke out on Tuesday against the ad, calling it flat-out false. ‘Well, it's pretty offensive actually,’ said MMA president Dr. Charles Pattavina. ‘It really disparages the reputations and work done by many people on a bipartisan commission back in 2005 to develop a lot of recommendations that are only about the health of Maine children.’ The Maine Medical Association is tied to the Maine Physician's Action Fund, a nonpartisan PAC that Pattavina said has chosen to stand behind Cain. It is not the only organization to speak out in opposition, though. The Maine State Nurses Association called the ad ‘outrageous and false,’ and even the Maine Parent Teacher Association has called the ad into question.” [NBC News Center Maine, 10/5/16]

- Leaders Of Maine Non-Profits That Advocated For Women’s Health Denounced The “Use Of Women’s Bodies As Political Fodder.” “Both Kelli McCannell, executive director of Hardy Girls Healthy Women, a Waterville-based nonprofit dedicated to the health and well-being of girls and women; and Eliza Townsend, executive director of the Maine Women’s Lobby, a nonprofit advocating freedom from violence and discrimination and access to health care, were quick to lament the use of women’s bodies as political fodder in interviews Friday. ‘Overall, it feels like election years bring up shallow and insulting references to women, not speaking to what actually matters to the women and girls we speak to and work with year round,’ McCannell said in an email. […] ‘We’ve issued press releases about both of those, and yet what do I get a phone call about? I get a phone call about bodies,’ [Townsend] said. ‘It’s very frustrating to think that this is the level on which our political campaigns are conducted.’” [Kennebec Journal, 10/7/16]

- In An Ad, Cain Said The NRCC Aimed To “Exploit The Insecurities Of Teenage Girls” And “Twist The Truth About A Public Health Policy That Republicans And Democrats Supported.” “Well, now we've seen it all. Special interests bankrolling Bruce Poliquin would rather talk about women's weight than Congressman Poliquin's ties to Wall Street. Their false attacks twist the truth about a public health policy that Republicans and Democrats supported. Like a lot of women, I've struggled with my weight. It's hard. It's very personal. So for the special interests backing Bruce Poliquin to exploit the insecurities of teenage girls, it's just a new low. I'm Emily Cain and I approve this message, because Maine deserves better.” [Cain for Congress, YouTube, 10/5/16] (VIDEO)

Poliquin Refused To Denounce The NRCC Ad. “Cain criticized Poliquin for voting to support a budget for the Department of Veteran's Affairs in 2015 that fell short of a request from President Barack Obama for more funding, a subject that is also the subject of the VoteVets ad; while Poliquin said he would not denounce an NRCC ad that criticized Cain for legislation aimed at monitoring childhood obesity.” [Portland Press Herald, 10/19/16]

October 2016: NFIB Endorsed Poliquin

October 2016: NFIB, The National Federation Of Independent Business, Endorsed Poliquin. “Sen Collins joins ME’s largest small business org (NFIB/ME) in announcing support of Cong Bruce Poliquin for re-election today. #mepolitics” [Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 10/18/16]
CNN: NFIB Was “One Of The Most Influential Small-Business Advocacy Groups In The Country” And Advocated Against The ACA. “The National Federation of Independent Business is one of the most influential small-business advocacy groups in the country. They battle against government regulation, higher taxes and, perhaps most famously, Obamacare. And they do it all as the self-described ‘voice of small business.’” [CNN, 11/21/13]

2016: The NRA Endorsed Poliquin

2016: The NRA Endorsed Poliquin. “NRA-PVF ‘A’ Rated and Endorsed Bruce Poliquin Bruce Poliquin has a proven pro-Second Amendment record and is committed to protecting your right to self-defense!” [NRA, 2016]

2016: Poliquin Declined Debate Invitations From Three TV Networks And A Radio Station

2016: Poliquin spurned three other TV networks that planned to hold debates -- including the Maine Public Broadcasting Network -- in the nationally targeted campaign. [...] On Tuesday, the Republican's campaign said Poliquin would attend debates hosted on Oct. 19 by WAGM, a Presque Isle CBS affiliate, and on Oct. 26 on WCSH and WLBZ, the NBC affiliates in Portland and Bangor. That left out three other debates already confirmed by Cain. Those were on Oct. 17 on MPBN, Oct. 24 on WVII, Bangor's ABC affiliate, and Nov. 4 on WMTW and WABI, Portland's ABC affiliate and Bangor's CBS affiliate, respectively. Those networks got Tuesday emails from the Republican's campaign saying they are ‘respectfully declining’ the invitation. Poliquin also rejected an invitation for an Oct. 12 call-in show on WERU, a community radio station in Blue Hill.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 9/27/16]

September 2016: Poliquin Refused To Release His Tax Returns; Cain Released Hers To The Portland Press Herald

September 2016: Poliquin Refused To Release His Tax Returns; Cain Released Hers To The Portland Press Herald. “All four members of the congressional delegation – U.S. Sens. Susan Collins and Angus King, who are not up for re-election, and U.S. Reps. Chellie Pingree and Bruce Poliquin, who are running for re-election in November – declined to release copies of their 2015 tax records. […] Only Poliquin’s challenger, former state Sen. Emily Cain, an Orono Democrat, released her 2015 tax returns to the newspaper. She did so on condition that copies of the actual tax documents not be posted on the internet.” [Portland Press Herald, 9/24/16]

2014 Campaign

October 2014: Bangor Daily News Editorial Board Endorsed Cain And Criticized Poliquin For Shutting Down A State Program That Allowed Non-Profits To Borrow Money From The State Government

Bangor Daily News Endorsed Emily Cain For Congress. “We doubt that Poliquin would be nearly as effective an advocate for the 2nd District as Cain. Throughout the campaign, the former state treasurer has run on a simplistic message of less spending, less debt and more jobs without discussing the intricacies and difficult choices his supposed platform would entail.” [Bangor Daily News, Editorial Board, 10/23/14]

- Bangor Daily News Editorial Board Criticized Poliquin For Shutting Down A State Program That Allowed Non-Profits To Borrow Money From The State Government. “As he evokes fiscal responsibility, one of Poliquin’s lasting legacies as state treasurer is his role in effectively shutting down a state program that allows nonprofit organizations to borrow money through the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority. In Augusta, MaineGeneral Medical Center will be left paying $42 million more over the next 30 years to finance its expansion than it would have if the money came through the authority. That’s $42 million
more from Medicare, the state’s Medicaid program, and employers’ and residents’ pockets.” [Bangor Daily News, Editorial Board, 10/23/14]

October 2014: Poliquin Stated Emily Cain “Never Had A Full-Time Job”

October 2014: Poliquin Said Emily Cain “Never Had A Full-Time Job.” “My opponent has never had a full-time job. I’ve dug sewer lines & painted metal roofs. Reply here & tell us your FT job!” [Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 10/6/14]

October 2014: The NRA Endorsed Poliquin

October 2014: The NRA Endorsed Poliquin. “Republican congressional candidate Bruce Poliquin on Thursday received the endorsement of the National Rifle Association, the nation’s foremost Second Amendment advocacy group.” [Maine Wire, 10/2/14]

- In The 2014 Republican Primary, The NRA Endorsed Poliquin’s Opponent, Kevin Raye. “Earlier in the year, the NRA had endorsed Poliquin’s Republican primary opponent, Kevin Raye. In the primary, Raye attacked Poliquin for his previous donation to a gun control organization and comments in the 2010 Republican gubernatorial primary that seemed to support mandatory background checks for gun purchases. In a column in the Bangor Daily News, Poliquin responded and clarified his earlier comments, declaring his commitment to defending the 2nd Amendment.” [Maine Wire, 10/2/14]

June 2014: Bangor Daily News Column: “Poliquin Pick Quickens The Pulse Of Maine’s Far Right”

Bangor Daily News Column Headline: “Poliquin Pick Quickens The Pulse Of Maine’s Far Right.” “The tea party candidate won GOP primary in Maine’s 2nd Congressional District, which had pitted pro-compromise, centrist Republican Kevin Raye against the starkly conservative Bruce Poliquin. While Raye (like the successful Democratic nominee, Emily Cain) pointed to accomplishments that depended on people working in a bipartisan way, Poliquin derided these as impure deviations from principle. What does purity mean to Poliquin? Well, he embraced a precept that basically rejects any future fiscal compromises with Democrats, even if those fulfill a good many of his goals.” [Bangor Daily News, Amy Fried Column, 6/17/14]

- Amy Fried Was A Professor Of Political Science At The University Of Maine And Faculty Advisor To The UMaine College Republicans. [Bangor Daily News, Amy Fried Column, 6/17/14]

Each Of Poliquin’s House Races Broke Records For Campaign Spending In Maine

Poliquin And Golden’s 2018 Race Broke The Record For Maine’s Most Expensive Federal Election At $24.3 Million. “This year's 2nd District congressional race was the most costly federal election in Maine's history. Counting both contributions to the candidates and outside spending by political groups aiming to influence the outcome in a hotly contested race, at least $24.3 million poured in the largely rural district. Campaign finance reports filed with the Federal Election Commission show Democrat Jared Golden, who won, spent $5.6 million compared to the $4.1 million that Republican U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin shelled out in his quest to secure a third term.” [Portland Press Herald, 12/10/18]

Poliquin And Cain’s 2016 Race Broke The Record For Maine’s Most Expensive Federal Election At $18.3 Million. “This year's 2nd District race topped the 2016 contest in which Poliquin defeated Democrat Emily Cain. That race cost about $18.3 million. The next costliest race for federal office was in 2008, when Sen. Susan Collins' re-election cost $17.6 million at a time when outside spending was much less of a factor. That year, outside committees accounted for only $3 million of the overall tab.” [Portland Press Herald, 12/10/18]
Poliquin And Cain’s 2014 Race Broke The Record For Maine’s Most Expensive House Race At $6.7 Million. “Many see the 2014 result between Cain and Poliquin as, at least partially, a byproduct of other factors. […] Still, the Poliquin-Cain race was the most expensive House race in Maine history, with the campaigns and outside groups spending a combined $6.7 million.” [Bangor Daily News, 6/20/16]

2012: Poliquin Lost His Campaign For U.S. Senate, Which He Launched At A Tea Party Event And Self-Funded With More Than $100,000, In The Republican Primary

Poliquin Launched His 2012 U.S. Senate Campaign At A Tea Party Event And “Courted Voters Within The Ultraconservative Movement.” “Two years ago, Bruce Poliquin kicked off his U.S. Senate campaign at a tea party event and courted voters within the ultraconservative movement.” [Fosters, 8/17/14]

- While Opening A Campaign Office In 2012, Poliquin Said He “Loves ‘To Argue With Liberals’” And Would Be “The Best Friend To The Conservative Movement” Maine “Has Ever Had, Ever.” “While opening a campaign office during a U.S. Senate bid in 2012, Republican Bruce Poliquin described himself as someone who loves ‘to argue with liberals.’ In Washington, he said would be ‘the best friend to the conservative movement’ that Maine ‘has ever had, ever.’” [Kennebec Journal, 11/8/14]

As Of June 2012, Poliquin Contributed $109,000 To His Senate Campaign, Which Raised $229,000 Total. “Maine State Treasurer Bruce Poliquin is giving his Senate campaign treasury a boost. Documents filed with the Federal Election Commission indicate he has raised more than $229,000 through May 23. And he provided nearly half of that himself. The FEC filings indicate Poliquin gave $109,000 to his campaign.” [Bangor Daily News, 6/4/12]

June 2012: Poliquin Came In Second In A Six-Way Republican Primary For U.S. Senate With 22 Percent Of The Vote To Charles Summers’ 28 Percent. [Maine Secretary of State, Election Results, 6/12/12]

2011 – 2012: Poliquin Was Maine’s Treasurer In LePage’s Administration

January 2011: Poliquin Began Serving As Maine Treasurer In LePage’s Administration. “A day after being sworn in, Gov. Paul LePage administered the oath of office Thursday to three prominent state officials — the secretary of state, attorney general and treasurer. The Republican governor also issued a brief to-do list to the three: Make it easier to bring business to Maine. Fix the looming liability in the pension system, and work on the health care issue. With some pomp — but not to the level of the inauguration a day earlier — Charles Summers, Bill Schneider and Bruce Poliquin took their oaths in a House chamber packed with relatives, friends and state officials, including Chief Justice Leigh Saufley and U.S. Attorney Thomas Delahanty II.” [Bangor Daily News, 1/6/11]


2010: Poliquin Lost His Campaign For Maine’s Governor, Which He Mostly Self-Financed, Coming In Sixth In The Republican Primary

As Of May 2010, Poliquin Contributed More Than $711,000 To His Gubernatorial Campaign. “Poliquin, a business entrepreneur from Georgetown, reported spending more than $711,000 on his campaign so far, including $254,000 since late April. Poliquin has dipped into his own personal accounts for more than $300,000 of the total through ‘in-kind’ donations. He ended the reporting period with $26,700 in the bank.” [Bangor Daily News, 5/28/10]

- Poliquin Raised A Total Of $753,950.30 For His Gubernatorial Campaign. According to the Maine Ethics Commission, Poliquin raised $753,950.30 and spent $753,962.27 in his primary campaign for Maine Governor in 2010. [Maine Ethics Commission, Candidate Search, accessed 7/29/21]
Poliquin Pledged To “Oppose And Veto Any And All Efforts To Increase Taxes” During His Gubernatorial Campaign. “As Maine’s gubernatorial race ramps up, four Republican candidates — Matt Jacobson, Paul LePage, Les Otten and Bruce Poliquin — have taken the pledge to not increase taxes. Specifically, they pledge to ‘oppose and veto any and all efforts to increase taxes.’” [Bangor Daily News, 1/15/10]

June 2010: Poliquin Finished In Sixth Place In A Seven-Way Republican Primary. [Maine Secretary of State, Election Results, 6/8/10]

**Personal Political Donations**

**As Of October 2021, Poliquin Has Given $67,875.25 To Federal Political Candidates And Committees**

According to the Federal Election Commission as of October 1, 2021, Poliquin has given $67,875.25 to federal political candidates:

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2012 – 2014: Poliquin Faced Criticism In Republican Primaries For Contributing To Handgun Control Voter Education Fund

2014: The NRA Endorsed Poliquin’s Primary Opponent Kevin Raye, Whose Spokesperson Said, “Kevin’s Record Stands In Contrast To Bruce Poliquin’s History Of Donating To Handgun Control, Inc.” “Less than two weeks before the June 10 primary, the National Rifle Association’s Political Victory Fund on Friday endorsed Kevin Raye, one of two Republicans seeking to be the party’s candidate in the race for an open seat in Maine’s 2nd Congressional District. Mike Leavitt, a spokesman for the Raye campaign, announced the endorsement Friday morning. […] ‘Kevin’s record stands in contrast to Bruce Poliquin’s history of donating to Handgun Control, Inc., and his support for mandatory background checks while running for governor in 2010,’ Leavitt said. Poliquin was the only Republican in the 2010 Republican gubernatorial primary who said he supports mandatory background checks for gun purchases. In December 1989, he donated $500 to an organization known as Handgun Control, Inc., which later became The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.” [Bangor Daily News, 5/30/14]

2012: Senate Republican Primary Candidate Rick Bennett “Questioned A $500 Donation Poliquin Made In 1989 Made To Handgun Control Inc.” “I think it raises legitimate questions about his consistency on the issues,” said Rick Bennett, who along with Poliquin is among the six Republican hopefuls vying to replace U.S. Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine. […] In addition to Poliquin’s involvement with pro-environment NRCM, Bennett also questioned a $500 donation Poliquin made in 1989 made to Handgun Control Inc., which is now the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. The group supports increased regulations on the sale of firearms, including mandatory background checks.” [Portland Press Herald, 6/2/12]

Poliquin Has Given $47,187 To State-Level Political Candidates

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As Of October 2021, Poliquin Has Given $2,500 To State Political Candidates And Committees Outside Of Maine.

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As Of October 2021, Poliquin Has Given Or Loaned $1,391,115.99 To His Own Campaigns And Committees

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[Maine Ethics Commission, accessed 10/4/21]

As Of October 2021, Poliquin Has Given Or Loaned $1,391,115.99 To His Own Campaigns And Committees

2012 – 2018: Poliquin Gave Or Loaned $504,956.32 To His Federal Campaigns

2012 – 2018: Poliquin Gave $504,956.32 To His Federal Campaigns In Loans And Monetary And In-Kind Contributions. Between 2012 and 2018, Poliquin gave $504,156.32 to his federal campaigns. This includes $213,500 that Poliquin loaned his campaign, comprised of a $200,000 loan September 2014 and a $13,500 loan in June 2014. Of these contributions, $70,049 were specified as in-kind contributions. Poliquin did not describe substantial contributions, including a $93,000 contribution in May 2012, a $50,000 contribution in December 2013, and a $13,500 contribution in June 2014. [FEC, Committee Receipts Search, accessed 10/4/21; filed 10/15/21]

Note: For details of Poliquin’s contributions to his federal campaigns, see Appendix II – Campaign Finance.

As Of October 2021, Poliquin’s Campaign Paid Him Back The Full $213,500 He Had Loaned It

* Baber was a plaintiff in Baber et al. v. Dunlap, Poliquin’s lawsuit over Maine’s ranked-choice voting system.
2014: Poliquin Loaned His Campaign $213,500. In June 2014, Poliquin loaned his campaign $13,500. In September 2014, Poliquin loaned his campaign an additional $200,000. [FEC, Committee Receipts Search, 6/30/14; 9/30/14]

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[FEC, Committee Disbursement Search, accessed 10/20/21]

2009 – 2011: Poliquin Gave $886,159.67 To His State-Level Campaigns And Committees

2009 – 2011: Poliquin Gave $798,163.05 To His Campaign For Governor In Monetary And In-Kind Contributions. Between 2009 and 2011, Poliquin gave $798,163.05 to his gubernatorial campaign. Of these contributions, $387,513.05 were in-kind and $410,650 were monetary. [Maine Ethics Commission, accessed 10/4/21]

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[Maine Ethics Commission, accessed 10/4/21]

Bangor Daily News: Question 4 “Sought To Reduce The Excise Tax On Some Vehicles And Place Limits On State And Municipal Spending” And Was “Soundly Rejected” By Voters. “Maine voters soundly rejected a pair of tax-related referendums that sought to reduce the excise tax on some vehicles and place limits on state and municipal spending. Proponents of Question 2, the excise tax initiative, and Question 4, known as TABOR (Taxpayer Bill of Rights) II, both conceded defeat shortly after 10 p.m. on Tuesday.” [Bangor Daily News, 11/3/09]
Significant Findings

✓ In October 2021, Poliquin submitted his personal financial disclosure form six weeks late and potentially underreported his commercial property assets by more than half a million dollars.

✓ Candidates were required to submit personal financial disclosures 30 days after raising $5,000, which for Poliquin was September 10, 2021; Poliquin submitted his PFD on October 22, 2021.

✓ In his October 2021 PFD, Poliquin reported that his real estate company, Dirigo Holdings, owned between $450,005 and $900,000 worth of property in Phippsburg, Maine.

✓ According to Phippsburg property tax records, Dirigo Holdings owned $1.4 million worth of Phippsburg property in the 2022 fiscal year and $1.5 million in the 2021 fiscal year.

✓ In March 2012, the Maine Ethics Commission ruled Poliquin submitted an incomplete income disclosure statement after he did not disclose his ownership of two businesses as Maine’s Treasurer.

✓ Poliquin ran a real estate business, requested tax abatements, and petitioned a planning board while serving as Maine’s State Treasurer.

✓ Maine’s legislature voted to have the Maine Supreme Court rule on whether Poliquin’s business activities while in office violated the state constitution, which they declined to do.

✓ An op-ed writer called Poliquin “the most ethically challenged member of Gov. Paul LePage’s administration” due to his “egregious” business conflicts of interest.

✓ Poliquin’s former chief of staff and campaign manager never disclosed his ownership of Hutson Consulting on personal financial disclosures, and failed to report an estimated $120,557.50 in payments from Poliquin’s campaign to Hutson Consulting on personal financial disclosures.

✓ Hutson Consulting was registered in 2016 at Poliquin’s Oakland property.

✓ Poliquin lived in his DC office between 2015 and 2018, a practice that was subject to a request for an ethics investigation from 29 Congressional Democrats in 2017.

✓ The Democrats who requested an investigation said members who slept in their offices and received “free government benefits” and fostered a hostile work environment by interacting with their staff and Capitol employees “in their sleeping attire, underwear, and even partially nude.”

✓ As of January 2019, the House Ethics Committee had not addressed the issue.

✓ In 2015, Poliquin signed the NRCC’s “Patriot Program” contract, which was subject to an ethics complaint over alleged use of official resources for campaign activities.

✓ The NRCC “Patriot Program” contract required incumbents to outline their legislative goals and raise six figures for the NRCC in exchange for campaign support.
October 2021: Poliquin Submitted His Personal Financial Disclosure Form Six Weeks Late And Potentially Underreported His Commercial Property Assets By More Than Half A Million Dollars

Poliquin Submitted His Legally Required Personal Financial Disclosure Form Six Weeks Late

Candidates Were Required To File A Public Personal Financial Disclosure Form Within 30 Days Of Raising Or Spending $5,000

Candidates Were Required To File A Public Personal Financial Disclosure Form Within 30 Days Of Becoming A Candidate Or May 15 Of That Year, Whichever Came Later. “If you qualify as a candidate during an election (even-numbered) year, then you must file an FD Statement within 30 days of becoming a candidate or May 15 of that year, whichever is later.” [U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ethics, Financial Disclosure Statement Instruction Guide, accessed 5/18/21]

- An Individual Qualified As A Candidate When They Raised Or Spent More Than $5,000 In A Campaign For Election To The House Of Representatives. “Individuals are required to file an FD Statement once they ‘qualify’ as a candidate by raising or spending more than $5,000 in a campaign for election to the House of Representatives. If you receive a notice to file an FD Statement before you have raised or spent more than $5,000 on the campaign, you should promptly notify the Clerk of the House in writing or through the online filing system that the campaign has not yet crossed the $5,000 threshold.” [U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ethics, Financial Disclosure Statement Instruction Guide, accessed 5/18/21]

Candidate And Member Personal Financial Disclosure Forms Were Posted Publicly On The Clerk Of The House Of Representatives’ Website. [Clerk of the House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Reports, Accessed 10/13/21]

Poliquin Crossed The $5,000 Threshold On August 11, 2021, Making The Due Date For His Personal Financial Disclosure Form September 10, 2021

August 4, 2021: Poliquin Announced He Would Run For Congress In ME-02. “Bruce Poliquin has again thrown his hat in the ring, announcing Wednesday morning that he is launching a bid to try to unseat Democratic Rep. Jared Golden. Poliquin, a Republican, served two terms representing Maine’s 2nd Congressional District before losing to Golden in 2018 in an election decided by ranked-choice voting. Poliquin made his announcement on WGAN radio while speaking to host Matthew Gagnon. ‘I'm running for Congress,’ Poliquin said. ‘I can't watch this anymore, Matt. I just can't watch this anymore and sit on the sidelines, that's just not who I am.’” [News Center Maine, 8/4/21]
August 11, 2021: Poliquin Raised $5,000 For His Campaign. According to itemized receipts disclosed in Poliquin's October Quarterly Report, Poliquin crossed the $5,000 threshold for receipts on August 11, 2021. [FEC, Bruce Poliquin for Congress, October Quarterly Report, 10/15/21]


As Of September 30, 2021, Poliquin Had Raised $880,000 For His Campaign. “Former Rep. Bruce Poliquin’s campaign said he raised $880,000 since launching in early August, a strong total as the Republican attempts a comeback in Maine’s 2nd Congressional District against Rep. Jared Golden, who defeated him in 2018. […] Poliquin released his fundraising numbers through Sept. 30 on Thursday, ahead of the Oct. 15 deadline for filing with the Federal Election Commission. He has not yet formally filed, so more detailed numbers of his sources of fundraising are not yet available, though his campaign said he made no personal loans or cash contributions to the campaign.” [Bangor Daily News, 10/7/21]

October 22: Poliquin Filed A Personal Financial Disclosure Six Weeks Late

October 22, 2021: Poliquin Filed A Personal Financial Disclosure Form. [Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, 10/22/21]

Poliquin Appeared To Misrepresent The Value Of His Properties In His Personal Financial Disclosure Form, Which Could Be Subject To Criminal Or Civil Penalty

October 2021: Poliquin Reported That Dirigo Holdings Owned Five Properties In Phippsburg, Maine With A Total Value Of Between $450,005 And $900,000

Poliquin Reported That Dirigo Holdings Owned Five Properties In Phippsburg, Maine Worth Between $450,005 And $900,000 Total.

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Total Disclosed Dirigo Holdings Phippsburg Property Values $450,005 $900,000

[Poliquin 2021 Public Financial Disclosure Report, Candidate Report, filed 10/22/21]

The Dirigo Holdings Properties Could Be Identified As 106 Sagamore Drive, 125 Sagamore Drive, 83 Sagamore Drive, 79 Sagamore Drive, And Parts Of A Condo Development On Sagamore Drive

October 2021: Dirigo Holdings LLC Was Listed As The Owner Of Undeveloped Parts Of The Popham Woods Condo On Sagamore Drive In Phippsburg, Maine, A Property With An Assessed Value Of $674,100. [Phippsburg Tax Assessor, Real Estate Tax Commitment Books, 2022 Fiscal Year, 10/13/21]

October 2021: Dirigo Holdings LLC Was Listed As The Owner Of 106 Sagamore Drive In Phippsburg, Maine, A Property With An Assessed Value Of $323,200. [Phippsburg Tax Assessor, Real Estate Tax Commitment Books, 2022 Fiscal Year, 10/13/21]
October 2021: Dirigo Holdings LLC was listed as the owner of 125 Sagamore Drive in Phippsburg, Maine, a property with an assessed value of $275,800. [Phippsburg Tax Assessor, Real Estate Tax Commitment Books, 2022 Fiscal Year, 10/13/21]

October 2021: Dirigo Holdings LLC was listed as the owner of 83 Sagamore Drive in Phippsburg, Maine, a property with an assessed value of $64,000. [Phippsburg Tax Assessor, Real Estate Tax Commitment Books, 2022 Fiscal Year, 10/13/21]

October 2021: Dirigo Holdings LLC was listed as the owner of 79 Sagamore Drive in Phippsburg, Maine, a property with an assessed value of $63,700. [Phippsburg Tax Assessor, Real Estate Tax Commitment Books, 2022 Fiscal Year, 10/13/21]

The assessed property values of the five Phippsburg properties totaled $1.4 million, meaning Poliquin failed to report at least $500,000 in property value.

October 2021: The assessed property values of Dirigo Holdings’ five Phippsburg properties totaled $1.4 million, meaning Poliquin failed to report at least $500,000 in value on his personal financial disclosure.

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[Dirigo Holdings Phippsburg Properties’ assessed values, fiscal years 2021 and 2022, accessed 10/13/21; Phippsburg Tax Assessor, Real Estate Tax Commitment Books, Fiscal Year 2022, 10/13/21; Fiscal Year 2021, 10/14/21]


Individuals Who Falsified Personal Financial Disclosure Forms Were Subject To Criminal Or Civil Penalties

Individuals Who Knowingly And Willfully Falsified A Personal Financial Disclosure Form Were Subject To Civil Or Criminal Penalties. “Each individual is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information contained in the individual’s FD Statement or PTR, even if someone else prepared, or assisted in preparing, all or part of it. The EIGA provides that the Attorney General may pursue either civil or criminal penalties against an individual who knowingly and willfully falsifies a Statement or fails to file a Statement required by the EIGA. The maximum civil penalty is $62,313. The maximum criminal penalty is up to one year in prison and a fine of up to $62,313.” [Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, accessed 10/25/21]
March 2012: The Maine Ethics Commission Ruled That Poliquin Filed An Incomplete Income Disclosure Statement After He Did Not Disclose Ownership Of Two Businesses

February 2011: Poliquin Submitted A Financial Disclosure In Which He Did Not Disclose His Self-Employment

February 2011: Poliquin Submitted A Financial Disclosure In Which He Did Not Disclose His Self-Employment. On February 16, 2011, Poliquin submitted a financial disclosure as Maine’s Treasurer on which he disclosed his only sources of income as Zweig-DiMenna Associates, CK Partners, and Vanguard Funds. Poliquin left the sections for income derived from self-employment, income derived employment by another, and income received by an immediate family member blank. [Poliquin 2011 Statement of Income for Executive Employees, Maine Ethics Commission, filed 2/16/11]

January 2012: The Democratic Party Of Maine Filed A Complaint Against Poliquin Over His Financial Disclosure

January 2012: The Democratic Party Of Maine Filed A Complaint Against Then-State Treasurer Poliquin Alleging He Filed An Income Disclosure Statement That Failed To Comply With Statutory Reporting Requirements. “The complaint, dated January 18, and signed by state Democratic Party Executive Director Mary Erin Casale, begins, ‘On behalf of the Maine Democratic Party, I am filing a formal complaint against State Treasurer Bruce Poliquin. I respectfully request that the Commission find that the most recent income-disclosure statement filed by Treasurer Poliquin in February 2011 fails to comply with the statutory reporting requirements. After having made such a finding, I respectfully urge the Commission to assess, at the same time or later hearing, the maximum penalty available under Maine law.’” [Maine Wire, 2/4/12]

February 2012: Poliquin Stated He Was Involved In Four Businesses And Organizations He Had Not Disclosed, Including Two Businesses That He Owned, In Response To The Complaint

February 2012: In A Letter To The Democratic Party Of Maine, Poliquin Stated He Was Involved In Four Businesses And Organizations He Had Not Disclosed In February 2011. Question 6: In 2010, did you hold ‘[a]ny offices, trusteeships, directorships or positions of any nature,’ with Dirigo Holdings, LLC, or the Popham Beach Club, or ‘with any [other] for-profit or non-profit firm, corporation, association, partnership or business?’ Answer 6: As stated above, I am the sole member and the registered agent of Dirigo Holdings, LLC, which holds my real estate investment in the Popham Woods Condominium. I am the president of the non-profit Popham Woods Condominium Unit Owners’ Association. I am the owner of the Popham Beach Club, but do not hold any such offices in connection with the Popham Beach Club. I am a limited partner in Zweig-DiMenna Partners, LP, a New York investment management limited partnership; C.K. Capital, LP, a Delaware investment management limited partnership; and Marshall Mall Associates, a Pennsylvania real estate limited partnership. I hold no officer or director position in these partnership investments. I am not engaged in any way in the operation or management of these entities.” [Poliquin Letter to Maine Democratic Party, via Maine Wire, 2/3/12]

- Poliquin Did Not Disclose His Ownership Of Popham Beach Club And Dirigo Holdings. “As stated above, I am the sole member and the registered agent of Dirigo Holdings, LLC, which holds my real estate investment in the Popham Woods Condominium. I am the president of the non-profit Popham Woods Condominium Unit Owners’ Association. I am the owner of the Popham Beach Club, but do not hold any such offices in connection with the Popham Beach Club.” [Poliquin Letter to Maine Democratic Party, via Maine Wire, 2/3/12]

March 2012: The Maine Ethics Commission Ruled That Poliquin Filed An Incomplete Financial Disclosure
“The Maine ethics commission has ruled that state Treasurer Bruce Poliquin should not be fined for failing to fully report his income on a disclosure report to the state. The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices also voted 4-1 Wednesday that Poliquin had filed an incomplete report, but had since amended it to make it complete. The case stems from a Maine Democratic Party complaint alleging that Poliquin did not fully disclose the sources of his 2010 income in an annual statement filed with the commission.” [Portland Press Herald, 3/1/12]

- The Maine Ethics Commission Did Not Fine Poliquin Since He Submitted An Amended Disclosure. “The Maine ethics commission has ruled that state Treasurer Bruce Poliquin should not be fined for failing to fully report his income on a disclosure report to the state. The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices also voted 4-1 Wednesday that Poliquin had filed an incomplete report, but had since amended it to make it complete.” [Portland Press Herald, 3/1/12]

2011 – 2012: While Maine State Treasurer, Poliquin Ran A Real Estate Business, Requested Property Tax Abatements, And Petitioned A Planning Board

Poliquin Claimed He Was Not Attached To His Businesses While In Office, But Actively Sought Reduced Tax Abatements On Corporate Properties And Petitioned A Planning Board As State Treasurer

2011 – 2012: Poliquin Was Maine State Treasurer

December 2011: Poliquin Claimed He Was “Right By The Book” While Maintaining Ownership Of His Businesses While Serving As Maine’s Treasurer

December 2011: Poliquin Claimed He Was “Right By The Book” In Maine Ethics Law Regarding His Businesses, Which He Said Were “Run By Professionals [He] Trust[ed].” “Then-Attorney General Janet Mills, now vice chair of the Maine Democratic Party, said Tuesday that her office told Poliquin it could not give him legal advice until he actually took over as treasurer. ‘I think we encouraged him to seek his own private legal counsel if he had any questions – because he wasn’t a public official,’ Mills said. Whether he did isn’t clear. But in that interview last month – which he put off until he was driving home that night because ‘this deals with a private-sector thing … (and) I’m right by the book’ – Poliquin told me that his various businesses now ‘are run by professionals I trust and I’ve worked with for a number of years.’” [Portland Press Herald, Bill Nemitz Column, 1/18/12]

2011: Poliquin Requested Tax Abatements On Two Of His Phippsburg Properties And Successfully Obtained $1,833.88 In Tax Abatements

9/18/11: Poliquin Sought A Tax Abatement From The Phippsburg Town Assessor For His Two Business Properties Using His State Government Email. In September 2011, Poliquin corresponded with the Phippsburg town assessor via email about having both the Popham Beach Club property and 106 Sagamore Dr reassessed. Poliquin represented himself as one of the active contacts for the Popham Beach Club and the Popham Woods development. Poliquin also included his title, Maine State Treasurer, in his signature and sent the emails from his official state email address (bpol@maine.rr.com). [Email, Bruce Poliquin to Juanita Wilson, 9/18/11]

- Poliquin Received A Tax Abatement Of $1,833.88. On 29 September 2011, Poliquin received a Certificate of Abatement from the Phippsburg town assessor. “The enclosed copy of the Certificate of Abatement issued to

9/9/11: Poliquin E-Mailed The Phippsburg Assessor To Request A Meeting About His Property Taxes. On September 9, 2011, then-State Treasurer Bruce Poliquin sent an e-mail to Juanita C. Wilson-Hennessey, the “Contract Assessing Agent” for the Town of Phippsburg, stating the following: “I’d like to take you up on your offer to meet regarding my Phippsburg property taxes … I’m concerned about all the properties, especially Popham Woods Condominium and the Popham Beach Club.” [Phippsburg Assessor’s Office e-mail, 9/9/11]

- The Assessor Responded That “Certified Appraisal” And “Firsthand View” Would Be The Only Factors In A Potential Adjustment. On September 14, 2011, Wilson-Hennessey responded with the following: “The only paperwork that will be relevant is a certified appraisal for any of the units, which I am willing to review with an open mind, but my first view is likely to whether I see room for further value adjustment.” [Phippsburg Assessor’s Office e-mail, 9/14/11]

- Poliquin Replied With Concern Over The Assessed Value’s Impact On Condo Fees And Selling Units. On September 18, 2011, Poliquin responded with concern over the impact the high assessed values were having on the monthly condominium fees and, therefore, Poliquin’s ability to sell the units. “Besides the Popham Woods Units and the Popham Beach Club, a real concern of mine is the common land value at Popham Woods. As you know, it’s now values at several times the assessed value a few short years ago … This spiking common land value has driven up the monthly maintenance fee at PW to $303. This, in turn, is a major reason why we haven’t been able to sell the Units. Comparable condo homes in Brunswick, for example, have monthly fees roughly $150 – 200. The $303 per month fee scares potential buyers away. It happened again last week. Without a more realistic common land value, the Town will not receive the full tax benefit of building out the project and selling the homes. Lastly, I’d welcome you taking another look at Wood Island.” [Phippsburg Assessor’s Office e-mail, 9/18/11]

- Poliquin Used His “Maine State Treasurer” Signature In Both E-Mails To The Assessor. In both the September 9 and 14 e-mails, Poliquin indicated in his signature that he was the “Maine State Treasurer.” [Phippsburg Assessor’s Office e-mail, 9/18/11, 9/9/11]

December 2011: Poliquin Petitioned The Phippsburg Planning Board To Expand Operations At His Beach Club, Which He Later Admitted Was “A Dumb Thing To Do”

December 2011: Poliquin Personally Petitioned The Phippsburg Planning Board To Expand Operations At His Beach Club. “Last month, Poliquin appeared before the Phippsburg Planning board seeking to expand allowable uses for his beach club from a $1,950-per-season, members-only facility to ‘year-round catered functions including but not limited to corporate meetings, family, church, civic gatherings and health retreats.’” [Portland Press Herald, Bill Nemitz Column, 1/18/12]

- Poliquin Later Called His Petition Of The Phippsburg Planning Board “A Dumb Thing To Do.” “In December, Poliquin went before the Phippsburg Planning Board to expand operations at a beach club near a residential development he built. Poliquin now admits that was a mistake, telling a Portland radio station, ‘That was a dumb thing to do.’” [Portland Press Herald Editorial Board, 2/14/12]

February 2012: The Maine State Attorney General Suggested That Poliquin “Disassociate” Himself From His Business Entities While In Office

January 2012: Maine State Rep. Mark Dion Requested Maine’s Attorney General Opinion On Whether Poliquin’s Business Dealings In Office Violated The State Constitution. “Maine legislative Democrats say a second request is being filed with the state attorney general on whether Treasurer Bruce Poliquin’s private business dealings violate the state Constitution. Portland Democratic Rep. Mark Dion made a second request for a formal
opinion on Poliquin’s business dealings as owner of the Popham Beach Club. Dion sent his initial request for an opinion to Attorney General William Schneider on Jan. 17. The Attorney General’s Office is investigating. Democrats say the Constitution bars the treasurer from engaging in any business of trade or commerce while serving in that office.” [Portland Press Herald, 1/30/12]

February 2012: Maine Attorney General Suggested That Poliquin “Disassociate” Himself From His Business Entities While In Office. “[Republican Attorney General of Maine William Schneider] did offer an opinion of what Poliquin should do next. ‘With respect to the Treasurer, any activities related to the active management of stock or other ownership interests should be handled by third persons in the absence of any authority suggesting that such activities are acceptable when undertaken directly,’ Schneider wrote. ‘During the Treasurer’s term in office he should take steps to disassociate himself from the active management of any of the entities in which he is invested and any entities in which he is the sole owner or principal or agent.’” [Bangor Daily News, 2/10/12]

Maine State Democrats And Opinion Writers Criticized Poliquin’s Handling Of His Real Estate Business While Serving As Maine’s State Treasurer

Maine State Senator Phil Bartlett Called For Poliquin’s Resignation Over His Conflicts Of Interest: “[Poliquin] Has Thumbed His Nose At The Maine Constitution”

May 2012: Maine State Senator Phil Bartlett Called For Poliquin’s Resignation Over His Conflicts Of Interest: “[Poliquin] Has Thumbed His Nose At The Maine Constitution.” “Maine families are struggling in these tough economic times. They are concerned about putting food on their tables, making sure their children have health care and a decent education, and maybe someday having the means to retire. Maine’s public servants are tasked first and foremost with safeguarding the interests of our working families. Time and time again, Maine State Treasurer Bruce Poliquin has chosen not to answer this call. He has kowtowed to special interests and squandered state resources on a political witch hunt. He has exploited loopholes for personal gain, forcing his neighbors to pay more for services that he uses. He has thumbed his nose at the Maine Constitution by engaging in prohibited personal business dealings. For these reasons, he must resign.” [State Senator Phil Bartlett, Press Release, 5/30/12]


4/1/12: Elliott Epstein Op-Ed: Poliquin Was “The Most Ethically Challenged Member Of Gov. Paul Lepage's Administration.” “It seems appropriate that State Treasurer Bruce Poliquin, the most ethically challenged member of Gov. Paul LePage's administration, has declared his candidacy for the U.S. Senate, probably the most ethically challenged legislative body in the United States.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Elliott Epstein Guest Column, 4/1/12]

- Elliott Epstein Op-Ed: Poliquin’s Dealings With His Real Estate Company While State Treasurer Were “Particularly Egregious.” “Poliquin has been criticized for failing to disclose his business ties on a state conflict-of-interest form (a lapse he has since cured by amending his filing), for improperly using Maine's ‘tree growth’ tax break to reduce his real estate taxes on 10 acres of waterfront property (a lapse he has also cured by taking the land out of ‘tree growth’) and for running a real estate development business while acting as state treasurer. The last item involves Poliquin's ownership of Dirigo Holdings LLC, which runs Popham Woods Condominiums in Phippsburg that includes memberships in Poliquin's Popham Beach Club. Poliquin even appeared last year before the Phippsburg Planning Board on behalf of the Beach Club. Poliquin's participation in this business venture is particularly egregious. It violates more than just an inconsistently enforced and difficult-to-interpret legislative statute like the ‘tree growth’ law. It runs counter to a fundamental provision of the state's highest law, the Maine Constitution.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Elliott Epstein Op-Ed, 4/1/12]

“Poliquin’s participation in this business venture is particularly egregious. It violates more than just an inconsistently enforced and difficult-to-interpret legislative statute like the ‘tree growth’ law. It runs counter to a fundamental provision of the state's highest law, the Maine Constitution. Article V, section III of the Maine Constitution states: ‘The Treasurer shall not, during the treasurer's continuance in office, engage in any business of trade or commerce, or as a broker, nor as an agent or factor for any merchant or trader.’ It seems a reasonable requirement to impose on the official responsible for the state's finances. Unless ‘business of trade or commerce’ is read extremely narrowly to mean only the sale of goods (the kind you can bag or box and walk away with), it's hard to make a straight-faced argument that Poliquin is not engaged in the kind of business barred by Article V.”

[Lewiston Sun Journal, Elliott Epstein Op-Ed, 4/1/12]

March 2012: The Maine Supreme Court Declined To Rule After The Maine House Of Representatives Voted Unanimously To Request They Issue An Opinion On Whether Poliquin Had Violated The Maine Constitution By Engaging In Commerce While In Office

3/1/12: The Maine House Of Representatives Voted Unanimously To Request That The Maine Supreme Court Issue An Opinion On Whether Poliquin’s Business Dealings While In Office Violated The Maine Constitution. “The Maine House of Representatives unanimously passed an order Thursday requesting the state’s highest court to issue an opinion on whether Treasurer Bruce Poliquin has violated the state constitution by engaging in commerce while in office. By a 122-0 vote, lawmakers approved House Order 41, offered by Majority Leader Philip Curtis of Madison, that asks the Maine Supreme Judicial Court to weigh in Poliquin’s situation. Curtis’ order reads, in part: ‘If it is determined that the Treasurer of State has engaged in any business of trade or commerce, or as a broker, or as an agent or factor for any merchant or trader, does that finding affect or have an impact on the validity of the actions taken by the Treasurer of State in the performance of his official duties as used in the Constitution of Maine, Article V, Part 3, Section 3?’” [Bangor Daily News, 3/1/12]

3/29/12: The Maine Supreme Court Declined To Rule On Poliquin’s Potential Constitutional Violation. “Maine’s highest court has declined to issue a ruling on a complaint that state Treasurer Bruce Poliquin violated the state Constitution by engaging in commerce while in office. […] ‘The record contains no findings or adjudication regarding the nature of any alleged constitutional violation; no facts have been presented to the Justices through the communication from the House of Representatives; the questions themselves are presented in the abstract and do not indicate the context in which they should be evaluated; and the record is silent with regard to the need for the discharge of any duties of the House of Representatives or the proposed commencement of any action by the Executive or Legislative Branch or any other governmental entities,’ the opinion reads. ‘Absent clear facts on which to opine, the questions present too broad a range of potential factual and legal possibilities. Given the procedural posture of this matter, we cannot conclude that an unusual exigency exists concerning a matter of live gravity.’” [Bangor Daily News, 3/29/12]

Poliquin’s Former Chief Of Staff And Campaign Manager Never Disclosed His Position As The Owner Of A Consulting Company And Failed To Disclose More Than $120,000 In Income From Poliquin’s Campaign On Financial Disclosures

2012 – 2018: Matt Hutson Managed Poliquin’s 2012 And 2014 Campaigns, Consulted On His 2016 And 2018 Campaigns, And Was Poliquin’s Chief Of Staff During Both Congressional Terms

2012: Hutson Managed Poliquin’s U.S. Senate Campaign. “Matt Hutson, who was campaign manager for state Treasurer Bruce Poliquin's U.S. Senate run, has been hired as campaign director by Protect Marriage Maine.” [Kennebec Journal, 8/15/12]

August 2013: Hutson Began Managing Poliquin’s 2014 House Campaign. [Matt Hutson LinkedIn, accessed 9/10/21]
2016 – 2019: Poliquin’s Campaign Paid Hutson Consulting $191,181.93 In Salary. Excluding payments from Poliquin for Congress Hutson Consulting that were described as moving, travel, mileage, phone, and web hosting expenses, as well as all reimbursements, Poliquin for Congress paid Hutson Consulting $191,93 between 2016 and 2019. [FEC, Committee Expenditure Search, accessed 10/21/21]


- 2016 – 2021: Hutson Listed Hutson Consulting’s Address As 123 Snow Pond Road, Oakland, Maine On Maine Secretary Of State Filings. [Maine Secretary of State, Hutson Consulting Annual Reports 2016 – 2021, accessed 10/7/21]

In 2018, Poliquin Sold 123 Snow Pond Road And Said He Continued To Lease An Apartment On The Property. “He had some hits and misses in real estate, but the bottom line is that between his career in finance and his real estate dealings, Poliquin’s personal wealth totaled more than $5 million by 2015, according to his financial disclosure form. OpenSecrets.org, which studies congressional financial forms, estimated he had $11.6 million, putting him well ahead of most House members. Since then, he sold the Messalonskee Lake property he got from his parents in 2007, not long after they moved to a senior housing place in Brunswick, where they still reside. That netted him another $450,000. He leases an apartment on the property from the buyers.” [Bangor Daily News, 9/22/18]

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**TOTAL** $120,557.50

[Hutson Personal Financial Disclosures, via Legistorm, accessed 10/21/21; FEC, Committee Expenditure Search, accessed 10/21/21]

*Note: This table excluded payments from Poliquin for Congress to Matt Hutson, Megan Hutson, and Hutson Consulting that were described as moving, travel, mileage, phone, and web hosting expenses, as well as all reimbursements. Full spreadsheet of disbursements from Poliquin’s campaign to Matt and Megan Hutson and Hutson Consulting is available in the drive.*

*This total does not double-count income for years in which Hutson submitted amended reports.*

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2017 – 2018: Hutson Never Disclosed His Position As The Owner Of Hutson Consulting In His Personal Financial Disclosures
2016 – 2021: Matt Hutson Was The Owner And President Of Hutson Consulting; Megan Hutson Was Its Treasurer. [Maine Secretary of State, filed 6/10/16, 5/17/17, 5/11/18, 5/10/19, 5/20/20, 5/19/21, accessed 9/29/21]


2015 – 2018: Poliquin Lived In His DC Office, A Practice Subject To Request For An Ethics Investigation From 29 House Democrats In 2017

2015 – 2018: Poliquin Slept In A Murphy Bed In His DC Office

2015: Poliquin Purchased And Installed A Murphy Bed In His DC Office. “Poliquin, who has made no secret of his living arrangements in Washington, has touted the efficiency of sleeping in a pull-down bed that he purchased and installed in his office in 2015. He takes showers at the House gymnasium.” [Kennebec Journal, 3/7/18]

2016: Poliquin’s DC Office Moved Buildings; He Installed A Murphy Bed In His New Longworth Office. “Maine’s Republican congressman says he’s bringing his Murphy bed with him to his new office. U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin and his staff are moving from the Cannon House office building to the Longworth building. Poliquin literally lives in his office, where he prefers the efficiency of sleeping in his pull down bed and showering in the House gym. Many members of Congress rent apartments in Washington instead.” [Associated Press, 1/8/17]

As Of September 2018, Poliquin Slept In A Murphy Bed In His DC Office. “Poliquin said patience is one of his best skills, along with the ability to listen to what people tell him. He said he wakes up every morning ready to get to work. ‘I don’t have an apartment or a house’ in Washington, Poliquin said, pointing out that he sleeps on a pull-down Murphy bed in his congressional office, showers at the congressional gym and focuses from morning to night on doing what he can ‘for the folks in the 2nd District.’” [Bangor Daily News, 9/22/18]

December 2017: 29 House Democrats Requested An Ethics Committee Investigation Into Members Who Slept In Their Offices, Whom They Said Received Free Government Benefits And Fostered A Hostile Working Environment

December 2017: 29 House Democrats Requested An Ethics Committee Investigation Into Members Who Slept In Their Offices. On December 13, 2017, 29 House Democrats submitted a letter to Ethics Committee leadership reading, “We are writing to question the legality and propriety of a significant number of Members choosing to use their Congressional offices as overnight lodging facilities. The actions of these Members raise several obvious and potential violations that reflect negatively upon the decorum and credibility of the House as a body and as an institution.[…] Accordingly, we request that the House Committee on Ethics review this issue and provide us with an advisory opinion answering: (1) whether it is in any way a violation of any House rule for a Member to reside in and sleep overnight in their offices; (2) whether this practice has, at any previous time, been expressly approved by the Committee on Ethics; (3) whether any federal law (including tax laws relative to imputed income) is violated by this practice; and (4) whether there are penalties for Members who do not abide by House standards.” [Letter to Reps. Susan Brooks and Ted Deutch, via Politico, 12/13/17]

• The Letter Alleged Members Who Slept In Their Offices “May Be Receiving Free Government Benefits Worth Up To 10% Of Their Salary.” “Members who sleep overnight in their offices receive free lodging, free cable, free security, free cleaning services, and utilize other utilities free of charge in direct violation of the ethics rules which prohibit official resources from being used for personal purposes. It has been previously reported that Members who use their offices for lodging may be receiving free government benefits worth up to
10% of their salary. While Members’ parking is treated as taxable compensation, these other amenities are not.” [Letter to Reps. Susan Brooks and Ted Deutch, via Politico, 12/13/17]

- **The Letter Alleged Members Who Slept In Their Offices Subjected Their Staff And Capitol Employees To A “Hostile Work Environment,” Interacting With Staff “In Their Sleeping Attire, Underwear, And Even Partially Nude.”** “Staff members and other House employees are subjected to seeing and at times interacting with Members in their sleeping attire, underwear, and even partially nude. This is intimidating and offensive; thus, contributing to a hostile work environment. Such is disrespectful and inconvenient to the housekeeping and maintenance workers who are required to clean the office buildings in the evenings and the Members’ staff who may be performing duties late at night and in the early hours. Staff members are often required to clean up in the mornings after a Member has slept in the office, which could also create a hostile work environment.” [Letter to Reps. Susan Brooks and Ted Deutch, via Politico, 12/13/17]

- **The Letter Did Not List Any Members Who Slept In Their Offices By Name.** [Letter to Reps. Susan Brooks and Ted Deutch, via Politico, 12/13/17]

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**As Of January 2019, The House Ethics Committee Had Not Started A Process To Address Whether Members Who Lived In Their Offices Violated The Committee’s Guidelines**

The Letter’s Signatories Requested A Response By January 5, 2018, Which They Did Not Receive. “Among the 30 CBC signatories to the previously unreported Dec. 13 letter are CBC Chairman Cedric Richmond (D-L.a.), Assistant Democratic Leader Jim Clyburn (D-S.C.) and Rep. Elijah Cummings of Maryland, the top Democrat on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. They asked for a response from the Ethics Committee by Jan. 5. Two months have since elapsed, and members say they’ve heard nothing back.” [Politico, 3/6/18]

As Of January 2019, The House Ethics Committee Had Not Started “The Process For Addressing The Housing Issue.” “Lofgren said the process for addressing the housing issue would start with public hearings, though she said it’s hard to say when that will happen since her committee has to attend to other priorities first. The final decision could ban members from living in their offices altogether or charge them for using the space.” [McClatchy DC, 1/22/19]

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**After House Democrats Submitted The Letter, Poliquin Defended His Practice Of Living In His Office**

March 2018: Poliquin’s Spokesperson Defended Poliquin’s Practice Of Living In His Office “So He Can Focus All Of His Time Working On Behalf Of The Families Of Maine’s 2nd Congressional District.”

“Poliquin, who has made no secret of his living arrangements in Washington, has touted the efficiency of sleeping in a pull-down bed that he purchased and installed in his office in 2015. He takes showers at the House gymnasium. He ‘lives in Maine and works in his office during the week when he is in Washington, D.C., so he can focus all of his time working on behalf of the families of Maine’s 2nd Congressional District,’ said Brendan Conley, his spokesman.” [Kennebec Journal, 3/7/18]

Poliquin’s Spokesperson Said Poliquin “Chooses To Sleep In His Office, Without Any Additional Costs Or Burdens To The Taxpayer In Any Way, Shape Or Form.” “He ‘lives in Maine and works in his office during the week when he is in Washington, D.C., so he can focus all of his time working on behalf of the families of Maine’s 2nd Congressional District,’ said Brendan Conley, his spokesman. Poliquin ‘chooses to sleep in his office, without any additional costs or burdens to the taxpayer in any way, shape or form,’ Conley said.” [Kennebec Journal, 3/7/18]

Cynthia Dill Op-Ed: “As A Member Of Congress From Maine With Abundant Personal Resources, It’s Distasteful That Poliquin Flagrantly Freeloads And Gloats About Being A Squatter.” “It’s beneath the dignity of public office for the Couch Caucus to camp in the nation's government buildings. Staff and other public
employees working on the premises should not have to tolerate these guys padding around in pajamas trimming their toenails. As a member of Congress from Maine with abundant personal resources, it's distasteful that Poliquin flagrantly freeloads and gloats about being a squatter. The Longworth House Office Building is not a public housing project. It's high time the good Congressman gets himself a room. Cynthia Dill is a civil rights lawyer and former state senator.” [Portland Press Herald, Cynthia Dill Op-Ed, 4/2/17]

- Poliquin Attacked Dill's Op-Ed As “False, Dishonest To Its Readers And Based On Personal, Inaccurate Attacks.” “Today, the Portland Press Herald published an article written by Cynthia Dill that is completely false, dishonest to its readers and based on personal, inaccurate attacks, specifically falsely claiming that Congressman Bruce Poliquin (ME-02) benefits from a special Congressional health care plan. Contrary to the narrative pushed in the published piece, built on numerous inaccuracies, Congressman Poliquin—on Day One in office—chose not to accept any special health care benefits or the Thrift Savings retirement plan afforded to Members of Congress.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 4/2/17]

2015: Poliquin Signed The NRCC’s “Patriot Program” Contract, Which Was Subject To An Ethics Complaint Over Alleged Use Of Official Resources For Campaign Activities

September 2015: The Washington Post Reported Poliquin Was Among Two Dozen Incumbent Republican Representatives Who Signed Onto The NRCC’s “Patriot Program.” “Two dozen House Republicans have agreed to privately detail their ‘legislative strategy’ to party operatives, promising to offer ‘political justifications’ for their goals in Congress. The Daily 202 obtained a copy of the three-page contract that the National Republican Congressional Committee requires members to sign if they want to participate in its Patriot Program. […] Here are Republicans members who are in the Patriot Program and apparently signed the contract: Barbara Comstock, Rodney Davis, Jeff Denham, Dan Benishek, Tim Walberg, Martha McSally, David Valadao, Mike Coffman, Carlos Curbelo, David Young, Bob Dold, Mike Bost, Bruce Poliquin, Frank Guinta, Cresent Hardy, Lee Zeldin, John Katko, Will Hurd, Ryan Costello, Steve Knight, Elise Stefanik, Dan Donovan and Mike Bishop.” [Washington Post, 9/3/15]

The Washington Post: The Patriot Program Promised “Access To Mounds Of Campaign Cash” With “Strings Attached,” Including The Submission Of A “Detailed, Written Legislative Strategy.” “The initiative, designed to protect potentially vulnerable incumbents, brings with it special attention and access to mounds of campaign cash. But strings are attached. One of the 13 requirements is to submit an off-year ‘campaign plan’ that includes: ‘Detailed, written legislative strategy that provides short-, intermediate-, and long-term legislative goals, including political justifications for those goals.’ ‘Be sure to include local issues unique to the district or region,’ the contract says. ‘Complete a Patriot Policy Priorities worksheet to be used by NRCC staff to evaluate legislative priorities for the current Congress and to promote and advocate for those priorities where appropriate.’” [Washington Post, 9/3/15]

The Patriot Program Required Incumbents To Only Use Party-Approved Vendors, Raise Six Figures For The NRCC, Attend Party Trainings, And Meet Campaign Fundraising Goals. “The closely-held document offers a window into how much autonomy lawmakers often must forfeit to unelected Washington insiders. For instance, in exchange for reelection support, lawmakers must promise to exclusively use vendors sanctioned by establishment-aligned party chieftains, attend training sessions and raise six figures for the NRCC. They must also commit to holding a certain amount of cash-on-hand at the end of each fundraising quarter and limit their spending. These goals are tailored to the individual member, so someone who sits on a prominent committee (say Financial Services) would be expected to bring in a bigger haul. And let’s face it, some of the goals are simply smart ways for members to prepare early in the era of the permanent campaign.” [Washington Post, 9/3/15]

October 2015: The American Democracy Legal Fund Filed An Ethics Complaint Against The Patriot Program Signatories And Alleged The Program Required Use Of Official Resources For Campaign Activities, Which Poliquin’s Advisor Denied


- The American Legal Democracy Fund Alleged The Patriot Program Required Representatives To Use Official Resources For Campaign Activities, Which Constituted An Ethics Violation. “The intent of the ‘Patriot Program Contract 2015’ is for Members to use their official resources available to them to coordinate and detail their legislative strategies and plans with the NRCC. The contract’s reference to the ‘MEMBER’ and explicit reference to, and separate signature line for, the Members’ Chief of Staff, makes clear that the contract is intended to reflect the Members’ official role. In that context, the demand for a legislative strategy plainly contemplates the use of official resources to accomplish that task. The House Ethics Manual provides that House employees may engage in campaign activities on ‘their own time, as volunteers or for pay, as long as they do not do so in congressional offices or facilities, or otherwise use official resources.’ If the Members and their staff use legislative plans and strategies crafted during House working periods and using House resources as required by the contract, they will violate federal law and House Ethics rules.” [American Legal Democracy Fund Office of Congressional Ethics Complaint, via Portland Press Herald, dated 10/7/15, published 10/8/15]

Poliquin’s Political Advisor Dismissed The Complaint As “Talk[ing] Politics” And “Vehemently Disputed” That Donors Drove Poliquin’s Legislative Priorities. “The agreement has opened the freshman congressman to criticism from Democrats that he is beholden to outside interests, and not his constituents, in the 2nd Congressional District. Democrats’ characterization of Poliquin has consistently included assertions that his campaign donors are driving his legislative agenda, a charge vehemently disputed by Brent Littlefield, Poliquin’s political adviser. Littlefield did not directly address the merits of the ethics complaint, instead dismissing it as a political stunt. ‘While some want to talk politics a year before an election, Congressman Poliquin just passed his first authored bill through Congress helping parents and he passed an amendment to encourage job creation around former Maine military bases,’ he said.” [Portland Press Herald, 10/8/15]


Portland Press Herald Editorial Board: The Patriot Program Contract “Raise[s] Questions Over Whether The Coordination Between The Candidates And The NRCC Oversteps The Law.” “Just the latest example is a confidential agreement signed by 2nd District U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin and 22 other Republican congressmen agreeing to disclose their legislative agenda and its ‘political justification’ to the National Republican Congressional Committee in exchange for financial support during the 2016 campaign. The sharing of some information between the candidates and the national party committee is expected and common. But the contract, its level of detail and its requirements appear to go beyond what is normal, and raise questions over whether the coordination between the candidates and the NRCC oversteps the law.” [Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 9/11/15]

2012 – 2019: Poliquin Was Subject To Two FEC Ethics Complaints, Both Of Which Were Dismissed

2019: Poliquin Was Subject To An Ethics Complaint That Alleged He Accepted $1,500 From A
April 2019: Alexander Austin Submitted A Complaint To The FEC That Alleged Hundreds Of American Campaigns Accepted Direct Contributions From Enbridge, A Canadian Oil Pipeline Company. In a letter to the Office of the General Counsel of the FEC, Alexander Austin wrote, “At a high level, the violations can be summarized as: a foreign (Canadian) company (Enbridge Inc.) has made hundreds of contributions directly to American political campaigns and dozens of American political party committees; likewise, hundreds of American political campaigns and dozens of American political party committees accepted contributions from a foreign (Canadian) company (Enbridge Inc.). […] Enbridge Inc. is a publicly traded oil pipeline company based in Calgary, Canada.” [FEC, Case # WMUR-7594, Complaint, 4/8/19]

- The Complaint Alleged Poliquin Accepted $1,500 From Enbridge. [FEC, Case # WMUR-7594, Complaint, 4/8/19]

As Of February 2019, Alexander Austin Was The Treasurer Of Isaac McCorkle’s Campaign For U.S. Representative In Colorado’s 4th Congressional District. [FEC, Statement of Organization, 2/21/19]

December 2019: The FEC’s General Counsel Recommended Closing The File Because The Complaint Was “Baseless” Since The Contributions Were Made By A PAC, Not A Company. “Enbridge Inc., Enbridge (U.S.) Inc., and Enbridge PAC (collectively, “Enbridge Respondents”) assert that the Complaint is baseless because the contributions were made by Enbridge PAC, not Enbridge Inc. […] RECOMMENDATIONS 1. Dismiss the allegation that Enbridge, Inc. violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(1) and send a letter of caution; 2. Dismiss the allegation that Enbridge (U.S.) Inc., Enbridge (U.S.) Inc. Political Action Committee and K. Ritu Talwar in her official capacity as treasurer, and Enbridge Energy Company, Inc. violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(1); 3. Find no reason to believe that the Federal and State Committee Respondents violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(2); 4. Approve the attached Factual and Legal Analysis; 5. Approve the appropriate letters; and 6. Close the file.” [FEC, Case # WMUR-7594, First General Counsel’s Report, 12/11/19]

July 2020: The FEC Closed The Case And Notified Poliquin’s Campaign That It Had No Reason To Believe It Violated The Law. “On April 18, 2019, the Federal Election Commission (‘Commission’) notified your clients, Poliquin for Congress and Thomas Datwyler, of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the ‘Act’). On July 2, 2020, based upon the information contained in the complaint and information provided by respondents, the Commission found no reason to believe that your clients violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(2). Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.” [FEC, Case # WMUR-7594, Notification to Poliquin for Congress, 12/11/19]

May 2012: Poliquin’s Senate Campaign Was Subject To An FEC Complaint That It Failed To File With The FEC After The Campaign Raised $5,000; The File Was Closed

May 2012: Gerald Weinand Filed An FEC Complaint Against Poliquin’s Senate Campaign For Allegedly Failing To File With The FEC After Raising $5,000 By April 2012. “This complaint is against Bruce Poliquin, the State Treasurer of Maine, who is seeking the Republican Party nomination for US Senate (see attached Statement of Organization). Mr. Poliquin did not file a financial report for the 1st Quarter of 2012, despite having contributions and expenditures (combined) of more than $5,000 before 31 March 2012. […] The expenditures that the Poliquin for US Senate campaign made qualifying for the ballot, as well as the kick-off party for the campaign, and the cost of creating and hosting a website, when combined with the $5,000 donation from Alamo PAC, trigger the requirement for a candidate to file.” [FEC, Case # WMUR-6571, Complaint, 5/1/12]

- Gerald Weinand Was The Editor Of Dirigo Blue And A “Prominent Voice In Democratic Politics,” According To The Kennebec Journal. In 2015, the Kennebec Journal reported, “From Friday to Tuesday, her campaign sent out six fundraising appeals. That irked blogger Gerald Weinand, a prominent voice in

April 2013: The FEC General Counsel Recommended Closing The File Since Poliquin Did Not Receive $5,000 By April 2012. “$5,000 in contributions and made less than $5,000 in expenditures prior to April 1,2012. The Committee states that Poliquin did not receive Alamo PAC’s $5,000 contribution until April 20,2012, because the contribution had been sent to the wrong address. Resp. at 2. referencing the Alamo PAC contribution with the Commission until after April 20,2012, when its receipts exceeded $5,000. Resp. at 2 […] he Complaint makes several allegations against Poliquin and his Committee based upon inaccurate information. Upon a review of the record, it appears that Poliquin properly registered his candidacy and principal campaign committee and his Committee filed its initial disclosure report. Accordingly, the Office of General Counsel recommends that the Commission find no reason to believe that Bruce L. Poliquin and Poliquin for U.S. Senate and Timothy L. Thompson in his official capacity as treasurer violated the Act with regard to the allegations in this matter. Further, the Office of General Counsel recommends that the Commission approve the attached Factual & Legal Analysis and the appropriate letters, and close the file.” [FEC, Case # WMUR-6571, General Counsel’s Report, 4/29/13]

June 2013: The FEC Closed The Case And Notified Poliquin’s Campaign That It Had No Reason To Believe It Violated The Law. “On May 14,2012, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients, Bruce L. Poliquin and Poliquin for U.S. Senate and Timothy L. Thompson in his official capacity as treasurer, of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the ‘Act’). On June 11,2013, the Commission found that, on the basis of the information in the complaint, and information provided by your clients, there is no reason to believe they violated the Act. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.” [FEC, Case # WMUR-6571, Notification to Poliquin for Congress, 6/14/13]

Congressional Perks

**Health & Retirement Benefits**

**Poliquin Voted Three Times To Fully Repeal The Affordable Care Act, Which “Would Let Members Of Congress Keep Their Government-Subsidized Insurance Coverage After They Retire — A Benefit They Lost Under The Health Law”**

The Hill: Repealing The ACA “Would Let Members Of Congress Keep Their Government-Subsidized Insurance Coverage After They Retire — A Benefit They Lost Under The Health Law.” “Repealing President Obama’s healthcare law would let members of Congress keep their government-subsidized insurance coverage after they retire — a benefit they lost under the health law. The Affordable Care Act — specifically, a Republican amendment to the Affordable Care Act — kicked members of Congress and their aides out of the healthcare program for federal employees. Instead, lawmakers and staff have to get coverage through the insurance exchanges created by the healthcare law. Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa), who championed that provision, said it ensures that lawmakers live under the same rules as their constituents. Now, as the House prepares to vote on a bill to repeal the Affordable Care Act, some Democrats are arguing that repeal would reinstate a two-tiered system that gives lawmakers a leg up.” [The Hill, 7/9/12]

* April 2015: Poliquin Voted For The Republican Conference Report On Budget That Began The Process To Repeal The Affordable Care Act. [S Con Res 11, Vote #183, 4/30/15; Bloomberg, 4/29/15]


2016 – 2018: Poliquin Claimed He Refused The “Cadillac Health Care Plan” And Thrift Savings Plan Offered To Members Of Congress, Which He Could Not Decline Had He Become Eligible For A Pension

Poliquin’s Campaign Website Stated He “Refused Special Congressional Retirement Benefits.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/5/18]

- **Members Of Congress Had To Serve For Five Years In Order To Be Eligible For A Pension At Age 62 Or Older.** “Under both CSRS and FERS, Members of Congress are eligible for a pension at the age of 62 if they have completed at least 5 years of service. Members are eligible for a pension at age 50 if they have completed 20 years of service, or at any age after completing 25 years of service.” [Congressional Research Service, 8/8/19]

- **As Of November 2021, Poliquin Was 68 Years Old And Had Served In Congress For Four Years.** [Biographical Director of the United States Congress, accessed 11/4/21]

- **Members Of Congress Who Entered Office After September 2003 Cannot Decline To Be Covered By The Federal Employees’ Retirement System (FERS).** “These amendments also required all Members of Congress to participate in Social Security as of January 1, 1984, regardless of when they first entered Congress. Because CSRS [Civil Service Retirement System] was not designed to coordinate with Social Security, Congress directed the development of a new retirement plan for federal workers. The result was the Federal Employees’ Retirement System Act of 1986 (P.L. 99-335). Members of Congress first elected in 1984 or later are covered automatically under the Federal Employees’ Retirement System (FERS). All Senators and those Representatives serving as Members prior to September 30, 2003, may decline this coverage. Representatives entering office on or after September 30, 2003, cannot elect to be excluded from such coverage. Members who were already in Congress when Social Security coverage went into effect could either remain in CSRS or change their coverage to FERS.” [Congressional Research Service, 8/8/19]

2016: Poliquin Claimed He Refused The “Cadillac Health Care Plan” And “Thrift Savings Plan” Offered To Members Of Congress. POLIQUIN: “I also refuse the Cadillac health care plan” that’s provided to members of Congress, I have my own health care plan that I’ve been paying for, for quite some time. I refuse the Thrift Savings Plan that’s offered to members of Congress.” [CSPAN, 2018 Maine Public ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/19/16] (VIDEO) 4:59

- **Congressional Research Service: The Thrift Savings Plan Was An “Integral Component Of FERS.”** “The Thrift Savings Plan: An Integral Component of FERS The TSP is a defined contribution retirement plan similar to those authorized under Section 401(k) of the tax code for employers in the private sector. For all federal employees enrolled in FERS, their employing agency contributes an amount equal to 1% of their base pay to the TSP, whether or not the employee chooses to contribute anything to the plan. FERS employee contributions of up to 5% of pay are matched by the employing agency. Employees covered by CSRS can participate in the TSP, but they receive no employer matching contributions. In 2019, employees enrolled in TSP can make voluntary contributions of up to $19,000. Employees aged 50 or older can contribute an additional $6,000 in 2019 (for a total contribution limit of $25,000).” [Congressional Research Service, 8/8/19]

2018: Poliquin’s Campaign Website Said He “Pays For His Own Health Insurance.” “[Poliquin] Has refused to accept special Congressional healthcare benefits for Members of Congress, he pays for his own health insurance.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/5/18]

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we the people get. When that comes to fruition, we will fix these problems in lightning speed. I’m the sort of individual, what’s good for the goose is good for the gander. There should be no special opportunities or exemptions for members of Congress and their staffs. One of the things, and why people are so cynical about our public officials in Washington is because members of Congress and their staffs have been exempted, asked for an exemption from the President in regards to Obamacare’s expensive mandates. And they were granted that exemption. So that’s the sort of thing that gets under people’s skin.” [YouTube, Maine 02 RawFootage, WAGM Raye Poliquin Primary Debate, 5/30/14] (VIDEO) 48:01

**Amenities & Capitol Grounds**

**2018: Poliquin Voted Against Decreasing Funding For The Architect Of The Capitol Projects**

**2018: Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Would “Appropriate $2.5 Million” For The Office Of Technology Assessment And “Decrease Funding” For The Architect Of The Capitol Projects.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted against “Takano, D-Calif., amendment that would appropriate $2.5 million for the Office of Technology Assessment and would decrease funding for the Architect of the Capitol's capital construction and operations projects by $3.5 million.” The vote failed 195-217. [HR 5895, Vote #255, 6/8/18; CQ Floor Votes, 6/8/18]

**Airfare**

**2018: Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bill To Ensure That Senior Political Appointees Did Not Spend Federal Funds On Private Air Travel**

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bill To Ensure That Senior Political Appointees Did Not Spend Federal Funds On Private Air Travel.** In April 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule…” According to Rep. Torres, “if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Representative Lieu’s H.R. 3876, the SWAMP FLYERS Act. This legislation will ensure that senior political appointees are not using Federal funds for official travel on private aircraft.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 225-190. [HR 839, Vote #150, 4/25/18; CQ, 4/25/18; Congressional Record, HR 3518, 4/25/18]

**2017: Poliquin Voted Against Extending Whistleblower Protections Pertaining To Employees Who Disclose Information About Improper Use Of Aircrafts By Government Officials**

**Poliquin Voted Against Extending Whistleblower Protections Pertaining To Employees Who Disclose Information About Improper Use Of Aircrafts By Government Officials.** In October 2017, Poliquin voted against: “O’Halleran, D-Ariz., motion to recommit the bill would extend the whistleblower protections in the underlying bill pertaining to employees who disclose information about the improper use of aircraft by government officials.” The motion was rejected 232-190. [S 585, Vote #567, 10/12/17; CQ, 10/12/17, DemocraticLeader.gov, accessed 11/13/17]


**2015: Poliquin Voted For House Rules That Allowed Members To Use Official Funds For First-Class Travel**

**2015: Poliquin Voted For Adopting House Rules.** In January 2015, Poliquin voted for the rules of the House. The motion was adopted by a vote of 234 – 172. [HRes5, Vote #6, 1/6/15; CQ, 1/6/15]

- **House Rules Allowed Members To Use Official Funds For Travel On First Class Aircrafts That Adhered**
To FAA And Safety Guidelines. House Rules showed that members could use official funds to pay for a first class light if “the aircraft is operated by an air carrier or commercial operator certified by the Federal Aviation Administration and the flight is required to be conducted under air carrier safety rules, or, in the case of travel which is abroad, by an air carrier or commercial operator certificated by an appropriate foreign civil aviation authority and the flight is required to be conducted under air carrier safety rules.” [114th Congress House of Representatives Rules, 1/6/15]

### Office Of Congressional Ethics

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# Consultant & Staff Relationships

**Significant Findings**

- Matt Hutson managed Poliquin’s 2012 and 2014 campaigns, consulted on his 2016 and 2018 campaigns, and was Poliquin’s chief of staff from 2015 to 2019.

- In 2012, Hutson led a campaign against Maine’s referendum for marriage equality.

- Hutson never disclosed his ownership of Hutson Consulting on personal financial disclosures, and failed to report an estimated $120,557.50 in payments from Poliquin’s campaign to Hutson Consulting on personal financial disclosures.

- Hutson Consulting was registered in 2016 at Poliquin’s Oakland property.

- Hutson accepted $75,381 in federal pandemic relief, including $10,040 for his political consulting business and $65,341 for his dog breeding company.

- Poliquin criticized the American Rescue Plan as the “Biden spending blowout.”

- Brent Littlefield joined Poliquin’s campaign in summer 2013 and was paid more than $7 million by the campaign between 2014 and 2018 as its “longtime media consultant.”

- Poliquin’s House office paid Littlefield Consulting more than $290,000 in taxpayer money between 2015 and 2018 for communications, printing, technology services, advertisements, and more.

- Poliquin’s congressional office spent nearly half a million dollars on franked mail between 2015 and 2018, more than 16 times what the average U.S. Representative spent during that time period, and at one point more than any other U.S. Representative.

- In 2017 and 2018, Littlefield Consulting accepted more than $300,000 from the Welfare to Work PAC, which opposed Medicaid expansion in Maine.

- Littlefield was a consultant for Gov. LePage and accepted $65,000 from a “dark money” non-profit run by LePage’s daughter when the organization was “nearly dormant.”

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### Matt Hutson

**2012 – 2018: Matt Hutson Managed Poliquin’s 2012 And 2014 Campaigns, Consulted On His 2016 And 2018 Campaigns, And Was Poliquin’s Chief Of Staff During Both Congressional Terms**

**2012: Hutson Managed Poliquin’s U.S. Senate Campaign.** “Matt Hutson, who was campaign manager for state Treasurer Bruce Poliquin’s U.S. Senate run, has been hired as campaign director by Protect Marriage Maine.” [Kennebec Journal, 8/15/12]

**August 2013: Hutson Began Managing Poliquin’s 2014 House Campaign.** [Matt Hutson LinkedIn, accessed 9/10/21]

**January 2015 – January 2019: Hutson Was Poliquin’s Chief Of Staff.** [Legistorm, accessed 10/19/21]
2016 – 2019: Poliquin’s Campaign Paid Hutson Consulting $191,181.93 In Salary. Excluding payments from Poliquin for Congress Hutson Consulting that were described as moving, travel, mileage, phone, and web hosting expenses, as well as all reimbursements, Poliquin for Congress paid Hutson Consulting $191,93 between 2016 and 2019. [FEC, Committee Expenditure Search, accessed 10/21/21]


2012: Hutson Led An Unsuccessful Campaign Against Marriage Equality In Maine As The Director Of “Protect Marriage Maine”

August 2012: Matt Hutson Became Director Of Protect Marriage Maine, A Campaign In Opposition To Maine’s Marriage Equality Referendum. “Opponents of the November same-sex marriage referendum have hired a husband-and-wife team to help run the campaign. Matt Hutson, who was campaign manager for state Treasurer Bruce Poliquin’s U.S. Senate run, has been hired as campaign director by Protect Marriage Maine.” [Kennebec Journal, 8/15/12]

August 2012: Megan Hutson, Matt Hutson’s Wife, Became Grassroots Coordinator Of Protect Marriage Maine. “Matt Hutson, who was campaign manager for state Treasurer Bruce Poliquin’s U.S. Senate run, has been hired as campaign director by Protect Marriage Maine. His wife, Megan, will serve as grassroots coordinator, the campaign announced Wednesday.” [Kennebec Journal, 8/15/12]

• Matt Hutson: “Megan And I Believe Strongly In The Sanctity Of Marriage And Are Thrilled To Work With Protect Marriage Maine.” “Matt Hutson has also worked as state director for Republican Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, and was the central region director for Rick Santorum for president. ‘Megan and I believe strongly in the sanctity of marriage and are thrilled to work with Protect Marriage Maine,’ Matt Hutson said in a prepared statement. ‘If the initiative on the November ballot passes, marriage will be redefined for everyone and will be the only legal definition of marriage for anyone in Maine.’” [Kennebec Journal, 8/15/12]

November 2012: Maine’s Marriage Equality Referendum Passed With 51.5 Percent Of The Vote. [Maine Secretary of State, Election Results, 11/6/12]


June 2016: Hutson Registered Hutson Consulting At Poliquin’s Oakland Address

June 2016: Matthew Hutson Registered Hutson Consulting With Maine’s Secretary Of State At 123 Snow Pond Rd, Oakland Maine. [Maine Secretary of State, filed 6/10/16, accessed 9/29/21]

• 2016 – 2021: Hutson Listed Hutson Consulting’s Address As 123 Snow Pond Road, Oakland, Maine On Maine Secretary Of State Filings. [Maine Secretary of State, Hutson Consulting Annual Reports 2016 – 2021, accessed 10/7/21]

• In 2018, Poliquin Sold 123 Snow Pond Road And Said He Continued To Lease An Apartment On The Property. “He had some hits and misses in real estate, but the bottom line is that between his career in finance and his real estate dealings, Poliquin’s personal wealth totaled more than $5 million by 2015, according to his financial disclosure form. OpenSecrets.org, which studies congressional financial forms, estimated he had $11.6 million, putting him well ahead of most House members. Since then, he sold the Messalonskee Lake property he got from his parents in 2007, not long after they moved to a senior housing place in Brunswick,
where they still reside. That netted him another $450,000. He leases an apartment on the property from the buyers.” [Bangor Daily News, 9/22/18]

2016 – 2021: Matt Hutson Was The Owner And President Of Hutson Consulting; Megan Hutson Was Its Treasurer. [Maine Secretary of State, filed 6/10/16, 5/17/17, 5/11/18, 5/10/19, 5/20/20, 5/19/21, accessed 9/29/21]

| 2015 – 2018: Hutson Never Disclosed His Position As Owner Of Hutson Consulting And Failed To Disclose More Than $120,000 In Income From Poliquin’s Campaign On Financial Disclosures |

| 2015 – 2018: Hutson Failed To Report A Total Of $120,557.50 In Earned Income From Poliquin’s Campaigns On His Personal Financial Disclosures |

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Total* $120,557.50

[Hutson Personal Financial Disclosures, via Legistorm, accessed 10/21/21; FEC, Committee Expenditure Search, accessed 10/21/21]

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* This total does not double-count income for years in which Hutson submitted amended reports.

2017 – 2018: Hutson Never Disclosed His Position As The Owner Of Hutson Consulting In His Personal Financial Disclosures

2016 – 2021: Matt Hutson Was The Owner And President Of Hutson Consulting; Megan Hutson Was Its Treasurer. [Maine Secretary of State, filed 6/10/16, 5/17/17, 5/11/18, 5/10/19, 5/20/20, 5/19/21, accessed 9/29/21]


Hutson Accepted $75,381 In Federal Covid Relief; Poliquin Attacked The American Rescue Plan As The “Biden Spending Blowout”

2020 – 2021: Hutson Consulting Accepted Up To $10,040 In PPP Loans
In February 2021, Hutson Consulting At 6105 Lombard Street, Cheverly, MD Accepted $5,000 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans. Hutson Consulting located at 6105 Lombard Street, Cheverly, Maryland received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of $5,000 which was approved in February 2021. The status of this loan was not disclosed as of September 2021. This loan reportedly retained two jobs. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via Federalpay.org, accessed 9/14/21]

- **Hutson Owned Both Hutson Consulting And Lily & Chloe Mini Goldendoodles.** “Previously served as Chief of Staff for Congressman Bruce Poliquin of Maine, the only Republican Congressman in all of New England. Prior to working with Congressman Poliquin, I worked and helped elect other Members of Congress, such as Andy Harris of Maryland, Jim Renacci of Ohio, and Roger Williams of Texas. Non-Congressional races include the re-election of Gov. Bobby Jindal of Louisiana, and numerous state elected officials in several states. I have also worked for the Republican Party of Louisiana and other entities focused on political grassroots activity. Owner of Hutson Consulting, Magnolia Maison of Louisiana LLC, and Lily & Chloe Mini Goldendoodles.” [Matt Hutson LinkedIn, accessed 9/14/21]

- **May 2019: Hutson Registered Lily & Chloe Mini Goldendoodles, At 6105 Lombard St, Cheverly, MD.** [Maryland Secretary of State, Business Entity Search, 5/23/19, accessed 9/14/21]

In April 2020, Hutson Consulting In Wilmington, DE Accepted $5,040 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans. Hutson Consulting received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of $5,040 which was approved in April 2021. According to FederalPay, this business was located at 2035 Limestone Rd, Wilmington, Delaware. TD Bank, the lender for this loan, was located at 2035 Limestone Rd, Wilmington, Delaware. As of September 2021, $5,095 of this loan was forgiven. This loan reportedly retained one job. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via Federalpay.org, accessed 9/14/21; ProPublica Tracking PPP, accessed 9/14/21; TD Bank, accessed 9/14/21]

*Note: Further research is needed to prove that Hutson Consulting purportedly of Wilmington, Delaware is connected to Matt Hutson.*

**Hutson’s Company, Lily & Chloe Mini Goldendoodles, Accepted $65,341 In PPP Loans**

Matt Hutson Was A Director And Resident Agent Of Lily & Chloe Mini Goldendoodles. [Maryland Secretary of State, Business Entity Search, 5/23/19, accessed 9/14/21]

- **Matt Hutson Operated Lily & Chloe Mini Goldendoodles, A Mini Goldendoodle Breeding Company, With His Sister, Amy, And Wife, Megan.** “In a nutshell, that is how Lily & Chloe Mini Goldendoodles was born! Matt had always wanted to be in business with his sister Amy, but never knew what they could do together. That is, not until they welcomed Lily & Chloe into their lives, and then all the pieces starting coming together. Amy is fantastic with the pups, caring for and loving them and the four kiddos can’t get enough snuggles. Couple that with having more than a decade of experience as a Veterinarian’s wife and you have a recipe for success! Amy and the kids work together to raise the pups, providing them loads of love and attention as they prepare for their new homes. We have continued this tradition by welcoming family friends who are committed to providing the same love and attention, allowing us to offer more selection and a shorter wait time! Megan, Matt’s ever talented wife, handles portions of the backend paperwork management, and logo design. Matt handles the photography, communications and planning aspects.” [Lily and Chloe Mini Goldendoodles, accessed 9/14/21]

In February 2021, Lily & Chloe Mini Goldendoodles Accepted $43,020 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans. Lily & Chloe Mini Goldendoodles in Cheverly, Maryland received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of $43,020 which was approved in February 2021. The status of this loan was not disclosed as of September 2021. This loan reportedly retained two jobs. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via Federalpay.org, accessed 9/14/21]
In April 2020, Lily & Chloe Mini Goldendoodles Accepted $22,321 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans. Lily & Chloe Mini Goldendoodles in Hyattsville, Maryland received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of $22,321 which was approved in April 2020. $22,563 of this loan was forgiven as of September 2021. This loan reportedly retained two jobs. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via Federalpay.org, accessed 9/14/21; ProPublica Tracking PPP, accessed 9/14/21]

Poliquin Attacked The American Rescue Plan As The “Biden Spending Blowout” But Praised The CARES Act

4/1/21: Poliquin Op-Ed: “Less Than 10 Percent Of The Behemoth $1.9 Trillion Bill Will Help Battle The Pandemic.” “Speaking of spending, Biden and spendthrift liberals ignored Republican concerns and rammed through the largest spending and debt ‘COVID relief’ package in U.S. history. So much for bipartisan unity. Less than 10 percent of the behemoth $1.9 trillion bill will help battle the pandemic, like administering more vaccinations. But it does send $1,400 each to felons and some illegal immigrants instead of targeting checks to low-income families. Married couples earning up to $150,000 per year receive $2,800 plus more money for the kids.” [Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, Bangor Daily News, 4/1/21]

4/19/21: Poliquin Called The American Rescue Plan The “Biden Spending Blowout.” “Maine towns, cities and counties will soon receive millions from the federal government as a result of the Biden spending blowout, yet these same governments are moving to increase taxes this year. Property taxpayers already don’t get what they pay for with closed govt schools!”

[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 4/19/21]

2/26/21: Poliquin Called The American Rescue Plan A “Democrat [Sic] Wishlist Disguised As Covid Relief Today, Including Checks For Illegal Immigrants, $15/Hr Minimum Wage, Fed Funding For Abortions.” “US House to approve $1.9 trillion democrat wishlist disguised as covid relief today, including checks for illegal immigrants, $15/hr minimum wage, fed funding for abortions, bailout of pre-covid fiscally irresponsible states like Cali & NY. Real relief isn't any of these things!”
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8:37 AM · Feb 26, 2021 · Twitter Web App

[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 2/26/21]

10/23/20: Poliquin Praised Trump For The CARES Act’s Stimulus Checks And The Paycheck Protection Program. “Helping American families recover from the forced shutdown has been the President’s top priority. The CARES Act sent emergency relief checks directly to families to help them pay the bills while mostly staying home from work. The enormously successful Paycheck Protection Program awarded more than $2.2 billion of forgivable loans to help 28,000 Maine businesses stay afloat and preserve more than 200,000 jobs.” [Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, Maine Examiner, 10/23/20]

2013 – 2014: Matt And Megan Hutson Gave Poliquin’s Campaign $25 In $5 Contributions


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[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed 10/21/21]

Brent Littlefield

Poliquin And Gov. Paul LePage Shared A Political Advisor, Brent Littlefield

Poliquin, LePage, And Ex-Gubernatorial Candidate Shawn Moody Shared A Political Advisor, Brent Littlefield. “Littlefield has served as a political consultant to a variety of conservative Maine politicians, including the elder LePage, former gubernatorial candidate Shawn Moody and former Rep. Bruce Poliquin.” [Bangor Daily News, 3/11/19]
• Littlefield Consulting Website: “Littlefield Was Credited With The Victory Of Governor Paul LePage Of Maine.” “In an Associated Press profile, published under headlines ‘adviser’s savvy helped win election,’ and ‘political wiz,’ Littlefield was credited with the victory of Governor Paul LePage of Maine. At the time, the only Republican Governor in all New England, Littlefield created the campaign’s strategy and message deployment that drove LePage to a 21-point victory in a seven-way primary and a substantial win in the general election. Littlefield served as a Senior Political Adviser to the Governor throughout his terms and as his adviser and consultant again in his 2014 re-election victory which saw LePage receive the largest number of votes in the state’s history at that time.” [Littlefield Consulting, accessed 9/27/21]

• September 2021: Littlefield Spoke To Reporters About LePage’s Gubernatorial Run As His “Longtime Campaign Media Consultant.” “LePage’s longtime campaign media consultant, Brent Littlefield, has pitched a kinder, gentler LePage and says the former governor in recent months has been on a statewide listening tour, meeting with small groups and hearing them out, largely in private settings or in visits to fairs and festivals over the summer. […] ‘This is not a presidential election, not an election for the governor of New England, or any other election,’ Littlefield said. ‘This is an election for the governor of Maine. We intend to keep it about that and the issues and concerns of Maine people.’” [Portland Press Herald, 9/21/21]

Littlefield Joined Poliquin’s 2014 Campaign In Summer 2013 And “Crafted” Its Messaging. “A consultant who crafted the successful campaigns of both LePage and Poliquin, Littlefield proved beyond a doubt in 2014 that he’s got a winning strategy for electing conservative Republicans in Maine. […] Littlefield said that when he joined Poliquin’s campaign in summer 2013, he knew that telling the candidate’s story was priority No. 1. Poliquin’s background as a trust fund manager could be turned into a negative, so setting the message early was key.” [Bangor Daily News, 1/4/15]

2015 – 2019: Poliquin’s Congressional Office Paid Littlefield Consulting Nearly $300,000 And Spent Nearly Half A Million Dollars On Franked Mail


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2015 – 2018: Poliquin’s Congressional Office Spent $465,550 On Franked Mail, More Than 16 Times The Average Member Spent, And At One Point More Than Any Other U.S. Representative


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- $465,550.54 Divided By $28,568.53 Was Roughly 16.3.


- $465,550.54 Divided By $6,661.62 Was Roughly 69.9.

July – August 2016: Poliquin Spent $150,000 In Six Weeks On Franked Mail, More Than Any Other Representative. “Still, that Poliquin spent more than $150,000 on franked mail during the six weeks after July 1, 2016, more than any of the other 434 members of the House, means something.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 8/13/18]

- July – August 2016: Poliquin’s Office Spent $150,902.80 On Franked Mail. [U.S. House of Representatives, Statements of Disbursements, 2016 Q3]
July 2018: Poliquin Sent Franked Mail That Touted An Award He Received From An Organization That Supported Privatizing Social Security And Turning Medicare Into A Voucher-Like System

July 2018: Poliquin Sent A Piece Of Franked Mail That Touted The Guardian Of Seniors’ Rights Award He Received. “To that end, I was honored to be selected to receive the Guardian of Senior Rights’ award for 2018. This selective award is given to Members of Congress who vote to protect Medicare and Social Security and are outspoken advocates for programs that help our Senior Citizens. Please know that I am working hard to Preserve and Protect these important programs.”


- Columnist Amy Fried Wrote That The Letter Was Postmarked July 12, 2018. “I haven’t seen any publicity about this from Poliquin’s campaign or congressional office, but two days ago my household received a letter dated July 12 from the latter saying the congressman ‘was honored to receive the Guardian of Seniors’ Rights award for 2018.’ You can see the letter below and can see the portion quoted just below the envelope.” [Amy Fried Column, 7/23/18]

The Koch Brothers Funded The 60 Plus Association, Which Was Founded As A Conservative Alternative To AARP. “The ad was put out last month by the 60 Plus Association, a Koch–funded 501(c)(4) group founded in 1992 by a Republican Senate staffer as a conservative alternative to AARP.” [The Intercept, 10/15/21]

The 60 Plus Association Supported Republicans’ Proposals To Privatize Social Security And Turn Medicare Into A Voucher-Like System. “Despite its televised claims to want to defend Medicare, the 60 Plus Association backed former Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan’s 2011 plan to end the program and turn it into a capped voucher system, as well as former President George W. Bush’s push to privatize Social Security.” [The Intercept, 10/15/21]

Note: This letter was not available in the Clerk of the House of Representative’s Franking Commission Advisory Opinion Public Disclosure archive of Poliquin’s mass communications from 2018.

Poliquin’s Spokesperson Defended His Use Of Franked Mail

Poliquin Spokesperson Defended Franked Mail As Necessary To Communicate With Constituents Of “One Of The Most Elderly And Rural Districts In The Nation.” “As one of the most elderly and rural districts in the nation, many of our constituents primarily use hard copy mail, Conley said. ‘Our office puts a premium on communicating with constituents, and does so without any extra burden to taxpayers whatsoever.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 8/13/18]

Poliquin Spokesperson: “There Is Absolutely No Extra Burden Or Cost To The Taxpayer For Franking - None.” “Brendan Conley, Poliquin's press secretary, said Monday it is important to note ‘there is absolutely no extra burden or cost to the taxpayer for franking - none.’ He said each member of the House receives an allocation for office expenses - staff salaries, office rent, travel reimbursement and more - and can choose how to divvy up the money. Poliquin's share is $1.37 million annually. For Poliquin, who spent $83,000 on mailings in August 2016, franked mail to constituents is an especially big priority.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 8/13/18]

Portland Press Herald On Poliquin’s Increased Franked Mail Spending During Campaign Season: “ No Honest Person Can Dismiss The Connection Between Franked Mail And Campaigning.” “No honest person can dismiss the connection between franked mail and campaigning, particularly when you consider which members spend the most on mailings. In the six weeks before the 2016 deadline, as he faced a tough challenge in his first re-election race, Poliquin spent $150,000 on franked mail, the most of any member of Congress.” [Portland Press Herald, 8/17/18]

2014 – 2018: Poliquin’s Campaign Paid Littlefield Consulting More Than $7 Million For Campaign Consulting, Media Placements, Direct Mail, Polling, And Advertising

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Note: A full spreadsheet of Poliquin’s campaign’s itemized disbursements to Littlefield Consulting is available on the drive.

**2017 – 2018: Littlefield Consulting Accepted More Than $300,000 From The Welfare To Work PAC, Which Opposed Medicaid Expansion In Maine**
September 2017: Littlefield And The Welfare To Work PAC “Spearheaded The Opposition” To Medicaid Expansion In Maine. “Countering expansion proponents will be many Maine Republicans, most notably LePage, U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin of the 2nd Congressional District, and Brent Littlefield, a behind-the-scenes political strategist who has long worked for LePage and Poliquin. Littlefield and the Welfare to Work Political Action Committee spearheaded the opposition Wednesday in a news release. Their arguments are the same as they’ve been for years: ‘Able-bodied adults’ should not be eligible for taxpayer funded health care and expansion would be financially ruinous for Maine in the long run. Another familiar argument that will continue is that expansion drains resources for programs that support some of Maine’s most needy people, though expansion proponents call that a false equivalency.” [Bangor Daily News, 9/7/17]

2017 – 2018: Littlefield Consulting Was Welfare To Work PAC’s Top Payee And Received $323,198.91 From The PAC. [Maine Ethics Commission, Committee Search, accessed 10/20/21]

2016 – 2017: Maine People Before Politics, A “Dark Money” Non-Profit That Previously Supported Gov. LePage’s Agenda, Paid Littlefield $65,000 When It Was “Nearly Dormant”


• “Around 2016,” Maine People Before Politics “All But Abandoned” Its Fundraising, Stopped Running Ads And Failed To Properly Disclose On Its 990 Tax Forms. “Around 2016, the group stopped running ads, rarely updated its website and social media accounts, and all but abandoned fundraising. But while the group slowly wound down at that time, it still paid a total of nearly $100,000 to the governor’s daughter and top political adviser in 2016 and 2017. The group also failed to properly disclose its activities to the IRS and the public by not submitting required information on its 990 tax forms, according to a former director of the agency’s division responsible for nonprofit groups, who said the group’s failure to disclose its activities was ‘weird in the sense that it’s not the way a well-run or even a poorly run tax-exempt organization operates.’” [Bangor Daily News, 3/11/19]

• While The Organization Was In “Sleep Mode” In Fiscal Years 2016 And 2017, It Paid Littlefield Consulting And LePage’s Daughter, Lauren LePage, $65,000 And “More Than $30,000,” Respectively. “The group was in sleep-mode the past couple of years,” [Maine People Before Politics’ director of policy and communication Julie] Rabinowitz wrote in an email. But ‘there still have been expenses related to keeping the lights on, software fees, website up, etc.’ Those expenses included paying [Paul LePage' daughter] Lauren LePage more than $30,000 for a total of 12 1/2 months of work as executive director over the course of fiscal years 2016 and 2017, a job she held while attending the University of Maine School of Law. Tax filings say she worked 40 hours a week. During that same period, the group paid $65,000 to the firm run by the former governor’s longtime political strategist, Brent Littlefield, who is now a media adviser for the group.” [Bangor Daily News, 3/11/19]

• Lauren LePage Served As The Group’s “Nominal” Executive Director Until June 2017. “When asked what the group was doing in 2016 and 2017, Rabinowitz said the ‘MPBP worked on policies to support economic growth in Maine,’ and provided the Bangor Daily News with copies of newsletters signed by Lauren LePage that the group sent to supporters in those years, as well as a screenshot of a link to a radio interview LePage gave as executive director of the group in January 2016. […] The younger LePage, who did not respond to four requests for comment, left the organization in June 2017 after graduating from the
University of Maine School of Law, at which time the group seems to have gone completely dormant. [...] LePage also served as the ‘nominal’ executive director of the group in 2015, Rabinowitz said, although she was not paid by the group that year and was not listed on the group’s 2015 filings.” [Bangor Daily News, 3/11/19]

- Maine People Before Politics’ Leadership Said The Organization Paid Littlefield For “Consulting And Other Services, For Example, Media Buys, Message Delivery And Creative Services” In 2016 And 2017. “[Maine People Before Politics’ director of policy and communication Julie] Rabinowitz said that Littlefield was paid for ‘consulting and other services, for example, media buys, message delivery and creative services.’ But after the BDN asked for examples of media buys made in 2016 and 2017, she said she had reviewed the group’s invoices for those years and determined there were in fact no media buys made during that time.” [Bangor Daily News, 3/11/19]

- Maine People Before Politics Did Not Make Any Media Buys In 2016 Or 2017. “[Maine People Before Politics’ director of policy and communication Julie] Rabinowitz said that Littlefield was paid for ‘consulting and other services, for example, media buys, message delivery and creative services.’ But after the BDN asked for examples of media buys made in 2016 and 2017, she said she had reviewed the group's invoices for those years and determined there were in fact no media buys made during that time.” [Bangor Daily News, 3/11/19]

June 2015: Brent Littlefield Gave A Low-Dollar Contribution To Poliquin

June 2015: Brent Littlefield Contributed $5 To Poliquin’s Campaign. [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed 10/20/21]

Poliquin’s Inactive Campaign Received A $40,601 Refund From Consultant Brent Littlefield In May 2019

May 2019: Littlefield Consulting Paid Poliquin’s Campaign $40,601.63 For “Media Replacement Refund.” [FEC, Committee Receipt Search, 5/31/19]
Political Relationships

**Significant Findings**

- In August 2020, Poliquin said Biden was in “cognitive decline” and called Harris a “California radical.”
- Kevin McCarthy campaigned for Poliquin in Maine in 2014 and claimed Poliquin won the 2018 election in 2019.
- Poliquin had a longstanding relationship with former Gov. Paul LePage, in whose administration he served as State Treasurer.
  - LePage encouraged Poliquin to run in 2022.
  - LePage sparred with Maine’s Secretary of State over whether he would certify Golden’s victory during Poliquin’s lawsuit, but eventually signed them and added “stolen election” on the documents.
- In January 2016, Poliquin refused to condemn LePage’s claim that drug dealers came to Maine and “impregnate a young white girl before they leave.”
- In 2012, the Portland Press Herald reported that Poliquin’s public image was “defined” by “allegiance to Gov. Paul LePage.”
- Poliquin opposed removing Marjorie Taylor Greene from her committee positions.
- In 2018, Poliquin repeatedly claimed Nancy Pelosi funded Golden’s campaign, which the Lewiston Sun Journal rated “iffy at best.”
- Poliquin said Nikki Haley would be well-received as a 2024 presidential nominee because she was a woman, which he said was “important, not to be sexist.”

**Joe Biden**

**August 2020: Poliquin Said Biden Was In “Cognitive Decline” And Had A “Fading Memory And Impaired Judgment”**

*August 2020: Poliquin Said Biden Was In “Cognitive Decline” And Had A “Fading Memory And Impaired Judgment.”* “Presumptive Democrat presidential nominee Joe Biden will be 78 on Election Day in November. At nearly every public appearance, it’s sad to see his cognitive decline. He jumbles words, thinks he’s in Vermont when he’s campaigning in New Hampshire, and gets angry at reporters and voters who challenge him. If Mr. Biden wins in November, common sense leads one to conclude he won’t run for re-election at age 82 after four more years of fading memory and impaired judgment.”
October 2020: Poliquin Claimed Hunter Biden “Was Influencing U.S. Foreign Policy In Ukraine” And “Peddl[ed] His Father’s Influence For Personal Profit”

October 2020: Poliquin Claimed Hunter Biden “Was Influencing U.S. Foreign Policy In Ukraine” And “Peddl[ed] His Father’s Influence For Personal Profit.” “Yesterday, social media giants Facebook and Twitter decided to limit the spread of an article potentially damaging to the Biden-Harris presidential campaign. The NY Post story published emails from Hunter Biden while he served on the board of the Ukrainian energy company, Burisma, during the time his father, Vice President Joe Biden, was influencing US foreign policy in Ukraine. The emails show son Biden peddling his father’s influence for personal profit. The trove of communications were allegedly obtained from a laptop computer dropped off at a Delaware repair shop by Hunter Biden but never picked up again. […] The series of New York Post articles over the past two days confirming possible corruption and inside-dealing at the highest level of our federal government should be allowed to be distributed far and wide. A free and open press, including social media, is necessary for an informed public to decide our future three weeks before a critical presidential election.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 10/15/20]
- **Poliquin: “Hunter Biden, The Son, Was Peddling Influence, His Father’s Influence, For Profit.”**
  
  POLIQUIN: “A big part of how people communicate today is through social media, and there are a handful of these private companies that run these platforms. They’re all private companies, like YouTube and Twitter and Facebook and Google. And when you have the fourth-largest newspaper in the country, the New York Post, it’s been around for 150 years or so, they come up with a story based on a laptop that used to be owned by Hunter Biden, they see a bunch of emails in there that confirm that Hunter Biden, the son, was peddling influence, his father’s influence, for profit. […] And now you have Twitter and Facebook who do not allow the sharing of that information across their platforms. […] What the heck are you doing, two weeks before an election, trying to suppress information that will hurt Joe Biden? That is absolutely horrible.” [WVOM, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 10/19/20] (AUDIO) 4:06

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**Kamala Harris**

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**August 2020: Poliquin Called Kamala Harris A “California Radical”**

August 2020: Poliquin Called Kamala Harris A “California Radical.” “BIDEN’S PICK OF CALIFORNIA RADICAL KAMALA HARRIS REFLECTS TODAY’S FAR LEFT DEMOCRAT PARTY Presumptive Democrat presidential nominee Joe Biden will be 78 on Election Day in November. At nearly every public appearance, it’s sad to see his cognitive decline. He jumbles words, thinks he’s in Vermont when he’s campaigning in New Hampshire, and gets angry at reporters and voters who challenge him. If Mr. Biden wins in November, common sense leads one to conclude he won’t run for re-election at age 82 after four more years of fading memory and impaired judgment. That puts the radical Kamala Harris, his newly-picked VP running mate, in the spotlight more than other past VP candidates. Regardless of who will sit in the Oval Office, a Biden-Harris administration should scare the daylights out of ordinary Americans.”
Kevin McCarthy

April 2019: McCarthy Claimed Poliquin’s 2018 Loss Demonstrated That Democrats Manipulated Ranked-Choice Voting “Because They Can’t Win In A Fair Fight”


- McCarthy On Fox News: “There’s A Member Of Congress Sitting Today Who Came In Second.” “You know what they did in Maine?” McCarthy asked Maria Bartiromo on Fox Business on Monday. “In Maine, they changed how you vote in federal offices.” He said Poliquin won his bid for re-election in the 2nd District race, ‘but at the end of the day he lost because he didn't get to 50 percent, so the person who came in fourth, their
number dropped off and whoever they voted for second got the extra vote.’ As a result, McCarthy said, ‘there's a member of Congress sitting today who came in second,’ but because Jared Golden is a Democrat, ‘he got to go through.’ ‘Wow,’ Bartiromo said.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 4/1/19]

### 2014: McCarthy Campaigned For Poliquin In Norway, Maine

**October 2014: McCarthy Campaigned For Poliquin In Norway, Maine.** “New York seems like a very good state for us. Maine as well, all the way out through California. That becomes a national majority party,” said McCarthy. The California congressman was in Norway on Sunday to attend a fundraiser for Poliquin. The seat is open and Poliquin is in a tight race with Democrat Emily Cain. This is a tremendous opportunity for our families in the second district because we will be in the majority and we'll increase our numbers and now Maine can be at the table in the majority,’ said Poliquin.” [WMTW, 10/20/14]

### Paul LePage

**Former Gov. Paul LePage Urged Poliquin To Run In 2022**

**August 2021: Bangor Daily News: Paul LePage Urged Poliquin To Run In 2022.** “Poliquin cited family reasons for declining a return bid last year, but he has stayed active through party events and radio appearances since then. Former governor Paul LePage, a deeply polarizing figure but the most popular one among conservatives, has urged Poliquin to run, one source said.” [Bangor Daily News, 8/4/21]

**During Poliquin’s Lawsuit Contesting His 2018 Election Loss, LePage Sparred With Maine’s Secretary Of State Over Whether To Certify Golden’s Election Results, But Eventually Signed Them**

**11/26/18: Maine’s Secretary Of State Submitted The Official Election Results To Gov. LePage**

“The official tabulation of votes from the Nov. 6, 2018 General and Referendum Election is now complete, Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap announced Monday. The certified results will be submitted to Gov. Paul LePage today. The Maine Constitution provides up to 10 days for the governor’s signature and proclamation of the results.” [Press Release, Maine Secretary of State, 11/26/18]

**12/18/18: Gov. LePage’s Office Told Reporters He Legally Could Not Certify Election Results While They Were Subject To Legal Action**

“Meanwhile, Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap said he had already signed off on the election results and sent them to Gov. Paul LePage. ‘We have done our work, we certified the election,’ Dunlap said Tuesday. ‘All I can tell you is we've done our job and have certified the election. (Poliquin) is asking the court to intervene.’ LePage's office said the governor cannot legally certify the election results while the case is pending in the courts. State law declares that the governor will issue an election certificate ‘within a reasonable time after an election,’ but adds that the ‘governor may not issue a certificate while the election is contested before the court.’” [Portland Press Herald, 12/18/18]

**12/18/18: Dunlap Sent The Certified Election Results To The Clerk Of The House Of Representatives Without LePage’s Signature, Leaving The House Speaker To Determine Whether To Seat Golden**

“Secretary
of State Matthew Dunlap appears to have cleared the way for U.S. Rep.-elect Jared Golden to be sworn in as the congresswoman representing Maine's 2nd Congressional District. That could effectively end Rep. Bruce Poliquin's legal efforts to retain his seat. In a Tuesday letter to Karen L. Hass, the clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, Dunlap declared Golden the winner of the Nov. 6 election and enclosed a certificate of election. The House must receive the certificate before a representative can be sworn in. Typically it is signed by a state's governor. In Maine, however, the Secretary of State can sign it. ‘We presented the governor with a certificate of elections for Jared Golden,’ Dunlap said Tuesday. ‘I haven't heard anything back about that. The indication I've had indirectly is that [House Speaker Nancy] Pelosi would be just as happy with my signature to certify it.’” [Bangor Daily News, 12/19/18]

- **12/20/18: Poliquin’s Attorneys Accused Dunlap Of Engaging In A “A Bald And Irresponsible Effort To Frustrate Judicial Review” By Certifying The Election Results Without The Governor’s Signature.** “In a legal response, the attorneys for Poliquin and the three other plaintiffs accused Dunlap and Golden of engaging ‘in a bald and irresponsible effort to frustrate judicial review.’ ‘The Secretary of State ... has self-certified the election results in violation of state law vesting that authority in the Governor in a transparent bid to convince this Court to cede its jurisdiction over constitutional claims to the U.S. House of Representatives,’ wrote Poliquin’s attorneys. ‘This Court should not permit such unlawful gamesmanship of the solemn judicial process by which citizens obtain review of constitutional claims.’” [Portland Press Herald, 12/20/18]

- **12/28/18: LePage Signed The Certified Election Results And Added “Stolen Election” Alongside His Signature.** “Gov. Paul LePage certified the election results for Maine’s 2nd Congressional District after a recount and legal battle dragged out the final result in the race for almost two months, cementing a Democratic victory. But, LePage – a Republican firebrand – made one last jab at the drawn-out process when certifying the election, writing the words ‘stolen election’ next to his signature.” [CNN, 12/29/18]

**January 2016: Poliquin Refused To Condemn LePage’s Claim That Out-Of-State Drug Dealers “Impregnate A Young White Girl Before They Leave.”** “LePage’s comment Wednesday during the town hall meeting in Bridgton about out-of-state drug dealers who ‘impregnate a young white girl before they leave’ continued to trigger broad political fallout, with Democratic U.S. Rep. Chellie Pingree on Friday calling them ‘disgraceful and racist.’ […] Brendan Conley, a spokesman for U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, didn't return a phone message and an email seeking an interview or comment. It was the second day Collins, King and Poliquin didn't return requests for comment.” [Portland Press Herald, 1/8/16]

- **Poliquin, Collins, And King Did Not Return Requests For Comment On LePage’s Statement For Two Days.** “Brendan Conley, a spokesman for U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, didn't return a phone message and an email seeking an interview or comment. It was the second day Collins, King and Poliquin didn't return requests for comment.” [Portland Press Herald, 1/8/16]

**2011 – 2012: Poliquin Served As Treasurer In LePage’s Administration And His Public Image Was “Defined” By “Allegiance To Gov. Paul LePage.”**

**2011: Poliquin Began Serving As Maine Treasurer In LePage’s Administration.** “A day after being sworn in, Gov. Paul LePage administered the oath of office Thursday to three prominent state officials — the secretary of state, attorney general and treasurer. The Republican governor also issued a brief to-do list to the three: Make it easier to bring business to Maine. Fix the looming liability in the pension system, and work on the health care issue. With some pomp — but not to the level of the inauguration a day earlier — Charles Summers, Bill Schneider
and Bruce Poliquin took their oaths in a House chamber packed with relatives, friends and state officials, including Chief Justice Leigh Saufley and U.S. Attorney Thomas Delahanty II.” [Bangor Daily News, 1/6/11]

**Portland Press: LePage “Took The Unusual […] Step Of Endorsing Poliquin For Treasurer.”** “However, some have worried that Poliquin, who was elected by the Legislature, is too closely affiliated with the governor’s office. That appears to have been the plan since LePage was elected. In December of 2010, the governor took the unusual — and, for some Republicans, unwelcome — step of endorsing Poliquin for treasurer.” [Portland Press Herald, 5/24/12]

2012: Portand Press Herald: Poliquin’s Public Image Was “Defined” By “Allegiance To Gov. Paul LePage,” Whose Administration Requested That Poliquin Act As A “Surrogate” For Him On Fiscal Issues. “Such a loss may complicate Poliquin’s polarizing public image, which has been defined mostly by political ambition, allegiance to Gov. Paul LePage and, more recently, controversy. […] However, some have worried that Poliquin, who was elected by the Legislature, is too closely affiliated with the governor’s office. That appears to have been the plan since LePage was elected. In December of 2010, the governor took the unusual — and, for some Republicans, unwelcome — step of endorsing Poliquin for treasurer. Emails between the governor’s transition team and state Senate President Kevin Raye, R-Perry, and House Speaker Robert Nutting, R-Oakland, show that the administration wanted Poliquin to be ‘a surrogate’ for LePage, ‘attending local Red Tape Workshops and occasionally speaking to reporters to provide details and context on fiscal matters.’” [Portland Press Herald, 5/24/12]

**Maine ACLU: LePage “Took Countless Positions That Were Harmful And Hurtful To Mainers – Most Often People Of Color, Immigrants, Poor People, People With Substance Use Disorder And LGBTQ People.”** “LePage ‘took countless positions that were harmful and hurtful to Mainers – most often people of color, immigrants, poor people, people with substance use disorder and LGBTQ people,’ says Alison Beyea, executive director of the ACLU of Maine. The governor ‘signed on to two legal briefs to make it OK to discriminate against transgender people,’ she explained. ‘He tried to take rent and food assistance away from immigrant families fleeing violence. He took a misguided approach to the drug problem, pushing for more law enforcement at the expense of prevention and treatment, and attempting to make it harder for people having an overdose to get lifesaving care.’” [Maine Monitor 12/19/18]

**Maine Monitor: LePage Was Known For His “Combative Personality” And Had A History Of Taking Harmful Positions And Making Inflammatory Statements.**

January 2011: LePage Told The NAACP To “Kiss [His] Butt” After He Refused To Meet With The Group Because He Considered It A “Special Interest.” “Gov. Paul LePage’s comment Friday that the NAACP can ‘kiss my butt’ outraged leaders of state and national civil rights groups, who called his remarks ‘astonishing’ and ‘troubling.’ After meeting with business leaders in Sanford, LePage told WCSH-TV that he will not attend Martin Luther King Jr. Day events in Portland and Orono because he considers the group a special interest. ‘They are a special interest,’ he told the station. ‘End of story. And I’m not going to be held hostage by special interests. And if they want, they can look at my family picture. My son happens to be black, so they can do whatever they’d like about it.’” [Portland Press Herald, 1/15/11]

**Republican State Sen. Roger Katz Said That “Personal Attack And Name-Calling” Defined LePage’s “Brand Of Politics:”** “He Chose To Characterize The Legislature As A Whole As The Enemy.” “‘My first experience with him was when we were both mayors – him of Waterville and me of Augusta, at a conference in Quebec,’ [Republican State Sen. Roger Katz] says. ‘He was a great guy to drink a beer with, that’s for sure. But I
don’t know why, rather than try to find common ground, he chose to try to characterize the Legislature as a whole as the enemy.’ LePage’s brand of politics, the ‘personal attack and name-calling,’ Katz says, is ‘not consistent with collaboration at all. Whether it’s tax reform, or further welfare reform, or education reform, there was a lot left on the table because of his style of us vs. them. I wish it weren’t so.’” [Maine Monitor 12/19/18]

Marjorie Taylor Greene

Poliquin Said It Was Not Right For Democrats To Kick Marjorie Taylor Greene Off Of Her Congressional Committees

Poliquin Said It Was Not Right For Democrats To Kick Marjorie Taylor Greene Off Of Her Congressional Committees. HOST: “[4:57] One of the other things, Bruce, that’s happening in Congress right now is the situation with Marjorie Taylor Greene here and what they’ve been doing as it relates to her committee assignments and all that stuff. […] Do you have any sort of sense of what you think should have happened there?” POLIQUIN: “Yeah. Look, you can’t stop crazy in America. Right? I mean, it’s a free country so far anyway. And if someone like this represents a congressional district in the state of Georgia, you know, says crazy things and she’s going to be accountable for those statements. However for the opposing party, in this case the Democrats, shutting out a Republican who is representing her district who was elected by her constituents, shutting her out from committee work so she’s unable to help pass legislation that will be helpful to her district, I don’t think it’s right.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 2/5/21] (AUDIO)

Nancy Pelosi

October 2021: Poliquin Criticized Golden For Allegedly Voting With Pelosi 84 Percent Of The Time

October 2021: Poliquin Criticized Golden For Allegedly Voting With Pelosi 84 Percent Of The Time. “Another story showing our campaign is #1 in the entire nation. Need everyone to start talking with their friends and neighbors now about the need to retake this seat. Our nation’s future is at stake. I am running to restore some common sense to Washington, not back Nancy Pelosi 84% of the time like Jared Golden has done. https://www.rollcall.com/2021/10/14/new-race-ratings-show-top-house-battleground-remains-in-maine/”
2018: Poliquin Repeatedly Tried To Tie Golden To Pelosi Politically And Financially, Which The Lewiston Sun Journal Rated “Iffy At Best”

October 2018: Poliquin “Nancy Pelosi Has Spent About $7 Million Lying And Attacking Me And Propping [Golden] Up.” “I think Jared Golden -- and I’m not criticizing him as an individual or anybody else, but his policies are so extreme and so radical. for him to look in the camera and tell people of Maine that Nancy Pelosi has spent about $7 million lying and attacking me and propping him up is something that just happened by accident. she loves Jared Golden’s voting record. 100% government takeover of health care, pushed into a government-run program. a second amendment that he doesn't support, and he votes against small businesses all the time and wants Maine to become the most -- excuse me, the highest taxed state in the country. that's why Nancy Pelosi supports Jared Golden, and that's the truth, and he should tell it..”” [WMTW via C-SPAN, 10/16/18] (VIDEO) 44:47

- Poliquin Criticized “All These Dark Money Groups That Are Pouring Money In Here.” “Poliquin, clearly feeling the heat, said he objected ‘to all these dark money groups that are pouring money in here’ to go after him with ‘completely false’ charges.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 10/16/18]

- 2017 – 2018: Independent Expenditures Spent $812,080.43 In Support Of Golden And $5.2 Million Against Him. [FEC, Committee Search, accessed 11/2/21]


October 2018: Poliquin: “Nancy Pelosi And Her Leadership Team Are The Biggest Funders Of Jared Golden’s Deceptive & Dishonest Campaign.” “Facts Matter: Nancy Pelosi and her leadership team are the biggest funders of Jared Golden's deceptive & dishonest campaign, pouring in nearly $4 million to falsely attack Bruce. Pelosi supports Sanctuary Cities, wants Open Borders and wants to increase your taxes. She knows she has
an alley with radical Golden who agrees with her and who wants to end Medicare as we know it and supports increasing your home heating oil costs. Maine can't afford Golden's radical agenda. Please Share, Mainer's deserve to know the truth!"

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 10/3/18]

September 2018: Poliquin: “Golden Is Receiving Millions Of Dollars From Extreme, Liberal Nancy Pelosi’s Political Team Trying To Buy This Election From Mainers.” “Fact: Jared Golden is receiving millions of dollars from extreme, liberal Nancy Pelosi’s political team trying to buy this election from Mainers. She supports sanctuary cities, so does Jared. Pelosi supports not aiding ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and Jared's voting record would seem to agree. ICE is a law enforcement agency tasked to enforce the immigration laws of the United States and to investigate criminal and terrorist activity of foreign nationals residing in the United States. Jared Golden is no Momma’s Apple Pie, he is too radical for Maine. Please Share.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 9/21/18]
August 2018: Poliquin: “Nancy Pelosi’s Leadership Team Is Working Hand-In-Hand With Jared’s Campaign And Spending More Than $1 Million Of Out-Of-State Money On Ads.” “What the Portland Press Herald, the Bangor Daily News, and the Sun Journal are NOT reporting: Nancy Pelosi’s leadership team is working hand-in-hand with Jared’s campaign and spending more than $1 million of out-of-state money on ads. So far, Nancy Pelosi’s Super PAC has also reserved space to spend an additional $3 million of out-of-state money to prop up Jared Golden’s campaign. Meanwhile, to date, Congressman Poliquin has had well over $1 million spent against him in attack ads from out-of-state special interest groups in the past year alone. Pelosi is again trying to buy off Mainers with her hand-picked candidate, Jared Golden. What’s new?”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 8/27/18]

The Lewiston Sun Journal Rated Poliquin’s Attempts To Tie Golden To Pelosi “Iffy At Best”

Poliquin Repeatedly Tried To Tie Golden To Pelosi, Which The Lewiston Sun Journal Rated “Iffy At Best.” “IS NANCY PELOSI PULLING GOLDEN’S STRINGS? Poliquin has often tied Golden to U.S. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., insisting that if the Democrats win the House she’ll become the next speaker. That’s probably true, though there’s a chance someone else will take over. But the GOP’s insistence that she’s pulling the strings for Golden is iffy at best given that Golden has said he won’t back her if Democrats take control of the House. Golden has gone on the record saying it’s time for congressional leadership to shift into the hands of a new generation.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/2/18]

Hillary Clinton

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unacceptable. The American People deserve to have leaders that are held accountable for their actions—it is as simple as that.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 7/5/16]


“Today, Maine’s 2nd District Congressman, Bruce Poliquin, introduced the Hold Top Officials Accountable Act, a bill that makes an important change in the law to ensure that top officials that have access to classified information—including Members of Congress, Senators, and presidentially appointed officials—are held accountable for negligence and mishandling of that classified information. […] This bill makes it explicitly clear that sharing classified information on unprotected electric devices and servers is unlawful.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 7/14/16]

### Nikki Haley

**January 2021: Poliquin Said Nikki Haley Would Be Well-Received As A 2024 Presidential Nominee**

Poliquin Said Nikki Haley Would Be Well-Received As A 2024 Presidential Nominee Because She Was A Woman, Which He Said Was “Important, Not To Be Sexist.” POLIQUIN: “[5:36] I’m just throwing this out there, and for your audience, I’m not endorsing anybody, I’m not saying I support this individual but just as an example, Matt, someone like Nikki Haley. Nikki Haley is a woman. I think that’s important, not to be sexist. Just being political, being a realist here. I think the chances of Kamala Harris being the presumptive nominee in 2024 is probably pretty high so I think a woman on the Republican side probably would gain some traction. […] She’s tough, she communicates effectively, and she’s not someone who turns you off because of her persona.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 1/15/21] (AUDIO)

### Maxine Waters

**2018: Poliquin Accused Maxine Waters Of Inciting Violence**

September 2018: Poliquin Accused Maxine Waters Of Inciting Violence In “A Shocking Video Urging People To Publicly Harass Elected And Appointed Officials With Whom They Disagree.” “Liberal California Congresswomen Maxine Waters has been seen on a shocking video urging people to publicly harass elected and appointed officials with whom they disagree. Her incitement to violence does not help our nation's political discourse, just the opposite. Nothing is solved by her encouraging protestors to stalk people who disagree with her political position. We have seen this happening in Maine now too, it's disgraceful and the American people deserve better.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 6/25/18]

**July 2018: Poliquin Accused Waters Of “Inciting And Encouraging Violence Against People Who Disagree With Her Extreme, Liberal Ideology.”** “Congresswoman Maxine Waters of California continues to stir up
bitterness in our nation with videos inciting and encouraging violence against people who disagree with her extreme, liberal ideology. We deserve better. The national liberal Democratic organizations supporting both Waters, and my political opponent here in Maine, should call on her to end this rhetoric. Share if you agree.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 7/16/18]

Andy Torbett

2020: Poliquin Endorsed Andy Torbett And Transferred $350 To His Campaign For Piscataquis County Commissioner

September 2020: Poliquin Endorsed Andy Torbett For Piscataquis County Commissioner. “I’ve known Andy Torbett and his wonderful family for 10 years. He’s running for the important position of Piscataquis County commissioner. Please vote for Andy. He’s the right person for the job. Andy and his lovely wife Sara have three terrific kids; they embrace traditional family values. […] I enthusiastically endorse Andy for your county commissioner. He’ll do a great job. I hope you’ll vote for him.” Bruce Poliquin Former U.S. Congressman, Maine 2nd District R-Georgetown” [Piscataquis Observer, Bruce Poliquin Letter to the Editor, 9/29/20]

August 2020: Poliquin For Congress Contributed $350 To The Committee To Elect Andy Torbett. [FEC, Committee Disbursements Search, accessed 9/27/21]

2016 – 2018: Torbett Wrote Letters To The Editor In Support Of Poliquin’s Ranked-Choice Voting Challenge, And Against Emily Cain

December 2018: Torbett Urged Poliquin To “Continue His Challenge To The Ranked-Choice Voting System” In A Letter To The Editor. “U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin will and must continue his challenge to the ranked-choice voting system and the constitutionality of the results. He will because it is his choice as a citizen of this republic, and he has the freedom to do so. He must because he is a representative of the voters in the 2nd Congressional District who twice voted against ranked-choice voting and feel disenfranchised by the results of the new voting system. […] No, Poliquin is bound to see this through, to finish this task. In so doing, perhaps, he can raise the awareness of the, too often, apathetic voter. Maybe there can arise enough passion to repeal this travesty. Andy Torbett Atkinson” [Bangor Daily News, Andy Torbett Letter to the Editor, 12/20/18]

January 2016: Torbett Wrote A Letter To The Editor Accusing Cain Of “Hypocritical Attacks On Rep. Poliquin That Reek With The Cloud Of Stupefaction That Blankets The Democrat Party. “While it's more than ironic that she wishes to represent a people whose lives she cannot comprehend or identify with, it's the hypocritical attacks on Rep. Poliquin that reek with the cloud of stupefaction that blankets the Democrat Party. Her claims that the self-made millionaire has somehow cheated the public would be laughable if they were bits in a cheap sitcom, but instead are a sad commentary on how completely detached from reality she is. Perhaps it is the term ‘self-made’ that she cannot grasp.” [Piscataquis Observer, Andy Torbett Letter to the Editor, 1/4/16]
### Donald Trump

#### Significant Findings

- Poliquin voted with Trump 96.8% of the time in 2017 and 2018, substantially more than Susan Collins, who had the second-highest Trump score of Maine’s delegation at 65.1%.

- Poliquin refused to tell constituents whether he planned to vote for Trump in 2016, or whether he voted for him in 2016 as recently as 2018, but in 2020, he wrote an op-ed urging Mainers to vote for Trump.

- Poliquin said there was “no evidence” to impeach Trump during his first impeachment trial.

- Poliquin claimed Trump’s actions “did not reach the level of incitement” of the January 6th insurrection and said he would have voted against his second impeachment.

- Poliquin called Trump’s Access Hollywood tape “repulsive,” then criticized Hillary Clinton’s paid speeches in the same tweet.

- Poliquin repeatedly voted against investigating Russian interference in the 2016 election and said the Mueller investigation proved “no American – including President Trump or his campaign – worked with Russian operatives who tried to interfere in our elections.”

- Poliquin repeatedly voted against releasing Trump’s tax returns and addressing conflicts of interest in the Trump administration.

### Voting Record

#### Poliquin Voted In Line With Trump’s Positions 96.8 Percent Of The Time

**FiveThirtyEight: Poliquin Voted In Line With Trump’s Positions 96.8 Percent Of The Time, The Most Of Any Maine Legislator.** [FiveThirtyEight, accessed 10/26/21]

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#### Poliquin Voted Against President Obama An Average Of 88 Percent Of The Time During His Tenure

**2015 – 2016: Poliquin Voted Against President Obama An Average Of 88 Percent.** [CQ, accessed 10/26/21]
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As Recently As 2018, Poliquin Refused To Tell Constituents Whether He Voted For Trump In 2016, Then Urged Mainers To Vote For Him In A 2020 Op-Ed

Poliquin Refused To Tell Constituents Whether He Supported Trump In 2016

2016: Poliquin Refused To Say Whether He Planned To Vote For Trump; His Spokesperson Denied That He Was “Avoiding Comment”

November 2016: Poliquin “Refused On Many Occasions To Say Whether He Endorses Trump.” “What makes it an odd twist is that her opponent, U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, the first-term Republican from Maine's hotly contested 2nd District, has made it clear to this point he will not say whether he supports GOP standard-bearer Donald Trump. […] Poliquin has refused on many occasions to say whether he endorses Trump.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/1/16]

- **October 2016: Poliquin Dodged The Question When Asked Whether He Supported Trump For President.** HOST: “[35:00] Bruce Poliquin, Emily Cain has endorsed her party’s nominee Hillary Clinton, do you endorse your party's nominee for President Donald Trump?” POLIQUIN: “You know, this is something, Jennifer, that you folks in the press not of course, not Jennifer Roxon, not MPBN, but the media has been so consumed with this frenzy, this media circus around the presidential election. The people in our second district hired me to do a job to help build a stronger economy and more jobs and bring my business skills down to Washington. That's exactly what I've done. I'm not getting involved in this media frenzy. And I know what upsets a lot of folks in the media, because they live on confrontation that causes more people to watch the show.” [CSPAN, 2018 Maine Public ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/19/16] (VIDEO)

- **Poliquin On Whether He Supported Donald Trump For President: “I’m Not Getting Involved In This Media Frenzy […] I Cannot Control Who’s Going To Be The Next President.”** HOST: “[37:00] Are you not going to state whether you’re endorsing Donald Trump?” […] “I’m not getting involved in this media frenzy.” HOST: “So you’re not going to say whether or not you endorse your party’s presidential candidate.” POLIQUIN: “I cannot control who’s going to be the next president. Here's what I can control, working with everybody have a strong voice in Congress for more jobs, a better economy.” [CSPAN, 2018 Maine Public ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/19/16] (VIDEO)

- **October 2016: Poliquin Dismissed The Question Of Whether He Supported Trump As A “Media Circus.”** “Poliquin was asked about Trump during his final debate with Cain in the 2nd Congressional District contest a day after Donald Trump Jr. said Republican officeholders who decline to endorse his father are ‘just protecting themselves and the little environment they’ve created.’ Poliquin told WCSH-TV moderator Pat Callaghan ‘nice try’ and insisted he won’t be drawn into the heated presidential race, which has featured incendiary criticisms from Trump about women, Hispanics and others. ‘The people of Maine didn’t elect me to get involved in this media circus around this election,’ he said. ‘I’m not getting involved in this campaign.’” [Associated Press, 10/26/16]
October 2016: Poliquin Turned His Back And Walked Away From Reporters Who Asked If He Thought Trump Should End His Campaign; Poliquin’s Spokesperson Called The Questions “Ridiculous.” “When asked if Trump should drop out of the race, Poliquin said he'd ‘continue to do’ his job and talked at length about shoe-making legislation that benefits New Balance and helps protect the company's ‘900 good-paying jobs with benefits.’ ‘I am not getting involved in any of this media circus surrounding our presidential election. I am working for these people and I am so proud to do it,’ Poliquin said. When reporters questioned him again on Trump, Poliquin turned and walked away. Brent Littlefield, a campaign spokesman for Poliquin, said in an email after Tuesday's visit that it was ‘ridiculous’ for the media to ask questions about Trump, citing a statement Poliquin released over the weekend that responded to Trump's remarks on women, but didn't answer the question about whether Poliquin will support him.” [Kennebec Journal, 10/11/16]


August 2016: After Trump Became The Presumptive Republican Nominee, Poliquin Stated “Only One Candidate Has Been A Major Job Creator” But His Spokesperson Refused To Say Trump’s Name. “A statement released by Poliquin's campaign on the presidential race doesn't name Trump, but says that of the two candidates for president, ‘only one candidate has been a major job creator.’ When asked for clarification, a spokesman for Poliquin refused to say Trump's name.” [Kennebec Journal, 8/9/16]

July 2016: Poliquin: “I Don’t Get Involved In The Presidential Election. They’re Doing That In Cleveland.” “Tuesday night, party delegates formally nominated Trump for president at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland. ‘I don't get involved in the presidential election. They're doing that in Cleveland,’ Poliquin said Wednesday when asked if he supports Trump. ‘I'm here to learn as much as I can about leather making by the folks here at Tasman.’” [Portland Press Herald, 7/20/16]

May 2016: Asked If He Would Support Trump, Poliquin “Stared Straight Ahead And Occasionally Looked At His Phone, Walking Briskly From The House Floor To Another Press Conference.” “But on Capitol Hill, Poliquin was mum on the presumptive GOP nominee. The congressman was asked three times on Friday by CQ Roll Call whether he is supporting Trump as the nominee but he refused to answer or acknowledge the questions. He stared straight ahead and occasionally looked at his phone, walking briskly from the House floor to another press conference.” [Roll Call, 5/13/16]

March 2016: When Asked If He Would Appear With Trump At Events In His District, Poliquin Said, “Good Question,” Then Silently Waited For An Elevator. “Rep. Bruce Poliquin (R-Maine), a top target for Democrats in 2016, would only say it was a ‘good question’ whether he would appear with Trump if the presidential contender traveled to his district. An uncomfortable pause ensued as the question hung in the air and Poliquin waited for an elevator to the House floor.” [Politico, 3/18/16]

June 2016: Poliquin Did Not Attend Trump’s Campaign Event In Bangor. “Trump's Bangor trip can be read as an attempt at a historic electoral bank shot: Maine has voted for Democrats in every presidential election since 1992, and although it's one of two states to allocate Electoral College votes by congressional district, Maine's two districts have never split. […] Collins was in Washington for votes on Wednesday, and Poliquin was at a previously scheduled business stop in Lewiston, making the rally an event for Maine's Trump hoi polloi.” [Bangor Daily News, 6/29/16]

March 2016: Poliquin Refused To Say Which Republican Presidential Candidate He Caucused For. “Poliquin said he thought the high turnout for the caucus was a sign that ‘people think that this country is going in the wrong direction.’ He hasn't endorsed a candidate in the race and declined to say who he caucused for.” [Bangor Daily News, 3/5/16]

December 2015: Poliquin’s Consultant Declined To Say Whether Poliquin Endorsed Any Republican Presidential Candidate. “Poliquin's political adviser, Brent Littlefield, said he doesn't anticipate an
endorsement from the freshman congressman, and others are also holding out.” [Bangor Daily News, 12/20/15]

Portland Press Herald: Poliquin “Has Done All He Can To Avoid Even Mentioning Trump’s Name.” “No legislative race in Maine illustrates Trump’s potential toxicity for a candidate like the race for Maine’s 2nd U.S. Congressional District seat. Poliquin has done all he can to avoid even mentioning Trump’s name, while his campaign and the Maine Republican Party have chastised the state’s press on social media and elsewhere for being ‘obsessed’ with the presidential election.” [Portland Press Herald, 8/22/16]

July 2016: Poliquin’s Consultant Denied That Poliquin Was “Avoiding Comment” On Whether He Supported Trump: “Just Because The Paper Doesn’t Like The Comment […] Is Irrelevant.” “Brent Littlefield, a political consultant for Poliquin, would not comment on Trump's speech when contacted Friday and referred instead to a statement released by the campaign several weeks ago that talks about ‘one candidate’ but does not name Trump. He also accused MaineToday Media - publishers of the Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram, Kennebec Journal and Morning Sentinel - of trying to ‘create news’ and ‘playing politics’ in reporting on Poliquin's stance on the issue. ‘To say he had no comment on the presidential race or is avoiding comment, that's absolutely not true,’ Littlefield said. ‘He's provided a comment repeatedly on the presidential race, and just because the paper doesn't like the comment, or doesn't like the fact that the comment was issued two months ago or six weeks ago or three hours ago, is irrelevant.’” [Portland Press Herald, 7/23/16]

July 2016: Poliquin’s Spokesperson Refused To Say Whether Poliquin Met With Trump. “A spokesman for Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-2nd District, refused to say whether he was among the more than 200 Republican members of Congress who met with Donald Trump in Washington on Thursday. […] ‘He has nothing additional to add to the presidential race,’ Brent Littlefield said in an email. ‘His focus has been on House passage of the Senior Safe Act, on calling for implementation of the recent veterans' commission urging the VA to authorize local doctor visits, and trumpeting the Department of Commerce ruling on Chinese subsidies harming Maine jobs.’” [Portland Press Herald, 7/7/16]

May 2016: At A Private Conservative Event, Poliquin Predicted Trump Would “Win It All”

May 2016: At A Private Event Hosted By A Conservative Group, Poliquin Said, “Trump’s Going To Win It All.” “Maine Rep. Bruce Poliquin believes Donald Trump will win the presidency, but the vulnerable Republican is still refusing to answer whether or not he’ll support him. ‘Trump’s going to win it all,’ Poliquin said at an event Monday hosted by the conservative Informed Women’s Network in Portland, Maine.” [Roll Call, 5/13/16]

2018: Poliquin Refused To Say Whether He Voted For Trump In 2016

October 2018: Poliquin Refused To Say Whether He Voted For Trump In 2016 During A Public Candidate Debate. “Several times during Tuesday’s congressional debate in Maine’s 2nd District, Republican U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin assailed Nancy Pelosi, the California Democrat who serves as her party’s leader in the U.S. House of Representatives. […] Poliquin also refused to name the candidate for whom he voted in the 2016 presidential election, when Donald Trump carried his district against Democrat Hillary Clinton. ‘That's my business,’ Poliquin said.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 10/16/18]

October 2020: Poliquin Wrote An Op-Ed Urging Mainers To “Stay The Course With Trump”

10/31/20: Poliquin Op-Ed Headline: “Stay The Course With Trump To Get Our Jobs And Lives Back To
Poliquin Op-Ed: “After Four Years Of Prosperity And Promises Kept, The President Has Earned All Four Of Our State’s Electoral Votes.” “In 2016, we Mainers bucked a 24-year trend and awarded Donald J. Trump one of our state’s four electoral votes. After four years of prosperity and promises kept, the President has earned all four of our state’s electoral votes. Last year, Maine recorded its lowest unemployment rate ever recorded, 2.9%. Before the pandemic, there were more jobs available than workers willing or able to fill them. For the first time in decades, wages were rising for those at the low end of the pay scale. That strong economy with better paying jobs didn’t happen by accident. It was the result of pro-growth policies passed by President Trump and Congressional Republicans. For example, the Trump Administration ended eight unnecessary regulations for every new one created by bureaucrats. Less red tape to navigate leads to more successful small businesses and more jobs.” [Maine Examiner, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 10/23/20]

Poliquin Op-Ed: “Go Vote For Another Four Years Under President Donald J. Trump.” “Maine voters will play a key role in helping decide which path America chooses. Let’s choose sunshine and success, not fear and failure. Go vote for another four years under President Donald J. Trump.” [Maine Examiner, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 10/23/20]

October 2018: Trump Endorsed Poliquin

10/25/18: Trump Endorsed Poliquin On Twitter. “President Donald Trump took to Twitter on Thursday to express his ‘full endorsement’ of Maine’s 2nd District Republican congressman Bruce Poliquin. In a late-afternoon statement on the social media site, the president called Poliquin ‘a great congressman.’ ‘He is in a tough fight against a very liberal Nancy Pelosi Democrat,’ Trump said, referring to Lewiston state Rep. Jared Golden, the Democratic contender. Poliquin said in response, ‘I appreciate the support of the president and voters of all parties who back my efforts to create jobs and grow the economy of rural Maine.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 10/25/18]

2019 – 2020: Poliquin Praised Trump’s Handling Of The Economy

August 2019: Poliquin Praised Trump For Creating “A New Positive Business Climate” In Maine At An Event Hosted By The RNC And Trump’s Campaign

August 2019: Poliquin Spoke At An “Open For Business” Round Table Hosted By The RNC And The Trump Campaign. “Thursday's events will start with an economic roundtable led by prominent Maine Republican political figures, including former Gov. Paul LePage, former U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin and businessman Shawn Moody, who was the 2018 Republican nominee for governor. The event, held at the Moody's Collision Center headquarters in Gorham at 11 a.m., is part of an ‘Open for Business’ tour by the Republican National Committee and the Trump campaign. LePage was a Trump surrogate dating back to the president's 2016 primary campaign. Poliquin did not publicly endorse Trump in 2016.” [Bangor Daily News, 8/22/19]

Poliquin Praised Trump For Creating “A New Positive Business Climate” In Maine. “Maine Republicans heaped praise on President Trump while lambasting Democratic Gov. Janet Mills on Thursday at a media event at Moody’s Collision Center in Gorham. Gov. Paul LePage, former 2nd District U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, 2018 Republican gubernatorial nominee Shawn Moody, Falmouth real estate agent David Jones and business owner Pete McVety attended the campaign-style forum, which was sponsored by the Trump Victory re-election campaign and the Maine Republican Party. […] But Poliquin said under Trump businesses can more easily reinvest and are now ‘more competitive with other countries.’ ‘It wasn’t more than a few years ago workers in the state of Maine couldn’t find employment,’ Poliquin said. ‘What’s happened is that in the last 2.5 years at the federal and the state level we’ve created a new positive business climate.’” [Portland Press Herald, 8/22/19]

February 2020: Poliquin Predicted Voters Would Choose Between “Plenty Of Jobs” Under GOP
2/24/20: Poliquin Predicted Voters Would Choose Between “Plenty Of Jobs” Under GOP Or “Fewer Jobs” Under A Democratic President. “Looks like voters in Nov. will have to choose between strong GOP economy, plenty of jobs, more money in their pockets, secure borders & safer communities; or Bernie’s world of sky high taxes, fewer jobs, open borders & ‘free’ stuff for everybody, including noncitizens.”

USA Today: Job Losses Under Trump Totaled 4 Million, More Than Any Other Presidency. “More jobs were lost during the Trump administration than any other in history. Approximately 4 million fewer people were employed from January 2017 to September 2020, according to the most recent publicly available data.” [USA Today, 11/6/20]

August 2020: Poliquin Praised Trump For Recovering The Economy

August 2020: Poliquin Praised Trump For His Economic Response To The COVID-19 Pandemic. “LePage was joined by former 2nd District U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin and Maine Republican Party Chairperson Demi Kouzounas in a conference call with the media. ‘This election is about whether the United States remains a capitalist country or whether we become a socialist country,’ LePage said. The former governor is the honorary chairman of Trump’s reelection campaign in Maine and remains a formidable force in the state Republican Party. LePage moved to Florida and changed his residency to the Sunshine State when he left office in 2019, but has since re-established residency in Edgecomb and has publicly flirted with running for governor again in 2022. He and Poliquin credited Trump for an economy that was surging to record levels prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.” [Portland Press Herald, 8/27/20]


Poliquin Said 2024 Republican Primary Voters Would Be Looking For Someone Who Embraces Trump’s Policies, But Communicates Them Differently. POLIQUIN: “[1:49] I’ll tell you, from someone who comes from the business community, I think the likelihood of Trump running again, Matt, is low. Notwithstanding other issues he has, but business people when they leave that world, which is based on their performance and being accountable for their decisions, when they leave that role and they go into politics, it’s a totally different kettle of fish. It really is. And when you leave politics and go back to something you’re comfortable with which is the business community I think it’s very hard for him to go back. I just don’t think he runs again. Now, that being said, one of the things that jumped out to me is that 95, 96, 97 percent of the folks at CPAC said they love his policies. […] The part that really surprised me as you mentioned a minute ago, only 55 percent said they’d vote for him again. […] That surprised me. And I’ve been saying this for quite some time, I think what happens in four years – it’s a long
way off. Matt – I think what happens in four years is that the Republican Party is clearly becoming the party of the working family, the working individuals and the Democrat Party is really the party of governing elites and Hollywood money and so forth and so on. But I think what happens is they’re, the Republicans, are going to be looking for individuals that embrace these free market policies and secure borders and lower taxes and strong economy but someone different to deliver that message. I don’t think Trump runs again.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 3/1/21] (AUDIO)

April 2017: Poliquin Unsuccessfully Acted As A Liaison For Trump’s Agenda With Democrats

April 2017: Poliquin Was “Among The Trump Administration’s Liaisons” To Set Up Meetings Between Trump Officials And Democrats To “Discuss Bipartisan Approaches” To Job Creation And Infrastructure. “Poliquin has been among the Trump administration’s liaisons. The second-term Republican representing Maine’s 2nd District, which Trump won in the November election, reached out to at least one Democratic colleague, Rep. Stephen Lynch of Massachusetts, in the hopes of setting up a meeting with White House officials to discuss bipartisan approaches to creating jobs and repairing roads, bridges and other infrastructure.” [Portland Press Herald, 3/31/17]

• Poliquin: “I Only Work For The People Of Maine, And Right Now The People Want A Government Which Works, Not Partisan Bickering.” “I’ve repeatedly said I do not work for the Democrats, the Republicans, any special interest, or party bosses,” Poliquin said in a written statement to the Press Herald on Friday night. “I only work for the people of Maine, and right now the people want a government which works, not partisan bickering.”” [Portland Press Herald, 3/31/17]

Poliquin Failed To Set Up A Meeting Between Trump Officials And Democratic Rep. Stephen Lynch, Who Declined And Said Trump’s Budget “Has Been So Extreme That There Is No Middle Ground.” “The Boston Globe reported Wednesday that Poliquin first approached the South Boston Democrat on the House floor about meeting administration officials a few weeks ago, and that Lynch formally declined Monday. ‘I felt like they were trying to divide our party so I declined the invitation,’ Lynch said in a statement to the Globe. ‘My feeling is that the Trump White House has taken a ‘scorched earth’ approach so far. … I am usually someone who looks for middle ground, but Mr. Trump’s opening position, especially as reflected in his budget, has been so extreme that there is no middle ground. It’s a non-starter for me.’” [Portland Press Herald, 3/31/17]

Trump’s First Impeachment Trial

January 2020: Poliquin: Pingree And Golden “Voted To Impeach President Trump Based On Hearsay And No Evidence Of An Impeachable Crime”

February 2021: Poliquin Called Trump’s Second Impeachment A “Sham,” “Divisive,” And A “Show Trial”

2/9/21: Poliquin: “Another Divisive, Sham #Impeachment Trial Starts Today. What A Waste Of Time, Effort & Resources.” “Another divisive, sham impeachment trial starts today. What a waste of time, effort & resources. Dems would rather ‘impeach’ someone who doesn't even hold elective office than tackle the issues facing our nation. I assume its purpose is to distract from #Biden's exec orders.”

Poliquin On Trump’s Second Impeachment: “Democrats Believe Sullying The Name Of President Trump
And All Republicans Will Help Them At The Polls In 2022.” “So, why hasn’t President Joe Biden called on his far left Congressional majority to spare American families another political circus when the end result of acquittal is not in question? Why not try to unite the country instead of pushing those of different political views farther apart? Because Democrats believe sullying the name of President Trump and all Republicans will help them at the polls in 2022. Or, maybe, they don’t want to talk about their recent actions to open our border with Mexico, raise taxes, end carbon energy, and send $1,400 stimulus checks to illegals.”

February 2021: Poliquin Called Trump’s Second Impeachment A “Show Trial.” POLIQUIN: “[1:47] I’m glad it’s behind us. It was a show trial I think in many regards, Matt. Even before the trial started, 44 senators voted that this wasn’t even constitutionally allowed to impeach a president that’s no longer sitting as president. But during the proceedings, it is a trial – it’s a political trial, but it’s still a trial – the Democrat impeachment managers had to prove that Mr. Trump incited this riot in the Capitol and they were unable to do that. You’ve got to prove it. Now, clearly, he called folks to Washington and encouraged them to express their views, but it did not reach the level of incitement which includes intent. So they just didn’t prove their case.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 2/15/21] (AUDIO)

Poliquin: Trump’s Actions “Did Not Reach The Level Of Incitement” Of The January 6th Insurrection

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**Access Hollywood Tape**


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[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 10/8/16]

**Russia Investigation**

**SUMMARY: Poliquin Repeatedly Voted Against Investigating Russian Interference In The 2016 Election**

- **Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bipartisan Commission To Investigate Russian Interference In The 2016 Election.** [HRes 600, Vote #600, 11/2/17; CQ, 11/2/17, Congressional Record, 11/2/17]
- **Poliquin Voted Against A Resolution To Require The Treasury Department To Turn Over Documents Relating To Financial Ties Between Trump And Russia.** [H Res 442, Committee On Financial Services, Vote FC-72, 7/25/17; CQ Committee Coverage, 7/25/17]
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- **Poliquin Voted For Killing A Procedural Move To Bring Up Bill Creating An Independent Commission To Investigate Russian Interference In The 2016 Election.** [HRes 233, Vote #259, 5/17/17; USA Today, 5/17/17]
- **Poliquin Voted Against Preventing The Underlying Bill From Applying To Any Individual Who Withheld Information From Congress Related To An Investigation Regarding Russian Influence Of The 2016 Presidential Election.** [HR 1343, Vote #215, 4/4/17; CQ Floor Votes, 4/4/17]
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- **Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Establishing An Investigation Into Foreign Interference In The 2016 Presidential Election.** [HRes 229, Vote #197, 3/28/17; CQ, 3/28/17]
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Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bipartisan Commission To Investigate Russian Interference In The 2016 Election. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment),” According to a House floor speech by Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-NY: “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Representative Swalwell and Representative Cummings’ bill, which would create a bipartisan commission to investigate the Russian interference in the 2016 election.” A vote for the amendment was a vote to block the bipartisan commission to investigate Russian interference in the 2016 election. The motion was agreed to 230-193. [HRes 600, Vote #600, 11/2/17; CQ, 11/2/17, Congressional Record, 11/2/17]

Poliquin Voted Against A Resolution To Require The Treasury Department To Turn Over Documents Relating To Financial Ties Between Trump And Russia. As a member of the House Committee on Financial Services, Poliquin voted to block “on a party-line vote a resolution of inquiry by Democrats that would require the Treasury Department and its Financial Crimes Enforcement Network to turn over documents relating to financial ties between President Donald Trump and Russia. The committee voted 34-26 to report the resolution unfavorably to the House. The vote means the measure won’t be taken up on the floor.” [H Res 442, Committee On Financial Services, Vote FC-72, 7/25/17; CQ Committee Coverage, 7/25/17]

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Poliquin Voted Against Preventing The Underlying Bill From Applying To Any Individual Who Withheld Information From Congress Related To An Investigation Regarding Russian Influence Of The 2016
Presidential Election. In April 2017, Poliquin voted against: a “motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prevent the bill’s provisions from applying to any individual that withheld information from Congress related to an investigation regarding individuals influencing the outcome of the 2016 U.S. presidential election.” The motion was rejected 228-185. [HR 1343, Vote #215, 4/4/17; CQ Floor Votes, 4/4/17]

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Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Establishing An Investigation Into Foreign interference In The 2016 Presidential Election. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for: the “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 229).” A vote in favor of the motion is a vote to block consideration of a bipartisan bill, The Presidential Tax Transparency Act. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 231-189. [HRes 229, Vote #197, 3/28/17; CQ, 3/28/17]

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for future security protections to Congress and the President within 18 months of the bill’s enactment.”
[Oversight Committee Democrats, Press Release, 12/7/16]

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March 2019: Poliquin: The Findings Of The Mueller Investigation “Should Serve As A Warning To Anyone Who Would Unfairly Attack And Impugn Another Person Repeatedly Over An Unproven Allegation.” “The Mueller investigation was thorough and the report is clear: there was no conspiracy or collusion between President Donald Trump or the Trump campaign and the nation of Russia. This should serve as a warning to anyone who would unfairly attack and impugn another person repeatedly over an unproven allegation.”
June 2018: Poliquin Voted For A Resolution Believed To Be An Attempt To Discredit The Mueller Investigation

Poliquin Voted For Insisting That The Justice Department Fully Comply With The Document Requests And Subpoenas Issued By The Intelligence And Judiciary Committees. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the resolution that would insist that the Justice Department fully comply with the document requests and subpoenas issued by the Intelligence and Judiciary committees with regard to potential violations of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) by Justice Department personnel and related matters, by Friday, July 6, 2018.” The resolution was adopted 226-183. [H. Res. 970, Vote #306, 6/28/18; CQ, 6/28/18]

- Freedom Caucus Leaders Spearheaded The Resolution To Pressure The Deputy Attorney General To Comply With Congressional Demands Related To FBI Investigations Of Hillary Clinton And Russian Election Interference. “The resolution, which was spearheaded by House Freedom Caucus leaders Mark Meadows and Jim Jordan, is the latest step by conservatives who have been ratcheting up the pressure on Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein to comply with congressional demands related to the FBI’s Hillary Clinton and Russia investigations. The measure itself is effectively symbolic, but Republicans intend to send a message to the Justice Department that the full Congress is demanding compliance with their document requests -- or else.” [CNN, 6/26/18]

- Democratic Critics Said The Resolution Was An Attempt To Discredit The Mueller Investigation, And Give Trump An Excuse To Fire Rosenstein. “But Democratic critics say this is all a plot to discredit the Mueller investigation. They think Trump’s allies are trying to hit the Justice Department with impossible
demands, so they’ll either have to turn over extremely sensitive information about an ongoing message, or look bad by withholding it. Some even think this is mainly about giving Trump an excuse to fire Rosenstein, who, again, is Mueller’s boss.” [Vox, 6/28/18]


March 2018: Poliquin Said He Would Let The Mueller Investigation Play Out And Planned To “Thoroughly Review Any Findings And Conclusions From The Independent Investigations.” “Last fall, Poliquin said it ‘is important this work remains bipartisan to ensure the American people have confidence in any conclusion.’ ‘Any indictments could be concerning, but we must let the court process work as it relates to their specific findings,’ Poliquin said at the time. Brendan Conley, his spokesman, said Monday that Poliquin’s position hasn’t changed. ‘He will thoroughly review any findings and conclusions from the independent investigations,’ Conley said.” [Portland Press Herald, 3/19/18]

October 2017: After The Indictments Of Three Former Trump Campaign Staffers, A Poliquin Spokesperson Said “We Must Let The Court Process Work As It Relates To Their Specific Findings.” “Members of Maine’s congressional delegation had mixed reactions Monday to the indictments of three former Trump campaign officials stemming from an investigation into Russian attempts to influence the U.S. elections. […] But the office of Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-2nd District, was more willing to wait for the probe by special counsel Robert Mueller, as well as separate investigations by the House and Senate Intelligence Committees, to play out. ‘It is important this work remains bipartisan to ensure the American people have confidence in any conclusion,’ Poliquin spokesman Brendan Conley said in a statement. ‘Any indictments could be concerning, but we must let the court process work as it relates to their specific findings. Right now these matters remain in the purview of the committees of jurisdiction and the courts.’” [Kennebec Journal, 10/30/17]


July 2018: Poliquin Opposed Impeaching Rosenstein And Said That the “Investigation By Robert Mueller Should Run Its Course.” “I do not support moving to impeach Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein. I maintain that the impartial and independent investigation by Robert Mueller should run its course. #mepolitics”

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[Rep. Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 7/16/18]

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July 2017: Poliquin Refused To Comment On Donald Trump Jr’s Emails That Indicated He Met With Russian Officials During His Father’s Campaign

July 2017: When Asked About Donald Trump Jr’s Meeting With Russian Officials During The 2016 Campaign, Poliquin’s Spokesperson Said, “There Remain Three Separate Investigations On This Matter.” “Members of Maine's congressional delegation reacted to Donald Trump Jr.'s emails that indicate he met with Russian officials during last year's presidential campaign. […] U.S. Representative Bruce Poliquin, R-2nd District, issued a one-sentence statement Tuesday concerning the Trump Jr. emails. ‘There remain three separate investigations on this matter - one in the House, one in the Senate, and one by a specially appointed counsel - and Congressman Poliquin will thoroughly review any findings and conclusions,’ Poliquin's spokesman, Brendan Conley, said.” [Portland Press Herald, 7/11/17]

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Russia issue. The Washington Post reported Friday that Trump was seeking ways to curtail Mueller’s probe, including an effort to compile alleged conflicts of interest against him.” [Kennebec Journal, 7/21/17]


5/16/17: Poliquin: “These Allegations, If Substantiated, Raise Grave Concerns.” “These allegations, if substantiated, raise grave concerns. It is incredibly important our investigative agencies like the FBI have the impartiality to conduct their business independently and always in the best interest of our Nation. I look forward to the House Oversight Committee’s review of the matter and specifically of the memo that’s been reported to media outlets, to gain clarity on the situation. In addition, it will be important now especially for the Senate to do its work in fully reviewing the candidates for the next FBI director.”

My statement on these recent allegations #mepolitics

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morning saying there's not enough information to draw conclusions. ‘It is critical to safeguard our nation's classified information, and any violation of that by an administration is extremely concerning. Right now we have insufficient information on what really did, or did not, happen,’ Poliquin said.” [Kennebec Journal, 5/16/17]

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**May 2017: Poliquin Did Not Condemn Comey’s Firing**

May 2017: Poliquin Did Not Condemn Comey’s Firing, And Said He Would “Continue To Closely Monitor” The Investigations. “Poliquin, who represents Maine's 2nd District, said in a statement that he ‘will continue to closely monitor’ the investigations by the FBI and the Senate intelligence committee, which Collins and King both serve on. ‘I remain confident that the individuals who work for the American people at the Federal Bureau of Investigation will continue to perform their duties professionally.’” [Portland Press Herald, 5/9/17]

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July 2016: Poliquin Refused To Condemn Trump For Encouraging Russia To “Find” Clinton’s “Emails That Are Missing.” “‘Russia, if you're listening, I hope you're able to find the 30,000 emails that are missing. I think you will probably be rewarded mightily by our press,’ Trump said. […] Maine's 2nd District U.S. congressman, Bruce Poliquin, a Republican, has avoided taking a position on his party's presidential candidate and declined to comment Thursday on Trump's statement. Brent Littlefield, a political consultant for Poliquin, said Poliquin was focused on jobs and trade issues, which were more important to the people of the 2nd District. The response, or lack of one, drew new fire from the campaign of Poliquin's Democratic challenger, Emily Cain.” [Portland Press Herald, 7/29/16]

**Tax Returns**

**SUMMARY: Poliquin Repeatedly Voted Against Releasing Trump’s Tax Returns**

- Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require Presidential Candidates To Release Tax Returns. [H Res 879, Vote #173, 5/9/18; CQ, 5/9/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 5/9/18]
- Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require The Disclosure Of The President’s Tax Returns. [H Res 831, Vote #143, 4/18/18; CQ, 4/18/18; Congressional Record, H 3409, 4/18/18]
Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. [Motion, Vote #392, 7/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, 7/19/17]

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Poliquin Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. [Motion, Vote #292, 6/7/17; CQ Floor Votes, 6/7/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Efforts To Force The Disclosure Of President Trump’s Tax Return. [H Res 375, Vote #290, 6/7/17; CQ, 6/7/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, 6/7/17]

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Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require Presidential Candidates To Release Tax Returns. [H Res 324, Vote #263, 5/18/17; CQ, 5/18/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, 5/18/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Efforts To Force The Disclosure Of President Trump’s Tax Return. [Motion, Vote #261, 5/17/17; CQ, 5/17/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Require Any Candidate Of A Major Political Party To Release Three Years Of Federal Income Tax Returns. [HR 305 (HRes 275), Vote #224, 4/26/17; CQ, 4/26/17]

Poliquin Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. [Motion, Vote #219, 4/5/17; CQ Floor Votes, 4/5/17]

Poliquin Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. [Motion, Vote #201, 3/28/17; CQ Floor Votes, 3/28/17]


Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Appealing A Ruling That Forcing Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns Was Not A House Privilege. [Motion, Vote #182, 3/22/17; CQ, 3/22/17]

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Poliquin Repeatedly Voted Against Releasing Trump’s Tax Returns

Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require Presidential Candidates To Release Tax Returns. In May 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Ms. Eshoo’s bill H.R. 305. H.R. 305 would amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require the President, as well as any candidate of a major political party for the office of the President, to submit their Federal income tax returns for the three most recent years. This bill would ensure more transparency in the political process and provide the American people with additional information about potential conflicts of interest of the President or a candidate for the office of the President.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to 223-189. [H Res 879, Vote #173, 5/9/18; CQ, 5/9/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 5/9/18]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require The Disclosure Of The President’s Tax Returns. In April 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and
possibility of amendment) on the rule…” According to Rep. Polis, defeating the previous question would “amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require the disclosure of certain tax returns by Presidents and certain candidates for the office of the President, and for other purposes.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 226-189. [H Res 831, Vote #143, 4/18/18; CQ, 4/18/18; Congressional Record, H 3409, 4/18/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “motion to table (kill) the Cicilline, D-R.I., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Cicilline resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion was agreed to 235-190. [Motion, Vote #392, 7/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, 7/19/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** In June 2017, Poliquin voted for: “motion to table (kill) the Doggett, D-Texas., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Doggett resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion was agreed to 227-188. [Motion, Vote #311, 6/21/17; CQ Floor Votes, 6/21/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** In June 2017, Poliquin voted for: “McCaul, R-Texas, motion to table (kill) the Capuano, D-Mass., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Capuano resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 228-186. [Motion, Vote #292, 6/7/17; CQ Floor Votes, 6/7/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Efforts To Force The Disclosure Of President Trump’s Tax Returns.** In June 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 375).” According to The Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require any candidate of a major political party for the office of the president to submit their federal income tax returns for the three most recent years.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block the release of tax returns. The previous question carried 228-185. [H Res 375, Vote #290, 6/7/17; CQ, 6/7/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, 6/7/17]

**Poliquin Voted To Table An Amendment To Prohibit Implementation Of A Bill Until The Chairman Of Ways And Means Requested 10 Years Of President Trump’s Tax Returns.** As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Poliquin voted for a “motion to table the Doggett motion to appeal the ruling of the chairman that the Doggett amendment to the Brady, R-Texas, substitute amendment was not germane. The Doggett amendment would prohibit implementation of any provision of the bill until the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee submits a written request to the Treasury secretary for copies of the President Donald Trump’s tax returns for the past 10 years, including each business entity disclosed on the president’s ethics form.” The motion was agreed to 22-16. [House Ways and Means Committee, Committee Vote, 5/24/17; CQ Committee Coverage, 5/24/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Efforts To Force The Disclosure Of President Trump’s Tax Returns.** In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to table (kill) the Sanchez, D-Calif., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Sanchez resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s text returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed, 225-187. [Motion, Vote #274, 5/17/17; CQ, 5/24/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require Presidential Candidates To Release Tax Returns.** In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require any candidate of a major political party for the office of the president to submit their federal income tax returns for the
three most recent years.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block the release of tax returns. The motion passed 226-188. [H Res 324, Vote #263, 5/18/17; CQ, 5/18/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, 5/18/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Efforts To Force The Disclosure Of President Trump’s Tax Returns. In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Rothfus, R-Pa., motion to table (kill) the Pascrell, D-N.J., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Pascrell resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 229-188. [Motion, Vote #261, 5/17/17; CQ, 5/17/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Require Any Candidate Of A Major Political Party To Release Three Years Of Federal Income Tax Returns. In April 2017, Poliquin voted for: the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require any candidate of a major political party for the office of the President to submit their Federal income tax returns for the three most recent years.” The previous question passed 231-191. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [HR 305 (HRes 275), Vote #224, 4/26/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, 4/26/17]

Poliquin Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In April 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Foxx, R-N.C., motion to table (kill) the Jeffries, D-N.Y., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Jeffries resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 228-184. [Motion, Vote #219, 4/5/17; CQ Floor Votes, 4/5/17]


Poliquin Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Flores, R-Texas, motion to table (kill) the Lofgren, D-Calif., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Lofgren resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 228-190. [Motion, Vote #201, 3/28/17; CQ Floor Votes, 3/28/17]

- Republicans Blocked A Procedural Effort To Obtain Trump’s Tax Returns From The IRS. “House Republicans on Tuesday blocked more attempts by Democrats to obtain President Donald Trump’s tax returns from the IRS. House Democrats tried for a third and a fourth time to use procedural votes to pry loose Trump’s returns. Republicans blocked both efforts, one on the House floor and the other in the House Ways and Means Committee. The House voted 228-190 on a mostly party-line vote to block the Democrats’ effort. The Ways and Means Committee voted 24-16 to oppose the effort.” [Associated Press, 3/28/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Requiring Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for: the “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 230).” A vote in favor is a vote against requiring Trump to release his tax returns. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 232-184. [H Res 230, Vote #199, 3/28/17; CQ, 3/28/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Vote Appealing A Ruling Forcing Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns Was Not A House Privilege. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for: the “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to table (kill) the Polis, D-Colo., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Polis resolution related to the
disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 230-189. [Motion, Vote #182, 3/22/17; CQ, 3/22/17]

- **Republican Presiding Officer Cut Off The Attempt By Democrats To Force A Vote To Push Committee To Request Trump’s Tax Returns.** “Democrats tried but failed Monday to force a House floor vote to push a key committee to request copies of President Trump’s tax returns. It was the fourth time in as many weeks that Democrats sought to force the vote. Rep. Jared Polis (D-Colo.) attempted to offer a resolution and trigger a House floor vote, but was cut off by the Republican presiding over the House.” [The Hill, 3/20/17]

- **Rather Than Rule The Measure Was Not Privileged, Rep. Womak, The Presiding Officer, Ruled That Rep. Polis Was No Longer Able To Speak.** “Three other Democrats in recent weeks offered similar resolutions as “privileged,” which would require the House to act within two legislative days. The presiding officer in the House at those times ruled that the measure didn’t qualify as “privileged” by affecting the chamber’s dignity and integrity. Democrats demanded roll call votes to appeal those rulings. […] But on Monday, Rep. Steve Womack (R-Ark.), who was presiding over the chamber, took a different approach to block the measure. He declared the House would not at that time determine whether the resolution met the requirements to be “privileged” and ruled that Polis was no longer recognized to speak. Womack then ordered the House to resume voting on an unrelated noncontroversial bill regarding the Department of Homeland Security.” [The Hill, 3/20/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** In March 2017, Poliquin voted for: “McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Crowley, D-N.Y., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Crowley resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 223-183. [Motion, Vote #161, 3/15/17; CQ Floor Votes, 3/15/17]

- **Motion Would Have Forced House To Vote On A Resolution To Request Ten Years Of President Trump’s Tax Returns.** “Crowley’s measure is similar to resolutions Democratic Reps. Bill Pascrell Jr. (N.J.) and Anna Eshoo (Calif.) offered on the House floor in recent weeks. It includes additional language that says the American public need to know more about Trump’s business interests in order to ‘ensure that all policies put forward by the Trump Administration solely benefit the American public and not his corporate business partners.’ As was the case in past weeks, Crowley tried to offer the resolution as ‘privileged,’ meaning the House would have to act on it within two legislative days. But Rep. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho), who was presiding over the House, ruled that the measure was not privileged, and the vast majority of Republicans voted to table Crowley’s appeal of that ruling, 223-183.” [The Hill, 3/15/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** In March 2017, Poliquin voted for: “McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Eshoo, D-Calif., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Eshoo resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 227-186. [Motion, Vote #128, 3/7/17; CQ Floor Votes, 3/7/17]

- **The Motion Would Have Forced The House To Vote On A Resolution To Request Ten Years Of President Trump’s Tax Returns.** “House Democrats on Tuesday furthered their push to force Republicans to take tough votes on President Trump, offering a resolution on the House floor to request Trump’s tax returns for the second time in a little over a week. The resolution was blocked on a procedural vote of 227-186. […] Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-Calif.) offered a resolution on Tuesday instructing the House to request 10 years of Trump’s tax returns so that they can be considered by the House Ways and Means Committee in a closed session.” [The Hill, 3/7/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Require Any Candidate Of A Major Political Party To Release Three Years Of Federal Income Tax Returns.** In June 2016, Poliquin voted for: the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, to amend the Ethics in
Government Act of 1978 to require any candidate of a major political party for the office of the President to submit their Federal income tax returns for the three most recent years.” The previous question passed 224-191. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 150, Vote #103, 2/28/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, 2/28/17]

Poliquin Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In February 2017, Poliquin voted for: “McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Pascrell, D-N.J., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Pascrell resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 229-185. [Motion, Vote #101, 2/27/17; CQ Floor Votes, 2/27/17]

- **Motion Would Have Forced The House To Vote On A Resolution To Request Ten Years Of President Trump’s Tax Returns.** “A House Democratic lawmaker attempted Monday to force a House floor vote on a resolution to request President Trump’s tax returns, but the effort failed on a party line vote, 229-185, with two Republicans voting ‘present.’ The move was the latest in a series of Democratic efforts to push Congress to request Trump’s tax returns, and Democrats demanded a roll call vote to force Republicans to go on the record. […] Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-N.J.) offered a resolution that would have directed the House to request 10 years of Trump’s tax returns, have the House Ways and Means Committee review them in a closed session and then vote to send the information in the returns to the full House.” [The Hill, 2/27/17]

- **Democrats Offered A Resolution To “Instruct The House To Request Trump’s Tax Returns From The Last Decade So That The House Ways And Means Committee… Can Review Them In A Closed Session.”** “Democrats have offered similar resolution three other times in the last four weeks, which all resulted in procedural votes. The resolutions would instruct the House to request Trump’s tax returns from the last decade so that the House Ways and Means Committee, which has oversight of the Internal Revenue Service, could review them in a closed session. The chairmen of the House Ways and Means Committee, Senate Finance Committee and Joint Committee on Taxation have the power to request individual tax return information from the Treasury Department.” [The Hill, 3/20/17]

- **After Republican Presiding Officers Ruled Measure Did Not Qualify As “Privileged” Action Under House Rules, Democrats Forced Roll Call Vote To Appeal Ruling.** “Three other Democrats in recent weeks offered similar resolutions as “privileged,” which would require the House to act within two legislative days. The presiding officer in the House at those times ruled that the measure didn’t qualify as “privileged” by affecting the chamber’s dignity and integrity. Democrats demanded roll call votes to appeal those rulings.” [The Hill, 3/20/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Presidential Tax Transparency Act. In January 2017, Poliquin voted for: the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, the Presidential Tax Transparency Act.” The previous question passed 233-187. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 55, Vote #62, 1/24/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, 1/24/17]

**October 2016: When Asked About Trump’s Tax Returns, Poliquin’s Spokesperson Said His Team Would Be “Watching Closely Your Stories On Hillary Clinton’s Email Server”**

October 2016: When Asked About Trump’s Tax Returns, Poliquin’s Spokesperson Said His Team Would Be “Watching Closely Your Stories On Hillary Clinton’s Email Server.” “Sen. Susan Collins said Monday that the revelations in a New York Times story about Donald Trump's 1995 tax return raised a lot of questions that he could answer if he released his returns voluntarily. […] When asked for comment about Trump's tax revelations, Brent Littlefield, spokesman for Poliquin, said via email, ‘Will be watching closely your stories on Hillary Clinton's email server and whether Maine candidates believe in private email servers in personal home basements for official government agencies. As it relates to the congressman, no additional comment on the presidential race.’ Poliquin
has steadfastly dodged questions on whether he will vote for his party’s nominee for president.” [Portland Press Herald, 10/3/16]

**Conflicts Of Interest**

**SUMMARY: Poliquin Repeatedly Voted Against Addressing Conflicts Of Interest In Trump’s Administration**

- Poliquin Voted Against Preventing Financial Regulations Changes From Being Made For The Gain Of The President, His Family, Or Other Senior Executive Branch Officials. [HR 1116, Vote #107, 3/14/18; CQ, 3/14/18]
- Poliquin Voted Against Preventing Financial Regulations Changes From Being Made For The Gain Of The President, His Family, Or Other Senior Executive Branch Officials. [HR 4607, Vote #94, 3/6/18; CQ, 3/6/18; Congressional Record, 3/6/18]
- Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Preventing Implementation Of The CHOICE Act Until The Director Of OGE Certified That No Provision Would Benefit The President Or Any Person Appointed By The Executive Branch To Influence Federal Regulation. [House Financial Services Committee, HR 10, Amendment 1h, Vote FC-45, 5/4/17; CQ Committee Coverage, 5/4/17]
- Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Preventing Implementation Of The CHOICE Act Until It Was Certified An Action Would Not Benefit Any Creditor Or Controlling Interest Listed On The Last Seven Years Of The President’s Tax Returns. [House Financial Services Committee, HR 10, Amendment 1i, Vote FC-46, 5/4/17; CQ Committee Coverage, 5/4/17]
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- Poliquin Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Empowering The House Of Representatives To Investigate Trump’s Potential Conflicts Of Interest. [HRes 280, Vote #229, 4/27/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, 4/27/17]
- Poliquin Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment Prohibiting The President From Making Public Communications About, Or Advocating For, His Business Interests. [HR 1004, Vote #125, 3/2/17; CQ, 3/2/17]
- Poliquin Voted Against Recommitting The SCRUBS Act With An Amendment Exempting Rules Related To Conflict Of Interest And Bribery. [HR 998, Vote #113, 3/1/17; CQ, 3/1/17]
- Poliquin Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Address The Financial Conflicts Of Interest Of The President. [H Res 40, Vote #32, 1/11/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, 1/11/17]

**Poliquin Repeatedly Voted Against Addressing Conflicts Of Interest In Trump’s Administration**

**Poliquin Voted Against Preventing Financial Regulations Changes From Being Made For The Gain Of The President, His Family, Or Other Senior Executive Branch Officials.** In March 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Connolly D-Va., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prevent changes in financial regulations in the bill from being made at the request of, or for the personal gain of, the president, a member of his family, or other senior Executive Branch official.” The motion to recommit failed 182-232. [HR 1116, Vote #107, 3/14/18; CQ, 3/14/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against Preventing Financial Regulations Changes From Being Made For The Gain Of The President, His Family, Or Other Senior Executive Branch Officials.** In March 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Clark, D-Mass., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit a federal financial regulator from including certain rules in its review under the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996 if such rules were issued or made at the ‘request of and for the personal gain of’ the president, the president’s family members, or senior executive branch officials who are required to file annual financial disclosure forms.” According to Rep. Clark, the “amendment simply states that before taking any action to eliminate or change a regulation, regulators must disclose any communications from the White House or the President’s family advocating for the action and
whether the President, his family, or any senior administration officials would benefit financially from such action.” The motion was rejected, 182-228. [HR 4607, Vote #94, 3/6/18; CQ, 3/6/18; Congressional Record, 3/6/18]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Preventing Implementation Of The CHOICE Act Until The Director Of OGE Certified That No Provision Would Benefit The President Or Any Person Appointed By The Executive Branch To Influence Federal Regulation. As a member of the Financial Services Committee, Poliquin voted for an “amendment to the Hensarling, R-Texas, substitute amendment that would bar the bill from taking effect until the director of the Office of Government Ethics certifies that no provision of the bill would directly benefit the president or an individual who is appointed to a position in the executive branch to influence federal regulation. It also would require the director to issue a certification listing any individuals that benefit from the bill.” The amendment was rejected 26-33. [House Financial Services Committee, HR 1004, Amendment 1h, Vote FC-45, 5/4/17; CQ Committee Coverage, 5/4/17]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Preventing Implementation Of The CHOICE Act Until It Was Certified An Action Would Not Benefit Any Creditor Or Controlling Interest Listed On The Last Seven Years Of The President's Tax Returns. As a member of the Financial Services Committee, Poliquin voted for an “amendment to the Hensarling, R-Texas, substitute amendment that would bar federal departments and agencies from adopting, revising or repealing any rule or regulation pursuant to the bill, unless the departments or agencies certify that, at the time of such adoption, revision or repeal, the action would not directly or indirectly benefit any creditor listed in the president’s tax returns for the seven previous years or any company in which the president owns a controlling interest.” The amendment was rejected 26-32. [House Financial Services Committee, HR 10, Amendment 1i, Vote FC-46, 5/4/17; CQ Committee Coverage, 5/4/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Empowering The House Of Representatives To Investigate Trump’s Potential Conflicts Of Interest. In April 2017, Poliquin voted for: “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H. Res. 286 which would direct certain officials of the Trump Administration to provide information to the House of Representatives that will enable the House to meet its constitutional responsibility to conduct oversight of the Trump Administration by investigating potential conflicts of interests of President Donald J. Trump.” A vote yes was a vote against the Democrats’ resolution. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 230-193. [HRes 280, Vote #229, 4/27/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, 4/27/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment Prohibiting The President From Making Public Communications About, Or Advocating For, His Business Interests. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against: the “Jayapal, D-Wash., motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit the president from making public communications that refer to a business in which the president has an equity interest and would prohibit the president from publicly advocating on behalf of such business interests.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 189-232. [HR 1004, Vote #125, 3/2/17; CQ, 3/2/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Recommitting The SCRUBS Act With An Amendment Exempting Rules Related To Conflict Of Interest And Bribery. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against: the “Raskin, D-Md., motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill’s provisions rules related to laws governing potential conflicts of interest and financial disclosures for executive branch employees, and would exempt rules related to bribery.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-235. [HR 998, Vote #113, 3/1/17; CQ, 3/1/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Address The Financial Conflicts Of Interest Of The President. In January 2017, Poliquin voted for: the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 371, to address financial conflicts of interest of the President and Vice President.” The previous question passed 232-168. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 40, Vote #32, 1/11/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, 1/11/17]
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Significant Findings

✓ Between 2015 and 2017, Poliquin voted three times for 20-week abortion bans, and twice voted against exemptions for cases in which a woman’s health was at risk.

✓ Between 2012 and 2014, Poliquin stated abortion should be banned even in cases of rape and incest on a candidate questionnaire and in multiple interviews.

✓ On a 2014 questionnaire, Poliquin said he would support legislation to define life as starting at conception and “remove from the federal courts jurisdiction over the question of abortion.”

✓ In 2016, Poliquin cited “the special joys of rising [sic] children alone” to justify his anti-choice positions.

✓ Poliquin said he was “completely against” requiring insurance companies to cover contraceptives and voted against supporting an amendment for TRICARE to cover contraceptives.

✓ Poliquin voted to defund Planned Parenthood seven times between 2015 and 2016.

Abortion Bans

2015 – 2017: Poliquin Voted For 20-Week Abortion Bans Three Times, And Voted Against Exemptions For Cases In Which A Woman’s Health Was At Risk Twice

October 2017: Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of A 20-Week Abortion Ban

October 2017: Poliquin Voted For A 20-Week Abortion Ban Imposing Criminal Penalties On Doctors And Against An Amendment That Exempted Cases Where A Woman’s Health Was At Risk

In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit abortions in cases where the probable age of the fetus is 20 weeks or later and would impose criminal penalties on doctors who violate the ban. It would provide exceptions for cases in which the woman’s life is in danger as well as for pregnancies that are a result of rape for pregnancies that are a result of rape against an adult woman, if the woman received counseling or medical treatment for the rape at least 48 hours prior to the abortion. An exception would be provided for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest against a minor if the rape or incest had been previously reported to law enforcement or another government agency authorized to act on reports of child abuse. The bill would require a second doctor trained in neonatal resuscitation to be present for abortions where the fetus has the ‘potential’ to survive outside the womb.” The bill passed, 237-189, [HR 36, Vote #549, 10/3/17; CQ, 10/3/17]

- Abortion Rights Groups Said The Legislation Had No Exception If The Pregnancy Threatened The Mother’s Health, And The Rape And Incest Exceptions Were Too Narrow. “Abortion rights groups and Democratic lawmakers panned the legislation ahead of its passage, arguing it is based on faulty science and contains no exception if a pregnancy would threaten a mother’s health. They also said the rape and incest exceptions are too narrow and that the bill is likely unconstitutional under existing Supreme Court rulings.” [Washington Post, 10/3/17]

- Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of A 20-Week Abortion Ban. In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 548) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 36) that would
prohibit abortions in cases where the probable age of the fetus is 20 weeks or later and would impose criminal penalties on doctors who violate the ban, with certain exceptions.” The rule was adopted, 233-187. [HR 36, Vote #547, 10/3/17; CQ, 10/3/17]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To The 20-Week Abortion Ban Allowing For An Exception For An Abortion Necessary To Save The Health Of A Pregnant Woman. In October 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Brownley, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would add an exception to the 20-week abortion ban for abortions necessary to save the health of the pregnant woman.” The motion was rejected, 238-187. [HR 36, Vote #548, 10/3/17; CQ, 10/3/17]

May 2015: Poliquin Voted For Banning Abortion After 20 Weeks, Which Included A Waiting Period For Rape Survivors, And Against Adding An Exemption Where A Woman’s Health Was At Risk

Poliquin Voted For Banning Abortion After 20 Weeks, Including Requiring A 48-Hour Waiting Period For Rape Survivors. In May 2015, Poliquin voted for “a bill banning abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy in a party-line vote on Wednesday.” According to The Hill, “But the bill did not change a provision that allows victims of incest to receive an abortion only if they are under 18 years old … The new version of the House bill also includes a two-day waiting period for rape victims. Doctors must also ensure that victims have received medical treatment or counseling during that time.” [HR 36, Vote #223, 5/13/15; The Hill, 5/13/15; The Hill, 5/11/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Adding An Exception To The Abortion Ban To Protect The Health Of The Woman. In May 2015, Poliquin voted against adding a woman’s health exception to a 20-week abortion bill. “U.S. Rep. Julia Brownley’s attempt to amend a bill calling for a ban on abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy was defeated Wednesday, and the House went on to pass the ban. The Westlake Village Democrat’s motion and amendment would have added language to the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act that would have permitted abortions after 20 weeks if a woman’s health were at risk. It was defeated on a mostly party-line 181-246 vote.” [H.R. 36, Vote #222, 5/13/15; Ventura County Star, 5/13/15]

Planned Parenthood: 20 Week Abortion Ban Was Unconstitutional

Planned Parenthood: “20-Week Bans Are Unconstitutional.” “20-week bans are unconstitutional. 20-week bans are a clear attempt to erode Roe v. Wade. In fact, 20-week ban proponents are outspoken about their goal to challenge the 1973 Supreme Court decision protecting a woman’s right to safe and legal abortion.” [Planned Parenthood, accessed 7/12/18]

HEADLINE: 20-Week Abortion Bans: Still Unconstitutional After All These Years [Rewire, 5/12/15]

Poliquin Shifted His Stance On When Women Had The Right To Choose From Extreme To More Extreme

2012: Poliquin Said “Nobody Has The Right” To End The Life Of A Fetus, Which He Said Began At Conception, “Before Its Natural Conclusion”

2012: Poliquin: “When One Mom And One Dad Get Together With The Help Of God And They Create New Life, Nobody – Nobody – Has The Right To End That Life Before Its Natural Conclusion.” HOST: “This one is about abortion and the government funding of abortion, and please describe your chance on pro-choice.” POLIQUIN: “Sure. I believe that when one mom and one dad get together with the help of God and they create new life, nobody – nobody – has the right to end that life before its natural conclusion.” [YouTube, Toby Hoxie, Senate Candidate Q&A on Abortion, 5/10/12] (VIDEO, 0:05)
• Poliquin: “I Believe That When One Mom And One Dad Get Together With The Help Of God To Create A New Life, Nobody Has The Opportunity Or The Authority To Terminate That Life Before Its Natural Conclusion.” POLIQUIN: “I’m a pro-life Catholic. I believe that when one mom and one dad get together with the help of God to create a new life, nobody has the opportunity or the authority to terminate that life before its natural conclusion.” [YouTube, Dirigo Blue, ME-Sen Value Forum: Opening Remarks, 4/24/12] (VIDEO, 12:35)

2012: Poliquin Said He Believed Human Life Began At Conception, And That Human Life From Conception “Should Be Protected.” POLIQUIN: “I remember when my son was in my late wife’s womb. I used to go to all the doctor’s appointments. It was just fascinating with the sonogram, and to see that child grow. Now, can someone tell me, when is that child a life? When the head is developed? Or do you have to wait until the arms and legs are developed? Or do you have to wait until the fingers and toes, when you can see the eyes? I happen to believe, as a Catholic, that when a mom and a dad get together, with help from above, that that life is a life at that time and should be protected. I also believe very strongly in the Constitution, and the Constitution should honor religious belief. And so it should not force folks to use their tax dollars to fund something against their belief.” [YouTube, Dirigo Blue, ME-Sen Values Forum: Should Planned Parenthood be defunded, 4/24/12] (VIDEO, 0:45)

Poliquin: “It’s Clear To Me That At Conception, A Life Has Begun. And That Is A Life That Should Be Protected.” REPRESENTATIVE, MAINE RIGHT TO LIFE: “Under what circumstances, if any, would you favor legalized abortion?” […] POLIQUIN: “It’s clear to me that at conception, a life has begun. And that is a life that should be protected. […] Now, I am also a strong believer that the federal government is too intrusive. The only exception that I can think of right now is that when a doctor decides that the life of the mother or the child is in jeopardy. Government does not belong in that decision. Government should not choose who lives. That decision, in my opinion, belongs to the mom, the dad, if there is one, and the doctor.” [YouTube, Dirigo Blue, ME-Sen Values Forum: Should abortion ever be legal?, 4/24/12] (VIDEO, 2:04)

2014: Poliquin Supported Banning Abortion Even In Cases Of Rape And Incest

In A 2014 Questionnaire, Poliquin Supported An Amendment To The U.S. Constitution Banning Abortion Even In Cases Of Rape Or Incest. On its 2014 candidate questionnaire, the National Pro-Life Alliance asked, “Will you support an amendment to the U.S. Constitution banning abortion except to save the life of the mother?” Poliquin answered yes on questionnaire. [National Pro-Life Alliance 2014 Congressional Survey, accessed 9/10/21]

2012: When Asked If He Supported A Woman’s Right To Abortion, Poliquin Only Mentioned That The Federal Government “Has No Place To Make Such A Decision” If The Mother’s Life Was At Risk. “[Bangor Daily News:] Do you support a woman’s right to an abortion? [Poliquin:] If the life of the mother and the unborn child are both in jeopardy, the mother and her family and doctor should decide how to deal with such a tragic situation. The federal government has no place to make such a decision.” [Bangor Daily News, 10/10/12]

2012: Poliquin Said “The Only Exception I Can Think Of” When Abortion Was Permissible Was If The Life Of The Woman Or The Unborn Child Was In Jeopardy. REPRESENTATIVE, MAINE RIGHT TO LIFE: “Under what circumstances, if any, would you favor legalized abortion?” […] POLIQUIN: “It’s clear to me that at conception, a life has begun. And that is a life that should be protected. […] Now, I am also a strong believer that the federal government is too intrusive. The only exception that I can think of right now is that when a doctor decides that the life of the mother or the child is in jeopardy. Government does not belong in that decision. Government should not choose who lives. That decision, in my opinion, belongs to the mom, the dad, if there is one, and the doctor.” [YouTube, Dirigo Blue, ME-Sen Values Forum: Should abortion ever be legal?, 4/24/12] (VIDEO) 2:04

2014: Poliquin Said Abortion Was Permissible In Cases Of Rape, Incest, And Cases In Which A Woman’s Life Was At Risk
2014: Poliquin Said He Was A Pro-Life Catholic But That Abortion Could Be Permissible In Cases Of Rape Or Incest Or If A Woman's Life Is In Jeopardy. HOST: “Under what circumstances, if any, do you support abortion?” […] POLIQUIN: “When I raised my son as a single parent, I realized how precious and fragile life is. I’m a pro-life Catholic, I’m proud of it. I do believe that the government should not get involved at all when a woman's life is in jeopardy or there's a case of incest or rape.” HOST: “I didn’t mean to cut you off there. So in the case of rape or incest, you believe it is appropriate, otherwise no?” POLIQUIN: “Yes.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter General Election Debate, 10/14/14] (VIDEO) :22

Poliquin Took Positions That Were Antagonistic Towards Roe v. Wade

Poliquin Supported A Bill To Define Life As Beginning At Conception

Poliquin Supported A Bill To Define Life As Beginning At Conception. On its 2014 candidate questionnaire, the National Pro-Life Alliance asked, “Would you support and cosponsor a Life at Conception Act defining that life begins at the moment of conception thereby resolving for all time, as stated by the Supreme Court in Roe v. Wade, ‘the difficult question of when life begins?’” Poliquin answered yes on questionnaire. [National Pro-Life Alliance 2014 Congressional Survey, accessed 9/10/21]

Poliquin Supported Legislation That “Would Remove From The Federal Courts Jurisdiction Over The Question Of Abortion”

In A 2014 Questionnaire, Poliquin Supported Legislation That “Would Remove From The Federal Courts Jurisdiction Over The Question Of Abortion.” On its 2014 candidate questionnaire, the National Pro-Life Alliance asked, “Will you support legislation which, under Article III, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution, would remove from the federal courts jurisdiction over the question of abortion?” Poliquin answered yes on questionnaire. [National Pro-Life Alliance 2014 Congressional Survey, accessed 9/10/21]

Poliquin Pledged To Support Federal Judicial Nominees Who Would “Uphold” Fetuses “Constitutional Right To Life”

Poliquin Pledged To Support Federal Judicial Nominees Who Would “Uphold The Constitutional Right To Life” Of Fetuses. On its 2014 candidate questionnaire, the National Pro-Life Alliance asked, “Will you support nominees to the United States Supreme Court and the lower federal courts who will uphold the constitutional right to life of every human person, born and unborn?” Poliquin answered yes on questionnaire. [National Pro-Life Alliance 2014 Congressional Survey, accessed 9/10/21]

Abortion Restrictions

Poliquin Voted For Bills That Limited Health Insurance Coverage Of Abortion Care

January 2017: Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Federal Funds From Being Used To Pay For Abortion Care Or Health Insurance Plans That Cover Abortion

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Federal Funds, Including Individual And Small Business Tax Credits Under The ACA, From Being Used To Pay For Abortion Serves Or Health Insurance Plans That Include Abortion Coverage And Would Ban Multistate Health Plans The Provide Abortion Coverage From State Exchanges. In January 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would permanently prohibit federal funds from being used to pay for abortion services or health insurance plans that include abortion coverage. It also would prohibit the District of Columbia from using its own local funds to provide or pay for abortions. Individuals and small businesses also could not receive tax credits under the 2010 health care law related to purchases of health insurance plans that include abortion coverage. The bill would require the Office of Personnel Management to ensure that,
starting in 2018, no multistate qualified health plan offered in a state insurance exchange provides coverage that includes abortion. The provisions would not apply to pregnancies resulting from rape or incest, or to situations where the woman would die unless an abortion is performed.” The bill passed by a vote of 238-183. [HR 7, Vote #65, 1/24/17; CQ, 1/24/17]

January 2017: On His Vote, Poliquin’s Spokesperson Said He Opposed Public Funding For Abortion Care And “Understands That This Topic Raises Passionate Discussion.” “The proposal, approved on a mostly party-line vote, seeks to make a prohibition on taxpayer funding of abortion permanent and, for the first time, to stymie private insurance plans from offering coverage for abortions. […] U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, a Republican whose 2nd District includes Lewiston-Auburn and Franklin and Oxford counties, has a different take on the proposed legislation. ‘The congressman understands that this topic raises passionate discussion, on both sides of the issue,’ his spokesman, Brendan Conley, said. ‘He agrees that all of us should extend compassion and support to every woman in need of care -- and always offer help, never condemnation.’ He added, ‘For nearly 40 years, majorities in Democratic- and Republican-controlled congresses have agreed that federal tax dollars should not be used to fund elective abortions. As a Franco-American Catholic, the congressman agrees.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 1/24/17]

July 2016: Poliquin Voted For Allowing Health Care Providers To Deny Abortion Coverage

Poliquin Voted For Allowing Health Care Providers To Deny Abortion Coverage. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill mandating “federal government and state and local governments cannot penalize or discriminate against health care providers who won't perform abortions or sponsor or provide abortion coverage.” The bill passed 245-182. [S 304, Vote #443, 7/13/16; AP, 7/13/16]

January 2015: Poliquin Voted For Bill Blocking Federal Funding For Abortion, Including Tax Credits For Small Businesses Providing Health Care That Included Abortion Coverage

Poliquin Voted For Bill Blocking Federal Funding For Abortion, Including Tax Credits For Small Businesses Providing Health Care That Included Abortion Coverage. In January 2015, Poliquin voted for the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, which restricted federal funding for abortions and abortion coverage. “The House did easily pass H.R. 7, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2015, sponsored by Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.). White House advisers said they would recommend a veto should the bill reach the president’s desk. The Hyde Amendment already prevents the use of federal funds to pay for abortion, except in cases of incest, rape and life endangerment of the mother. That is passed every year as part of an appropriations bill, but this bill would make that permanent law. The House bill would also restrict small businesses from getting an Affordable Care Act tax credit if they purchase employee health plans that include abortion coverage on the Small Business Health Options Program, or SHOP exchange.” [HR 7, Vote #45, 1/22/15; Politico, 1/22/15]

• The Bill Would Give Big Insurance Companies Incentive To Drop Abortion Coverage. “The bill gives insurers a big incentive to drop abortion coverage from their plans, or risk losing the large pool of consumers who receive the law's subsidies. Abortion coverage is historically relatively ubiquitous in health plans, so the effect could be far-reaching.” [National Journal, 1/28/14]


HEADLINE: “Poliquin's Vote For Anti-Abortion Measure Prompts Disagreement Over Maine Values.” [Bangor Daily News, 1/22/15]

• Bangor Daily News: Poliquin “Solidified His Position As The Only Anti-Abortion Member Of Maine’s Congressional Delegation” By Voting For The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion And Abortion Full Disclosure Act of 2015. “U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin solidified his position as the only anti-abortion member of
Maine’s congressional delegation Thursday when he cast his first vote against abortion on the 42nd anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. Thursday’s vote on the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Full Disclosure Act of 2015 is widely seen as a case of majority Republicans in the House trying to make a point and appeal to their constituents, even though the measure has no chance of surviving a veto by President Barack Obama.” [Bangor Daily News, 1/22/15]

- **Poliquin On His Vote: “I Don’t Believe Requiring Taxpayers To Fund Abortions Reflects The Values Of Our 2nd District Families.”** “In a written statement, Poliquin cited his Catholic upbringing and the fact he is a single father for his stance against abortion and justification for his vote. ‘I don’t believe requiring taxpayers to fund abortions reflects the values of our 2nd District families,’ said Poliquin, a Republican who represents Maine’s 2nd U.S House District. ‘Additionally, doing so would be in contrast to the moral conscience and religious beliefs of many taxpayers.’ Poliquin was at times cagey about his abortion stance during his 2014 campaign, insisting that his views were personal and not political.” [Bangor Daily News, 1/22/15]

- **Bangor Daily News: “Democrats Assailed Poliquin For Being Tone-Deaf To The Attitudes Within His District.”** “A Planned Parenthood poll conducted last year in Maine found that 68 percent of respondents from the 2nd Congressional District said they preferred to vote for a gubernatorial candidate who supports a woman’s right to make decisions about abortions. […] Democrats assailed Poliquin for being tone-deaf to the attitudes within his district while 1st Congressional District Rep. Chellie Pingree aimed her ire at Republican congressional leaders. ‘This is another example of how Republicans in Congress just don’t understand women’s lives,’ said Pingree in a written statement. ‘Over and over again, they have tried to restrict abortion, drive women’s health clinics out of business, and generally get in the way of what should be a private conversation between a woman and her doctor.’” [Bangor Daily News, 1/22/15]

**May 2019: Poliquin Said He Opposed The State Of Maine’s Decision To Cover Abortion Procedures Under Medicaid**

2019: Poliquin Said He Opposed The State Of Maine’s Decision To Cover Abortion Procedures Under Medicaid. POLIQUIN: “There are movements in both bodies, the federal and the state government – here, we’re talking about Augusta specifically – to use for the first time in I think 45 or 50 years taxpayer dollars to pay for abortion. Whether you’re pro-life like me or pro-choice, that’s not the issue. The issue is do you want to use taxpayer dollars to pay for abortion. At the federal level, it’s been the law of the land that you do not do that for about 40 or 50 years with the exception of rape, incest, and life of the mother. But now there’s a movement in Maine to use state, not federal because it’s illegal at the federal level, but state taxpayer dollars to pay for abortion. I think that’s a really bad idea. It can violate folks’ religious beliefs and all kinds of other problems with it.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 5/7/19] (AUDIO) 12:28


Poliquin Voted For Considering Legislation To Require Medical Practitioners To Care For So-Called “Born-Alive” Babies. In January 2018, Poliquin voted for practitioners to give the same level of care to an infant born alive during an abortion procedure as they would give to any other infant born at the same gestational age, and would set criminal fines and penalties for not doing so.” The rule was adopted 228-189. [H Res 694, Vote #30, 1/18/18; CQ, 1/18/18]

Poliquin Voted For A 20-Week Abortion Ban Imposing Criminal Penalties On Doctors, With Exceptions For Rape And Incest Only If It Had Been Reported To Law Enforcement. In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit abortions in cases where the probable age of the fetus is 20 weeks or later and would impose criminal penalties on doctors who violate the ban. It would provide exceptions for cases in which the woman's life is in danger as well as for pregnancies that are a result of rape for pregnancies that are a result of rape against an adult woman, if the woman received counseling or medical treatment for the rape at least 48 hours
prior to the abortion. An exception would be provided for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest against a minor if the rape or incest had been previously reported to law enforcement or another government agency authorized to act on reports of child abuse. The bill would require a second doctor trained in neonatal resuscitation to be present for abortions where the fetus has the ‘potential’ to survive outside the womb.” The bill passed, 237-189. [HR 36, Vote #549, 10/3/17; CQ, 10/3/17]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill Requiring Doctors To Provide Medical Care To Aborted Fetuses That Show Signs Of Life. In September 2015, Poliquin voted for legislation that “amends the federal criminal code to require any health care practitioner who is present when a child is born alive following an abortion or attempted abortion to: (1) exercise the same degree of care as reasonably provided to any other child born alive at the same gestational age, and (2) ensure that such child is immediately admitted to a hospital. The term ‘born alive’ means the complete expulsion or extraction from his or her mother, at any stage of development, who after such expulsion or extraction breathes or has a beating heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, regardless of whether the umbilical cord has been cut.” The bill passed, 248 to 177. [HR 3504, Vote #506, 9/18/15]

- **Doctors Would Face Up To 5 Years In Prison If They Were Found To Not Follow The Legislation.** “Per the bill, ‘the term ‘born alive’ means the complete expulsion or extraction from his or her mother, at any stage of development, who after such expulsion or extraction breathes or has a beating heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, regardless of whether the umbilical cord has been cut.’ Physicians could face up to five years of prison time for lack of adherence to this measure and may also face civil suits from women who wish to press charges.” [Yahoo News, 9/18/15]

- **The President Of The American Congress Of Obstetricians And Gynecologists Called The Legislation “A Disservice To America’s Women And Gross Legislative Interference Into The Practice Of Medicine.”** “In a statement, Mark S. DeFrancesco, MD, president of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, called the passage of H.R. 3504 ‘a disservice to America’s women and gross legislative interference into the practice of medicine, putting politicians between women and their trusted doctors. This bill and others like it are part of a larger attempt to deny women access to safe, legal, evidence-based abortion care,’ he said in the statement. ‘We urge the United States Senate and the President to stand with women and stand up for safe medical care, by preventing this and other legislation like it to become law.’” [Yahoo News, 9/18/15]

| 2014: Poliquin Supported Federal Parental Consent Legislation For Abortion, Even In Cases Of Rape Or Incest |

In A 2014 Questionnaire, Poliquin Supported Federal Parental Consent Legislation For Abortion, Even In Cases Of Rape Or Incest. “Will you support federal legislation giving parents the right to stop any abortion from being performed on their minor daughter, except to save the life of the mother?” Poliquin answered yes on the questionnaire. [National Pro-Life Alliance 2014 Congressional Survey, accessed 9/10/21]

| Poliquin Supported Requiring “A 48-Hour ‘Cooling-Off’ Period,” Mandatory Counseling, And Ultrasounds For Women Seeking Abortion Care |

Poliquin Supported Requiring A 48-Hour ‘Cooling-Off’ Period And Mandatory Counseling For Women Seeking Abortion Care. On its 2014 candidate questionnaire, the National Pro-Life Alliance asked, “Will you support requiring a 48-hour ‘cooling off’ period, and mandatory counseling on the risks and consequences of abortion for persons who believe they may want to have an abortion?” Poliquin answered yes on questionnaire. [National Pro-Life Alliance 2014 Congressional Survey, accessed 9/10/21]

Poliquin Supported Requiring Abortion Providers To Provide Their Patients With “The Opportunity To See An Ultrasound Image.” On its 2014 candidate questionnaire, the National Pro-Life Alliance asked, “Will you vote to require that abortion providers provide the mother with the opportunity to see an ultrasound image of her child
before the abortion takes place?” Poliquin answered yes on questionnaire. [National Pro-Life Alliance 2014 Congressional Survey, accessed 9/10/21]

### 2012: Poliquin Said Taxpayer Funding Of Abortion Was Inappropriate And Tantamount To “Intrusion By The Federal Government Into Our Lives”

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2012: Poliquin Said It Was “Completely Inappropriate For The Federal Government To Mandate Taxpayers To Fund [Abortion] Against Their Belief.” REPRESENTATIVE, MAINE RIGHT TO LIFE: “Would you vote for legislation much like the April 14 vote last year in the U.S. Senate to defund Planned Parenthood?” HOST: “We’ll begin with Bruce Poliquin.” POLIQUIN: “Yes, I would.” REPRESENTATIVE, MAINE RIGHT TO LIFE: “Thank you.” POLIQUIN: “If we want – I believe that the federal government should not intrude upon someone’s religious beliefs, and there are those taxpayers who believe in life like I do, and so I think it’s completely inappropriate for the federal government to mandate taxpayers to fund this sort of practice against their belief.” [YouTube, Dirigo Blue, ME-Sen Values Forum: Should Planned Parenthood be defunded, 4/24/12] (VIDEO) 00:00

### Abortion In Past Campaigns

#### 2014: Poliquin Contrasted His Anti-Choice Views In A Primary Against A Pro-Choice Republican

April 2014: Poliquin “Used [His Anti-Choice Stance] As A Wedge” In A Republican Primary Debate Against Kevin Raye. “Kevin Raye and Bruce Poliquin, the candidates for the Republican nomination to Maine's 2nd congressional district seat, will speak back to back to the party faithful at the state GOP convention in Bangor on Saturday, one of the first times they have shared a stage in an already-feisty campaign. […] Raye didn't discuss his stance on abortion, but Poliquin used it as a wedge, saying the death of his first wife in a 1992 accident affirmed his anti-abortion position.” [Portland Press Herald, 4/26/14]


2014: Poliquin Said He Was Proud To Have Been Endorsed By National Right To Life As The Only Pro-Life Candidate In The GOP Primary. POLIQUIN: “I’m also very proud to tell you that I’m the only pro-life candidate in this race. For me, this is my belief. This is not about politics. I have one son, Sam, who I just love to death, who I’ve raised since he’s been in diapers. I know how precious life is. I know how fragile life is. I’ve been endorsed by the National Right to Life group and also by the Christian Civic League. I’m very proud of that.” [YouTube, Maine 02 RawFootage, WAGM Raye Poliquin Primary Debate, 5/30/14] (VIDEO) 8:34

2014: Poliquin Attacked His GOP Primary Opponent For Being Endorsed By “Abortion Providers.” POLIQUIN: “I’m a conservative when it comes to traditional family values. […] I mentioned to you, I’m very proud to be pro-life. I’m the only pro-life candidate in this race, and I’ve been endorsed by various organizations who support that. My opponent, to answer your question Jason, how are we different, my opponent has been endorsed by abortion providers and I think one of his largest contributions in this campaign is from a pro-abortion group. So we’re very different in that regard.” [YouTube, Maine 02 RawFootage, WAGM Raye Poliquin Primary Debate, 5/30/14] (VIDEO) 8:34

June 2014: Christian Civil League Board Chairman Bob Emrich On The Republican Primary: Poliquin “Has That Core Conviction That Abortion Is Wrong.” “Bob Emrich, former chief of staff for the Senate
Republicans and the current board chairman of the Christian Civic League of Maine, says that while many of the league's members may not support all of Poliquin's views, the fact that he is pro-life makes it easy for them to get behind a person who shares one of their fundamental beliefs. ‘He's not going to Congress to become a pastor, right, but he's going to go because part of the reason is that he has that core conviction that abortion is wrong and that there needs to be some restriction and so forth but he believes in life and as a result the policies will come and that's what we're looking for,’ Emrich said.” [Maine Public Radio, 6/11/14]

**Poliquin Cited The Death Of His First Wife To Justify His Anti-Choice Stance**


2016: Poliquin Campaign Website: “I Understand The Many Challenges As Well As The Special Joys Of Rising [Sic] Children Alone. [...] I Am The Only Candidate In This Congressional Race Who Is Pro-Life.” “From that upbringing, reinforced by a family tragedy when my son was still in diapers, I developed a deep appreciation for the invaluable role families play in our society. I believe that our government policies should support and strengthen American families. These experiences also reminded me how fragile and precious life is. Raising my son as a single dad, I understand the many challenges as well as the special joys of raising children alone. The Declaration of Independence gave birth to our country. It states that we Americans are ‘endowed by (our) Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.’ I believe in strong family values and in life. I am the only candidate in this Congressional race who is pro-life, and I’m proud of it.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/29/16]

**Contraceptives**

June 2018: Poliquin Voted Against Supporting An Amendment To Cover Contraceptives For TRICARE Beneficiaries

Poliquin Voted Against Supporting Amendment To Cover Contraceptives For TRICARE Beneficiaries. In June 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Carbajal, D-Calif., motion to instruct conferees on the part of the House to agree to section 703 of the Senate bill, which is the provision related to contraception coverage parity under the TRICARE Program.” The motion failed by a vote of 188-231. [HR 5515, Vote #300, 6/27/18; CQ, 6/27/18]

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Poliquin Said He Would Vote Against Legislation Mandating Employer-Sponsored Health Care Plans To Cover The Cost Of Contraceptives Even If Those Employers Disagreed From A Religious Perspective. 

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Planned Parenthood

Poliquin Voted 12 Times To Defund Or Attack Planned Parenthood

- Poliquin Voted For Reversing Obama Rule Preventing States From Withholding Grants From Planned Parenthood. [HJRes 43, Vote #99, 2/16/17; USA Today, 2/16/17]
- Poliquin Voted For Doubling The Budget For The Select Committee Targeting Planned Parenthood. [HR Res 933, Vote #595, 12/1/16; The Hill, 12/1/16]
- Poliquin Voted For Blocking Resolution To Disband The Planned Parenthood Select Committee. [HR Res 771, Vote #285, 6/9/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/9/16; Office of the Democratic Leader, 6/9/16]
- Poliquin Voted For Overriding The President’s Veto Of A Bill To Repeal The Affordable Care Act And Block Funding Of Planned Parenthood For A Year. [HR 3762, Vote #53, 2/2/16, 2/2/16; CQ Floor Votes, 2/2/16]
- Poliquin Voted For Repealing The Affordable Care Act And Defunding Planned Parenthood For One Year. [HR 3762, Vote #6, 1/6/16; CQ, 1/6/16]
- Poliquin Voted For Reconciliation Bill To Repeal Key Sections Of The Affordable Care Act And Defund Planned Parenthood. [HR 3762, Vote #568, 10/23/15; Washington Post, 10/23/15]
- Poliquin Voted For Establishing Select Committee Targeting Planned Parenthood. [HR Res 461, Vote #538, 10/7/15; CQ Floor Votes, 10/7/15]
- Poliquin Voted For Attaching Measure To Defund Planned Parenthood To Spending Measure Necessary To Avert Government Shutdown. [H Con Res 79, Vote #527, 9/30/15; New York Times, 10/1/15]
- Poliquin Voted For Bill Making It Easier For States To Defund Planned Parenthood. [HR 3495, Vote #524, 9/29/15; CQ Floor Votes, 9/29/15]
- Poliquin Voted Against Motion To Protect Women’s Access To Life-Saving Health Services, Including Planned Parenthood. [HR 3495, Vote #523, 9/29/15; Democratic Leader – Motions to Recommit, 9/30/15]
- Poliquin Voted For Defunding Planned Parenthood. [H.R. 3134, Vote #505, 9/18/15; CQ, 9/23/15]
- Poliquin Voted Against Preventing Attempt To Defund Planned Parenthood. [H.R. 3134, Vote #504, 9/18/15; Democratic Leader – Motions To Recommit, 9/18/15]

Poliquin Repeatedly Voted To Defund Or Attack Planned Parenthood

Poliquin Voted For Reversing Obama Rule Preventing States From Withholding Grants From Planned Parenthood. In February 2017, Poliquin voted for: overturning “an Obama-era rule banning states from denying federal funds to Planned Parenthood and other health care providers that perform abortions. The rule was designed to prohibit states from withholding family planning funding from providers for reasons other than their ability to offer family-planning services.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 230-188. [HJRes 43, Vote #99, 2/16/17; USA Today, 2/16/17]
Poliquin Voted For Doubling The Budget For Select Committee Targeting Planned Parenthood. In December 2016, Poliquin voted for: “an additional $800,000 for the select committee investigating abortion provider practices, doubling its budget for the year. [...] The panel is now likely to spend nearly $1.6 million in total over the course of just under a year after the House previously approved a $790,000 budget.” The resolution passed 234-181. [H Res 933, Vote #595, 12/1/16; The Hill, 12/1/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Resolution To Disband The Planned Parenthood Select Committee. In February 2016, Poliquin voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would urge the House to vote to disband the Planned Parenthood Select Committee and protect American women, health care providers, and scientists from Republicans’ vicious, politically-motivated attacks.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the resolution. The motion was agreed to 241-181. [H Res 771, Vote #285, 6/9/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/9/16; Office of the Democratic Leader, 6/9/16]

Poliquin Voted For Overriding The President’s Veto Of A Bill To Repeal The Affordable Care Act And Block Funding Of Planned Parenthood For A Year. In February 2016, Poliquin voted for: overriding the President’s veto of a bill to “repeal portions of the 2010 health care law and block federal funding for Planned Parenthood for one year. The bill would zero-out the law’s penalties for noncompliance with the law’s requirements for most individuals to obtain health coverage and employers to offer health insurance. The bill would scrap in 2018 the law’s Medicaid expansion, as well as subsidies to help individuals buy coverage through the insurance exchanges. It also would scrap certain taxes included in the law, including the tax on certain high-value employer-sponsored health insurance plans.” The override required a two-thirds majority to pass, but failed 241 to 186. [HR 3762, Vote #53, 2/2/16; CQ Floor Votes, 2/2/16]

Poliquin Voted For Repealing The Affordable Care Act And Defunding Planned Parenthood For One Year. In January 2016, Poliquin voted for: “Price, R-Ga., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would repeal portions of the 2010 health care law and block federal funding for Planned Parenthood for one year. The bill would zero-out the law’s penalties for noncompliance with the law’s requirements for most individuals to obtain health coverage and employers to offer health insurance. The bill would scrap in 2018 the law’s Medicaid expansion, as well as subsidies to help individuals buy coverage through the insurance exchanges. It also would scrap certain taxes included in the law, including the tax on certain high-value employer-sponsored health insurance plans.” The bill passed by a vote of 240 to 181. [HR 3762, Vote #6, 1/6/16; CQ, 1/6/16]

Poliquin Voted For Reconciliation Bill To Repeal Key Sections Of The Affordable Care Act And Defund Planned Parenthood. In October, 2015, Poliquin voted for: a “budget reconciliation bill that seeks to gut Obamacare by repealing key sections of the law, including the individual and employer mandate and the so-called ‘cadillac’ tax, which targets high-end employer-sponsored health plans. In addition, it would block funding for Planned Parenthood for one year and divert that spending to other women’s health programs.” The bill passed 240-189. [HR 3762, Vote #568, 10/23/15; Washington Post, 10/23/15]

Poliquin Voted For Establishing Select Committee To Investigate Fetal Tissue Donation. In October 2015, Poliquin voted for: a bill that would “establish a select investigative subcommittee under the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The panel would be responsible for investigating and reporting on issues related to fetal tissue donation, fetal tissue procurement, federal funding for abortion services, and late-term abortions.” The bill passed 242-184. [H Res 461, Vote #538, 10/7/15; CQ Floor Votes, 10/7/15]

- Select Committee Targeting Planned Parenthood Given Broad Jurisdiction To Investigate Abortion Practices, Including Recommendations To Change Abortion Laws. Although the select committee was formed in response to videos edited to implicate that Planned Parenthood sold fetus tissue for profit, “[t]he words ‘Planned Parenthood’ do not appear in the resolution establishing the special committee. Its jurisdiction is considerably broader, encompassing ‘medical procedures and business practices used by entities involved in fetal tissue procurement’ and ‘any other relevant matters with respect to fetal tissue procurement.’ It also permits the committee to probe the subject of federal funding for abortion providers generally, the practices of
providers who perform abortions in the second and third trimesters, and ‘medical procedures for the care of a child born alive as a result of an attempted abortion.’ The committee is also empowered to recommend changes in laws or regulations based on its findings.” [Washington Post, 10/7/15; USA Today, 10/7/15]

- **Vox: Republicans On The Select Committee On Planned Parenthood “Used Shoddy Evidence To Promote A Predetermined, Partisan Conclusion Instead Of Making Any Genuine Efforts At Fact-Finding.”** “But by all appearances — as detailed in the Democrats’ report, and based on the reporting I’ve done both on the select panel since its inception and on the similar hearings that preceded it — Republicans on the select committee have abused their subpoena power to intimidate doctors and medical researchers, flouted House rules and traditions, and used shoddy evidence to promote a predetermined, partisan conclusion instead of making any genuine efforts at fact-finding. Excessive scrutiny from the House panel has interfered with the jobs of scientists and medical providers. […] It's a taxpayer-funded witch hunt, and it's doing active harm to science and medicine.” [Vox, 4/29/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Adding Language To Continuing Resolution To Defund Planned Parenthood.** In September 2015, Poliquin voted for: “adoption of the concurrent resolution (H Con Res 79) that would require the House enrolling clerk to add language to the CR defunding Planned Parenthood before it is sent to the president.” The resolution passed 241-185. [H Con Res 79, Vote #527, 9/30/15; CQ Floor Votes, 9/30/15]

- **Republicans Attempted To Attach Measure To Defund Planned Parenthood To Spending Measure Necessary To Avert Government Shutdown.** “With only hours to spare on the last day of the fiscal year, Congress averted a government shutdown on Wednesday by approving a temporary spending measure to keep federal agencies operating through Dec. 11. […] In one last display of their fury, House Republicans on Wednesday adopted another resolution to cut off government financing to Planned Parenthood. The resolution was to be sent to the Senate, where Democrats were certain to block it.” [New York Times, 10/1/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Bill Making It Easier For States To Defund Planned Parenthood.** In September 2015, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of a bill that would amend title XIX of the Social Security act to allow states to exclude medical providers who perform abortions from the state’s Medicaid contracts. The bill would expand the exceptions for which a state is not required to provide Medicaid reimbursements, allowing states to deny non-abortion health care reimbursements to medical providers such as Planned Parenthood.” The bill passed by a vote of 236-193. [HR 3495, Vote #524, 9/29/15; CQ Floor Votes, 9/29/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Motion To Protect Women’s Access To Life-Saving Health Services, Including Planned Parenthood.** In September 2015, Poliquin voted against: motion to recommit the Women’s Public Health and Safety Act. “The Democratic Motion to Recommit protects American women’s access to life-saving health care services from Republicans’ attempt to defund Planned Parenthood by protecting any organization that provides life-saving health services, such as preventive care and cancer screenings, from being stripped of vital federal resources to serve America’s families.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 184-242. [HR 3495, Vote #523, 9/29/15; Democratic Leader – Motions to Recommit, 9/30/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Defunding Planned Parenthood.** In September 2015, Poliquin voted for: the Defund Planned Parenthood Act 2015 that “would bar, for one year, federal funding for Planned Parenthood and its affiliates unless they certify that, during that period, they will not perform abortions or provide funds to other entities that perform abortions. The prohibition would apply to all federal funds, including Medicaid. The bill would provide exceptions for abortions provided in the case of rape, incest, or threat to the life of the mother. As amended, the bill would effectively redirect funds from Planned Parenthood to the community health center program; specifically, it would appropriate $235 million for community health centers, in addition to any other funds available to the program.” The bill passed 241 to 187. [H.R. 3134, Vote #505, 9/18/15; CQ, 9/18/15]

- **Mike Tipping Column: “Rep. Poliquin Flips On Planned Parenthood, Votes Against Women’s Health.** “I was surprised and pleased to hear Second-District Representative Bruce Poliquin’s statement to Maine Public Radio last week on Planned Parenthood. Sure, he used the opportunity to repeat some of the worst lies about
the organization promoted by anti-abortion rights activists, but at least he said he would vote against the attempt to strip away federal funding for the clinics. ‘We should fund the other parts of Planned Parenthood that allows other services for women to go on,’ he told MPBN. All federal funding to Planned Parenthood goes for services other than abortion, including cancer screenings and birth control. Just four days later, however, Poliquin had changed his mind. He voted in favor of a measure to halt funding for Planned Parenthood across the country. To justify his quick flip-flop, he claimed that he’s still in favor of funding for women’s health care and that he simply voted that way because there are no Planned Parenthood clinics in the Second District. That is one of the lamest excuses I’ve ever heard. It would be like voting against FEMA funds for hurricane relief because Bangor is less vulnerable than than New Orleans. Plus, he had specifically said he was in favor of funding those services through Planned Parenthood. There’s no wiggle room in that quote.” [Bangor Daily News, Mike Tipping Column, 9/25/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Preventing Attempt To Defund Planned Parenthood. In September 2015, Poliquin voted against: a motion that “shields American women’s access to lifesaving health care services from Republicans’ attempt to defund Planned Parenthood by protecting any organization that provides women’s health services, such as preventive care and cancer screenings, from being stripped of vital federal resources to serve America’s families.” A yes vote was a vote against defunding Planned Parenthood. The resolution failed, 183 to 245. [H.R. 3134, Vote #504, 9/18/15; Democratic Leader – Motions To Recommit, 9/18/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Shutting Down The Government Over Planned Parenthood Funding

Poliquin Voted For A Government Funding Bill That Included Funding For Planned Parenthood. In September 2015, Poliquin voted for: a continuing resolution that would fund the government until December 11 because it would continue federal funding of Planned Parenthood. “Congress is sending President Obama legislation to prevent a government shutdown following a 277-151 vote in the House that will keep federal agencies funded through Dec. 11. More Republicans voted against the spending bill than in favor of it, however. Republicans objected to the inclusion of money for Planned Parenthood in the bill, leading 151 GOP lawmakers to vote against the bill, compared to only 91 who supported it.” The bill passed 277 – 151. [H.R. 719, Vote #528, 9/30/15; The Hill, 9/30/15]

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Gender Discrimination

January 2017: Poliquin Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment That Prevents Health Insurance Plans From Charging Women Higher Premiums Than Men

Poliquin Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment That Prevents Health Insurance Plans From Charging Women Higher Premiums Than Men. In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Schakowsky, D-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would state that the bill could not be interpreted to allow health insurance plans to charge women higher premiums than they charge men.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 187-235. [HR 7, Vote #64, 1/24/17; CQ, 1/24/17]
Federally Qualified Health Centers

**Poliquin Touted His Support For Funding Federally Qualified Health Centers Instead Of Planned Parenthood**

Poliquin Touted His Support For Funding Federally Qualified Health Centers: “As You May Know, The Planned Parenthood Organization Does Not Have Any Facilities In The 2nd District Of Maine.” “As you may know, the Planned Parenthood organization does not have any facilities in the 2nd District of Maine. This is the largest District east of the Mississippi River and Congressman Poliquin understands the need to have health care close to home. There are more than 40 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC’s) located directly in the 2nd District of Maine which provide women’s health care services. These facilities are by and large located at health facilities and health offices all across the District. These services at various locations include annual exams, STD and HPV testing, breast and cervical exams; among others. […] Congresswoman Poliquin has repeatedly voted to increase federal funding for these services so they are available to women in Maine.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, captured 12/22/18]

**Poliquin Defended His Votes To Defund Planned Parenthood By Claiming They Would Increase Funding For Health Clinics In Maine’s 2nd District**

September 2015: Poliquin Spun His Vote To Defund Planned Parenthood As A Measure To Increase Funding For Health Clinics In ME-02. “Additionally, as amended, this bill will redirect $235 million to Federally qualified health centers that provide health services for women. Since Maine’s Second District does not have any Planned Parenthood locations, but is home to many Federally qualified health care centers all across the Second District, the vote would increase funding for women’s health care initiatives in Maine’s 2nd Congressional District.” [Poliquin Official Press Release, 9/18/15]

- **As Of September 2021, There Were No Planned Parenthood Locations In ME-02.** As of September 2021, Planned Parenthood had four locations in Maine, all of which were located in Maine’s 1st Congressional District. [Planned Parenthood, accessed 9/10/21; House.gov, accessed 9/10/21]
Agriculture & Food Access Issues

**Significant Findings**

✓ In 2018, Poliquin championed work requirements for SNAP recipients, which Maine food bank leaders and editorialists said would worsen hunger in Maine.

✓ In 2018, Poliquin voted to cut $3.8 billion in SNAP funding; in 2017, Poliquin said he supported the “welfare agenda” of Trump’s proposed budget to cut SNAP funding by 25%.

✓ In 2018, struggling small-scale Maine blueberry farmers criticized USDA buyouts that Poliquin “worked to secure” for only benefiting a subsidiary of the world’s largest blueberry supplier.

✓ Poliquin introduced a bill to include processed fruits in the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program, which he said would benefit Maine’s blueberry farmers, but Maine editorialists and the program’s architect said the bill would hurt low-income kids’ nutrition.

✓ In 2015, Poliquin voted for fishing regulations that had “dangerous exemptions from catch limits” and removing the timeframe for rebuilding overfished stocks, which the Bangor Daily News Editorial Board wrote “put short-term economics above all else.”.

✓ Poliquin advocated for an amendment to evaluate unnecessary federal fees on the lobstering industry and urged Trump to reverse reductions in certain lobstering trap line permits in 2019.

**SNAP**

**2018: Poliquin Pushed For Work Requirements On SNAP In The Farm Bill, Which Maine Editorialists And Food Bank Leaders Said Would Worsen Hunger In Maine**

**Poliquin Pushed For Work Requirements On SNAP In The 2018 Farm Bill**

6/21/18: Poliquin Touted His Contribution Of “Maine-Based Welfare Reforms That Include Sensible Work Requirements For Work-Capable Adults With No Dependents” To The Farm Bill. “Today, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Farm Bill, which includes two major pieces Congressman Bruce Poliquin (ME-02) helped author: (1) Maine-based welfare reforms that include sensible work requirements for work-capable adults with no dependents, and (2) his bipartisan bill to help Maine’s wild blueberry industry and give our children greater access to healthy fruits and vegetables in their school cafeterias. ‘It’s critical we help those who are capable of working and who are stuck in welfare learn the skills they need to be successful,’ said Congressman Poliquin.” [Poliquin Press Release, House of Representatives, 6/21/18]

August 2018: Poliquin Pushed For Work Requirements On SNAP To “Help” “Individuals Stuck In Government Dependency To Get The Opportunities To Be Successful And Become Independent And Self-Sufficient.” “Poliquin, a two-term lawmaker seeking re-election, said he pushed for the farm bill provision to help ‘individuals stuck in government dependency to get the opportunities to be successful and become independent and self-sufficient.’” [Portland Press Herald, 8/29/18]

- Poliquin Defended His Proposal Citing “A Finite Amount Of Money Out There” For Government Programs. “Poliquin said there is ‘a finite amount of money out there’ so it is important that the government
give people a push to better themselves. He said he believes pushing SNAP recipients to work ‘will give young adults the opportunity to learn the skills they need to be successful.’” [Portland Press Herald, 8/29/18]

- Poliquin Said “A Rising Economy Lifts All Boats,” Including Donors Who Would Provide To Food Banks For People Experiencing Hunger. “Poliquin said the best answer to the problem of hunger is for the economy to grow. ‘A rising economy lifts all boats,’ he said, and ensures donors will keep assisting the food bank in its quest to help anyone in dire straits. Without the assistance of organizations such as Good Shepherd, the congressman said, ‘I hate to think what would happen.’” [Portland Press Herald, 8/29/18]

- Poliquin Promoted Work Requirements On SNAP As He Toured A Food Bank Whose Leadership Called His Proposal “Just Scary To Us.” “The proposal, pushed by Rep. Bruce Poliquin of Maine, R-2nd District, would force many more able-bodied adults to work at least 20 hours a week to receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits. Because of the numbers involved, the proposal is ‘just scary to us,’ said Kristen Miale, president of the Good Shepherd Food Bank in Auburn. […] During a tour of the food bank Wednesday, Poliquin said the training he envisions and the push toward employment included in the measure would help put people on the path to a better life.” [Portland Press Herald, 8/29/18]

Poliquin Claimed Work Requirements On Food Assistance Programs In Maine “Helped Lift Thousands Out Of Poverty And Into Independence And Better Lives Through Employment.” “The bill submitted by Poliquin would also require able-bodied adults between 18 and 50 who don't have dependents to work at least 20 hours per week, get job training, or perform community service ‘in order for taxpayers to help them out with food assistance.’ Poliquin said that ‘similar reforms in Maine have helped lift thousands out of poverty and into independence and better lives through employment. We have plenty of jobs available.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 7/21/17]

- Center For Budget And Policy Priorities: Reports Of Maine Studies That Claimed Work Requirements On Food Assistance Increased Employment Overstated Work Requirements’ Impact. “For Maine, the Department of Health and Human Services’ press release reported that among the individuals whose SNAP was cut off, ‘Incomes rose 114 percent within a year of leaving the program,’ and ‘nearly half (48%) worked at least one quarter in 2015.’ These reports, however, dramatically overstate the increase in work rates and wages that resulted from the reimplementation of the time limit because many of the SNAP recipients affected were working, or would have started working anyway, albeit mostly in low-wage jobs with high turnover.” [Center For Budget And Policy Priorities, 12/14/16]


- Poliquin Wrote He “Worked For Three Years To Include Common-Sense Work Requirements For Those Applying For Food Stamps.” “We Mainers are hard-working. We also have big hearts. That’s why I worked for three years to include common-sense work requirements for those applying for food stamps, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP. Giving up on fellow Mainers who are less fortunate is mean-spirited. Bipartisan, good government should always show compassion for our friends and neighbors needing a helping hand, including those training for a job or seeking employment.” [Portland Press Herald, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 9/8/18]

12/5/19: Poliquin: “Do You Think It’s Fair To Require Food Stamp Recipients To Work If Able? I Do. That’s Why I Pushed To Include The Requirement In U.S. House-Passed Farm Bill.” “Do you think it’s fair to require food stamp recipients to work if able? I do. That’s why I pushed to include the requirement in U.S. House-passed Farm Bill. Able-bodied adults w/out children or disabilities should work, job train, or do community service to receive benefits.”
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[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 12/5/19]

Maine Food Bank Leaders Said Poliquin’s SNAP Proposal Would Worsen Hunger And Create A “Vast New Bureaucracy”

President Of The Good Shepherd Food Bank In Auburn, Maine Called Poliquin’s Farm Bill Proposal “Just Scary” And Said The Bill’s Savings “Come From People Losing Access” To Food. “Because of the numbers involved, the proposal is ‘just scary to us,’ said Kristen Miale, president of the Good Shepherd Food Bank in Auburn. Food bank officials said that if Poliquin’s proposal wins passage, hunger will become even more common in Maine, which already has one of the highest rates of food insecurity in the nation – only Alabama and Louisiana have a higher percentage of people in dire straits. […] Miale said the billions in savings GOP lawmakers see nationwide in the farm bill mostly ‘come from people losing access’ to food assistance they need.” [Portland Press Herald, 8/29/18]

• “Poliquin’s SNAP Proposal Would Create ‘A Vast New Bureaucracy’ To Administer Benefits.” “Miale said the average household that qualifies gets about $124 a month for food, which falls well short of what many need to get by. She said nobody is avoiding work in order to collect such a small amount. She said the House farm bill’s provisions that Poliquin pressed to include would make it more difficult for some to get food assistance while simultaneously creating ‘a vast new bureaucracy’ to oversee the administration of a work requirement. States would be required to keep tabs on each recipient and track his or her work record each month, an expense that would be paid through the savings in what is shelled out for food.” [Portland Press Herald, 8/29/18]

Portland Press Herald Editorial Board: Under Poliquin’s SNAP Proposal, “The Poorest, Most Vulnerable Americans Will Be Made Further Poor And Vulnerable.” “Poliquin wants Maine’s experience repeated all over the country. He’s had the work-requirement language inserted in the House version of the 2019 farm bill, which will soon be reconciled with the Senate version into a compromise bill. If his language survives, the federal government will surely spend less on hunger assistance – but that won’t mean that fewer people are hungry. Instead, the poorest, most vulnerable Americans will be made further poor and vulnerable. SNAP benefits – an average of $124 a month per household – are not enough alone to get people by, but they can make the difference between sickness and health, or living on the margins and falling off altogether.” [Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 8/31/18]

Poliquin Voted For House Versions Of The 2018 Farm Bill That Were Projected To Worsen Hunger For Hundreds Of Thousands Of Households With Work Requirements On SNAP

June 2018: Poliquin Voted For The House Version Of The 2018 Farm Bill. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would reauthorize and extend federal farm and nutrition programs through fiscal 2023,
including crop subsidies, conservation, rural development and agricultural trade programs and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. It would require individuals receiving SNAP benefits, who are 18-59 years old, to work or participate in work training programs for a minimum of 20 hours per week, and would require the Department of Agriculture to establish a database to track individuals receiving SNAP benefits. The bill would reauthorize and extend supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs, the current sugar policies and loan rates, several international food aid programs, nonrecourse marketing assistance loans for loan commodities, several dairy programs, including the dairy risk management program (previously the margin protection program) and would modify certain utility standards in the Home Energy Assistance Program to require SNAP benefits recipients to provide documentation of such expenses in order to receive increased benefits using the Standard Utility Allowance.” The bill passed, 213-211. [H.R. 2, Vote #284, 6/21/18; CQ, 6/21/18]

- Politico Headline: House Farm Bill Passes With Controversial Food Stamp Changes. [Politico, 6/21/18]

- The Bill Would Tighten Eligibility For SNAP, Resulting In 400,000 Households Losing Benefits, And Would Risk Free And Reduced-Price School Meals For Thousands For Children. “The House farm bill would also tighten eligibility criteria under SNAP — changes that would result in some 400,000 households losing SNAP benefits. Thousands of children would also risk losing their enrollment in free and reduced-price school meal programs.” [Politico, 6/21/18]

- Anti-Hunger Groups Said The Changes Would Make It More Difficult For Millions To Receive Nutrition Assistance, While Investing In Job Training Programs That Are Not Proven To Move People Out Of Poverty. “Republicans contend the plan would put people on a pathway to self-sufficiency. Democrats and anti-hunger groups say it would make it more difficult for millions of needy Americans to receive nutrition assistance, and also would invest in a state-run job training bureaucracy under SNAP that has yet to prove it helps people move out of poverty.” [Politico, 6/21/18]

Poliquin Voted For The House Version Of The 2018 Farm Bill, Which Would Reauthorize SNAP And Farm And Rural Programs. In May 2018, Poliquin voted for reauthorization, rural development and agricultural trade programs and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. It would require individuals receiving SNAP benefits, who are 18-59 years old, to work or participate in work training programs for a minimum of 20 hours per week, and would require the Department of Agriculture to establish a database to track individuals receiving SNAP benefits.” The bill failed 198 to 213. [HR 2, Vote #205, 5/18/18; CQ, 5/18/18]

- HEADLINE: House Farm Bill Collapses Amid Republican Disarray. [New York Times, 5/18/18]

- The House Farm Bill Included Strict Work Requirements For Food Aid Recipients, While Maintaining Farm Subsidies For Rural Communities. “The twice-a-decade measure — which would have imposed strict new work requirements on food aid recipients while maintaining farm subsidies important to rural lawmakers — failed on a 213-to-198 vote. It was a rebuke of Speaker Paul D. Ryan by a key bloc of conservatives over his refusal to schedule an immediate vote on a restrictive immigration bill sponsored by the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.” [New York Times, 5/18/18]

Poliquin Voted For The Farm Bill Conference Report, Funding Farm And Nutrition Programs Through FY 2023. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would reauthorize and extend federal farm and nutrition programs through fiscal 2023, including crop subsidies, conservation, rural development and agricultural trade programs and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. It would reauthorize and extend supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs, sugar policies and loan rates, several international food aid programs, nonrecourse marketing assistance loans for loan commodities, and several dairy programs, including the dairy risk management program (previously the margin protection program). It would create new pilot programs that would test strategies for improving the accuracy of the SNAP income verification process. It would allow industrial hemp to be grown in the United States, subject to close regulation at the state level. It would modify the activities permitted on land contracted under the conservation reserve program.” The conference report was adopted by a vote of 369-47. [HR 2, Vote #434, 12/12/18; CQ, 12/12/18]
• December 2018: Poliquin: The Farm Bill “Will Support Maine’s Forestry Workers, Rural Broadband Development, And Maine Farmers.” “Today, Congressman Bruce Poliquin (ME-02) helped pass major legislation in the House that will support Maine’s forestry workers, rural broadband development, and Maine farmers. The final Farm Bill, which passed by a wide 369-47 margin in the U.S House of Representatives, includes key provisions of the Timber Innovation Act, legislation Congressman Poliquin cosponsored that would help spur new uses for cross-laminated timber (CLT) in tall wood building construction—buildings of about seven stories or higher, or 85 feet and above. There have already been two separate CLT producers that have announced new projects in Maine, LignaTerra Global and SmartLam, LLC of Montana.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 12/12/18]

• May 2018: Poliquin Voted To Allow States To Privatize SNAP

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Allow States To Use Private Companies To Carry Out Program Eligibility Functions Of The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. In May 2018, Poliquin voted for “Faso, R-N.Y., amendment that would allow states to carry out program eligibility and other administrative functions of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in a number of different ways, including the use of non-governmental contractors, as long as such personnel have no direct or indirect financial interest in an approved retail food store.” The amendment was adopted, 222-192. [HR 1865, Vote #196, 5/17/18; CQ, 5/17/18]

The Amendment Would Allow States To “Privatize SNAP Operations.” “An amendment from Representative John Faso (R-NY) that would allow states to privatize SNAP operations. This change would allow private companies to take over administration of the program, despite failed attempts in some states over the years.” [CLASP, 6/12/18]

• May 2018: Poliquin Voted To Keep Version Of The Farm Bill That Cut SNAP Funding By $3.8 Billion

Poliquin Voted Against Motion To Amend The Farm Bill To Remove Provision That Takes Away $3.8 Billion In Food Assistance For Hungry Families. In May 2018, Poliquin voted against “Maloney, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Agriculture Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would strike the SNAP child support enforcement provision that perversely spends more than $2 for every $1 in savings while taking away $3.8 billion in SNAP benefits from hungry families. By striking the provision, the amendment restores these vital SNAP benefits and eliminates wasteful administrative spending. It invests the remaining savings in 1) opioid addiction and treatment services and rural mental health services; 2) broadband connectivity to help rural communities compete in the modern economy; 3) increased export marketing to offset the uncertainty caused by the Administration’s trade policies; 4) support for the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program to develop the next generation of producers; 5) scholarships at 1890 Institutions; and 6) research on organics and specialty crops.” The motion was rejected 183-226. [HR 2, Vote #204, 5/18/18; CQ, 5/18/18]

• May 2018: Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Work-Requirement Exemptions To Five Percent Of SNAP Recipients

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Work-Requirement Exemptions To Five Percent Of SNAP Recipients. In May 2018, Poliquin voted against “McClintock, R-Calif., amendment that would reduce work-requirement exemptions from 15 percent to five percent of SNAP benefit recipients; would reduce the qualifying age of children from three-years-old to six-years-old with respect to work requirement-exempted parents; would set the same hour-per-week work Requirement for married parents as for single parents; and would require employment and training program participants to have their work eligibility electronically verified through the E-verify system.” The amendment failed, 83-330. [HR 2, Vote #195, 5/17/18; CQ, 5/17/18]
May 2017: Poliquin Said He Supported The “Welfare Agenda” Of A Trump Budget That Cut SNAP Funding, Citing Unfairness To “Middle-Class Taxpayers.”

May 2017: Poliquin Said He Supported The “Welfare Agenda” Of A Trump Budget That Cut SNAP Funding By Roughly 25 Percent, Citing Unfairness To “Middle-Class Taxpayers.” “President Trump's budget proposal would affect thousands of Mainers by slashing spending for health and safety net programs, including Medicaid, food stamps and Social Security disability. […] But Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-2nd District, supported Trump's welfare reform agenda, but opposed cuts to heating assistance and environmental programs. ‘It is unfair for middle-class taxpayers to be burdened with funding for able-bodied adults when there are so many others at risk who could be receiving this important support instead,’ Poliquin said in a statement. ‘Simply put, we should use our tax dollars to help those who need the support most, like the elderly and disabled, and not to those who are capable of working, joining a job training program, or doing community service.’ […] The Trump budget also slashes $72 billion over 10 years from Social Security Disability Insurance, a 4 percent cut, and $193 billion over the same period from SNAP, also known as food stamps, a roughly 25 percent drop.” [Portland Press Herald, 5/23/17]

- **Executive Director Of The Maine Children’s Alliance On The Budget: “This Could Result In A Lot Of Hungry Children In Our State.”** “It's alarming they want to do this on the backs of children,' said Claire Berkowitz, executive director of the Maine Children's Alliance, an Augusta-based nonprofit that advocates for public policies on behalf of children. 'It's very short-sighted.' The Trump budget also slashes $72 billion over 10 years from Social Security Disability Insurance, a 4 percent cut, and $193 billion over the same period from SNAP, also known as food stamps, a roughly 25 percent drop. About 185,000 Mainers have food stamps, and 71,000 have Social Security disability, according to the Maine Department of Health and Human Services. Berkowitz said nearly 70,000 Maine children benefit from food stamps. ‘This could result in a lot of hungry children in our state,’ Berkowitz said.' [Portland Press Herald, 5/23/17]

July 2016: Poliquin Introduced A Bill To Make It More Difficult To Replace Lost EBT Cards And Ban People Convicted Of Drug Or Fraud Charges From SNAP For Life

July 2016: Poliquin Introduced A Bill To Make It Harder To Replace Lost EBT Cards, Permanently Ban People Convicted On Drug Or Fraud Charges From SNAP, And Put Work Requirements On SNAP. “U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin said he will submit a federal bill this week to attack welfare fraud, making it harder for people to get replacement Electronic Benefit Transfer cards and banning people convicted of fraud and drug offenses from getting benefits for life. […] It also targets drug and fraud convicts, permanently disqualifying them from getting Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program benefits. Currently, people convicted of welfare fraud can get benefits back after a yearlong ban; drug traffickers can get them back after two years. It also targets parents delinquent in paying child support. They lose their benefits unless they agree to an approved payment plan with state agencies. Finally, it requires aid recipients to work, volunteer or be in work training to get SNAP benefits.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 7/19/16]

- **Poliquin Called The Bill “Compassionate In Saving Precious, Limited Taxpayer Money For Those Who Truly Need It” And Said It “Encourages Able-Bodied Individuals To Work.”** “U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin said he will submit a federal bill this week to attack welfare fraud, making it harder for people to get replacement Electronic Benefit Transfer cards and banning people convicted of fraud and drug offenses from getting benefits for life. ‘This bill is compassionate,’ Poliquin said during a Tuesday morning news conference in Lewiston's Kennedy Park. ‘It is compassionate in saving precious, limited taxpayer money for those who truly need it. It is compassionate in that it reduces food stamp fraud so that we save money. And it encourages able-bodied individuals to work and make sure they move themselves forward.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 7/19/16]

Poliquin: Stolen EBT Cards “Helps Fuel The Drug Trade That’s Killing Our Kids,” “Cheat[s] Those Individuals That Desperately Need This Assistance,” And “Cheat[s] The Taxpayers.” “‘Stolen EBT cards hurt us three ways,’ he said. ‘First, it helps fuel the drug trade that's killing our kids. Secondly, it is cheating those
individuals that desperately need this assistance. And thirdly, it's cheating the taxpayers that pay the bills.”” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 7/19/16]

Poliquin On His Bill: “Too Often We Have Seen Drug Traffickers Abuse Our Public Assistance Programs To Finance Their Operations.” “Today, Maine’s 2nd District Congressman, Bruce Poliquin, announced he will be introducing a new bill, the Food Stamp Integrity Act of 2016, to make important reforms to the welfare system to help deter serious fraud and abuse and better ensure that taxpayer-funded benefits are going to those who truly need them. [...] ‘In the last few years, fraud in the federal food stamp program has more than doubled,’ said Congressman Poliquin. ‘Too often we have seen drug traffickers abuse our public assistance programs to finance their operations. In Maine, there have been dozens of drug busts where EBT cards are found registered in another person’s name and in many of those cases, the cardholders had those cards automatically replaced at taxpayer expense, including in one case 47 times.’” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 7/19/16]

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January 2016: Poliquin Introduced A Bill To Ban People Convicted Of Federal Terrorism Crimes From Receiving SNAP Benefits. “Maine's 2nd District U.S. congressman said Thursday he wants to make sure those convicted of federal terrorism crimes are not allowed to receive welfare benefits after they have served their prison sentences. U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, a Republican, said current law allows some categories of terrorist criminals to apply for and receive benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps, upon leaving prison. During a news conference Thursday at his local office on Lisbon Street, Poliquin unveiled a federal bill he said would change that.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 1/29/16]

- **Poliquin Called His Bill “A Common-Sense Closing Of A Loophole.”** “‘What it is is a common-sense closing of a loophole,’ Poliquin said, noting that those convicted of violent terrorism-related acts are already prohibited from receiving SNAP benefits under federal law. His bill would also have that prohibition apply to convicted accomplices of violent terrorists. ‘What we are talking about are the most brutal acts of terror in America, the most violent acts -- and when those individuals leave prison, I don't think we should be providing them welfare,’ Poliquin said.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 1/29/16]

- **Poliquin Said The Bill Would Apply To 49 “Homegrown Terrorist Plotters” And Did Not Know Of Any Terrorists Who Ever Benefitted From SNAP.** “Poliquin said by phone Wednesday that he is unaware of anyone convicted of involvement in a terrorist action receiving food stamps in the past, but he is more concerned with the future. ‘This is a classic example of a loophole in federal law that we can fix and hopefully fix quickly,’ said Poliquin. ‘It absolutely makes no sense whatsoever to have folks who are trying to kill us, and have been successful to some degree, to provide welfare for them. It’s just crazy.’ According to material provided by Poliquin’s office, there are 49 ‘homegrown terrorist plotters’ serving time in U.S. prisons who will be released in the next 25 years. Poliquin said examples of the people bill would affect include friends and associates of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombers, including three who were arrested for destroying evidence or lying to investigators.” [Bangor Daily News, 1/27/16]


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May 2015: Poliquin Supported Converting SNAP Into A State Program. “SNAP welfare funding, or Food Stamps, increased in spending and cost from $21 billion to over $75 billion in just twelve years. That’s right, the
cost of food stamps paid for by taxpayers increased by 350% in just twelve years. I am supporting an effort which will convert SNAP to a State Flexibility Fund. This change will allow Governors and local leaders to work toward eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse while ensuring dollars go to those who are truly in need.” [Poliquin Editorial, Maine Wire, 5/12/15]

**March 2015: Poliquin Voted For A Conference Report On The Republican Congressional Budget For Fiscal Year 2016 That Cut Funding For SNAP**

Poliquin Voted For A Conference Report On The Republican Congressional Budget For Fiscal Year 2016. In April 2015, Poliquin voted for a conference report outlining the Republican Congressional budget for fiscal year 2016 and budget levels for 2017 through 2025. “House and Senate Republicans agreed on a unified budget plan Wednesday that would allow them to bypass Democrats and send President Barack Obama legislation to repeal or revise his landmark health-care law. The budget proposal spells out the Republican Party’s priorities by calling for $5.3 trillion in spending cuts to reach balance in nine years.” An agreement to pass the Conference Report passed 226 to 197. [S CON RES 11, Vote #183; On Agreeing to the Conference Report, 4/30/15; Bloomberg, 4/29/15]

- **The Conference Report Reduced Funding For Pell Grants, Low-Income Housing Assistance Programs, And SNAP.** “The budget slashes domestic discretionary spending by trimming away at several major priorities for Democrats. The final bill includes a reduction in funding for federal Pell Grants and housing programs for low-income earners, and cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as food stamps.” [Washington Post, 4/29/15]

**USDA Blueberry Buyouts**

**September 2018: Struggling Maine Blueberry Farmers Criticized USDA Buyouts That Poliquin “Worked To Secure” As Inequitable For Small-Scale Growers**

2018: Maine’s Blueberry Prices Reached Their Lowest Point In 32 Years Amid A Record Domestic Supply And Expanded Blueberry Operations In Canada. “Even if [Maine blueberry farmer Greg Bridges] had the money to improve the crop, it wouldn’t have been worth it. After farm expansions and record harvests, both in Maine and in Canada, the market has been glutted with wild blueberries, and there simply hasn’t been enough demand to use up the supply. Last year, Maine’s blueberry farmers got 26 cents a pound for the fruit they sold to the processors, who freeze and store it. That was the lowest price paid in 32 years. The business is brutal. […] In recent years, Canadian farmers have rapidly expanded wild blueberry farming operations, with much help in the form of land deals and subsidies from their government.” [Portland Press Herald, 9/9/18]

2018: The USDA Planned A Buyback To Purchase Surplus Blueberries And Awarded Its Only Bid To Cherryfield Foods, A Subsidiary Of A Canadian Company And Largest Blueberry Supplier In The World. “The USDA buyback, the fifth the Maine blueberry industry has received since 2012, is part of the Section 32 government appropriation, established in 1935, to buy surplus commodities. It involves a bidding program that allows only the biggest growers and processors to participate. […] This year, just one company, Cherryfield Foods, Inc., was awarded the bid, according to Nancy McBrady, executive director of the Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine. That was in late July. What stings for the Maine growers is that Cherryfield Foods is a subsidiary of a Canadian company called Oxford Frozen Foods, the largest supplier of wild blueberries in the world. Cherryfield Foods is one of the Maine companies that straddles the border, growing wild blueberries in both Maine and Canada.” [Portland Press Herald, 9/9/18]

- **Maine Blueberry Farmer John Antil On The USDA Buyout: “No Small Grower Saw Any Of That Money.”** “Cherryfield will get $9.36 million for 8.57 million pounds of frozen blueberries, both ones harvested in 2018 and reaching back to 2016 (after three years in the freezer, the crop is no longer considered viable to sell). Much of it will begin moving into the National School Lunch Program and other domestic food assistance programs such as food banks later this year. [Maine blueberry farmer Greg] Bridges won’t get any of that $9.36
million. Neither will the rest of the small blueberry farmers in Maine, even ones who sold their crops to Cherryfield Foods. ‘No small grower saw any of that money,’ said farmer John Antil, who has about 71 acres of wild blueberries on Harmon Mountain Farms in the Washington County town of Northfield. ‘Not a red cent.’”” [Portland Press Herald, 9/9/18]

- Antil: “Poliquin, He Thinks It Is A Wonderful Thing To Get These USDA Buyouts,” Which The Portland Press Herald Reported He “Worked To Secure.” “‘Poliquin, he thinks it is a wonderful thing to get these USDA buyouts,’ he said, referring to U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, whose district encompasses most of the blueberry barrens in Maine and has worked to secure the USDA deals.” [Portland Press Herald, 9/9/18]

Poliquin Spokesperson: “Congressman Poliquin Certainly Doesn’t Believe That The USDA Buybacks Are A Silver Bullet Solution.” “Congressman Poliquin certainly doesn’t believe that the USDA buybacks are a silver bullet solution,’ said Brendan Conley, Poliquin’s spokesman, in an email. Poliquin ‘cares deeply’ about the industry, Conley added. ‘The Congressman wants to do everything he can to help.’” [Portland Press Herald, 9/9/18]

- Poliquin Campaign Website: Poliquin “Provid[ed] Support For Maine Blueberries By Utilizing Existing Federal Programs To Protect Jobs In The Industry.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/5/18]

### Fresh Fruits And Vegetables Program

| 2015 – 2017: Poliquin Introduced Bills To Include Canned, Dried, Frozen, And Pureed Fruits And Vegetables In The Fresh Fruits And Vegetables Program |
| September 2015: Poliquin Introduced A Bill To Include Canned, Dried, Frozen, And Pureed Fruits And Vegetables In The Fresh Fruits And Vegetables Program. “This bill amends the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to allow federal grant-funded fresh fruit and vegetable programs carried out by states to include canned, dried, frozen, or pureed fruits and vegetables.” [Congress.gov, HR 3532, 9/17/15] |
| July 2017: Poliquin Re-Introduced A Bill To Include Canned, Dried, Frozen, And Pureed Fruits And Vegetables In The Fresh Fruits And Vegetables Program. “This bill amends the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to allow federal grant-funded fresh fruit and vegetable programs carried out by states to include canned, dried, frozen, or pureed fruits and vegetables.” [Congress.gov, HR 3402, 7/26/17] |

- The Fresh Fruits And Vegetables Program Gave More Than Four Million Low-Income Children Fresh Fruits And Vegetables As Snacks At School. “Former U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin, who served for three decades until his 2015 retirement, said, “This character from Maine” is so determined to let schools buy more frozen blueberries from 2nd District farms that he’s willing to undermine the entire rationale for a program that gives more than 4 million low-income schoolchildren fresh produce. The program covers schools in every state – 165 in Maine – and typically provides snacks several times a week that vary from place to place but often include fresh grapes, apples, bananas, oranges, strawberries or carrots.” [Portland Press Herald, 4/19/18]

Poliquin Said His Bill Would Help Maine Blueberry Farmers And Improve Children’s Nutrition

Poliquin Said His Bill Would Increase “The Market For Maine’s Hardworking Farmers” And Teach “Children That Nutritious Foods Come In Many Different Sizes, Shapes, Colors And Packages.” “When Poliquin introduced a similar bill two years ago, he said he was committed to having children eat well. ‘When I was raising my son,’ he said, ‘nothing mattered more to me than his health and well-being, and I was very mindful of the meals we ate and the food we purchased.’ ‘I believe it's very important for our kids to have the opportunity to
Poliquin On Fresh Fruits And Vegetables Bill: “As A Parent, I Know How Important It Is For Our Kids To Be Able To Eat Healthy All Year Round With Nutritious Products From Across The Country.” “Poliquin’s bill, which now has the support of 14 Democratic and Republican cosponsors, will allow schools to have the option to use the money from USDA’s Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) to purchase additional forms of fruits and vegetables—fresh, frozen, canned, pureed, and dried—expanding the number of nutritious food options for schoolchildren. ‘Making sure our children have better access and more nutritious choices at the school cafeteria is a goal that is shared across party and state lines,’ said Congressman Poliquin. ‘As a parent, I know how important it is for our kids to be able to eat healthy all year round with nutritious products from across the country. This bipartisan bill’s inclusion in the farm bill is a huge win for our school children and the hardworking producers in Maine, such as our wild blueberry harvesters, who provide these nutritious foods.’” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 4/12/18]

Poliquin Said The Bill Was A “Win” For “The Hardworking Producers In Maine, Such As Our Wild Blueberry Harvesters.” “This bipartisan bill’s inclusion in the farm bill is a huge win for our school children and the hardworking producers in Maine, such as our wild blueberry harvesters, who provide these nutritious foods.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 4/12/18]

Portland Press Herald Editorial Board Wrote That Poliquin’s Bill Would “Water Down Funding” For A Program To Increase Low-Income Kids’ Access To Fresh Produce


- **Poliquin Reintroduced A Bill To Allow Pureed, Frozen, Canned, And Dried Produce Into The Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Program, Which Distributed Fresh Produce To Low-Income Schools.** “The Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Program has a single narrow goal – to introduce fresh fruits and vegetables to students who otherwise wouldn’t get much of either. Started as a pilot 15 years ago and now available in more than 7,500 schools across all 50 states, it helps low-income schools provide fresh produce as a between-meals snack, and it has been a success. However, Poliquin has reintroduced a bill that would allow into the program frozen, canned, dried or pureed fruits and vegetables. Those are just as healthy as their fresh counterparts, Poliquin argues, and allowing other forms would make things easier on school food directors.” [Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 8/8/17]

- **Portland Press Herald Editorial Board: Poliquin’s Bill Would Benefit Food Companies At The Cost Of Low-Income Children’s Long-Term Nutritional Habits.** “What’s more, the experience of eating corn on the cob, freshly picked strawberries or a carrot that was in the ground last week is a singular one. It’s different from eating a handful of raisins or a serving of applesauce – it makes more of an impression on an impressionable mind, and makes it more likely that students will keep eating fruits and vegetables into adulthood. Now others want a crack at those impressionable minds. Producers know that when they sell their food to schools, they are making customers not only of school districts, but of students, too, and possibly for a long time to come. That’s why Poliquin’s bill has bipartisan support – because food companies in other congressional districts want access to developing palates, and a piece of the $180 million spent annually by the Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Program, just as Poliquin wants to help blueberry growers get their product into schools.” [Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 8/8/17]
Nutrition Advocate Said Poliquin’s Proposal Was “A Slippery Slope From Minimally Processed Fruits To Pizza Sauce Being Counted As A Vegetable”

Nonprofit Focused On Helping Students Eat More Healthily Co-Founder Curt Ellis: “It’s A Slippery Slope From Minimally Processed Fruits To Pizza Sauce Being Counted As A Vegetable.” “Poliquin's proposal would open the door to more processed food that students don't really need, said Curt Ellis, the co-founder of FoodCorps, a nonprofit focused on helping students eat more healthfully. [...] But, he said, it's far more likely that students would wind up eating canned fruit and dried raisins instead, the sorts of stuff they don't really need. ‘It’s a slippery slope from minimally processed fruits to pizza sauce being counted as a vegetable,’ Ellis said.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 8/4/17]

Former Sen. Harkin, Who Created The Fresh Fruit And Vegetables Program, Criticized “This Character From Maine” For Allowing “Processed Foods” Into The Program

Former Sen. Harkin, Who Created The Fresh Fruit And Vegetables Program, Criticized “This Character From Maine” For Allowing “Processed Foods” Into The Program. “The retired U.S. senator from Iowa who created the national Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program is accusing Maine Republican U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin of taking steps that could destroy it. Former U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin, who served for three decades until his 2015 retirement, said, ‘This character from Maine’ is so determined to let schools buy more frozen blueberries from 2nd District farms that he’s willing to undermine the entire rationale for a program that gives more than 4 million low-income schoolchildren fresh produce. [...] Harkin said the snack program he created to get fresh fruit and vegetables to children is one of his proudest achievements and he would hate to see it undermined by turning it into yet another excuse to shovel ‘processed food’ at youngsters.” [Portland Press Herald, 4/19/18]

- Poliquin’s Spokesperson Said The Proposal “Is Absolutely Not About Putting ‘Junk Food’ Into School Cafeterias.” “Brendan Conley, Poliquin’s spokesman, said Thursday the congressman’s proposal ‘is absolutely not about putting ‘junk food’ into school cafeterias. The proposal, which has the bipartisan support of 14 Democrats and Republicans, is about increasing the access and availability of nutritious foods to schools and students.’” [Portland Press Herald, 4/19/18]

Fisheries & Lobstering Regulations

Note: For Poliquin’s record on lobster exports, see section on Lobster Exports & Trade War in Trade, Outsourcing, & Manufacturing Issues.

December 2019: Poliquin Wrote A Letter To Trump Urging Him To Reverse Reductions In Permitted Vertical Trap Lines For Lobstermen

December 2019: Poliquin Wrote A Letter To Trump Urging Him To Reverse Reductions In Permitted Vertical Trap Lines For Lobstermen. “On Monday, I sent an urgent appeal to President Trump to personally intervene in the ongoing dispute between federal regulators and our lobstermen, which is threatening their livelihoods. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is considering a drastic 50 percent cut in the number of permitted vertical trap lines in hopes of reducing the number of right whale deaths from entanglements. However, none of the nine right whale deaths along the U.S. coast since June 2017 have occurred in the Gulf of Maine. That’s because our lobstermen have already taken effective measures to adjust their lines and other gear to protect the whales. It’s not fair to punish these hardworking fellow Mainers. They’ve done nothing wrong – quite the opposite. In my letter to the president, I point out that the 10,000 rugged Maine lobstermen and their crews are the backbone of our prized coastal economy. Helping them solve the right whale issue would be a visible example of supporting Maine and America’s rural economy and jobs. These workers and their families are President Trump’s most loyal backers. NOAA and Maine officials are in the final phase of addressing the right whale matter. President Trump’s personal intervention would be an appreciated Christmas gift to the hardworking people of Maine. Bruce Poliquin” [Portland Press Herald, Bruce Poliquin Letter to the Editor, 12/20/19]
Poliquin Claimed Maine Lobstermen And Their Families Were “President Trump’s Most Loyal Backers.”” [Portland Press Herald, Bruce Poliquin Letter to the Editor, 12/20/19]

December 2018: Poliquin Voted For Requiring Several Studies On The Management And Operations Of Fisheries

Poliquin Voted For Requiring Several Studies On The Management And Operations Of Fisheries. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Graves, R-La., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require several federal studies by the comptroller general, Commerce secretary, and National Academies on the management and operation of fisheries. It would also direct the Commerce Department collect and report data on recreational fisheries and create grants to assist states in complying with data collection.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 350-11. [S 1520, Vote #444, 12/19/18; CQ, 12/19/18]

July 2018: Poliquin And Pingree Co-Sponsored An Amendment To Evaluate Unnecessary Federal Fees On The Lobster Industry

July 2018: Poliquin And Pingree Co-Sponsored And Passed An Amendment To Evaluate Unnecessary Federal Fees On The Lobster Industry. “In an effort to cut unnecessary federal fees for lobstermen, dealers and processors, Congressman Bruce Poliquin (R-2nd Dist.) and Congresswoman Chellie Pingree (D-1st Dist.) joined forces across the political aisle to amend a fisheries bill that is currently before the U.S. Senate. The bill, H.R. 200 - Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act, passed the U.S. House 222-193 on July 11. The amendment, offered by Poliquin and co-sponsored by Pingree, directs NOAA to conduct a study of all fees imposed on all sectors of the lobster industry. ‘The intent is to identify areas where fees are overly burdensome and, ultimately, to help eliminate any unnecessary costs for Maine’s lobster industry,’ said Poliquin’s press secretary Brendan Conley. The amendment was one of 10 successfully added before the House voted to approve the bill.” [Island Advantages, 7/19/18]

Poliquin Said He Won “Bipartisan Support For An Amendment Which Will Force The Government To Re-Assess Fees Charged To Our Lobster Industry.” “BIG NEWS FOR MAINE: Bruce is continuing to ignore the outside distractions in Washington and he is focusing on getting things done for Maine. This week he won bipartisan support for an amendment which will force the government to re-assess fees charged to our lobster industry and cause an immediate review to find out how we can limit, reduce, and repeal unnecessary costs. These Maine small businesses deserve a government that works for them, not against them. Bruce is fighting for our lobster industry so they can create more jobs and hire more of our fellow Mainers. Please share.”

[ Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 7/13/18]

2015 – 2017: Poliquin Introduced Legislation To Ease Inspections Of Commercial Sea Urchin & Sea Cucumber Harvests
December 2015: Poliquin And Pingree Introduced A Bill To Exempt Sea Urchin And Sea Cucumbers From Inspections That They Said Caused Products To Spoil Before They Could Be Exported. “Pingree and Poliquin introduce a bill that would exempt sea urchins from inspections that have caused product to spoil before it can be exported. Sea urchins would become exempt from federal inspections, as shellfish currently are, under a bill introduced Friday by the U.S. representatives from Maine, the state with the second most valuable sea urchin industry. Since 2011, sea urchins have been subject to inspections when entering the state from Canada for processing and when exported from the country. But that process delays the perishable product in getting to its markets, which are mostly in Asia, sometimes causing it to go bad beforehand, according to a news release from Reps. Chellie Pingree, a Democrat, and Bruce Poliquin, a Republican.” [Portland Press Herald, 12/11/15]

- Poliquin: The Bill Would “Root Out Overly Burdensome And Unnecessary Regulations By The Federal Government To Ensure This Industry Continues To Thrive And Help Protect These Maine Jobs.” [Portland Press Herald, 12/11/15]

- March 2016: Poliquin Urged Easing Inspections Of Sea Urchin And Sea Cucumbers, From Which Lobster Was Already Exempt: “They’re Little Critters. Give Them The Same Exemption You Give Lobsters.” “He also noted his work to improve federal inspection regimes for those who export sea urchins and sea cucumbers to markets in Asia. Poliquin said federal inspections at warehouses in New York were delaying shipments and spoiling a valuable commodity that is considered a delicacy in some countries. The industry in Maine provides employment for as many as 600 workers, including the sea divers who harvest them. He said lobsters and other Maine shellfish were largely exempt from the inspections, which saved them time when shipping in the global marketplace. ‘Don’t pick on ‘em,’ Poliquin said later. ‘They’re little critters. Give them the same exemption you give lobsters.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 3/10/16]

2016: Poliquin And Pingree’s Bill Passed The House And Senate Unanimously But Was Not Signed Into Law. [Congres.gov, HR 4245, latest action 12/12/16]

May 2017: Poliquin And Pingree Re-Introduced Their Bill To Exempt Sea Urchin And Cucumbers From Inspections

May 2017: Poliquin And Pingree Re-Introduced Their Bill To Ease Inspections On Sea Urchins And Cucumbers. “U.S. Reps. Bruce Poliquin (R-Maine) and Chellie Pingree (D-Maine) have reintroduced their bill to make it easier for Maine seafood dealers to export sea urchins and sea cucumbers outside of the United States. The bill puts an end to repetitive, mandatory inspections of urchins and sea cucumbers being exported from the country, which cause the highly perishable products to be held in warehouses for prolonged periods and spoil.” [Ellsworth American, 5/19/17]

- Poliquin: “There’s No Reason The Federal Government Should Get In The Way Of Our Maine Businesses With Costly And Unnecessary Regulations, Putting In Jeopardy” Hundreds Of Jobs. “Poliquin represents the area of the state where the bulk of Maine’s sea urchin harvest occurs. ‘Diving for, harvesting and processing urchins and cucumbers is an especially difficult task, and there is only a limited amount of time each year for these workers to do it,’ Poliquin said. ‘There’s no reason the federal government should get in the way of our Maine businesses with costly and unnecessary regulations, putting in jeopardy the hundreds of jobs the industry supports.’” [Ellsworth American, 5/19/17]

February 2018: Poliquin And Pingree’s Bill Passed The House Unanimously, Then Died In Senate Committees. [Congress.gov, HR 2504, latest action 2/6/18]
Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Protect Fisheries From Unregulated Pesticides. In May 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Huffman, D-Calif., amendment that would clarify that none of the bill’s provisions would prevent the EPA or a state from requiring a permit under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act for the use of a pesticide that would have a negative impact on fisheries.” According to the Congressional Record, the amendment “sought to protect commercial, recreational, and subsistence fisheries from the negative impacts of unregulated discharge.” The amendment was rejected, 230-189. [HR 953, Vote #280, 5/24/17; CQ, 5/24/17; Congressional Record, 5/24/17]

February 2016: Poliquin Voted To Preserve The Requirement That States Approve Federal Fishing Regulations In Waters Under Federal Jurisdiction

Poliquin Voted Against Removing Requirement That States Approve Federal Fishing Regulations In Waters Under Jurisdiction Of The National Park Service And Office Of National Marine Sanctuaries. In February 2016, Poliquin voted against amendment to HR 2406. “An amendment No. 8 printed in House Report 114-429 to strike language that requires state approval of federal fishing regulations in waters under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service and the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries.” The amendment failed, 169 to 236. [HR 2406, Vote #94, 2/26/16]

Poliquin Voted To Reauthorize Magnuson-Stevens Fishing Regulations, Which Faced Criticism For Potentially Depleting Fish Stocks, In 2015 And 2018

July 2018: Poliquin Voted To Reauthorize And Modify The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation And Management Act Through 2020, Which Received A Mixed Reaction From Maine Fishing Groups

Poliquin Voted For A Bill That Would Reauthorize And Modify The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation And Management Act Through 2020. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill that would reauthorize and modify the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act through fiscal 2022 and would provide greater authority to regional fishery management councils in setting the conditions under which overfished or depleted fisheries are to be restored. The bill would eliminate the current 10-year requirement for rebuilding overfished or depleted fisheries and would allow fishery councils to set rebuilding periods that reflect the individual fish species' ability to recover. The bill would also modify catch limits for specific species and would prohibit fisheries councils in four regions from implementing any new ‘catch share’ programs unless such plans had been approved by an industry referendum vote. The bill would authorize $397 million annually for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022 to carry out the bill's provisions.” The bill passed, 222-193. [HR 200, Vote #321, 7/11/18; CQ, 7/11/18]

Poliquin Voted For Considering A Bill Reauthorizing The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation And Management Act Through Fiscal Year 2022. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 965) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 200) that would reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act through fiscal 2022 and would provide greater authority to regional fishery management councils in setting the conditions under which overfished or depleted fisheries are to be restored.” The resolution was adopted 227-184. [H Res 965, Vote #317, 7/11/18; CQ, 7/11/18]


- 2018 Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization Allowed Regional Councils To Set Catch Limits, Which “Could Be A Good Thing For Maine Fishermen [...] As Long As It Is Not Exploited To Try To Eliminate Science-Based Decision-Making.” “The law was up for review again in 2016, but efforts have stalled as interest groups square off over its future and how science fits into it. The House reauthorization of the bill
removes the requirement to attempt to rebuild depleted stocks within 10 years of being declared overfished and gives the regional councils the ability to set annual catch limits with more flexibility, taking non-scientific factors into consideration. That kind of flexibility could be a good thing for Maine fishermen, and their rebounding fish stocks, as long as it is not exploited to try to eliminate science-based decision-making, said Carla Guenther, the senior scientist at the Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries in Stonington. For example, it would open the door for the regional fishing council to use the center’s groundfish survey.” [Portland Press Herald, 7/12/18]

Maine Coast Fishermen’s Association Executive Director: “In Maine, We’ve Seen Rebounds Because Of Those [Fish Stock Rebuilding] Targets. It Gets Much Harder Without Them.” “While flexibility is good, hard-and-fast safeguards like stock rebuilding deadlines keep regulatory bodies focused on the prize, which is rebuilding the fisheries that fishermen depend on, and help them make the hard management decisions that protect fisheries for future generations, said Ben Martens, executive director of Maine Coast Fishermen’s Association. Those deadlines have helped rebuild some of Maine’s most vulnerable stocks, like scallops and haddock, Martens said. ‘Without fish in the ocean, we don’t have fishermen,’ Martens said. ‘Our goal as an organization is to always make sure there is fish in the ocean next year, and the year after, building toward a better future. We need those timelines. Without targets, there’s nothing to drive change and action. In Maine, we’ve seen rebounds because of those targets. It gets much harder without them.’” [Portland Press Herald, 7/12/18]

June 2015: Poliquin Voted Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization, Which The Bangor Daily News Criticized For “Putting Short-Term Economics Above All Else”

Poliquin Voted For Bill Removing The Timeframe Which Allowed For The Rebuilding Of Depleted Fishing Stocks. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, to remove the ten-year timeframe, which allowed for the rebuilding of depleted fishing stocks. “Defying a White House veto threat, the Republican-controlled House on Monday approved a bill to give regional fisheries managers more power to set local fishing levels in federal waters. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, would remove a 10-year timeframe for rebuilding depleted fish stocks and allow fisheries managers to consider the economic needs of fishing communities in setting annual catch limits.” The bill passed 225 to 152. [HR 1335, Vote #267, 6/1/15; Associated Press, 6/1/15]

- **Alaska Public Radio: Opponents Believed The Bill Would Allow Commercial Interests To Push Managers To Set Harvest Levels Too High.** “A bill to reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the nation’s primary fishing law, passed the U.S. House this evening, largely on party lines. The sponsor, Alaska Congressman Don Young, says the bill makes practical revisions to continue a law that has restored the health of America’s fisheries. … Young’s bill also introduces a controversial element of flexibility in fisheries management. It would eliminate the mandatory 10-year planning period for rebuilding depleted stocks. Opponents says that allows for commercial interests to pressure managers to set harvest levels too high. Young, though, says the rebuilding time frame should vary, depending on the needs of the species.” [Alaska Public Radio, 6/1/15]

- **Report By The Independent National Research Council: 43-Percent Of Fish Stocks Classified As Overfished Were “Rebuilt Or Showed Good Progress Toward Rebuilding Within 10 Years.”** “A 2013 report by the independent National Research Council found that federal efforts to rebuild depleted fish populations have largely been successful, but said pressure to overfish some species remains high and some fish stocks have not rebounded as quickly as projected. Forty-three percent of fish stocks identified as being overfished were rebuilt or showed good progress toward rebuilding within 10 years, the time limit required by the Magnuson-Stevens law, the report said. Another 31 percent were on track to rebuild if sharply reduced fishing levels remain in place, the report said.” [Associated Press, 6/1/15]

fishery managers and stability for fishermen[.]” U.S. Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska) has proposed several changes to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act that he says will give fishery managers more flexibility in rebuilding fish stocks. He has said the changes will allow fishery managers to address the economic needs of fishermen. But some fishermen and environmentalists said Young’s proposal creates dangerous exemptions from catch limits that are designed to prevent overfishing. They point to a recent federal report that says several economically valuable East Coast fish stocks are rebounding and no longer subject to overfishing as evidence that the Magnuson-Stevens act is effective in its current form.” The resolution passed 237 to 174. [H Res 274, Vote #215, 5/21/15; Associated Press, 4/30/15]

• 2015: Center For American Progress Recommended Reauthorization With Directions For Regulators To Use “Ecosystem-Based Management Methods” To Sustainably Manage Changing Species Populations. “The Obama administration should request and Congress should appropriate additional funding for ocean observation and baseline scientific research to give scientists, regulators, and industry members a clearer picture of how climate change is affecting fish populations. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or NOAA, should also address the issue, prioritizing funding from sources such as the Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant Program and industry funding sources from profitable fisheries, as permitted under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Congress should include language in legislation reauthorizing the Magnuson-Stevens Act that directs regulators, including the regional fishery management councils, to work with scientists and industry members to develop a greater understanding of species that have begun to shift their population range beyond traditional areas, including by prioritizing ecosystem-based management methods.” [Center for American Progress, Press Release, 1/15/15]

• CAP Based Its Recommendations On A Survey Of 600 New England Commercial Fishermen, Including Maine Lobstermen, 65 Percent Of Whom Said Climate Change Could Leave Them “Unable To Profit.” “To determine fishermen’s perspectives on these changes, the Center for American Progress contracted with Edge Research to conduct a survey of New England commercial fishermen in summer 2014. Edge Research completed telephone surveys of nearly 600 permit holders in the northeast multispecies fishery—better known as the groundfishery because it targets bottom-dwelling fish such as cod, haddock, and flounders—as well as the lobster fisheries in Maine and Massachusetts. The results clearly show that although fishermen generally tend to be politically conservative, they believe climate forces such as ocean warming and acidification are not only happening but also rank among the gravest environmental threats to their employment and the future of their industry and their communities. Here are a few key results from the fishermen surveyed: Although roughly two-thirds of them identify politically as either ‘conservative’ or ‘moderate,’ fishermen who say climate change is happening outnumber deniers by four-to-one. 65 percent of fishermen surveyed believe climate change could leave them ‘unable to profit’ and ultimately ‘forced out’ of their fishery.” [Center for American Progress, Press Release, 1/15/15]


• Bangor Daily News Editorial Board: 2015 Magnuson-Stevenson “Offers A Kind Of Flexibility [To Manage Fish Stocks] That Could Dangerously Put Short-Term Economics Above All Else.” “But those 10-year plans are generating political conflict in Washington, D.C., where the Republican-led U.S. House earlier this month passed an update to the nation’s four-decade old law regulating the nation’s fisheries, the Magnuson-Stevens Act. […] There’s a need for more flexibility and some level of hyper-local control when it comes to managing fish stocks. But the House fisheries bill offers a kind of flexibility that could dangerously put short-term economics above all else. The bill’s authors missed an opportunity to build a regulatory scheme that actually reflects how complicated the ocean is and differences between and within each commercial fish species. The U.S. has long struggled to rein in overfishing and strike the right balance between reasonable regulations and the economic interests of those who depend on the fisheries for their livelihood.” [Bangor Daily News, Editorial Board, 6/11/15]
Poliquin Voted Against A Motion To Recommit With Instructions To Require The Secretary Of Commerce Or State Governments To Declare A Fishery Disaster If Unilateral Tariffs Affect The Economic Viability Of The U.S. Fishing Industry. In July 2018, Poliquin voted against “Gomez, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Natural Resources Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require the Commerce Department, or a relevant state government, to declare a fishery disaster if any unilateral tariffs imposed by any countries on U.S. seafood exports affect the economic viability of the U.S. fishing industry.” The motion was rejected, 187-228. [HR 200, Vote #320, 7/11/18; CQ, 7/11/18]

GMOs

July 2016: Poliquin Voted Against A Plan Offering Options For GMO Labeling

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Significant Findings

- Poliquin condemned the violence of the January 6th insurrection and called for prosecution of the insurrectionists.

- Poliquin accused Democrats of upholding a double standard by condemning insurrectionists’ violence and allegedly encouraging violence against police officers and conservatives.

- Poliquin said he supported Trump’s litigation of election results in November 2020, then in July 2021 said it was not helpful for Trump to continue to publicly relitigate them.

- In December 2020, Poliquin said Trump “still may” win the 2020 election and referred to Biden’s presidency as “likely.”

- Poliquin accepted $62,400 from members of the Sedition Caucus after they voted to overturn election results as of October 2021.

Note: For information on Poliquin’s lawsuit challenging 2018 election results, see the thematic on how Poliquin pioneered and upheld the Big Lie or the Ranked-Choice Voting section of Election Law, Voting Rights, & Campaign Finance Issues.

January 6th Insurrection

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1/6/21: Poliquin Called For A Stop To “What’s Going On At The Capitol Complex” “IMMEDIATELY.”

“It's wrong for any American to engage in violence or property destruction, no matter the reason. What's going on at the Capitol complex is wrong and must stop IMMEDIATELY. Violence is not constitutionally protected speech.”

[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 1/6/21]

1/7/21: Poliquin: “There’s No Room For Storming The Capitol Building, Or Burning A Small Main Street Business In Minneapolis In The Name Of Social Justice.” “VIOLANCE IS NOT CONSTITUTIONAL FREE SPEECH” There’s been an unprecedented amount of political violence over the past year. None of it is excusable or should be tolerated. Anyone who injures someone else or damages property in the name of political ideology should be arrested and prosecuted. Otherwise, we have no civil society. Peaceful protests are part of our
Constitutional right to speak freely and assemble openly. Passionate demonstrations in support of particular causes are also embedded in our American heritage. But, there’s no room for storming the Capitol Building, or burning a small main street business in Minneapolis in the name of social justice. Or clubbing a police officer in Seattle because of racial inequality. Or throwing a brick at someone in Portland, Maine because of hatred for his or her political views. Mob violence of any kind should bring the full weight of the law upon its perpetrators.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 1/7/21]

**Poliquin Said The January 6th Insurrection Was “Horrible” And Did Not Qualify As Constitutional Free Speech.** POLIQUIN: “[1:10] It was horrible. […] It was absolutely horrible. Violence in any form is not constitutional free speech. It is not free speech. You violate that police line, you should be prosecuted and arrested, the book should be thrown at you. And that’s what they’re doing.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 1/15/21] (AUDIO)

**Poliquin Said The Capitol Riots Were Horrific And Not Right.** POLIQUIN: “[2:50] There are a lot of double standards out there, Matt, and I worked with these people for four years down in Congress when I was serving Maine. […] Above the Supreme Court entrance, Matt, engraved in stone for everybody to see is ‘Equal justice under law.’ Now, I’m not saying what happened in the Capitol was right on January 6th. Those riots were horrific. So were the riots last summer across the country, including in Portland, Maine where some of these demonstrations turned into violence. You can’t club police officers. You can’t kill innocent people. You can’t burn down buildings and get away with it. So I wish and I hope they prosecute all these people, whether it’s Seattle, Washington, Portland, Maine, or in the Capitol. What’s good for the goose is good for the gander.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 2/12/21] (AUDIO)

**Poliquin Called For Prosecution Of The Insurrectionists**

**Poliquin On Insurrectionists: “Let’s Find Out Who These Law Breakers Are, Then Arrest And Prosecute Them.”** “Having served Maine in Congress for four years, I can tell you that nobody moves more than an inch inside our nation’s Capitol Building and the surrounding grounds without being filmed. So, let’s find out who these law breakers are, then arrest and prosecute them. State and municipal law enforcement across the country should do the same to the criminals who roamed our streets last summer committing acts of violence and destruction. This is a much-needed step toward restoring confidence in American law-and-order. It should be our collective expectation of all elected officials to immediately denounce and condemn political violence when it occurs, no matter who commits it or for what purpose.”
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During a March 2020 rally on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., Democrat Senator Chuck Schumer stirred up protesters by shouting “I want to tell you, (Justice) Gorsuch. I want to tell you, (Justice) Kavanaugh. You have released the whirlwind, and you will pay the price. You won’t know what hit you if you go forward with these awful (pro-life) decisions.”

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Engraved above the front entrance to the Supreme Court is “EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW.” So, why the double standard?

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Acceptance Of 2020 Election Results

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December 2020: Poliquin Referred To Biden’s Presidency As “Likely” And Said Trump “Still May” Win The 2020 Election

December 2020: Poliquin Said Biden Was “Likely The President-Elect” Though There Was Still A Chance Trump Would Win The Election. POLIQUIN: “If Trump had won the election, and he still may, but it looks like he probably won’t, if Trump had won the election, this would be dead on arrival. […] Now, however, that Biden is likely the President-elect and likely will be seated on January 20, she probably wants to give him some sort of win.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 12/4/20] (AUDIO) 4:23

December 2020: Poliquin: “IS A LIKELY BIDEN PRESIDENCY ENCOURAGING THE RESTART OF MIGRANT CARAVANS?”
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the last election. It is not helpful, Mike. You’ve got to focus on what’s coming down the pike tomorrow and if he focuses on these issues like I think LePage will, it’s going to be very helpful.” [WSKW, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 7/12/21] (AUDIO)

• Poliquin On Trump Fighting The Results Of The 2020 Election: “It’s A Distraction, Mike. You’ve Got To Get Beyond That. I Know People Are Upset. I Was Upset. […] But Now We’ve Got To Focus On The Elections Next Year.” HOST: “[9:10] I’m talking, I think he ought to focus on cancel culture. I think he ought to focus on critical race theory and this crap. More of that. The borders absolutely. […] POLIQUIN: “Fine. Fine. As long as he doesn’t continue to relitigate the last election. It’s a distraction, Mike. You’ve got to get beyond that. I know people are upset. I was upset. A lot of people were upset. But now we’ve got to focus on the elections next year. If he is able to stay focused and put the spotlight on these extreme liberal policies that are hurting families, […] there are all kinds of issues he can focus on. […] Focus on that and it’ll help our candidates instead of relitigating the last election.” [WSKW, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 7/12/21] (AUDIO)

Note: For Poliquin’s comments on Trump’s second impeachment trial, see Donald Trump section.

Sedition Caucus

As Of October 2021, Poliquin Accepted $62,400 From Members Of The Sedition Caucus After They Voted To Overturn Results Of The 2020 Election

The 147 Republicans Who Voted To Overturn 2020 Election Results Were Known As The “Sedition Caucus.” “Pingree is also among 54 Democratic co-sponsors of a resolution, HR 25, directing the House Ethics Committee to investigate the so-called ‘Sedition Caucus’ — the 147 Republican members of Congress who voted to undo the results of the 2020 election by blocking the certification of the Electoral College votes of Georgia and other key swing states.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 4/7/21]

August-September 2021: Poliquin Accepted $62,400 From Members Of The Sedition Caucus After They Voted To Overturn Results Of The 2020 Election.

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**January 2021: Poliquin Called On Biden To “Ask Big Corporate CEOs To Abandon Their Plan To Cut Off Investment And New Jobs In Congressional Districts Represented By Republicans”**

January 2021: Poliquin: “Biden Should Publicly Ask Big Corporate CEOs To Abandon Their Plan To Cut Off Investment And New Jobs In Congressional Districts Represented By Republicans.” “Second, Mr. Biden should publicly ask big corporate CEOs to abandon their plan to cut off investment and new jobs in Congressional districts represented by Republicans. Penalizing workers because of their political beliefs, and those of their elected representatives, is wrong and un-American.”
THREE STEPS TOWARD UNITY

I wish our new president Joe Biden success in protecting our sacred Constitutional rights and hard-earned American way of life. If he and his Administration succeed, we all benefit. Good luck, Mr. President!

For that to happen, and for our divided country to heal, every American must be allowed to openly and confidently engage in healthy public debate about the important issues of our time, like keeping taxes low so the economy recovers and continuing to improve border security to prevent drugs and illegals from entering our country.

Sadly, that’s not happening. That’s why President Biden should use his new influence to protect the free speech of all Americans, regardless of their political stripes.

First, the President should demand that big social media companies like Facebook and Twitter stop silencing common sense right-of-center voices. He should back this up by leading the effort to remove Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act.

Second, Mr. Biden should publicly ask big corporate CEOs to abandon their plan to cut off investment and new jobs in Congressional districts represented by Republicans, penalizing workers because of their political beliefs, and those of their elected representatives, is wrong and un-American.

Third, President Biden should insist that left-leaning unions and employers not blacklist right-leaning fellow citizens from jobs in and outside of government. It’s just horrible to prevent a fellow American from earning a living and supporting his/her family.

Passionate debate about our path forward as a country is healthy, whereas trying to silence and harm someone with different political views is horrific.

[ Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 1/22/21]

- **1/8/21: Executives “Gathered On A Virtual Call This Week Said They Would Reconsider Investments In States Where Elected Officials Are Impeding An Orderly Presidential Transition.”** “One major union group that supported Republican lawmakers on matters such as project labor agreements had also decided to cut ties with Republicans who voted against the vote certification, according to one labor official who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the private matter. More than half of the 33 chief executives gathered on a virtual call this week said they would reconsider investments in states where elected officials are impeding an orderly presidential transition, said Jeffrey Sonnenfeld, founder of the Yale School of Management’s Chief Executive Leadership Institute, who organized the call.” [Washington Post, 1/8/21]

- **1/19/21: Boston Globe Headline: “Here Are The Local Companies Suspending Political Donations To GOP Lawmakers.”** [Boston Globe, 1/19/21]
Budget Issues

Significant Findings

✓ In October 2021, Poliquin criticized Golden for “vot[ing] to go down this reconciliation path,” which he claimed would increase taxes and inflation.

✓ In December 2018, Poliquin voted to authorize $5.7 billion in funding for Trump’s border wall, which risked $200 million for projects at Maine’s Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and a government shutdown.

✓ After Trump declared a national emergency to fund his wall proposal in 2019, the Department of Defense announced $200 million for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on the Maine-New Hampshire border was on the chopping block to fund it.

✓ In September 2019, the revised list of DoD projects losing funding did not include the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

✓ Poliquin voted for the FY 2018 House Republican Budget Resolution, which proposed turning Medicare into a voucher-like program.

✓ Poliquin voted for the FY 2016 Republican Budget to repeal the Affordable Care Act, slash Pell grants, and turn Medicare into a voucher-like program.

✓ Poliquin championed a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution by co-sponsoring four resolutions in favor of the proposal, calling on Republican presidential candidates to support it, and writing on social media and in op-eds in support of the amendment.

✓ In 2018, Poliquin voted to block an amendment to the balanced budget proposal to protect Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.

✓ AARP opposed the proposed amendment due to its “potentially deep cuts” to Social Security and Medicare.

✓ In 2014, Poliquin indicated on a candidate questionnaire that he would “oppose any debt limit increase;” in 2021, he said it would be “a real financial calamity” for the U.S. to default on its debt.

Government Funding And Shutdowns

2021 Budget Reconciliation

October 2021: Poliquin Criticized Golden For “Vot[ing] To Go Down This Reconciliation Path To Start Spending” Trillions On Entitlement Spending Without Work Requirements. “Poliquin said it was not surprising for him to see the disastrous jobs report for September under President Biden’s watch. Breitbart News reported on Friday that data from the Labor Department revealed, ‘The U.S. economy added 194,000 jobs in September, and the unemployment rate fell by 0.4 percent to 4.8 percent.’ These numbers were less than half of the 500,000 predicted jobs that would be created in the mouth. The Maine Republican blamed the radical agenda from the Democrats’ policies, saying, ‘Now we’re paying people 300 bucks a month to have kids if they’re younger than six, and there are no work requirements. Remember, what this far-left agenda has done is stripped out work
requirements from all of these entitlement programs, and now this $3.5 trillion package they’re working on, which further expands the entitlement, that Golden, you know, voted to go down this reconciliation path to start spending this money. There are no work requirements in here.” [Breitbart, 10/10/21]

October 2021: Poliquin Claimed The “Spending Programs That Pelosi And Golden And Schumer And All These People, You Know, Want In Washington” Drive “Up Taxes Further” And Increase Inflation.

“Poliquin spoke about what a Republican House majority would do in Congress versus a Democrat majority, saying the GOP would first stop the ‘trillions and trillions of dollars of unnecessary spending that’s driving up inflation. That’s the first thing that we would do is, is just not approve this sort of out of control spending.’ He said, second, the Republicans would not ‘jack up taxes.’ He added, ‘The state of Maine has the fifth largest, highest rather, tax burden in the country. That’s because we have high state taxes, and we have lower wages. So the tax burden to pay off our taxes are the fifth highest in the country. And in these spending programs that Pelosi and Golden and Schumer and all these people, you know, want in Washington, it drives up taxes further. So we would stop the spending that’s unnecessary. We would not raise taxes — we keep taxes low — and we would certainly not pay people to stay at home.’” [Breitbart, 10/10/21]

### 2018: Poliquin Voted To Authorize Billions In Funding For Trump’s Border Wall, Which Risked $200 Million For Vital Improvement Projects At Maine’s Portsmouth Naval Shipyard And A Government Shutdown

**December 2018: Poliquin Voted To Authorize $5.7 Billion For Building Trump’s Border Wall, Which He Called “The Greatest Christmas Gift For America” Though It Risked A Government Shutdown**

Poliquin Voted For Funding The Government Through Feb. 2019 And Authorizing $5.7 Billion For Construction Of A Border Wall On The U.S.-Mexico Border. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill, with a further House amendment. The bill is the legislative vehicle for a short-term continuing resolution that would fund the government through Feb. 8, 2019. It would also authorize $5.7 billion for construction of a border wall on the U.S.-Mexico border, as well as an estimated $7.8 billion in emergency disaster relief funding.” The bill passed by a vote of 217 – 185. [H.R. 695, Vote #472, 12/20/18; CQ Floor Votes, 12/20/18]

- **Headline:** CNBC: House Passes Spending Bill With Border Wall Money — Setting Up Shutdown Stalemate With Senate. [CNBC, 12/20/18]

- **Eight Republicans Joined All 177 Voting Democrats To Oppose The Measure.** “The House of Representatives Thursday approved a bill that would fund most of the federal government through early February -- and provides $5.7 billion for President Trump's long-promised border wall, increasing the chances of a partial government shutdown later this week. Eight Republicans joined all 177 voting Democrats to oppose the measure, which passed 217-185. The bill now goes to the Senate, where it is certain to fall short of the 60 votes needed for passage since the chamber's 49 Democrats are against funding the wall.” [Fox News, 12/20/18]

- **Voting Yes On Wall Funding, Which Was “Certain To Fall Short” Of Senate Passage, Made It More Likely That A Partial Government Shutdown Would Occur.** “The bill now goes to the Senate, where it is certain to fall short of the 60 votes needed for passage since the chamber's 49 Democrats are against funding the wall. That, in turn, makes it more likely that parts of the federal government, including nine of 15 Cabinet-level departments and dozens of agencies, will cease operations at midnight Friday.” [Fox News, 12/20/18]

December 2018: Poliquin Called Trump’s Border Wall “The Greatest Christmas Gift For America.” “In his last days in the U.S. House, U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin has been pressing to help President Donald Trump get the wall he wants along the country’s border with Mexico. ‘The greatest Christmas gift for America is securing our borders,’ the two-term, lame duck lawmaker said. He insisted that drugs coming across the border are hurting rural
Maine, though experts have said most of the opioids that have been the focus of attention are coming from China. ‘We have one heck of a problem on our southwest border with Mexico: in California, New Mexico, and Arizona,’ Poliquin said. ‘We have a very dangerous and very unhealthy situation just on the other side of the fence, in particular now, with Mexico.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 12/21/18]

March 2019: The Department Of Defense Put $200 Million For Improvement Projects At Maine’s Portsmouth Naval Shipyard On The Chopping Block To Fund Trump’s Border Wall

February 2019: Trump Declared A National Emergency At The Southern Border, Which Allowed Him To Allocate $3.6 Billion From Military Construction Projects To Construct A Border Wall. “Trump declared a national emergency at the Mexican boundary last month after Congress limited him to just under $1.4 billion to build border barriers. That could allow him to siphon $3.6 billion from military construction projects to fulfill his 2016 campaign promise for a border wall. The 21-page Defense Department list released Monday targets projects around the world.” [Concord Monitor, 3/19/19]

March 2019: The Department Of Defense Released A List Of Projects That Could Be Cut To Fund Trump’s Border Wall, Including $200 Million For Projects To Improve Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. “The Defense Department’s list of projects that could be cut to fund President Donald Trump’s wall at the southern border includes more than $200 million of projects that are aimed at making Portsmouth Naval Shipyard more efficient in refueling and overhauling nuclear-powered submarines. Projects that could be slashed include $110 million for dry dock improvements; $62 million for a paint, blast and rubber facility; and $40 million for an extended crane rail.” [Conord Monitor, 3/19/19]

• The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Was Located In The Piscataqua River Between Maine And New Hampshire. “The shipyard, which opened in 1800, is located on Seavey Island in the Piscataqua River, which separates Maine and New Hampshire.” [Concord Monitor, 3/19/19]

$110 Million For A Dry Dock, Which Would Allow The Shipyard To Accept Newer Submarines After Old Models Were Scheduled To Be Phased Out, Was On The Chopping Block For Trump’s Border Wall. “Critical work on Dry Dock 1 at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard could be on the chopping block along with several other projects at the yard in order to pay for President Donald Trump’s border wall, according to a new list compiled by the Department of Defense. Funding could be slashed for the $110 million superflood basin for Dry Dock 1; a $62 million paint, blast and rubber facility; $42 million for an extended portal crane rail; and a $12 million warehouse. According to the DOD list, some $6.8 billion in projects already approved by Congress in fiscal year 2019 alone are also in jeopardy. [...] The upgrades to Dry Dock 1 are crucial in order for the shipyard to meet future demands, shipyard commander Capt. David Hunt told the Herald in a 2018 interview. The work will allow the dry dock to accept the newer Virginia Class submarines. Currently, it can only accept the older Los Angeles Class subs, which will be phased out by 2029. Design work for the superflood basin is underway, preparing for the $109 million basin project.” [Seacoast Online, 3/18/19]

• Chair Of The Seacoast Shipyard Association JJ Joyal Said Funding For A Dry Dock At Portsmouth Naval Shipyard “Will Enable The Shipyard To Continue For The Next 100 Years.” “Critical work on Dry Dock 1 at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard could be on the chopping block along with several other projects at the yard in order to pay for President Donald Trump’s border wall, according to a new list compiled by the Department of Defense. [...]This most recent list of the DOD now puts that superflood basin in question. And that is ‘unfortunate,’ said JJ Joyal, a retired longtime shipyard worker and now chair of the Seacoast Shipyard Association. ‘That dry dock is critical. It will enable the shipyard to continue for the next 100 years,’ he said. ‘And this money has already been allocated by the US Congress. They’re moving full steam ahead with the construction on that dry dock. To derail something like this is tinkering with national security.’” [Seacoast Online, 3/18/19]

September 2019: Sen. Collins Announced Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Would Not Be Affected By Border
September 2019: Sen. Collins Announced Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Would Not Be Affected By Border Wall Funding. “No infrastructure projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard will be affected by the Trump Administration's plan to move money from military projects to fund a southern border wall, according to Maine Republican Sen. Susan Collins. In March, the Defense Department's listed projects that could be cut to fund President Donald Trump's border wall includes more than $200 million at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.” [WMTW, 9/5/19]

- The Department Of Defense “Put 127 Military Construction Projects On Hold” To Provide $3.6 Billion In Funding For The Border Wall. “Defense Department officials said on Tuesday that 127 military construction projects were being put on hold in order to use the $3.6 billion to fund building 175 miles of southern border wall.” [WMTW, 9/5/19]

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Poliquin Voted For Funding The Government For An Additional 2.5 Months Through December 2018. In September 2018, Poliquin voted for “Adoption of the conference report to accompany the bill that would provide $855.1 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2019 to various departments and agencies, including $674.4 billion for the Defense Department and $178.1 billion for the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education departments. The Defense Department total would include $606.5 billion in base Defense Department funding subject to spending caps, and would include $67.9 billion in overseas contingency operations funding. The bill would provide $90.3 billion in discretionary spending for the Health and Human Services Department, $71.4 billion for the Education Department and $12.1 billion for the Labor Department. The measure would also provide funding for federal government operations until Dec. 7, 2018, at an annualized rate of approximately $1.3 trillion.” The amendment was adopted 361-61. [HR 6157, Vote #405, 9/26/18; CQ, 9/26/18]

Poliquin Voted For Passing $1.3 Trillion FY18 Omnibus That Prevented A Government Shutdown

Poliquin Voted For The $1.3 Trillion FY 2018 Omnibus Spending Package That Funded The Government Through September 30, 2018. In March 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill with a further amendment that would provide roughly $1.3 trillion in funding for federal government operations and services through Sept. 30, 2018. The measure would provide a total of $654.6 billion in additional funding to the Defense Department […] $98.7 billion to the Health and Human Services Department, […] $3.4 billion to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for substance abuse block grants, and would provide roughly $3.7 billion to the National Institutes of Health, including an additional $500 million for research into opioid addiction. It would provide $47.7 billion to the Homeland Security Department, including $1.6 billion for the purpose of bolstering security measures on the U.S.-Mexico border, including the construction of new fencing along sections of the border, and would provide $7.1 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations and enforcement. The measure includes provisions from multiple bills related to school safety and firearms regulations, including a bill (S 2135) that would require the Department of Justice to certify that appropriate records have been submitted to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by federal agencies and state governments with respect to individuals who are not eligible to purchase firearms. The measure includes language from the bill (S 2495) that would authorize $75 million a year through fiscal 2028 for the Secure Our Schools grant program and would revise it to more explicitly focus the program on preventing student violence.” The motion as agreed to, 256-167. [H Res 796, Vote #127, 3/22/18; CQ, 3/22/18]

Poliquin Voted For Passing The House Version Of $1.23 Trillion Fiscal 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill

Poliquin Voted For Passing The $1.23 Trillion Fiscal 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide $1.23 trillion for federal departments and agencies covered by the 12 unfinished fiscal 2018 spending bills, including $621.5 billion for defense and $511 billion for nondefense discretionary spending.” The bill passed by a vote of 211-198. [HR 3354, Vote #528, 9/14/17; CQ, 9/14/17]

- The Omnibus Appropriations Bill Was Not Taken Up In The Senate. [HR 3354, last action 9/27/17]

2018 Short Term Government Shutdowns

February 2018: Poliquin Voted For Concurring With The Senate On The Short-Term Continuing Resolution That Funded The Government Through March 23, 2018

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would increase defense spending caps to $629 billion for fiscal 2018 and $647 billion for fiscal 2019, and would increase non-defense spending caps by $63 billion in fiscal 2018 and $68 billion in fiscal 2019. It would suspend the debt ceiling through March 1, 2019, and would provide $89.3 billion in emergency supplemental funding including $23.5 billion in funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Disaster Relief Fund, $28 billion in funding to the Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Fund, and $4.9 billion in additional Medicaid funding for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. It would authorize funding for community health centers through fiscal 2019, and would provide for an additional authorization of the Children’s Health Insurance Program from fiscal 2023 to fiscal 2027. The underlying bill would allow the governor of a state, territory, possession or the mayor of the District of Columbia to order that the United States flag be flown at half-staff to honor the death of a first responder who dies while serving in the line of duty.” [HR 1892, Vote #69, 2/9/18; CQ, 2/9/18]

- **Budget Deal Ending Second Government Shutdown Of 2018 Added $320 Billion To The Deficit – The Second Shutdown In Three Weeks.** “But action did not come soon enough to avoid a brief government shutdown — the second in three weeks — thanks to a one-man protest from Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), who delayed the Senate vote past midnight to mark his opposition to an estimated $320 billion addition to the federal budget deficit.” [Washington Post, 2/9/18]

- **Budget Deal Raised Sequestration Caps For 2018 And 2019 By $296 Billion, Suspended The Debt Ceiling Until March 2019, And Approved An Additional $90 Billion In Disaster Relief.** “Attached to the CR is language raising the sequestration budget caps for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 by a total of $296 billion, suspending the debt ceiling until March 2019 and approving an additional $90 billion in disaster relief, among a host of other policy provisions.” [Roll Call, 2/9/18]

- **CNN: Continuing Resolution Included A Full Year Of Defense Spending To “Sweeten The Deal For Conservative And Defense Hawks… Who Have Been Emphatic That They Wouldn’t Support The Fifth Continuing Resolution In Six Months.”** “The House of Representatives passed legislation funding most federal agencies through March 23, and the Pentagon for a full fiscal year, roughly two days before the government faces a shutdown. The bill passed 245-182, but this is just the first step. The bill will next go the Senate, where Democrats are expected to oppose it because it doesn’t also provide longer term money for domestic programs like opioid recovery efforts, transportation, and education. […] GOP leaders tacked on a full year of defense funding to sweeten the deal for conservative and defense hawks in their ranks who have been emphatic that they wouldn’t support the fifth continuing resolution in six months without some kind of certainty for the country’s military.” [CNN, 2/6/18]

- **Poliquin Voted For House Passage Of Continuing Resolution To Fund The Government Through March 23.** In February 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill with an amendment that would provide for an extension of the current continuing resolution through March 23, 2018. The measure would provide for $659.2 billion in discretionary funding for the Defense Department through fiscal 2018 and would provide $3.6 billion annually for community health centers through fiscal 2019. It would also eliminate the cap on various Medicare payments and would extend funding for rural hospitals that see large numbers of Medicare patients.” The motion was adopted, 245-182. [H.R. 1892, Vote #60, 2/6/18; CQ, 2/6/17]

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**January 2018: Poliquin Voted To Fund CHIP For Six Years And Reopen The Government**

**Poliquin Voted For Reopening The Government And Funding It Until February 8, 2018 As Well As Funding CHIP For Six Years.** In January 2018, Poliquin voted for: “McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill that would that would provide funding for federal government operations and services at current levels through Feb. 8, 2018. The measure would fund the state Children’s Health and Insurance Programs at $21.5 billion annually starting in fiscal 2018 and would gradually increase the funding annually through fiscal 2023. It would suspend or delay three health-related taxes enacted as part of the 2010 health care overhaul. It would allow the ballistic missile defense funding included in the
last short-term funding bill to be used for certain related intelligence activities. Additionally, it would prohibit the Government Publishing Office from providing a free printed copy of the Federal Register to any member of Congress or other U.S. government office unless a specific issue or a subscription was requested by the member or office.” The motion passed 266-150. [H.R. 195, Vote #44, 1/22/18; CQ, 1/22/18]

- The Measure Ended A Three-Day Government Shutdown. “Congress voted late Monday to reopen the government after a three-day shutdown, sending President Trump a short-term spending bill that passed after Senate Republican leaders pledged to act on immigration policy next month. […] Roughly 60 hours after government funding lapsed, a bipartisan group of negotiators in the Senate prevailed with leadership and trading Democratic support for reopening the government for a commitment by Republicans to hold a vote resolving the status of young undocumented immigrants by mid-February.” [Washington Post, 1/22/18]

Poliquin Voted For Funding The Government Until February 16, 2018 And Funding CHIP For Six Years. In January 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill with an amendment that would provide funding for federal government operations and services at current levels through Feb. 16, 2018, at an annualized rate of $1.23 trillion for federal departments and agencies covered by the 12 unfinished fiscal 2018 spending bills, of which an annualized rate of $621.5 billion would be designated for defense and an annualized rate of $511 billion for nondefense discretionary spending. The measure would fund the state Children’s Health and Insurance Programs at $21.5 billion annually starting in fiscal 2018 and would gradually increase the funding annually through fiscal 2023. It would suspend or delay three health-related taxes enacted as part of the 2010 health care overhaul. It would allow the ballistic missile defense funding included in the last short-term funding bill to be used for certain related intelligence activities. Additionally, it would prohibit the Government Publishing Office from providing a free printed copy of the Federal Register to any member of Congress or other U.S. government office unless a specific issue or a subscription was requested by the member or office.” The motion passed 230-197. [H.R. 195, Vote #33, 1/18/18; CQ, 1/18/18]

- The Measure Failed To Protect DREAMers, Aid Puerto Rico, Or Respond To The Opioid Crisis. “In the Senate, at least about a dozen Democratic votes would be needed to approve the measure, and there was little chance that those would materialize. Democrats are intent on securing concessions that would, among other things, protect from deportation young immigrants brought to the country illegally as children, increase domestic spending, aid Puerto Rico and bolster the government’s response to the opioid crisis.” [New York Times, 1/18/18]

- The Bill Failed In The Senate, Leading To A Government Shutdown – The First Time A Shutdown Involving Furloughs Occurred While One Party Controlled Washington. “The federal government entered the 18th partial shutdown of the modern budget era at midnight Saturday after the Senate failed to reach a deal on a funding bill. The modern budget process began with the passage of the Budget Act of 1974. Since then, there have been a slew of different circumstances that prompted shutdowns, but this shutdown is unique for one reason. This is the first time that one party has controlled the House, the Senate, and the White House during a shutdown in which federal employees are furloughed.” [Business Insider, 1/20/18]


January 2018: Poliquin Said He Was “Infuriated” By The Government Shutdown, Which He Added “CANNOT Be Blamed On A Single Party.” “Congressman Bruce Poliquin (ME-02) released the following statement today on the possibility of a government shutdown: ‘Those who voted against funding the government are playing with fire. I’m infuriated, as are Mainers who depend on critical services, with what we’ve seen in the past week—Congress bringing the federal government to the brink of shutdown. ‘The House voted to keep the government open and avert a shutdown, with the support of Democrats and Republicans. 60 votes are needed to pass a bill in the Senate. Neither party has that many seats in the Senate. ‘Put simply: a government shutdown CANNOT be blamed on a single party—this is a problem that Democrats and Republicans share.’” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 1/19/18]
January 2018: Poliquin Pledged To Donate His Salary To A Food Bank During The Government Shutdown.

“I voted to avert a government shutdown. And now I am refusing any pay while the government is not funded and will be donating my pay to the Good Shepherd Food Bank #mepolitics”

[Rep. Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 1/20/18]

2015

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• The Omnibus Bill Would End U.S. Ban On Crude Oil Exports. According to Congressional Quarterly, “The measure would end the U.S. ban on crude oil exports and would reauthorize health care and victim compensation programs for 9/11 first-responders.” [CQ, 12/18/15]

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deals are not the way that these enormous spending bills were meant to be brokered … .” [Portland Press Herald, 12/18/15]

2015: Poliquin Voted For A Short-Term Continuing Resolution To Prevent A Government Shutdown

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- All Of The Votes Against Were Republicans, Who Were Upset By Their Inability To Force The Obama Administration To Defund Planned Parenthood. “With only hours to spare on the last day of the fiscal year, Congress averted a government shutdown on Wednesday by approving a temporary spending measure to keep federal agencies operating through Dec. 11. In the House, the legislation was approved only because of strong support by Democrats — a sign of how angry rank-and-file Republicans remain over their powerlessness to force policy changes on the Obama administration. The House vote was 257 to 151, with 186 Democrats and 91 Republicans in favor. All of the ‘no’ votes were by Republicans. In one last display of their fury, House Republicans on Wednesday adopted another resolution to cut off government financing to Planned Parenthood.” [New York Times, 9/30/15]

Budget Resolutions

NOTE: Unlike appropriations bills, budget resolutions are not signed by the President and do not enact spending. Instead, the resolutions set targets for Congressional committees who will then write appropriations bills.

Trump FY 2019 Budget Proposal

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- Poliquin Promised “To Push For Continued Support For These And Other Programs And Agencies That Do Good For Maine Families” During Budget Debates. “As I have said before, we must make sure we maintain support for programs and agencies that serve our families and communities and help protect our
environment,’ Poliquin said. ‘As Congress begins its work in the coming months on the federal budget, I will continue to push for continued support for these and other programs and agencies that do good for Maine families.’” [Portland Press Herald, 2/12/18]

**FY 2018**

**Poliquin Voted For Motion Concurring With FY18 Senate Republican Budget**

Poliquin Voted For Agreeing To The Senate Republican’s Version Of The FY18 Budget That Provided $3.1 Trillion In New Budget Authority. In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Black, R-Tenn., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the concurrent resolution that would provide for $3.1 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts. It would allow the cap on defense spending to be raised to $640 billion for fiscal 2018, without the need for offsets. It would require the Senate Finance Committee to report legislation under the budget reconciliation process that would increase the deficit by no more than $1.5 trillion over the period of fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2027. It would also instruct the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to report legislation under the budget reconciliation process that would reduce the deficit by $1 billion over the period of fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2027. The concurrent resolution would authorize the establishment of various reserve funds, including a deficit-neutral reserve fund related to repealing or replacing the 2010 health care overhaul law, and a revenue-neutral reserve fund related to modifying the federal tax system.” The budget passed 216-212. [H Con Res 71, Vote #589, 10/26/17; CQ Floor Votes, 10/26/17]

- **HEADLINE: House Approves Senate-Passed Budget Plan, Paving Way For Tax Reform.** [CBS News, 10/26/17]

- **AP: “The Budget Plan Calls For $5 Trillion In Spending Cuts Over The Decade, Including Cuts To Medicare, Medicaid And The Obama-Era Health Care Law.”** “The budget plan calls for $5 trillion in spending cuts over the decade, including cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and the Obama-era health care law, though Republicans have no plans to actually impose those cuts with follow-up legislation. Some Democrats criticized the measure for ruthless spending cuts; others took the opposite approach, failing it for tackling the deficit.” [Associated Press, 10/26/17]

- **Senate Budget Directed Energy And Natural Resources Committee To Find $1 Billion In Deficit Reduction, Which Was Likely To Come From Opening ANWR To Oil And Gas Leasing.** “Democrats on Tuesday said they planned to introduce an amendment to the budget resolution (S Con Res 25) to strip a provision in its reconciliation instructions that would direct the Energy and Natural Resources Committee to find $1 billion in deficit reduction. Those savings are likely to come in the form of legislation that would open ANWR to oil and gas leasing, which would generate revenues from the sale of federal leases to drilling companies and from royalties on the sale of oil and gas extracted from federally owned land.” [CQ, 10/17/17]

Poliquin Voted For Considering The Senate Republican’s Version Of The FY18 Budget. In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 580) that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2018 budget resolution (H Con Res 71) that would provide for $3.1 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts.” The resolution was adopted 233-188. [HRes 580, Vote #583, 10/25/17; CQ, 10/25/17]

**Poliquin Voted For FY18 House Republican Budget**

Poliquin Voted For FY 2018 House Republican Budget Resolution. In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would provide for $3.2 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts. It would assume $1.22 trillion in discretionary spending in fiscal 2018. It would assume the repeal of the 2010 health care overhaul law. It also would propose reducing spending on mandatory programs such as Medicare and Medicaid and changing programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
Program (also known as food stamps). It would call for restructuring Medicare into a "premium support" system beginning in 2024. I would also require the House Ways and Means Committee to report out legislation under the budget reconciliation process that would provide for a revenue-neutral, comprehensive overhaul of the U.S. tax code and would include instructions to 11 House committees to trigger the budget reconciliation process to cut mandatory spending. The concurrent resolution would assume that, over 10 years, base (non-Overseas Contingency Operations) discretionary defense spending would be increased by a total of $929 billion over the Budget Control Act caps and non-defense spending be reduced by $1.3 trillion.” The concurrent resolution was adopted, 219-206. [H Con Res 71, Vote #557, 10/5/17; CQ, 10/5/17]

- **AP: House Budget “Represents A Controversial Plan To Turn Medicare Into A Voucher-Like Program.”** “The House on Thursday passed a $4.1 trillion budget plan that promises deep cuts to social programs while paving the way for Republicans to rewrite the tax code later this year. The 2018 House GOP budget reprises a controversial plan to turn Medicare into a voucher-like program for future retirees as well as the party’s efforts to repeal the "Obamacare" health law. Republicans controlling Congress have no plans to actually implement those cuts while they pursue their tax overhaul.” [Associated Press, 10/5/17]

- **Politico: The House Budget Included “$203 Billion In Mandatory Cuts Achieved Largely By Cutting Safety Net Programs.”** “Under the House budget, any tax reconciliation bill would have to include the $203 billion in mandatory cuts achieved largely by cutting safety net programs. That prompted some GOP moderates to warn of the political optics of cutting food stamps or Medicaid to pay for corporate tax breaks. The House budget also lays out strict parameters to prevent a tax plan from adding to the deficit, even short-term. And that language has given heartburn to Budget panel members like Rep. Jim Renacci (R-Ohio), who almost voted against the resolution because he was afraid it doesn’t provide tax writers with enough funding flexibility to achieve desired cuts.” [Politico, 10/2/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of The Fiscal 2018 House Republican Budget Resolution.** In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 553) that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2018 budget resolution (H Con Res 71).” The rule was adopted, 232-188. [H Res 553, Vote #552, 10/4/17; CQ, 10/4/17]

**2017: Poliquin Voted Against FY2018 Republican Study Committee Budget That Cut $10 Trillion Over A Decade, Repealed Obamacare And Would Raise The Retirement Age For Social Security**

**Poliquin Voted Against A Republican Study Committee Alternative FY18 Budget.** In October 2017, Poliquin voted against: “McCintock, R-Calif., substitute amendment that would provide for $2.9 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018. It would balance the budget by fiscal 2023 by reducing spending by $10.1 trillion over 10 years. It would cap total discretionary spending at $1.06 trillion for fiscal 2018 and would assume no separate Overseas Contingency Operations funding for fiscal 2018 or subsequent years and would incorporate funding related to war or terror into the base defense account. It would assume repeal of the 2010 health care overhaul and would convert Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program into a single block grant program. It would require that off budget programs, such as Social Security, the U.S. Postal Service, and Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, be included in the budget.” The amendment was rejected, 281-139. [H Con Res 71, Vote #555, 10/5/17; CQ, 10/5/17]

- **The RSC Budget Would Gradually Raise The Retirement Age For Social Security To 69.** “The RSC budget would eliminate Social Security’s long-run shortfall and make the program sustainably solvent by adopting Representative Sam Johnson’s (R-TX) “Social Security Reform Act,” which would slow initial benefit growth for higher-earners, gradually raise the normal retirement age to 69, and means-test annual cost-of-living adjustments, which would be calculated based on the chained Consumer Price Index (CPI).” [Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, 9/11/17]

- **The RSC Budget Targeted Medicare And Medicaid, As Well As Food Assistance For Families In Need.** “The trillions of dollars in RSC-backed cuts are mainly for show, as there is little appetite within the conference
or at the other end of the Capitol for deep reductions to the growth rate of mandatory spending. The RSC budget targets the major health care benefit programs Medicare and Medicaid and overhauls other means-tested benefits for the poor such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.” [Roll Call, 10/3/17]

- **The RSC Budget Included More Than $10 Trillion In Spending Cuts Over A Decade, About Twice As Much As The House Republican Budget.** “House Republicans will get the chance Thursday to vote for an alternative budget blueprint that offers up more than $10 trillion in spending cuts over a decade. […] The Budget Committee-approved plan also proposes sizable cuts to mandatory programs, but only about $5.4 trillion in total reductions, about half of what the RSC wants. In addition, the RSC budget proposes to get to balance by fiscal 2023, as opposed to fiscal 2027 in the underlying resolution headed to the floor Thursday.” [Roll Call, 10/3/17]

- **The RSC Budget Repealed Obamacare And Replaced It With The American Health Care Reform Act.** “(b) Policy on Replacing Obamacare.--It is the policy of this resolution that Obamacare must not only be repealed, but also replaced by enacting the American Health Care Reform Act.” [McClintock Substitute Amendment, 10/5/17]

### September FY 2018 Budget Proposal

**September FY 2017: Poliquin Declined To Comment On His Vote For A Budget That Rejected Trump’s Proposed Cuts To Legal Aid, Coastal Clean Ups, Public Media, And Homeless Aid Programs In Maine**

March 2017: Trump Proposed Budget Cuts To Maine Programs That Provided Heating Oil Assistance To Low-Income Mainers, Services To The Homeless, Public Media, And Coastal Clean Up Sites. “When Trump released his proposed budget in March, it was subjected to withering bipartisan condemnation from Maine's congressional delegation, with Republican U.S. Sen. Susan Collins promising it would be ‘subject to ‘significant revision’ by Congress. […] Trump's budget proposed stripping federal dollars from programs that provide heating oil to low-income Mainers, legal aid to indigent citizens and funding for services that help the homeless. It would stop federal funds from flowing to Maine Public's television and radio outlets, the University of Maine's Sea Grant research program and research efforts at the Wells Reserve at Laudholm, which could end up closing. Money Maine towns and cities use to clean up contaminated industrial sites so they can be redeveloped would be slashed, and programs that help abate radon in drinking water, lead paint in old buildings, and pollution on Maine beaches would be eliminated altogether.” [Portland Press Herald, 9/17/17]

**Trump Proposed Cutting The Northern Border Regional Commission, Which Spent Millions On Maine Infrastructure Projects.** “President Donald Trump’s budget outline released this week is drawing mixed to negative reviews from Maine’s congressional delegation on how it would change the order of business for many government programs. […] It would also end a federal-state commission established to aid struggling border communities. The relatively small Northern Border Regional Commission, which serves Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York, would be cut. Between 2010 and 2015, it put nearly $3.9 million into economic and infrastructure projects in Maine, unlocking $11 million in matching funds.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 3/17/17]

- **Portland Press Herald: The Budget Cuts “Would Have Serious Consequences Across Maine” And Affect “Everyone From The Elderly And Unemployed To Those Who Rely On The Sea To Earn Their Living.”** “Congress appears poised to reject a wide range of cuts to federal programs proposed by President Donald Trump that would have serious consequences across Maine, disrupting scientific research and social services, affecting everyone from the elderly and unemployed to those who rely on the sea to earn their living.” [Portland Press Herald, 9/17/17]

- **Portland Press Herald: Pingree And Collins “Subjected [Trump’s Proposed Budget] To Withering Bipartisan Condemnation.”** “When Trump released his proposed budget in March, it was subjected to

**Poliquin Voted For Passing The $1.23 Trillion Fiscal 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide $1.23 trillion for federal departments and agencies covered by the 12 unfinished fiscal 2018 spending bills, including $621.5 billion for defense and $511 billion for nondefense discretionary spending.” The bill passed by a vote of 211-198. [H R 3354, Vote #528, 9/14/17; CQ, 9/14/17]

- **As Passed, The Omnibus Appropriations Bill Did Not Include Trump’s Proposed Cuts To Maine Programs.** “Congress appears poised to reject a wide range of cuts to federal programs proposed by President Trump that would have serious consequences across Maine, disrupting scientific research and social services, affecting everyone from the elderly and unemployed to those who rely on the sea to earn their living. […] But the omnibus appropriations bill passed Thursday by the House of Representatives rejects all of those proposals, restoring most or all funding for most of these programs and in some cases raising it.” [Portland Press Herald, 9/17/17]

**September 2017: Poliquin Declined To Comment “Directly” On His Vote For The Budget; His Spokesperson Said He “Voted On The House Bill, One Step In A Long Process.”** “U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, a Republican who represents the 2nd District, declined to comment directly on the House budget he voted for. His spokesman, Brendan Conley, would say only that Poliquin had ‘voted on the House bill, one step in a long process, and looks forward to seeing what comes back from the Senate.’ In August, Poliquin told supporters he avoided speaking to the press about his positions for fear of losing his seat.” [Portland Press Herald, 9/17/17]

**FY 2016**

**Poliquin Voted For FY 2016 Republican Conference Report On Budget**

**2015: Poliquin Voted For FY16 Republican Conference Report On Budget.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the conference report on the concurrent resolution that would reduce spending by $5.3 trillion over the next 10 years, including $2 trillion in reductions from repeal of the 2010 health care overhaul. The concurrent resolution would reduce spending in the areas of Medicare, Medicaid and other mandatory programs. It would call for a deficit-neutral overhaul of the tax code that lowers rates and assumes $124 billion in additional savings through ‘dynamic scoring.’ It would increase the amount of uncapped funding for war and related activities in the Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO), allowing $96.3 billion in fiscal 2016. It also includes reconciliation instructions to the House and Senate committees to focus on repeal of the 2010 health care overhaul and to report legislation by July 24, 2015.” The budget was adopted 226-197. [S CON RES 11, Vote #183; On Agreeing to the Conference Report, 4/30/15; Bloomberg, 4/29/15]

**Poliquin Voted For The FY 2016 Republican Budget To Repeal The Affordable Care Act, Slash Pell Grants, And Alter Medicare**

**2015: Poliquin Voted For FY 2016 Republican Budget To Repeal The Affordable Care Act, Slash Pell Grants, And Alter Medicare.** In March 2015, Poliquin voted for: the FY16 Republican House budget that would repeal the Affordable Care Act, slash Pell grants and alter Medicare. “It also includes parliamentary language, called reconciliation that orders House committees to draft legislation repealing the Affordable Care Act. Under budget rules, that reconciliation repeal bill cannot be filibustered in the Senate and would need only a majority vote to pass. The budget would turn Medicaid into block grants to the states, cutting health care spending for the poor by $900 billion. The food stamp program would also be turned into block grants and cut by hundreds of billions of dollars. Special education, Pell Grants, job training and housing assistance would all be cut. Medicare would transition to a system where future seniors would be encouraged to use government-funded vouchers to purchase
insurance in the private market.” The resolution passed 228 to 199. [H. Con Res. 27, Vote #142, 3/25/15; New York Times, 3/25/15]

- National Committee To Preserve Social Security & Medicare: 2015 House GOP Budget Would Leave “Seniors And The Disabled – Some Of Our Most Vulnerable Americans – Hostage To The Whims Of Private Insurance Companies.” “Once again, the House GOP’s budget would privatize Medicare with a voucher plan, leaving seniors and the disabled – some of our most vulnerable Americans – hostage to the whims of private insurance companies. Over time, this will end traditional Medicare and make it harder for seniors to choose their own doctor. Vouchers will not keep up with the increasing cost of health insurance… that is why seniors will pay more.” [National Committee to Preserve Social Security & Medicare, 3/17/15]

- New York Times: 2015 House GOP Budget Would Turn Medicare Into A “Voucherlike” Program. “House Budget Committee members previewed their plans in an unusual, campaign-style video on Monday. The plan envisions a remaking of the federal government. Future recipients of Medicare would be offered voucherlike ‘premium support’ to pay for private insurance rather than government-provided health care. Spending on Medicaid would be cut substantially over 10 years, with the money turned into block grants to state governments, which in turn would have much more flexibility in deciding how it is allocated.” [New York Times, 3/17/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Holding A Hearing For The President’s FY16 Budget

2016: Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Holding A Hearing For The President’s FY16 Budget. In March 2016, Poliquin voted for: blocking consideration of holding a hearing for the Obama Administration’s fiscal year 2017 budget proposal. “The Democratic Previous Question gives Republicans a third chance to call for an immediate vote on Budget Committee Ranking Member Chris Van Hollen’s H.R. 624 to demand a fair hearing on the President’s Budget by demanding that House Republicans hold a Budget hearing with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.” [H Res 635, Vote #106, 3/3/16; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 3/3/16]


Poliquin Voted For FY 2016 Budget Price Amendment That Would Repeal The Affordable Care Act, Slash Pell Grants, And Alter Medicare While Requiring No Offsets For Increased OCO Defense Spending

2015: Poliquin Voted For A FY 2016 Price Budget Amendment To Repeal The Affordable Care Act, Slash Pell Grants, And Alter Medicare While Requiring No Offsets For Increased OCO Defense Spending. In March 2015, Poliquin voted for: a budget alternative known as Price amendment #2 offered as an amendment on the floor that would repeal the Affordable Care Act, slash Pell grants and alter Medicare while requiring no offsets for increased OCO defense spending. “Tom Price, R-Ga., also submitted an amended version that included increased defense funding without requiring cuts in other areas to offset the spending. Price’s plan increased funding to the Overseas Contingency Operations Fund by $2 billion over the committee plan, to $96 billion, and requires no offsets. The version that passed out of committee would have required offsets over $73.5 billion in the OCO fund, which pays for wars and other overseas activities and is not subject to sequester caps.” The resolution passed 219 to 208. [H. Con Res. 27, Vote #141, 3/25/15; US News and World Report, 3/25/15]

Poliquin Voted Against The FY 2016 Republican Study Committee Budget That Would Balance The Budget In Six Years, Cut Retirement Programs, And Called For A Balanced Budget Amendment
2015: Poliquin Voted Against The FY2016 Republican Study Committee Budget. In March 2015, Poliquin voted against: the Republican Study Committee budget that would cut spending by $7.1 trillion over 10 years. “A conservative budget released by the House Republican Study Committee (RSC) on Monday would balance in five years by cutting $7.1 trillion in spending over the next decade. The cuts are much more than the $5.5 trillion in proposed cuts included in the main House GOP blueprint unveiled last week by Budget Committee Chairman Tom Price (R-Ga.). The RSC budget, prepared by RSC and Budget Committee member Marlin Stutzman (R-Ind.), would increase spending for the Pentagon.” The amendment failed 132 to 294. [H Con Res 27, Vote #138, 3/25/15; The Hill, 3/23/15]

- The RSC Budget Would Cut FY16 Nondefense Discretionary Spending By $88 Billion Below Sequestration Levels. “The RSC blueprint would lower nondefense discretionary spending for domestic programs next year to $405 billion, $88 billion below the baseline set by the 2011 deal. Altogether, discretionary spending next year would total $975 billion under the RSC’s budget, much lower than the $1.018 trillion top-line number established by the 2011 law. Over the 10-year window, the RSC budget would cut nondefense spending by $1.3 trillion and increase defense spending by $435 billion.” [The Hill, 3/23/15]

- The RSC Proposed An “Aggressive” Plan That Would Balance The Budget In Six Years. “Conservative members of the House Republican caucus outbid their party’s official budget Monday, offering a plan to cut planned government spending by more than $7.1 trillion and balance the budget in just six years. The aggressive plan to cut spending from all areas of government and erase deficits was introduced by the Republican Study Committee, a group of congressmen organized to push policy to the right.” [Washington Examiner, 3/23/15]

The FY2016 RSC Budget Raised The Retirement Age To 70. “The Republican Study Committee would raise the retirement age to 70 for people born after 1962, use a definition of inflation that would lower benefits, and reduce benefits for wealthier retirees.” [ Examiner, 3/23/15]

The RSC Budget Balanced By “Cutting More Deeply Into Federal Healthcare And Retirement Programs.” “The Republican Study Committee on Monday unveiled its plan to cut spending by $7.1 trillion over 10 years, reaching a surplus in six years by cutting more deeply into federal healthcare and retirement programs as well as domestic agency budgets.” [ Reuters, 3/23/15]

The RSC Budget Called For A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution. “It is the policy of this resolution that Congress should pass a joint resolution incorporating the provisions set forth in subsection (b), and send such joint resolution to the States for their approval, to amend the Constitution of the United States to require an annual balanced budget.” [RSC Budget Proposal, 3/22/15]

FY 2015

Poliquin Supported Ryan’s FY 2015 Budget, Which Would Have Given Corporations And Millionaires Like Himself A Tax Cut While Raising Taxes On Families Making Less Than $200,000, Slashing Medicare, And Adding $1.2 Trillion To The National Deficit

July 2014: Bangor Daily News Editorial Headline: “Bruce Poliquin Supports The Paul Ryan Budget. But What’s Actually In It?” “Poliquin, the Republican former state treasurer, says he supports the Ryan plan. He told the BDN editorial board in May that he would like to see the plan balance the federal budget more quickly.” [Bangor Daily News, Editorial, 7/25/14]

CBPP: Families Making Less Than $200,000 Would Face Average Tax Hike of $3,000 Under Ryan’s Budget. “Families with children that have incomes below $200,000 would have to face tax increases averaging more than $3,000 a year, if policymakers were to avoid increasing the deficit while reaching Chairman Ryan’s 25-percent top-tax-rate goal… If policymakers enacted the same extremely ambitious reductions in tax expenditures for filers with
incomes above $200,000…, filers with incomes of $1 million or more would lose tax breaks totaling about $90,000 on average – still leaving them with an average net tax cut of about $245,000…” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 3/17/13]

CBPP: Millionaires Would Likely Experience A $245,000 Net Tax Cut Under Ryan’s Budget. According to an analysis of the Ryan Budget conducted by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, “If policymakers enacted the same extremely ambitious reductions in tax expenditures for filers with incomes above $200,000 that TPC assumed when it analyzed Romney’s tax plan, filers with incomes of $1 million or more would lose tax breaks totaling about $90,000 on average – still leaving them with an average net tax cut of about $245,000. Households with incomes above $200,000 would get a net cut of about $16,000.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 3/17/13]

• 2014: Poliquin Reported He Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $9,971,062 And $37,690,000.

Ryan Budget Would Slash The Corporate Tax Rate From 35 Percent to 25 Percent. “Under the Ryan plan, the corporate tax rate would also fall, from 35 percent to 25 percent – although all those tax changes are supposed to be crafted to bring in the same amount of revenue as the current tax code, a tall order.” [New York Times, 3/12/13]

National Journal: “For Those Younger Than Age 55, Medicare Could Look Unrecognizable” If Ryan Budget Were Implemented. “And, for those younger than age 55, Medicare could look unrecognizable: People receive a fixed sum of money from the federal government to buy health insurance in their old age, regardless of the way inflation has caused health care costs to increase.” [National Journal, 3/10/13]

• CBPP: Ryan Budget Would Cut Medicare Spending By A Total of $356 Billion.” According to an analysis of the Ryan budget conducted by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities: “Over the 2013 to 2023 period, the Ryan budget would cut Medicare spending by a total of $356 billion. His budget would save $129 billion compared to current law from limiting medical malpractice awards, increasing income-tested premiums, and repealing the Medicare benefit improvements in health reform, including closure of the prescription drug ‘donut hole.’ Ryan’s baseline includes $138 billion in scheduled cuts from Medicare’s sustainable growth rate formula for physicians and $89 billion in Medicare cuts from sequestration, bringing his total Medicare reductions to the aforementioned $356 billion.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 3/12/13]

EPI: “Ryan Budget Would Increase The Unemployment Rate By Between .6 [And] .8 Percentage Points.” According to an analysis of the Ryan budget conducted by the Economic Policy Institute, “We estimate that the Ryan budget would increase the unemployment rate by between 0.6 percentage points and 0.8 percentage points.” [Economic Policy Institute, 3/12/13]

CBPP: Ryan Budget “Would Likely Add To Deficits, Undercutting […] Claim To Balance The Budget Within A Decade.” The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities dismissed Ryan’s claim that his budget would balance within a decade, by writing: “Nor is his vow to raise $6 trillion by scaling back tax expenditures plausible, given that the most costly of them, such as the mortgage interest deduction and deduction for charitable giving, tend to be the most politically popular. As a result, if policymakers were to cut taxes enough to meet Chairman Ryan’s goal, they would likely add to deficits, undercutting Chairman Ryan’s claim to balance the budget within a decade.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 3/17/13]

Ryan’s “Budget Would Add About $1.2 Trillion to the National Debt.” “With $41.5 trillion in spending over the next decade and $40.2 trillion in revenues, Ryan’s budget would add about $1.2 trillion to the national debt. But shrinking deficits would reduce borrowing and cause the debt to shrink as a percentage of the economy. By the time a $7 billion surplus emerges in 2023, Ryan predicts that the Treasury would owe $14.2 trillion to outside creditors (compared with $11.8 trillion today), or about 55 percent of the gross domestic product (compared with about 76 percent today).” [Washington Post, 3/12/13]
# Balanced Budget Amendment

## 2018: Poliquin Voted For Proposing A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution

### Poliquin Voted For Proposing A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution

In April 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution that would propose a constitutional amendment that would require the U.S. government to operate under a balanced budget each year, beginning five years after ratification. Under the proposal, three-fifths of the entire House and Senate would be required to approve deficit spending or an increase in the public debt limit, but a simple majority would be sufficient to waive the requirement in times of congressionally declared war or in the face of a serious military threat.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 233-184. [H J Res 2, Vote #138, 4/12/18; CQ, 4/12/18]

- **Center for American Progress**: The Balanced-Budget Amendment Threatens Americans’ Health Care, Social Security, and Jobs. [Center for American Progress, 4/11/18]

- **AARP Opposed The Balanced Budget Amendment Because It Would “Likely Harm Social Security And Medicare, Subjecting Both Programs To Potentially Deep Cuts.”** “AARP is writing to express our opposition to a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States. [...] A balanced budget amendment would likely harm Social Security and Medicare, subjecting both programs to potentially deep cuts without regard to the impact on the health and financial security of individuals. It would also likely diminish the resources available for programs assisting Americans who are least able to provide for themselves – services such as meals or heating for those who are too poor or physically unable to take care of their basic needs without some support.” [AARP, Letter, 4/9/18]

- **Senator Corker**: “Republicans Control The House, Senate And White House. If We Were Serious About Balancing The Budget, We Would Do It. But Instead Of Doing The Real Work, Some Will Push This Symbolic Measure So They Can Feel Good When They Go Home To Face Voters.” [Sen. Corker, Twitter, 3/29/18]

## 2018: Poliquin Voted For Blocking An Amendment To The Balanced Budget Amendment To Protect Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid

### Poliquin Voted For Blocking An Amendment To The Balanced Budget Amendment To Protect Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid

In April 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on [...] providing for the speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules on April 12, 2018, relating to the joint resolution (H J Res 2) that would propose a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution.” According to Rep. McGovern, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule which would amend the bill to exempt Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, vital pillars of our social safety net.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 231-186. [H Res 811, Vote #133, 4/11/18; CQ, 4/11/18; Congressional Record, H3018, 4/11/18]

## 2018: Poliquin Co-Sponsored A Balanced Budget Amendment That Would Threaten Social Security And Medicare

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A Balanced Budget Amendment Would Override All Government Guarantees And Promises Written Into Law – Including Social Security, Medicare, Veterans Benefits, And Military Pensions. “In general, a balanced budget requirement in the U.S. Constitution would override any and all government guarantees and promises written into law: the guarantee to pay interest on the debt; or to pay insurance and guarantee claims for bank deposits, floods, loan defaults, and nuclear accidents; or to pay program benefits for Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, unemployment benefits, veterans’ benefits, or military and civil service pensions; or to pay contractors who have delivered goods or services to the federal government.” [CBPP, 3/16/18]

Under A Balanced Budget Amendment, It Would Be Unconstitutional For Social Security To Use Its Savings – What Workers Already Paid In To – To Pay Promised Benefits; Benefits Could Have To Be Cut. “Currently, Social Security holds $2.9 trillion in Treasury securities. But under the balanced budget amendment, it would essentially be unconstitutional for Social Security to draw down these savings to pay promised benefits. Instead, benefits could have to be cut, because all federal expenditures would have to be covered by tax revenues collected during that same year.” [CBPP, 3/16/18]

Poliquin Co-sponsored a Balanced Budget Amendment Four Times


Portland Press Herald Editorial Board: “Poliquin Doesn’t Let His Commitment To Fiscal Restraint Doesn’t Stop Him From Lining Up When They’re Handing Out The Goodies In Washington.” “Rep. Bruce Poliquin must think the people back home just aren’t paying attention. The 2nd District congressman sent out a peppy news release last week, cheerleading a balanced budget amendment that would make deficit spending unconstitutional. The reform is necessary, Poliquin said, ‘to ensure a financially sustainable future for our nation.’ But what Poliquin left out is his role in making that future unsustainable. In December, Poliquin voted for a tax reform bill that will borrow $1.9 trillion to dole out to the most profitable businesses and wealthy families. In February, Poliquin voted for a spending plan that adds $300 billion to $400 billion to the annual deficit, creating permanent $1 trillion annual deficits starting in 2019. Apparently, Poliquin doesn’t let his commitment to fiscal restraint doesn’t stop him from lining up when they’re handing out the goodies in Washington.” [Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 4/16/18]


Poliquin Denied That His Support For A Balanced Budget Was A “Messaging Ploy To Score Political Points.” “Their first claim: My support for a balanced-budget amendment is nothing but a messaging ploy to score political points. The truth: I have supported a balanced-budget amendment for years, dating back to my work as your state treasurer. In Congress, I signed on as an original co-sponsor of this budget discipline the day after being sworn in to office in January 2015. Since then, I have continuously pushed for a vote on this legislation. Last week, my hard work paid off. The House finally had a floor vote on a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution. There is absolutely no ambiguity about my longtime support for a legal
requirement for Washington to balance its books. Anything reported differently is pure fiction.” [Portland Press Herald, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 4/19/18]

- Poliquin Op-Ed: “We Need A Balanced-Budget Amendment To The U.S. Constitution To Force Washington To Spend Only What It Takes In, Like Nearly Every State Government Across America.” “We need a balanced-budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution to force Washington to spend only what it takes in, like nearly every state government across America. This will prioritize spending just like frugally managing a household or small-business budget. When you run out of money, that’s it – no more spending, or borrowing money your kids will have to repay. Only then will our nation’s books balance. With this discipline, we can then start chipping away at the $21 trillion mountain of public debt. This is what I support. I hope it’s crystal clear.” [Portland Press Herald, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 4/19/18]

2016 – 2021: Poliquin Advocated For A Constitutional Amendment To Require A Balanced Budget

July 2021: Poliquin Said He Supported A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution. HOST: “Let’s say we made you King of America. What would you do?” POLIQUIN: “Well first of all what you do is pass a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution so the federal government would only be able to spend what they take in instead of borrowing and printing money to make up the difference, just like the state of Maine has.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 7/15/21] (AUDIO) 5:02

January 2021: Poliquin: “We’ve Got To Have A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution, The Federal Constitution.” POLIQUIN: “I got a stomachache, frankly. This is why we’ve got to have a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, the federal Constitution. We have one at the state level. […] What the federal government does, Matt, is these folks that represent us, they just spend as much money as they want. If they run out of money, they just print more.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 1/15/21] (AUDIO) 9:34

August 2018: Poliquin: “We Need A Balanced Budget Amendment To Our Constitution.” “We need a Balanced Budget Amendment to our Constitution. We cannot afford Career Politicians like Jared Golden who, like Nancy Pelosi, vote for every radical tax increase. Like Maine families, DC must learn to live within its means and start paying off the twenty one trillion dollar national debt.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 8/20/18]

August 2018: Poliquin: “The Only Way To Force A Separation Of The Good From The Bad And Require Hard Choices Is A Constitutional Balanced Budget Amendment.” “Every budget in Washington has something good or bad in it, including jobs at BIW, support for our Veterans, and other needed items. The only way to force a separation of the good from the bad and require hard choices is a Constitutional Balanced Budget Amendment. Bruce will not stop fighting for this common sense measure. If you agree in working for a Balanced Budget Amendment to force both political parties to balance the budget, please share!”
April 2018: Poliquin Said A Constitutional Amendment To Require A Balanced Budget Would “Force Politicians In Washington To Think More Seriously About These Fiscal Decisions.” “Poliquin, a 2nd District Republican who is seeking a third term, has pushed for the measure since 2015 because of what he sees as a need ‘for our government to get our spending under control.’ ‘We need to reform how Congress operates in order to truly fix this enormous problem and I believe that starts’ with a constitutional amendment to require a balanced budget, Poliquin said in a prepared statement. The lawmaker, who in recent months voted for a $1.5 trillion tax cut and a $1.3 trillion spending plan for the next fiscal year, said it would ‘force politicians in Washington to think more seriously about these fiscal decisions and force all members, from both political parties, to make the right decision.’” [Kennebec Journal, 4/6/18]

February 2016: Poliquin Led A Group That Called On Republican Presidential Candidates To Support A Balanced Budget Amendment. “A group of freshmen Republicans in Congress is calling on the party’s presidential candidates to focus less on bickering and more on the national debt in advance of the South Carolina primary. Maine Rep. Bruce Poliquin is leading the group, which is sending a letter to the candidates Wednesday. Poliquin and the lawmakers want Republican candidates to put aside personal jabs and show support for a balanced budget amendment. The letter says candidates need to back spending restraints and show debt is one of the ‘primary threats to our freedoms.’ The signers are from more than a dozen states and many haven’t endorsed a candidate for president.” [Seacoast Online, 2/17/16]

2016: Poliquin Campaign Website: “Amending The U.S. Constitution For The 28th Time To Require An Annual Balanced Budget Would, Finally, Start Putting Our Fiscal House In Order And Keep It There.” “Amending the U.S. Constitution for the 28th time to require an annual balanced budget would, finally, start putting our fiscal house in order and keep it there. A balanced budget amendment would force Congress and the White House to start paying off the reckless $17 trillion national debt that is suffocating our economy. Business owners would have the confidence to invest in America, grow their companies, and create more jobs. Families could keep more of their own hard-earned wages as taxes could be lowered. The expanding economy would create more opportunities, more freedom, and more tax revenues to fund essential government programs.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/29/16]
Poliquin Voted Three Times To Raise The Debt Limit

2018: Poliquin Voted For A Continuing Resolution That Suspended The Debt Limit Through March 2019. In February 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill that would provide funding for federal government operations and services at current levels through March 23, 2018. The bill would increase defense spending caps to $629 billion for fiscal 2018 and $647 billion for fiscal 2019, and would increase non-defense spending caps by $63 billion in fiscal 2018 and $68 billion in fiscal 2019. It would suspend the debt ceiling through March 1, 2019, and would provide $89.3 billion in emergency supplemental funding including $23.5 billion in funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Disaster Relief Fund, $28 billion in funding to the Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Fund, and $4.9 billion in additional Medicaid funding for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. It would authorize funding for community health centers through fiscal 2019, and would provide for an additional authorization of the Children’s Health Insurance Program from fiscal 2023 to fiscal 2027. The underlying bill would allow the governor of a state, territory, possession or the mayor of the District of Columbia to order that the United States flag be flown at half-staff to honor the death of a first responder who dies while serving in the line of duty.” [HR 1892, Vote #69, 2/9/18; CQ, 2/9/18]

2017: Poliquin Voted For Suspending The Public Debt Limit For Three Months. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill that would make available $15.25 billion in emergency supplemental funding for fiscal 2017 to partially cover the costs of responding to multiple natural disasters, including Hurricane Harvey. The measure would suspend the public debt limit from the bill’s date of enactment until Dec. 8, 2017, and would provide for government operations to be funded at fiscal 2017 levels until Dec. 8, 2017.” The motion passed, 316-90. [HR 601, Vote #480, 9/8/17; CQ, 9/8/17]

2015: Poliquin Voted For The Bipartisan Budget Act That Suspended The Debt Limit Until March 2017. “Rogers, R-Ky., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill with a modified Boehner amendment that would replace the bill with legislation that would suspend the debt limit until March 15, 2017 and increase the discretionary spending cap for fiscal 2016 by $50 billion and for fiscal 2017 by $30 billion, with the increases split equally between defense and non-defense spending. Offsets through mandatory spending cuts and revenue increases would include increasing premiums companies pay to the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation to insure private pension plans, the sale of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and changes to the federal crop insurance program. It would prevent an estimated 52 percent premium increase for certain Medicare beneficiaries and instead provide for a lower increase, and would make changes to keep the Social Security disability insurance trust solvent until 2022.” [HR 1314, Vote #579, 10/28/15; CQ, 10/28/15]

January 2021: Poliquin Said America Would Be In “A Real Financial Calamity” If It Was Forced To Default On Its Debt

Poliquin Said America Would Be In “A Real Financial Calamity” If It Was Forced To Default On Its Debt. POLIQUIN: “One of the things you cannot avoid is paying the interest on the money that you have borrowed. You’ve got to pay that or our country defaults, which would be a real financial calamity.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 1/22/21] (AUDIO) 8:03


May 2021: Poliquin: “This Year Alone, President Biden And The Democrats Will Add More Than $3 Trillion To The Already Smothering $28 Trillion National Debt.” “Don’t forget, these trillions of dollars of new government spending are borrowed - every penny. This year alone, President Biden and the Democrats will add more than $3 trillion to the already smothering $28 trillion national debt. Guess who pays the current $400 billion annual interest on that public debt (the principal amount must also be repaid down the road)? You and your kids
and grandkids do. Thank you, Washington!” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 6/15/21]

February 2021: Poliquin Claimed Government Spending Under Democrats Would Grow National Debt “So Large That It Starts To Crowd Out Other Places To Spend Your Tax Dollars.” “During the previous fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, politicians in Washington spent $3.1 trillion more than they took in. Each annual budget shortfall, or deficit, adds to the national debt. Of course, it’s important to help those hurt financially from the economic shutdown in response to COVID-19. However, at some point, this must end. Unfortunately, reckless spending by career politicians will stop only when there’s a financial crisis. The most likely such event will be when the annual interest payments on the $28 trillion debt grows so large that it starts to crowd out other places to spend your tax dollars (by the same politicians who created the mess in the first place). Right now, those interest payments are approaching $400 billion per year. The annual cost to care for our 7 million Veterans is roughly half that amount - about $200 billion per year. With interest rates starting to climb, the turning point of suffocating interest payments might not be far away.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 2/4/21]


July 2011: Poliquin Op-Ed: “Don’t Be Fooled By The Proclamation That Not Raising The Legal Borrowing Limit Will Cause By Itself A Financial Meltdown.” “We taxpayers spend roughly $200 billion per year on the interest payments for the $14 trillion monster national debt. That’s approximately nine percent of total federal tax revenues. If our spendthrift politicians find the common sense to cut spending in other areas by this amount, we’ll have enough money to make the debt payments. Don’t be fooled by the proclamation that not raising the legal borrowing limit will cause by itself a financial meltdown.” [Gorham Weekly, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 7/13/11]

Congressional Budget Office

August 2017: Poliquin Privately Supported Newt Gingrich’s Proposal To Replace The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) With Private Consultants


• Lewiston Sun Journal: Poliquin Privately “Lashed Out” At The Congressional Budget Office At A Closed-Door Event Hosted By The Maine Heritage Policy Center. “U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, the Republican from Maine’s 2nd District, voted last month to protect the CBO from a conservative assault in the House, but a secret recording last week shows the agency may not be able to count on that support in the future. In a recording obtained by the Maine People’s Alliance of a closed-door Poliquin address to Maine Heritage Policy Center supporters in Bangor, the congressman lashed out at the the job done by CBO.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 8/28/17]

• In A Leaked Recording From An L.L. Bean Event, Poliquin Said He Told Newt Gingrich He Was “Completely With [Him]” To Replace The CBO With A Private Consultant. “Poliquin, who is seeking a third term in 2018, told the Bangor group he spoke six weeks ago with former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who remains an influential GOP leader, about the CBO’s estimates. Poliquin said the ex-speaker told him, ‘Bruce what we need to do is drop a bill that folks can get behind to replace the CBO with private enterprise, private consultant firms that we hire to do real studies.’ Poliquin then expressed support for the idea in concept, but insisted the timing isn’t right. ‘Here’s the problem: Right now, where we stand on the ground now, the last thing we want to do is shoot the referee,’ Poliquin told the gathering, which evidently had many CBO skeptics
present. ‘I hear you, I’m with you completely and I bet everyone else in this room is. The question is: When do we do that?’ Poliquin said.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 8/28/17]

- Poliquin Claimed The CBO Evaluated Bills On A “Cash In, Cash Out” Basis Without Considering Whether Measures “Add To Growth.” “For instance, Poliquin said, ‘if you’re cutting taxes, you’re receiving less revenue,’ so the CBO would simply say that the bill ‘adds to the deficit’ without considering that putting more money in people’s pockets could also have an impact. ‘Does it add to growth? Does it mean people will invest more and grow more and more jobs and more money and therefore there’s more tax revenue coming in? And that’s what they should score and they don’t do that,’ Poliquin said.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 8/28/17]

- Lewiston Sun Journal: Poliquin “Was Wrong About The CBO’s Scoring Method” Which Was Designed To “Incorporate Behavioral Responses” To Bills. “Poliquin, though, was wrong about the CBO’s scoring method. In 2015, the Republican-controlled Congress changed the rules to require CBO analysts to ‘incorporate behavioral responses’ to policy changes instead of looking solely at conventional cost estimates. Since then, the impact of people’s response to policy shifts is supposed to be included in figuring out the savings or costs associated with proposals that legislators are eyeing.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 8/28/17]

| July 2017: Poliquin Voted To Preserve The Budget Analysis Division Of The Congressional Budget Office |

July 2017: Poliquin Voted Against An “Amendment That Would Eliminate The Budget Analysis Division Of The Congressional Budget Office”. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Griffith, R-Va., amendment that would eliminate the budget analysis division of the Congressional Budget Office and would transfer the responsibilities of the division to the CBO's office of the director.” Rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 116-309. [H R 3219, Vote #417, 7/26/17; CQ, 7/26/17]
In January 2017, Poliquin pressured McConnell to abolish the filibuster at a private Republican retreat.

Poliquin told the Lewiston Sun Journal that the filibuster would prevent the Senate from defunding sanctuary cities and “stop[ping] illegal entry.”

Poliquin supported twelve-year term limits for members of Congress.

January 2017: Poliquin Supported Abolishing The Filibuster And Pressured McConnell To Do So At A Private GOP Retreat

“Congressional Republicans came here for a private retreat this week hoping to get on the same page on plans to repeal Obamacare and overhaul the tax code. […] It was during the closing question-and-answer session that Franks and Poliquin made their pitch to McConnell. As a social conservative, Franks for years has advocated restricting access to abortions, and with Republicans controlling all the levers of power in Washington, he argued now was the best shot to do it. McConnell, however, would not commit to bringing the anti-abortions bills to the Senate floor. The measures have been approved by the House repeatedly. A few moments later, when Poliquin took Trent’s question a step further, asking: Why don’t you just change the rules? McConnell told him to tune into C-SPAN next week to see how hard the Senate is working.” [Politico, 1/25/17]

After His Conversation With McConnell, Poliquin Told Politico, “We Have A Very Impatient Republican House And A Very Impatient Electorate… We Want To Get Things Done.” “In an interview after the session, Poliquin said he raised the Senate rules matter because it’s ‘not a Constitutional issue’ but ‘an internal rule’ that sometimes stifles progress. He said if McConnell doesn’t change the rules, he encouraged him to require those filibustering legislation to go to the Senate floor and do so publicly to be held to account — an idea that has gained traction with House members. ‘We have sent border security bills to the Senate that go nowhere. Sanctuary city bills that get stuck. We stood up against the Iran nuclear deal. The Senate never even voted on it,’ he said. ‘We have a very impatient Republican House and a very impatient electorate… We want to get things done.’” [Politico, 1/25/17]


Poliquin: “A 50 Percent-Plus-One Majority Vote Passes Almost Everything At Our Local Maine Town Meetings And At Our Kids’ Student Councils. […] It’s Time The Senate Does The Same.” “Other measures that ‘never even reached the Senate floor’ in the last congressional session despite House approval, he said, include measures ‘to secure our borders, stop illegal entry, and defund sanctuary cities to protect our families and communities.’ ‘It goes on and on, and has for years,’ the congressman said. ‘We all know that a 50 percent-plus-one majority vote passes almost everything at our local Maine town meetings and at our kids’ student councils,’ he said. ‘The U.S. House uses this same common-sense process. It’s time the Senate does the same.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 1/25/17]
• **Poliquin Cited Measures To “Stop Illegal Entry, And Defund Sanctuary Cities To Protect Our Families And Communities” That Were Approved By The House But “Never Even Reached The Senate Floor.”**

“Poliquin expanded on his stance Friday. He pointed out that in the fall of 2015, the House voted 269-162 — a majority that included a number of Democrats — ‘to stop the reckless Iran nuclear deal.’ But the Senate ‘never even voted to approve or disapprove this crucial measure for national security,’ Poliquin said. Other measures that ‘never even reached the Senate floor’ in the last congressional session despite House approval, he said, include measures ‘to secure our borders, stop illegal entry, and defund sanctuary cities to protect our families and communities.’ ‘It goes on and on, and has for years,’ the congressman said.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 1/25/17]

### Term Limits

#### 2016: Poliquin Supported Limiting Members Of Congress’ Terms To Twelve Years

2016: **Poliquin Supported Limiting Members Of Congress’ Terms To Twelve Years.** “The best way to break this dysfunctional cycle is to limit the terms of our elected officials in Washington. Twelve years (six terms) in the House of Representatives and twelve years (two terms) in the Senate are reasonable periods of time to get the People’s work done. Term limits will encourage elected officials to do what’s right instead of what’s politically advantageous to get re-elected.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/29/16]
## Consumer Issues & Regulations

### Significant Findings

- Poliquin voted to block rules requiring ISPs to protect the privacy of internet users three times.
- In 2017, Poliquin said that before rules on net neutrality, the “internet was able to grow and prosper.”
- In 2021, Poliquin said he supported repealing Section 230 of The Communications Decency Act, which would allow individuals to sue social media companies.

### Internet Privacy

**Poliquin Voted Repeatedly To Block Rules Requiring ISPs To Protect The Privacy Of Internet Customers**

Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bill To Subject Providers Of Broadband Internet Access To Privacy Rules Adopted By The FCC In October of 2016. In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 431) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2810).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the motion prevented “consideration of the bill (H.R. 1868) to provide that providers of broadband Internet access service shall be subject to the privacy rules adopted by the Federal Communications Commission on October 27, 2016.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block consideration of HR 1868. The motion passed, 234-183. [H Res 431, Vote #347, 7/12/17; CQ, 7/12/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, 7/12/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bill To Reinstate FCC Rules Protecting The Privacy Of Broadband Customers. In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 299).” Upon defeat of the motion, Democrats planned to offer an, “amendment to the Rule, which would make in order Ms. Rosen of Nevada’s bill, H.R. 1868. H.R. 1868 would reinstate the Federal Communications Commission’s rules adopted on October 27, 2016 that protect the privacy of broadband customers.” A vote yes was a vote to block the Democratic amendment. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-190. [HR 1868 (H.Res 299), Vote #240, 5/2/17; CQ, 5/2/17]

Poliquin Voted For Nullifying A Rule Requiring Internet Providers To Obtain Permission From Customers Before Using Or Selling Their Sensitive Information. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for: “passage of the joint resolution that would disapprove and nullify a Federal Communications Commission rule that requires broadband internet service providers to obtain affirmative permission from customers to use or share their sensitive information, such as web browsing history, geolocation information, content of communications and Social Security numbers; to take reasonable measures to secure customer information; and to notify customers, the commission and law enforcement when a data breach occurs that could result in harm.” The resolution passed (thus cleared for the president) by a vote of 215-205. A “yea” was a vote in support of the president’s position. [SJRes 34, Vote #202, 3/28/17; CQ, 3/28/17]

### Industry Regulation

**Poliquin Voted For A Bill To Allow Industries To Influence Pending Regulations Without Public Knowledge**
Poliquin Voted For The Unfunded Mandates Information And Transparency Act, Which Required Federal Agencies To Analyze Their Regulatory Effects On Industries And To Meet With Private-Sector Stakeholders. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require independent agencies to conduct analyses of their proposed rules and the effect thereof on the private sector and on state and local governments. The bill would require that independent federal regulatory agencies, except for the Federal Reserve, conduct unfunded mandate analyses of their proposed rules and would require all agencies that conduct unfunded mandate reviews, including both independent and non-independent federal agencies, to consult with private-sector stakeholders on the potential impact of regulations being developed. The bill would also require federal agencies, if requested by a committee chairman or ranking member, to conduct retrospective unfunded mandate analyses of existing regulations. The bill would transfer authority for oversight of UMRA activities to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs within the Office of Management and Budget.” The bill passed, 230-168. [H R 50, Vote #328, 7/13/18; CQ, 7/13/18]

- The Bill Would Require Agencies To Alert And Solicit Feedback From Regulated Industries Before Notifying The Public; Business Could Block New Regulations Without Any Broader Public Knowledge. “The Unfunded Mandates and Information Transparency Act would require federal agencies to alert regulated industries when they are considering drafting a rule and solicit their feedback—before the public learns there may be a rule under consideration. Businesses could block even a hypothetical future rule and the public might never find out.” [Coalition For Sensible Safeguards, accessed 7/13/18]

Net Neutrality

November – December 2017: Poliquin Opposed Net Neutrality Regulations

December 2017: Poliquin Opposed Net Neutrality Regulations: “Before [Net Neutrality], The Internet Was Able To Grow And Prosper.” “Republican Rep. Bruce Poliquin of Maine’s 2nd District said in a written statement that he wants to return to the less-restrictive rules that were in place before the 2015 change under Obama. ‘Before then, the internet was able to grow and prosper without evidence that the worst-case scenarios from the proponents of this rule ever coming to fruition,’ Poliquin said. ‘We want to ensure the internet is regulated in a common sense manner.’” [Bangor Daily News, 12/11/17]


Social Media Companies

Poliquin Said He Supported Repealing Section 230 Of The Communications Decency Act, Which Created Protections That Would Allow People To Sue Social Media Companies

October 2020: Poliquin Said He Supported Repealing Section 230 Protections, Which Would Allow People To Sue Social Media Companies. POLIQUIN: “I’ll tell you, they have no right to suppress free speech in this country and the good news is a fellow I’ve met named Ajit Pai, he’s a smart guy, the smartest guy in the President’s Cabinet, he runs the Federal Communications Commission. He’s looking at Section 230 of the communications Decency Act which gives these companies protection against lawsuits if they’re libelous to someone. Now, you can sue the Bangor Daily News or the Portland Press Herald or VOM if they say that, you know, Poliquin committed a
murder or something that wasn’t true. But you cannot sue the social media companies because they say, well, we’re just sharing information instead of editorializing. Well, they’re suppressing it. So I think down in Washington, they’re going to start repealing the Section 230 protections, meaning people can sue these companies.” [WVOM, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 10/19/20] (AUDIO) 4:50

**January 2021: Poliquin: Biden Should Lead “The Effort To Remove Section 230 Of The Communications Decency Act.”** “Second, Mr. Biden should publicly ask big corporate CEOs to abandon their plan to cut off investment and new jobs in Congressional districts represented by Republicans. Penalizing workers because of their political beliefs, and those of their elected representatives, is wrong and un-American.”
THREE STEPS TOWARD UNITY

I wish our new president Joe Biden success in protecting our sacred Constitutional rights and hard-earned American way of life. If he and his Administration succeed, we all benefit. Good luck, Mr. President!

For that to happen, and for our divided country to heal, every American must be allowed to openly and confidently engage in healthy public debate about the important issues of our time, like keeping taxes low so the economy recovers and continuing to improve border security to prevent drugs and illegals from entering our country.

Sadly, that's not happening. That's why President Biden should use his new influence to protect the free speech of all Americans, regardless of their political stripes.

First, the President should demand that big social media companies like Facebook and Twitter stop silencing common sense right-of-center voices. He should back this up by leading the effort to remove Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act.

Second, Mr. Biden should publicly ask big corporate CEOs to abandon their plan to cut off investment and new jobs in Congressional districts represented by Republicans, penalizing workers because of their political beliefs, and those of their elected representatives, is wrong and un-American.

Third, President Biden should insist that left-leaning groups and employers not blacklist right-leaning fellow citizens from jobs in and outside of government. It's just horrible to prevent a fellow American from earning a living and supporting his/her family.

Passionate debate about our path forward as a country is healthy, whereas trying to silence and harm someone with different political views is horrific.
COVID-19, Pandemic Relief, & Vaccines

**Significant Findings**

- Poliquin supported “reopen[ing] Maine” as early as late April 2020, and claimed Gov. Mills’ coronavirus restrictions hurt jobs and increased cases throughout 2020 and 2021.

- In June 2020, Poliquin called the closure of indoor bars in Maine “just not fair.”

- In February and May 2021, Poliquin supported reopening schools even if teachers were unvaccinated because he claimed children were “generally not affected by this virus.”

- Poliquin touted the Trump Administration’s role in developing the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines.

- Poliquin called coronavirus vaccines “very effective” and said he hoped the Biden administration would not discourage people from getting vaccinated.

- Poliquin supported stimulus checks under the CARES Act, but criticized the American Rescue Plan as the “Biden spending blowout” and a “democrat [sic] wishlist disguised as covid relief.”

- When asked about the eviction moratorium in August 2021, Poliquin said Democrats would “push to give everybody as much government handouts as humanly possible.”

- As Maine’s Treasurer and an ex officio member of the Maine Vaccine Board from 2011 to 2012, Poliquin never attended a single meeting; his deputy missed 84% of Maine Vaccine Board meetings.

**Masks And COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts**

**April 2021: Poliquin Criticized Gov. Mills For COVID-19 Mitigation Measures That Cancelled Large Summer Events**

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**March 2021: Poliquin Criticized “The Mills Lockdown” For Damage To Educational Achievement, Small Businesses, And Preventative Health Care**

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and her staff have imposed one of the most severe lockdowns in the country. Many students are falling behind because of not being in the classroom for one full year. 160,000 family members and neighbors filed for unemployment because their employers were shut down. An untold number of small businesses forced to close for good. Early cancer diagnosis have dropped 47% because hospitals were closed to non-COVID patients. Seniors isolated in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and Veteran homes - not receiving badly needed hugs from their children and grandchildren. Depression, anxiety, anger, alcoholism, domestic violence, drug overdoses and suicidal thoughts all spiking among fellow Mainers. In this 4-minute video, a small town grocer in Patten tells his story about how the Mills lockdown impacted his community.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 3/20/21]


**12/14/20: Poliquin: “0 Cases Is An Unrealistic Goal, Though It’s Been Mills’ Objective All Along.”** “Maine NEEDS a balanced approach. We can't keep governing with only COVID in mind. Depression, isolation, drug & alcohol abuse, domestic abuse, etc. are taking a toll on Mainers. 0 cases is an unrealistic goal, though it's been Mills' objective all along. https://t.co/IwWwNNYqet?amp=1”

[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, **12/14/20**]

**November 2020: Poliquin Opposed The Maine Mask Mandate And Curfew**

**11/18/20: Poliquin Questioned The Maine Mask Mandate: “What Science Serves As The Foundation Of This Mandate?”** “The governor's mask mandate states that, if you’re walking your dog down the street with nobody else around, you still must wear a mask. What science serves as the foundation of this mandate? #mepolitics”

[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, **11/18/20**]
11/22/20: Poliquin On Maine Curfew: “All This Will Do Is Hurt More Struggling Mainers.” “Sad to see @GovJanetMills piling on more arbitrary restrictions. Why is the new curfew set at 9pm? Why not 9:30, 7:15 or 10:45? All this will do is hurt more struggling Mainers. #mepolitics”

[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 11/20/20]

November 2020: Poliquin On Maine’s Mask Mandate: “Mainers Alike Have Been Subjected To Arbitrary, One-Size-Fits-All Orders Which Defy Common Sense.” “GOVERNOR MILLS TIGHTENS ARBITRARY RESTRICTIONS Starting last night, the Mills Administration is requiring restaurants, movie theaters, tasting rooms and other businesses to close at 9pm to help stop the spread of Covid-19. Why not 7:45 or 10:15pm? What’s the science behind this decision? Two weeks ago, Governor Mills issued another Executive Order requiring Mainers to wear face coverings in public places, even if they’re outdoors and not close to anyone else. You’re in violation if you’re out walking the dog and then quickly slip on your mask as someone approaches. Sorry, her mandate states you must wear a mask if you’re in a public space - period. During the past six months, rural and urban Mainers alike have been subjected to arbitrary, one-size-fits-all orders which defy common sense.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 11/21/20]

11/6/20: Poliquin Said Maine’s Mask Mandate Was “Really Insulting To A Lot Of People.” “However, you got to use common sense, and for Janet Mills to continue to extend her emergency powers, given to her by the legislature, and her continuing to tell us that we don’t have enough common sense to know where and when we should wear a mask is really insulting to a lot of people.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 11/6/20]

(AUDIO) 8:12


10/23/20: Poliquin Op-Ed: Trump’s “Decisive Leadership Likely Saved Hundreds Of Thousands Of American Lives” Through Travel Bans During Pandemic. “Maine has suffered along with the rest of the country and world from the coronavirus pandemic. Against harsh criticism from Joe Biden and many other career politicians, President Trump was right to stop travel early on from hotspots like China and Europe. That decisive leadership likely saved hundreds of thousands of American lives. Trump then harnessed the strength and ingenuity of U.S. companies to work with the federal government to fast-track the production of tens of thousands ventilators and more than 140 million COVID-19 tests, and the development of new vaccines to beat the virus.” [Maine Examiner, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 10/23/20]

To Resolving Pandemic. “Together, we should continue down the path of getting our lives back to normal. This means reopening the economy so we can get back to work, and reopening schools so kids can learn, grow and be with their friends once again. Seven short months ago we had all this. We can get there again, but we need the right leader in the White House – President Donald J. Trump. Joe Biden’s endless lockdowns and a long, dark winter are not the answer. Maine voters will play a key role in helping decide which path America chooses. Let’s choose sunshine and success, not fear and failure. Go vote for another four years under President Donald J. Trump.” [Maine Examiner, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 10/23/20]

October 2021: The Trump Administration's Former Coronavirus Advisor Deborah Birx Said 30 To 40 Percent Of Deaths From Covid In The U.S. Could Have Been Prevented. “The Trump administration's former coronavirus advisor, Dr. Deborah Birx, estimated that 30 to 40 percent of the 738,000 COVID-19 deaths in the U.S. could have been prevented had the White House taken necessary steps to curb the spread of the virus. In a closed-door testimony conducted by the House Select Coronavirus Subcommittee on October 12 and 13, Birx testified that more than 130,000 American lives could have been saved if the administration promoted mask-wearing and social distancing in the early days of the pandemic.” [Newsweek, 10/26/21]

- Birx: Trump Administration Was “Distracted” From Pandemic Response By The Election. “Asked whether former President Donald Trump did everything he could have to handle the pandemic, Birx said, ‘No, and I’ve said that to the White House in general, and I believe I was very clear to the president in specifics of what I needed him to do.’ The former health official also accused Trump’s team of being ‘distracted’ from the national COVID-19 response, turning their efforts to campaigning for the 2020 election instead.” [Newsweek, 10/26/21]

October 2020: Poliquin Posed Maskless At Crowded Trump Rallies And Encouraged Mainers To Bring Their Loved Ones To Them

October 2020: Poliquin Posed For Photos At A Trump Rally Maskless And Without Quarantining Afterwards. “An Ellsworth physician’s assistant who attended Sunday’s rally with President Donald Trump is self-quarantining for 14 days after posing unmasked for pictures with both of the Republican Party’s congressional candidates in Maine, as well as former U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin and White House Chief of State Mark Meadows. Michelle Kaplan, a Republican state House candidate in Ellsworth, told The Quietside Journal she is ‘voluntarily self-quarantining’ for two weeks ‘out of an abundance of caution.’ There is no indication that Meadows, Crafts, Allen or Poliquin are doing the same. Each of them has often been at public events with many others who are not wearing face coverings.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 10/27/20]

- Maine State House Republican Candidate And Physician Michelle Kaplan Faced A “Firestorm” Of Criticism For Posing With Poliquin And Others Unmasked At The Rally. “On Sunday afternoon, a Republican candidate for the state House ventured from her home in Ellsworth to attend President Donald Trump’s impromptu rally at an orchard near Bangor, where she took pictures with prominent politicians in which nobody is wearing a mask or maintaining social distance. Then Michelle Kaplan, a physician assistant in the emergency department at Mount Desert Island Hospital in Bar Harbor, posted a couple of the pictures on Instagram and went to work, filling in on a short-staff shift even though she was on vacation. She had no inkling that she would soon be in the middle of a firestorm, a symbol of anti-maskers. […] The problem, for her, is that she had a chance to take a picture of herself with White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, former U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin and two Republican congressional candidates, Dale Crafts and Jay Allen. None of the men wore masks.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 10/28/20]

October 2020: Poliquin Attended A Pence Campaign Event That Was Subject To Contact Tracing Due To Pence’ Aides’ Positive Cases. “At least one elected official in Maine who attended Vice President Mike Pence's
campaign event in Hermon last week was alerted that he may have had close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19. Andre Cushing, a Penobscot County commissioner and former state senator from Hampden, said he was contacted last Tuesday - the day after the event - and took a test later that day. He found out Wednesday he was negative. News didn't break until late Saturday that several staff members of the vice president had tested positive, including a personal aide and Pence's chief of staff. Cushing said he was part of the local advance team in Maine that helped the campaign with logistics for the event last Monday at Dysart's, a truck stop in Hermon. He was backstage before the event and then sat in the outdoor VIP section during Pence's remarks, along with several other high-profile Republicans, including former Gov. Paul LePage, former Congressman Bruce Poliquin and state Rep. Dale Crafts, who is running against U.S. Rep. Jared Golden in Maine's 2nd Congressional District.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 10/26/20]

- Poliquin Did Not Take A COVID-19 Test After The Event And Was Not Contacted For Contact Tracing. “Poliquin, reached by phone on Monday, also said he had not been contacted by the White House or tested.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 10/26/20]

10/25/20: Poliquin Encouraged Mainers To “Bring A Friend, Neighbor Or Family Member” To A Crowded Trump Rally. “Good to see President Trump back in Maine today! Huge crowd of enthusiastic patriots cheering him to victory in nine days. GO VOTE and don’t forget to bring a friend, neighbor or family member! #mepolitics”

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[Bruce Poliquin, Twitter, 10/25/20]

10/22/20: Poliquin Praised Trump For Traveling And “Talking To Tens And Tens And Tens Of Thousands Of Real People During The Pandemic. “If you look at the president the last five days, he’s been in five states, talking to tens and tens and tens of thousands of real people with real airtime, and he’s travelled about 6,000 miles, whereas Mr. Biden has been at home in his basement, I don’t know, but not talking to voters. I think the American public, I think the people of Maine want to see [inaudible] the president’s who’s going to work hard and fight for them. We have one candidate who’s doing it, and one not.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 10/22/20] (AUDIO) 7:06

June 2020: Poliquin Called The Closure Of Indoor Bars In Maine “Just Not Fair”
June 2020: Poliquin Called The Closure Of Indoor Bars In Maine “Just Not Fair.” HOST: “I’d love to kick things off here by having your reaction to what you saw with the decision on bars reopening. Obviously, we had the original July 1st date that bars, or indoor service within bars, excuse me, was supposed to be happening, that has now been pushed back with no real idea of when it’s going to be lifted. Your thoughts, Mr. Poliquin?” POLIQUIN: “It’s another kick in the teeth to our small businesses, Matt. This is just not fair. It’s just not fair.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 6/23/20] (AUDIO) 00:13

June 2020: Poliquin Criticized Maine’s Stay-At-Home Order As Unscientific And Inconsistently Enforced Against Protests For Racial Justice

June 2020: Poliquin: “It’s OK To Wander The Aisles Inside Walmart, But You Can’t Enjoy An Outdoor Picnic On The Bangor Waterfront.” “Welcome to Vacationland! It's OK to wander the aisles inside Walmart, but you can't enjoy an outdoor picnic on the Bangor Waterfront. But don't worry -- it's all based on science! Give me a break!” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 6/4/20]

June 2020: Poliquin: “To Promote Public Health, It Doesn’t Make Sense To Encourage A Crowded Protest With Thousands Of Strangers But Reject An Outdoor Family Picnic On The Bangor Waterfront.” “The job of public health officials is to keep us safe from contagious diseases like COVID-19. How does encouraging us to join crowded protests help stop the spread of the coronavirus? What happened to social distancing? […] I support peaceful, non-violent demonstrations. Our Constitution guarantees that right. However, to promote public health, it doesn’t make sense to encourage a crowded protest with thousands of strangers but reject an outdoor family picnic on the Bangor Waterfront.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 6/9/20]

June 2020: Poliquin: “It’s Hypocritical Of Elected Officials And Medical ‘Experts’ To Encourage Packed Social Justice Protests But Not Allow Other Types Of Gatherings.” “HOW DOES PROTESTING KEEP US SAFE FROM COVID-19? As good citizens, I thought we were all supposed to keep our distance from one another to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Common sense tells us that packed protests like these across the country are contributing to a rise in positive cases. It’s hypocritical of elected officials and medical ‘experts’ to encourage packed social justice protests but not allow other types of gatherings, including attending church, sporting events, graduations, etc.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 6/30/20]


6/25/20: Poliquin: “MAINE’S SEVERE LOCKDOWN RESULTS IN MORE COVID CASES AND JOB LOSSES PER CAPITA THAN STATES WITHOUT LOCKDOWNS” “MAINE’S SEVERE LOCKDOWN RESULTS IN MORE COVID CASES AND JOB LOSSES PER CAPITA THAN STATES WITHOUT LOCKDOWNS […] It’s smart to be diligent about protecting the public against COVID-19, especially our most vulnerable senior citizens in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. However, it doesn’t make sense to arbitrarily close down our businesses across different industries, and throughout all corners of Maine, forcing 130,000 friends, neighbors and family members on unemployment. I fear the long-term damage to our health from increased isolation, depression, anxiety and poverty will be felt for years. This did not have to happen.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 6/25/20]

6/22/20: Poliquin Called Delayed Re-Opening Of Maine Bars “Another Last Minute Shutdown Kick In The Teeth To Maine Businesses.” “Another last minute shutdown kick in the teeth to Maine businesses. There’s no need for this. Mainers are smart enough to keep safe without further damaging our state economy. #mepolitics”
6/11/20: Poliquin: “[Mills] Must Believe That 100,000+ Unemployed Private Sector Workers Is A Worthwhile Price To Pay To Rid Maine Of COVID-19.” “Governor Mills is using the emergency powers given to her by the Democrat majority in the state legislature to keep Maine in one of the most severely locked down states in the country. She decides which of Maine’s once successful small businesses can reopen and which ones must remain closed. She must believe that 100,000+ unemployed private sector workers is a worthwhile price to pay to rid Maine of COVID-19, which epidemiologists say will not happen anytime soon.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 6/11/20]

6/5/20: Poliquin: “Gov. Mills Should End Her Lockdown And Reopen Maine.” “In May, the economy ADDED 2.5 million jobs instead of losing the millions of jobs predicted. Unemployment expected to surge to nearly 20% but dropped to 13.3%. Gov. Mills should end her lockdown and reopen Maine. It’d be a shame for us to miss out on this rebound. #mepolitics”
Today, concerned Mainers peacefully demonstrated around our State Capitol about the continued lockdown on their lives and jobs. We can do both – protect our vulnerable citizens and safely reopen the economy -- so Mainers can get on with their lives. #mepolitics


- **Poliquin Op-Ed: “Our Economy Must Start Reopening In A Thoughtful And Measured Way, And Soon.”** “Our Maine economy is in big trouble. More than 100,000 family members, friends and neighbors have lost their jobs over the last five weeks. A short time ago, Maine’s unemployment rate was at a 50-year low, there were more jobs than available workers, and wages were rising faster than at any other time over the past decade. The national economy, which greatly impacts Maine’s well-being, is also in dire straits. [...] This debilitating lockdown can’t go on forever. Our economy must start reopening in a thoughtful and measured way, and soon. The longer it’s shuttered, the more businesses will disappear, the more jobs will be lost and the more suffering by our families.” [Portland Press Herald, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 5/1/20]

- **Poliquin Supported Reopening State And National Parks And Rural Areas.** “Second, open up all of our 48 spectacular state parks and historic sites, including ones on the coast. Let the kids run around in the healthy fresh air, and keep Mom and Dad from going batty being inside with them all day. Baxter State Park spans more than 200,000 acres of easy hiking trails, wilderness campsites and wide open ponds. I’m sure a couple thousand cooped-up state employees can be quickly trained to monitor traffic and social distancing at these special outdoor recreation areas. Third, allow our rural areas to carefully get back to normal life. Piscataquis County has had one confirmed COVID-19 case, who recovered. Its land mass is almost one-half the size of New Hampshire. Its population is 4,378 compared to New Hampshire’s 1.4 million.” [Portland Press Herald, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 5/1/20]

- **Poliquin Supported “Fully Reopen[ing] Our Health Care System”** “Fourth, fully reopen our health care system. Doctors and dentists aren’t seeing patients, and our hospitals are almost empty. Thank God there has not been a stampede of COVID-19 patients overwhelming the system. In Maine, we have 36 hospitals with approximately 3,600 beds. As of this writing, 39 coronavirus patients are hospitalized. It’s dangerous for Mainers to not be able to receive the mammograms, cardiac care, chemotherapy and other important procedures
4/29/20: Poliquin: “Sign The Petition To Reopen Maine, And Send This Urgent Message To Governor Mills And Her Democrat Majority In Augusta.” “Small business owners are perfectly able to use common sense and follow the CDC's health and safety guidelines to open their doors. It doesn't make sense to rely on politicians and bureaucrats with no business experience to decide IF they can reopen. More than 100,000 fellow Mainers have already lost their jobs because of the governor's economic shutdown. How many tens of thousands more will be out of work if Maine is not allowed to reopen for the critically important summer tourist season? Click the link below to sign the petition to Reopen Maine, and send this urgent message to Governor Mills and her Democrat majority in Augusta.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 4/29/20]

COVID-19 Mitigation At Schools

Lewiston Sun Journal Columnist: Poliquin “Misrepresented” Biden Measure To Protect School Board Members From Violence And Harassment At Anti-Masking Protests

October 2021: Poliquin: “Biden Is Using His U.S. Attorney General As A Weapon Against Parents Who Want To Make Their Voices Heard At School Board Meetings And Other Taxpayer-Funded Gatherings.” “BIDEN’S ATTORNEY GENERAL TARGETING PARENTS? It seems almost unbelievable but it’s true. While Jared Golden remains silent, Joe Biden is using his U.S. Attorney General as a weapon against parents who want to make their voices heard at school board meetings and other taxpayer-funded gatherings. What will this extreme liberal agenda include next?!” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 10/8/21]


- Collins Column: The Biden Administration Was Trying To “Stop A Growing Trend Toward Violent, Disruptive Activities, Many Tied To Anti-Masking Protests” Against School Board Members. “Poliquin, who aims next year to win back the 2nd Congressional District seat he lost in 2018, said in a Facebook post that it ‘seems almost unbelievable, but it’s true’ that U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland is ‘targeting parents’ who want to ‘make their voices heard at school board meetings and other taxpayers-funded gatherings.’ Garland and the FBI, though, are not targeting parents for speaking out. They are looking into ways to stop a growing trend toward violent, disruptive activities, many tied to anti-masking protests, that are making it difficult for many school board members across the country to do their volunteer or low-paid jobs.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Steve Collins Column, 10/8/21]

- Collins Column: “There Is No Indication That Federal Officials Have Any Intention Of Shutting Down Public Debate.” “We cannot allow federal officials to use law enforcement to shut down passionate public debate with school administrators and boards about their kids’ education. It’s not right and it’s not fair,’ Poliquin said. But there is no indication that federal officials have any intention of shutting down public debate. Garland said in his memo that he was taking steps because there has been a spike in ‘threats of violence or efforts to intimidate individuals based on their views’ across the country. Those threats against public servants such as school board members, Garland said, ‘are not only illegal, they run counter to our nation’s core values. Those who dedicate their time and energy to ensuring that our children receive a proper education in a safe environment deserve to be able to do their work without fear for their safety.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Steve Collins Column, 10/8/21]

May 2021: Poliquin Said Schools Should Not Close ForCOVID-19 Since “School-Aged Kids [Were] Generally Not Affected By This Virus”

Poliquin Said It Was A Big Mistake To Close Schools In Response To COVID-19, As “School-Aged Kids [Were] Generally Not Affected By This Virus.” POLIQUIN: “We also learned about a year ago that school-aged
kids are generally not affected by this virus so schools should have been opened and they have not been. Some are still closed. Big mistake.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 5/14/21] (AUDIO) 2:05

May 2021: Poliquin Criticized Mask Requirements For Kids: “Medical Study After Study Confirm That Children Are Generally Less Susceptible To COVID-19 And Are Not Major Transmitters Of The Virus.”

“GOV. MILLS CONTINUES TO FORCE MASKS ON KIDS. WHERE’S THE SCIENCE? Effective yesterday, Governor Janet Mills mostly ended the mask mandate for Mainers indoors and outdoors. However, children age 5 and older must continue to wear face coverings in public settings like schools and daycare. For months, medical study after study confirm that children are generally less susceptible to COVID-19 and are not major transmitters of the virus. Two months ago, the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) encouraged teachers and students to return to full-time, in-person instruction because it's safe to do so, even if unvaccinated.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 5/25/21]

February 2021: Poliquin Supported Reopening Schools Even If Teachers Were Unvaccinated

February 2021: Poliquin Supported Reopening Schools Even If Teachers Were Unvaccinated. “THERE'S NO REASON TO KEEP SCHOOLS CLOSED The Mills Administration claims to rely on science in making its decisions to lock down our economy and shut down public schools. Last week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed that it’s safe for teachers to go back to the classrooms even if they have not (yet) been vaccinated against COVID-19.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 2/16/21]

September 2020: Poliquin Supported Resuming In-Person School Sports

9/8/20: Poliquin: “Our Kids Should Be Practicing Right Now. Very Sad The Mills Administration Is Holding This Up.” “Our kids should be practicing right now. Very sad the Mills Administration is holding this up. Should have trusted the experts at the MPA! #mepolitics https://t.co/QCYdMSV8QT?amp=1”

July 2020: Poliquin Supported Returning Maine Schools To In-Person Instruction
7/13/20: Poliquin: “Parents And Students Want To Return To In-Classroom Instruction In The Fall. Isn't Teaching Our Kids An 'Essential Service' ??”

[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 7/13/20]

7/16/20: Poliquin: “ISN'T TEACHING OUR KIDS AN 'ESSENTIAL SERVICE'? Over the past four months, students, parents and teachers have experienced that, generally, online learning doesn’t cut the mustard. Students learn better by interacting with real people -- teachers and other students. It’s common sense. So, will the Mills Administration allow schools to reopen this fall? In March, when Governor Janet Mills started shutting down the Maine economy, she decided selling marijuana and whiskey is essential to our well-being. Those outlets were allowed to remain open. At the same time, she determined that going to church or walking the beach were not essential for your mental, spiritual and physical health. If you did it, you could get fined or arrested. Now, what science is the Mills Administration looking at to decide if our kids will get a real, in-person education? Mountains of data confirm that it’s rare for K-12 children and teenagers to catch and transmit COVID-19. Surely there’s a way to keep them safe while allowing them to go back to school.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 7/16/20]

COVID-19 Vaccines

July 2021: Poliquin Suggested The Biden Administration Should Curb Illegal Immigration Instead Of Offering Incentives For Vaccination Domestically

July 2021: Poliquin Suggested The Biden Administration Should Curb Illegal Immigration Instead Of Offering Incentives For Vaccination Domestically. “WHEN WILL THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION SECURE OUR BORDERS? Today, President Biden and his supporters asked states and municipalities to pay $100 each to newly vaccinated Americans. The money can be drawn from the $350 billion state government bailout distributed earlier this year. As the Delta variant surges across the globe, the Biden Administration is pushing new incentives to increase vaccination rates here at home. Here’s a helpful suggestion: Secure our border with Mexico and stop the ongoing surge of 175,000 illegal immigrants each month -- 1 million so far this year. Health officials report approximately 25% of illegal entrants test positive for COVID. Still, they’re being released and transported throughout our country with only a promise to report to a local immigration office. Good luck with that!” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 7/29/21]

May 2021: Poliquin Said COVID-19 Vaccines Were “Proving To Be Very Effective”

Poliquin Said COVID-19 Vaccines Were “Proving To Be Very Effective.” POLIQUIN: “Everyone was surprised by the announcement. It’s common sense when you have cases and hospitalizations and deaths across the country down 90 or so percent, and these vaccines are proving to be very effective.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 5/14/21] (AUDIO) 1:25

November – December 2020: Poliquin Credited The Trump Administration For The Development
Of The Pfizer And Moderna Vaccines, Which He Said Would Reduce The COVID-19 Death Rate

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November 2020: Poliquin On The Development Of The Pfizer Vaccine: “Kudos To The Trump Administration For Fast-Tracking A Hopeful End To The Destructive Pandemic.” “Kudos to the Trump Administration for fast-tracking a hopeful end to the destructive pandemic. Operation Warp Speed is the successful partnership between the federal government and private biomedical research companies. Unnecessary regulations were removed and taxpayer dollars committed to incentivize Pfizer and other companies to find a path out of the pandemic woods.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 11/10/20]

READY TO GET BACK TO NORMAL? IT CAN’T COME SOON ENOUGH!

Exciting health care news! Yesterday, U.S. pharmaceutical company Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech announced they have developed a vaccine to protect against the COVID-19 virus which is 90% effective! Commonly used vaccines are approximately 85% effective against whooping cough (pertussis), 90% against shingles, and 95% against measles.

Pfizer’s ongoing clinical trial includes 43,000 participants. It’s the first of nine other late stage trials being conducted to find a successful vaccine for the highly contagious coronavirus. If the Pfizer-BioNTech results continue to prove effective, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) could issue emergency approval for its use during late November.

Kudos to the Trump Administration for fast-tracking a hopeful end to the destructive pandemic. Operation Warp Speed is the successful partnership between the federal government and private biomedical research companies. Unnecessary regulations were removed and taxpayer dollars committed to incentivize Pfizer and other companies to find a path out of the pandemic woods.

Won’t it be terrific to get back to our normal lives?! Parents back to work, students back in school, family members visiting loved ones, restaurants and movie theaters busy again. It simply can’t come soon enough!

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 11/10/20]
November 2020: Poliquin Said The Major COVID-19 Vaccines Were “Highly Effective Vaccines” And “A Huge Success Story For The Trump Administration.” POLIQUIN: “We have an administration and a president who comes from the business community. He understands the power of the private sector. And remember, the government – federal government, state government, or local – they don’t invent vaccines. They don’t distribute vaccines. They don’t manufacture vaccines after they’ve been created. The private sector does that. […] The great thing about this, Aaron, is that these vaccines, we have three now that are just about to come out, Pfizer, Moderna, and AstraZeneca, they are all 90 to 95 percent effective. If you get a shingles shot, it’s about 80 percent effective. If you get a measles shot, it’s about 95 percent effective. So these are highly effective vaccines and it’s the power of the business community in partnership with the federal government that put a boatload of money into this. […] A huge success story for the Trump administration.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 11/27/20] (AUDIO) 2:39

Poliquin Credited The Trump Administration With “Removing Roadblocks And Providing Incentives To Inventive American Companies” To Create The Moderna Vaccine. “STRONG U.S. ECONOMY ENSURES AMERICANS ARE FIRST IN LINE FOR COVID-19 VACCINE Two weeks ago, New York-based pharmaceutical company Pfizer formally applied to the FDA for emergency approval to start using its 95% effective vaccine to protect against the coronavirus. The expected approval is December 11. Vaccinations for our vulnerable seniors, health care workers and first responders are planned to start the next day. Yesterday, another innovative U.S. company, Moderna Therapeutics, also applied to the FDA for approval of its 95% effective COVID vaccine. Approval is expected around December 11 with inoculations set to begin almost immediately thereafter. The Trump Administration’s Operation Warp Speed has been a tremendous success by removing roadblocks and providing incentives to inventive American companies to create, manufacture and distribute new life-saving vaccines in eight months instead of 4-5 years. There’s no better example of why government at all levels should help our private sector employers be successful.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 12/1/20]

November – December 2020: Poliquin Predicted Vaccines Would Reduce The COVID-19 Death Rate And Said He Hoped The Biden Administration Would Not Discourage People From Getting Them

Poliquin: “My Hope Is That The Biden Administration Will Not Try To Discourage People From Getting The Vaccine [...] Because The Would Be A Terrible Public Health Issue.” POLIQUIN: “My hope is that the Biden administration will not try to discourage people from getting the vaccine if they want it. Now, they did that during the campaign. But I hope they end that because that would be a terrible public health issue.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 11/27/20] (AUDIO)

December 2020: Poliquin Said COVID-19 Vaccines Would Reduce The COVID-19 Death Rate. POLIQUIN: “Another thing we’re going to see is as these vaccines take hold in Maine and across the country what I think we’re going to start seeing is the death rate among our seniors will start to go down very noticeably. […] When these vaccines start to take hold, we’re going to start to see those death rates go down. This is going to give a lot of folks confidence that this is working and turning a corner.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 12/28/20] (AUDIO) 3:22

State COVID-19 Relief

February 2021: Poliquin Suggested Maine’s State COVID-19 Relief Hurt Taxpayers

2/1/21: Poliquin: “When Maine Grabs Every Possible Tax Dollar, You Lose! Whether Its [sic] PPP Funds Or Emergency Unemployment Aid, The Governor Must Tax It To Keep The Books Balanced.” “When Maine grabs every possible tax dollar, you lose! Whether its PPP funds or emergency unemployment aid, the governor must tax it to keep the books balanced. Families and small biz will struggle as long as Augusta politicians continue to tax every dollar they can! #mepolitics”
When Maine grabs every possible tax dollar, you lose! Whether its PPP funds or emergency unemployment aid, the governor must tax it to keep the books balanced. Families and small biz will struggle as long as Augusta politicians continue to tax every dollar they can! #mepolitics

[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 2/1/21]


6/22/20: Poliquin Claimed Mainers Could “Get Back To Normal Lives” By “Keep[ing] Taxes Low + Cut[ting] Red Tape.” ‘Help Wanted’ signs popping up again all over Maine. Businesses are reopening across the country and jobs are coming back. We can get back to normal lives by doing what we did before the virus hit -- keep taxes low + cut red tape. Keep the recovery going strong!

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**COVID-19 Origin**

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**Economic Relief**

**CARES Act**

10/23/20: Poliquin Praised Trump For The CARES Act’s Stimulus Checks And The Paycheck Protection Program. “Helping American families recover from the forced shutdown has been the President’s top priority. The CARES Act sent emergency relief checks directly to families to help them pay the bills while mostly staying home from work. The enormously successful Paycheck Protection Program awarded more than $2.2 billion of forgivable loans to help 28,000 Maine businesses stay afloat and preserve more than 200,000 jobs.” [Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, Maine Examiner, 10/23/20]

**American Rescue Plan**

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4/1/21: Poliquin Editorial: “Less Than 10 Percent Of The Behemoth $1.9 Trillion Bill Will Help Battle The Pandemic.” “Speaking of spending, Biden and spendthrift liberals ignored Republican concerns and rammed through the largest spending and debt ‘COVID relief’ package in U.S. history. So much for bipartisan unity. Less than 10 percent of the behemoth $1.9 trillion bill will help battle the pandemic, like administering more vaccinations. But it does send $1,400 each to felons and some illegal immigrants instead of targeting checks to low-
income families. Married couples earning up to $150,000 per year receive $2,800 plus more money for the kids.” [Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, Bangor Daily News, 4/1/21]

4/19/21: Poliquin Called The American Rescue Plan The “Biden Spending Blowout.” “Maine towns, cities and counties will soon receive millions from the federal government as a result of the Biden spending blowout, yet these same governments are moving to increase taxes this year. Property taxpayers already don’t get what they pay for with closed govt schools!”

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March 2021: Poliquin Claimed The American Rescue Plan Would Grant $4.4 Billion In Stimulus Checks To Undocumented Immigrants: “Is That Fair?” “I have a simple question for President Biden and his far left supporters: when is enough illegal immigration enough? We’re on pace for more than 1 million additional illegals during 2021. Is that enough, or should we welcome another 2 or 3 million illegals this year? Here’s something else to think about... It’s estimated that 2.6 million illegal immigrants today have Social Security numbers. That means they could receive stimulus checks from the $1.9 trillion ‘COVID relief’ bill passed by Democrats three weeks ago - up to $4.4 billion of your hard-earned tax dollars. Is that fair? It’s clear that Biden and the Democrats want unlimited illegal immigration. They have no plan to stop the surge of illegal entry. They believe more people dependent on government for ‘free’ healthcare, housing and cash assistance means more Democrat voters. We’ll see if they’re able to convince enough American citizens when we go to the polls next year.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 3/30/21]

3/17/21: Poliquin On The American Rescue Plan: “This Historic Surge In Government Spending Will Lead To Inflation, Higher Interest Rates, More Taxes, And Fewer Jobs.” “Here’s the punchline: none of this borrowed money is free, including the $1.9 trillion passed last week. Every six months, we taxpayers pay interest to the owners who purchased our government bonds. Then, the original principal amount borrowed must be repaid to the bond holders. Right now, the annual interest and principal payments total roughly $400 billion on the nearly $30 trillion national debt -- twice what we spend to care for our 7 million Veterans through the VA. Amazingly, the liberal Democrat majority in Washington is now teeing up ANOTHER $3-4 trillion to spend on Green New Deal climate initiatives. The package is expected to be announced in April. This historic surge in government spending will lead to inflation, higher interest rates, more taxes, and fewer jobs. No wonder the GOP has become the champion of working families and small businesses.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 3/17/21]

2/26/21: Poliquin Called The American Rescue Plan A “Democrat [Sic] Wishlist Disguised As Covid Relief Today, Including Checks For Illegal Immigrants, $15/Hr Minimum Wage, Fed Funding For Abortions.” “US House to approve $1.9 trillion democrat wishlist disguised as covid relief today, including checks for illegal immigrants, $15/hr minimum wage, fed funding for abortions, bailout of pre-covid fiscally irresponsible states like Cali & NY. Real relief isn't any of these things!”

“DEMOCRAT WISHLIST DISGUISED AS COVID RELIEF […] Here are some priorities President Joe Biden and his Democrat majority have included in their behemoth package, which you’ll pay for, that have nothing to do with beating COVID-19: * $1,400 checks to illegal immigrants. * $15 per hour minimum wage, which will kill 1.4 million jobs according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. * Billions of dollars for teacher unions with no requirement that schools reopen. * Federal taxpayer dollars to pay for abortions. * Billions of dollars to bailout pre-COVID financially reckless states, like New York and California.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 2/24/21]
Eviction Moratorium

August 2021: When Asked About The Eviction Moratorium, Poliquin Said Democrats Would “Push To Give Everybody As Much Government Handouts As Humanly Possible.” HOST: “Finally here, Bruce, some current events, the non-eviction issue. The Centers for Disease Control issued a new eviction moratorium that’s going to go I think until October third. […] How much longer are we going to be paying rent for people?” POLIQUIN: “As long as Jared Golden is in the majority, and enables this to happen, and says nothing, by the way. As long as the Democrats are in the majority, and I really want to make this clear, Mike, is that the spending will continue. It will not stop, they’re going to push to give everybody as much government handouts as humanly possible, whether it be food assistance, housing assistance, paying people to stay at home and not work when their jobs are available and they’re perfectly capable.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 8/4/21] (AUDIO) 13:45
The Maine Vaccine Board Oversaw Purchases Of Vaccines For Maine Children

The Maine Vaccine Board oversaw purchases of vaccines for Maine children. “The Maine Vaccine Board (MVB) was formed by the state legislature in 2010 to help the State of Maine reinstate its universal purchase of vaccines for children under age 19. The MVB assures the necessary flow of vaccine purchase funds by collecting payments from health plans, insurance companies, and other payers and remitting the funds to the state. Through the Maine CDC’s Childhood Vaccine Program, the state purchases vaccines at favorable rates and distributes them to providers at no charge.” [Maine Vaccine Board, accessed 11/17/21]

As Maine’s Treasurer, Poliquin Was An Ex Officio Member Of The Maine Vaccine Board

January 2011: Poliquin Began Serving As Maine Treasurer In LePage’s Administration. “A day after being sworn in, Gov. Paul LePage administered the oath of office Thursday to three prominent state officials — the secretary of state, attorney general and treasurer. The Republican governor also issued a brief to-do list to the three: Make it easier to bring business to Maine. Fix the looming liability in the pension system, and work on the health care issue. With some pomp — but not to the level of the inauguration a day earlier — Charles Summers, Bill Schneider and Bruce Poliquin took their oaths in a House chamber packed with relatives, friends and state officials, including Chief Justice Leigh Saufley and U.S. Attorney Thomas Delahanty II.” [Bangor Daily News, 1/6/11]


December 2010: The Maine Vaccine Board Indicated That Maine’s State Treasurer Was An Ex Officio Member Of The Board. “Treasurer of State – ex officio board membership The Treasurer of State was unavailable for this meeting. The new legislature will be electing a new Treasurer of State when they come into session. The Deputy State Treasurer, Barbara Raths, is aware of the board and will hopefully be able to attend the December Board meeting.” [Maine Vaccine Board, Meeting Minutes, 12/9/10]

Raths Was Poliquin’s Deputy And A Member Of The Maine Vaccine Board

2005 – 2013: Barbara Raths Was A Deputy To Maine’s Treasurer. [Barbara Raths LinkedIn, accessed 11/17/21]

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Raths Was A Member Of The Maine Vaccine Board As Maine’s Deputy Treasurer. “Maine Vaccine Board Directory […] Barbara Raths, Deputy Treasurer Maine Office of the Treasurer” [Maine Vaccine Board, accessed 11/17/21]

Poliquin Never Attended A Single Meeting Of The Maine Vaccine Board; Raths Missed 84% Of Meetings

2011 – 2012: Raths And Poliquin Attendance At Maine Vaccine Board Meetings
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**Total Absences:** 19

**Percent of Meetings Absent:**

- **Poliquin:** 100%
- **Raths:** 84.2%

*[Maine Vaccine Board, Meeting Minutes, received 10/21/21]*

*Raths was the only director absent.*
**Education Issues**

**Significant Findings**

- Poliquin voted for Republican budgets to slash Pell Grant funding, which more than 11,000 students in his district benefited from, then claimed he “voted to strengthen the solvency” of the program.

- Beginning in July 2021, Poliquin claimed children were learning to “hate our country” through “critical race theory” being taught in schools.

- In 2018, Poliquin voted to block consideration of a bill to invest $100 billion in American schools’ physical and digital infrastructure.

- In May 2021, Poliquin said he opposed increasing Maine’s education funding because school performance was “horrendous” during the pandemic.

- In July 2021, Poliquin claimed teachers’ unions were “more concerned about their political muscle than student welfare and education.”

**Pell Grants**

**Students In Poliquin’s District Received $46,975,040 In Pell Grants…**

2015 – 2016: **13,535 Students In Maine’s Second District Were Awarded $51,431,826 In Pell Grants.** [National Association of Independent Colleges & Universities, Federal Student Aid Programs by Congressional Districts, 2015-2016]


2021: **11,599 Students In Maine’s Second District Were Awarded $46,975,040 In Pell Grants.** [National Association of Independent Colleges & Universities, Federal Student Aid Programs by Congressional Districts, January 2021]

…But Poliquin Continued To Vote Repeatedly To Slash Pell Grants

2017: **Poliquin Voted For The FY18 House Republican Budget Resolution.** [H Con Res 71, Vote #557, 10/5/17; CQ, 10/5/17]

- **The FY18 House Republican Budget Cut Pell Grants By More Than $75 Billion.** “The budget calls for significantly scaling back Pell Grants, which help nearly 8 million students from low- and moderate-income families afford college. […] The Pell cuts of more than $75 billion would occur even though Pell Grants currently cover just 29 percent of the costs of college — the smallest portion covered in the program’s history. The cuts in Pell would be accompanied by up to $120 billion in cuts to student loans.” [CBPP, 9/5/17]

2015: **Poliquin Voted For The FY16 Republican Conference Report On Budget.** [S CON RES 11, Vote #183; On Agreeing to the Conference Report, 4/30/15; Bloomberg, 4/29/15]
• **The FY16 Conference Report Reduced Funding For Pell Grants.** “The budget slashes domestic discretionary spending by trimming away at several major priorities for Democrats. The final bill includes a reduction in funding for federal Pell Grants and housing programs for low-income earners, and cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as food stamps.” [Washington Post, 4/29/15]


• **The FY16 House Republican Rolled Back Expansion Of The Pell Grant Program, Freezing The Maximum Grant For 10 Years.** “House Republicans looking for ways to balance the budget want to roll back President Obama’s expansion of a federal program allowing many of the country’s poorest students attend college. On Tuesday, the House GOP released a budget memo that would freeze the maximum amount students receive from the government to pay for college; the grants would be held at $5,775 per school year for the next 10 years.” [Washington Post, 3/18/15]

**Student Loans**

**September 2018: Poliquin Voted Against Requiring The Study On Effectiveness Of Student Loans To Include Information On The Veteran Status Of Borrowers**

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**March 2017: Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Rules Related To Consumer Protections For Student Loan Borrowers From The SCRUB Act**

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**Tuition-Free College**
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October 2016: Poliquin Opposed Tuition-Free College

October 2016: Poliquin On Tuition-Free College: “Whenever Anybody That Makes A Career In Politics Says That Something Is Free, They’re Not Telling The Truth.” “Both Cain and Poliquin said they worked their way through college, but both differed on whether college tuition should be free. Cain said that Mainers who make good grades and follow the rules should be able to graduate ‘debt-free.’ Poliquin supported boosting existing grant programs. ‘Whenever anybody that makes a career in politics says that something is free, they’re not telling the truth,’ he said.” [Associated Press, 10/26/16]

Charter Schools

July 2015: Poliquin Voted For The Student Success Act, Which Would Have Expanded Charter School Programs

Poliquin Voted For The Student Success Act To Renew And Overhaul No Child Left Behind. In July 2015, Poliquin voted for the Student Success Act, a bill to “renew and overhaul the 2001 landmark elementary and secondary education law (PL 107-110) known as ‘No Child Left Behind.’” The bill passed, 218 to 213. [H R 5, Vote #423, 7/8/15; CQ Synopsis, 7/8/15]

- **The Student Success Act Would Allow Funding To Follow Students From Lower Income Families To Other Schools And Eliminate And Merge The Funding Of 65 Elementary And Secondary Education Programs.** “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) and would make fundamental changes to many of its programs through Fiscal 2019. The bill would allow Title I funding to follow individual students to other schools, and eliminates more than 65 elementary and secondary education programs and merges their funding.” [CQ Floor Votes, 7/8/15]

- **The Student Success Act Would Distribute New Title 1 Block Grants To States And Allow Them To Establish Their Own Teach Evaluation Systems Tied To Student Achievement.** “The new Title I block grant would give states greater flexibility in how funds are used. It would also allow states to establish their own teacher evaluation systems tied to student achievement.” [CQ Floor Votes, 7/8/15]

- **The Student Success Act Would Reauthorize And Expand Charter School Programs And Increase Parental Choice.** “The bill would also reauthorize and expand the charter school program and includes other provisions to increase parental choice.” [CQ Floor Votes, 7/8/15]

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can be innovative in the programs we offer in charter schools. It’s a terrific opportunity for our public schools to learn to do things maybe slightly differently. So we have to be very, very open.” [YouTube, Bruce for Maine, Youth in Politics Interview Part 2, 4/19/10] (VIDEO) :09

“Critical Race Theory” & Curriculum Issues

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July – August 2021: Poliquin Claimed Children Were Learning To “Hate Our Country” Through Critical Race Theory

August 2021: Poliquin Campaign Website Claimed Democrats Pushed Critical Race Theory. “Even more extreme elements are behind Critical Race Theory, CRT. They want to teach kids to treat each other differently based on skin color and tell young, white kids that they are inherently racist just based on how they are born. It is wrong.” [Poliquin for Congress, accessed 8/5/21]

8/4/21: Poliquin Claimed Children Were Learning To “Hate Our Country” Through Critical Race Theory On The Radio Show In Which He Launched His Campaign. Poliquin appeared on WGAN Radio, where he launched his campaign and stated, “And where has he been? You know, in these classrooms, what moms and dads are finding out that their kids are being taught this Critical Race Theory to hate our country. America is a racist country and if the color of your skin is white you should be ashamed, you should be guilty. And you should treat people with different skin color differently. That is wrong Matt.” [Bruce Poliquin, Interview with Matt Gagnon on WGAN Radio, , 8/4/21] (AUDIO) 7:13

July 2021: Poliquin Claimed “Parents Are Alarmed At Departments Of Education And Local School Boards Teaching Their Children To Hate America.” “And, third, parents are alarmed at departments of education and local school boards teaching their children to hate America. Kids are asking parents: Is it right to be judged based on the color of their skin instead of who they are as individuals? Is it true America is a racist country even though they feel no hate toward classmates, regardless of how they were born?” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 7/6/21]

K-12 Education & Teachers’ Salaries


June 2021: Poliquin Said He Opposed Growing Maine’s Education Budget Since School Performance Was “Horrendous” During COVID-19. POLIQUIN: “The state of Maine has already received several billion dollars from the federal government dealing with this COVID situation, much of which has nothing to do with COVID. There’s been a lot of money that’s gone to the schools and still we’ve had roughly 4,000 kids that have dropped out of public schools and instead their parents have opted to put them into parochial schools, religious schools, or independent schools, private schools, because the government doesn’t know how to keep these public schools open.
So to put more money into an organization that’s unable to deliver a service effectively just doesn’t make any sense to me. It just doesn’t. […] This is just more money going to the schools even though their performance over the last year has been horrendous.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 6/4/21] (AUDIO) 5:54

May 2018: Poliquin Voted For Blocking The Rebuild America’s Schools Act That Would Invest $100 Billion In Physical And Digital Infrastructure

Poliquin Voted For Blocking The Rebuild America’s Schools Act That Would Invest $100 Billion In Physical And Digital Infrastructure. In May 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would Rebuild America’s Schools Act of 2017. H.R. 2475 would invest $100 billion to improve important physical and digital infrastructure in our nation’s schools. It’s crucial for Congress to invest in infrastructure for our schools to ensure our children receive the education they deserve.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to 222-189. [H Res 908, Vote #217, 5/23/18; CQ, 5/23/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 5/23/18]

2015: Poliquin Voted For Overhauling No Child Left Behind Act

Poliquin Voted For Replacing No Child Left Behind And Shifting Accountability Back To States And School Districts. In December 2015, Poliquin voted for the Every Student Succeeds Act, which would “replace the No Child Left Behind Act, ending the federal accountability system and shifting academic standards and school accountability authority back to states and local school districts.” The bill passed 359-64. [S 1177, Vote #665, 12/2/15; CQ Floor Votes, 12/2/15]

• States Would Still Be Required To Test Students Annually And Report Scores. “States will still be required to test students annually in math and reading in grades three through eight and once in high school and to publicly report the scores according to race, income, ethnicity, disability and whether students are English-language learners.” [Washington Post, 12/10/15]

• States Would Decide How To Remedy “Troubled Schools”, How To Weigh Test Scores, And How To Evaluate Teachers. “[S]tates will decide what to do about the most troubled schools, those where test scores are in the lowest 5 percent, achievement gaps between groups of students are greatest, or where fewer than two-thirds of students graduate on time. And states will decide how to weigh test scores and whether or how to evaluate teachers. They will be allowed to consider other factors, such as whether a school offers challenging courses or the degree of parent involvement. They will set their own goals and timelines for academic progress, though their plans must be approved by the federal Department of Education.” [Washington Post, 12/10/15]

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Early Learning & Pre-K Programs

September 2018: Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Focused On Increasing Access To Early Learning And Care

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Focused On Increasing Access To Early Learning And Care. In September 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “Mr. Speaker, families need access to a system that provides high quality, affordable early learning and care that will prepare children for success without breaking the bank. That is why, if we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Education and the Workforce Committee Ranking Member Scott’s bill, H.R. 3773, the Child Care for Working Families Act.” A vote for the
motion was a vote to block consideration of a bill to increase access to early learning and care. The motion was agreed to 224-181. [HR 6691, Vote #386, 9/6/18; CQ, 9/6/18; Congressional Record, 9/6/18]

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Teachers’ Unions

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PARENTS OF SCHOOL-AGED KIDS ARE ALARMED

It's hard to find much positive coming out of the pandemic which resulted, directly or indirectly, in the deaths of more than 600,000 Americans and ruined the livelihoods of tens of millions more when the government shutdown our booming economy. That said, parents of school-aged children become more in tune with their kids' education. That's a positive. Here's some of what they found...

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Second, online teaching and learning doesn't work for most students. Parents won't forget their kids being forced to sit in front of computer screens day after day when, months ago, the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported teachers and students were safe to return to the classroom even if not vaccinated.

And, third, parents are alarmed at departments of education and local school boards teaching their children to hate America. Kids are asking parents: Is it right to be judged based on the color of their skin instead of who they are as individuals? Is it true America is a racist country even though they feel no hate toward classmates, regardless of how they were born?

It's no wonder there's a surge of everyday moms and dads publicly challenging principals and school boards, and some running for those powerful positions themselves. You can bet they support school choice and will show up in droves to vote next year.

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 7/6/21]
**Election Law, Voting Rights, & Campaign Finance Issues**

**Significant Findings**

✓ Poliquin sued the state of Maine over its ranked-choice voting system after he lost reelection 2018, then continued to attack the system for years after he lost his lawsuit and his appeal.

✓ In November and December 2018, Poliquin made a variety of dubious election interference allegations, ranging from claims of unlocked ballot boxes to chaos at polling places due to ranked-choice voting.

✓ Maine editorialists and Maine’s Secretary of State denied these allegations and said Poliquin’s allegations needlessly damaged confidence in Maine’s elections.

✓ As recently as 2021, Poliquin maintained that he won the 2018 election and that ranked-choice voting bred voter fraud and unfairness.

✓ Poliquin voted absentee twelve times, including three times in 2020, and had not voted in-person since 2014 – but claimed that vote-by-mail compromised the integrity of the 2020 election.

✓ Poliquin claimed the For The People Act would invite “shenanigans” by expanding vote-by-mail access and serve Democrats’ political interests.

✓ In April 2019, Poliquin falsely told Maine college students that they needed a Maine driver’s license to vote in the state and that they should not participate in local elections.

✓ In 2015, Poliquin voted to block restoration of the Voting Rights Act.

✓ Poliquin claimed he supported “complete transparency” in campaign finance, but voted five times to block measures to require disclosure of political donors.

**Ranked-Choice Voting**

**November 2018: Poliquin Lost The Race To Represent Maine’s 2nd Congressional District After He Came In Last Under Maine’s Ranked Choice Voting System**

11/6/18: In Round One Of Maine’s Ranked-Choice Voting System, Poliquin Received 46.3% Of The Vote And Jared Golden Received 45.6% Of The Vote.

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Poliquin Was The First Candidate To Lead After One Round, Then Lose Under Maine’s Ranked-Choice Voting System.

Poliquin Was The First Candidate In A Federal General Election To Lose Under A Ranked-Choice Voting System. “A spokeswoman for the Maine secretary of state’s office said the results remained unofficial pending certification by Nov. 26. But, if certified, the results would make Mr. Golden the winner of a four-candidate race in which Mr. Poliquin received 2,632 more first-choice votes but failed to reach the 50 percent needed to win. Instead, Mr. Golden was declared the winner Thursday with 50.53 percent of the vote — or by 2,905 votes — once the second and third choices of voters who originally chose the two lagging candidates were added. The district covers a majority of the state’s land area, much of it rural and densely forested. The contest was the first general election to federal office under a ranked-choice system.” [New York Times, 11/15/18]

Maine Voters Approved Of Ranked-Choice Voting In 2016 And 2018 Referenda

November 2016: 52 Percent Of Maine Voters Voted For A Referendum To Institute Ranked-Choice Voting In Congressional, Gubernatorial, And State Legislative Races. “Q: How did the switch to ranked-choice voting happen in Maine? A: In November 2016, 52 percent of Maine voters approved a ballot question that called for using a ranked-choice system in elections for governor, Congress and the Legislature. That didn't, however, end the debate or controversy.” [Portland Press Herald, 11/15/18]

June 2018: 54 Percent Of Maine Voters Approved A “People's Veto” To Begin Ranked-Choice Voting In November 2018 After The State Legislature Voted To Delay Implementation Of Ranked-Choice Voting. “Responding to a query from the Republican-controlled Maine Senate, the state's Supreme Judicial Court issued an advisory opinion that the Maine Constitution dictates that general elections for governor and legislative seats must be decided by a ‘plurality’ of votes, not a majority. However, the Constitution is silent on primary elections for those offices, as well as all elections for Congress. The Legislature then passed a law delaying the implementation of ranked-choice voting for several years - and only then if voters amended the Constitution to address the concerns. Undeterred, supporters of ranked-choice voting organized a ‘people's veto’ campaign to override the Legislature. An even wider margin of voters - 54 percent - approved that ballot question in June, clearing the way for the system's use in congressional elections this month.” [Portland Press Herald, 11/15/18]

November – December 2018: Poliquin Sued Maine’s Secretary Of State To Prevent The Certification Of Ranked-Choice Votes And Lost

Poliquin Refused To Say He Would Accept The Results Of The Ranked-Choice Election, Then Declared Victory Before The Ranked-Choice Count Was Complete

VIDEO: Poliquin Did Not Answer When He Was Asked Whether He Would Accept The Results Of The Ranked Choice Voting Election. HOST: “With the new ranked choice voting method, will you accept the
outcome of this race?” POLIQUIN: “I’m going to circle in Bruce Poliquin, one and only vote, drop it in the box and go forward.” [C-SPAN, 2018 ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/16/18] (VIDEO) 49:00

10/22/18: Poliquin Refused To Say He Would Accept The Results Of A Ranked-Choice Election And Instead Said He Would “Circle In ‘Bruce Poliquin,’ […] One And Only One Vote.” “One of the more telling moments in the two debates between the four congressional candidates in Maine’s 2nd District came during the final question they faced. Asked if they’d accept the outcome of the ranked-choice voting contest, three of the contenders say they would. But U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, a two-term Republican from Oakland, passed up the chance to rule out a possible legal challenge if he comes up short Nov. 6. ‘I'm going to circle in 'Bruce Poliquin',’ the incumbent said, adding ‘one and only vote, drop it in the box and go forward.’ ‘I don't think he answered the question,’ said Democratic challenger Jared Golden of Lewiston.” [Portland Press Herald, 10/22/18]

• 10/22/18: Poliquin’s Campaign “Ignored Requests For Comment” On Whether Poliquin Would Accept Election Results. “Golden, Bond and Hoar said that if ranked-choice voting leads to an outcome they don't like -- such as losing out in the second round -- they will accept the decision made by voters. But Poliquin has never made that assertion. His campaign ignored requests for comment on the issue Monday. Instead, its spokesman, Brendan Conley, said only that Poliquin ‘cannot in good conscience support any of the other candidates in this race.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 10/22/18]

• 11/6/18: Poliquin Refused To Say He Would Accept The Results Of A Ranked-Choice Election, Which He Dismissed As A “Hypothetical.” “Poliquin hasn’t said whether he'd accept the results of a ranked-choice election, saying Saturday it was a ‘hypothetical.’ Chatter about a lawsuit could heighten if Poliquin emerges as the first-round leader only to lose to Golden after the independents' votes are re-allocated.” [Bangor Daily News, 11/7/18]

11/10/18: Poliquin: “It's Clear That Bruce Won Election Day By A Margin Of Over 2,000 Votes, Defeating All 3 Other Opponents. In Any Other Federal Election Across America This Process Would Be Complete.” “As Rank Choice Voting begins, it's clear that Bruce won Election Day by a margin of over 2,000 votes, defeating all 3 other opponents. In any other federal election across America this process would be complete. Maine is the only state subject to this Rank Choice Voting system which allows people multiple votes, via the reallocation of their vote, if they didn't initially select one of the two top vote earners. We will continue to monitor this process, as there have been ongoing concerns.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 11/10/18]

11/13/18: Poliquin Declared Victory “Fair And Square.” “Republican U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin says he won re-election ‘fair and square’ and says he has a duty to fight Maine's new voting system that he says is unconstitutional.” [Associated Press, 11/13/18]

November 2018: Poliquin Sued Maine’s Secretary Of State In District Court To Stop The Count Of Ranked-Choice Votes

11/13/18: Poliquin Filed A Lawsuit In District Court Against Maine Secretary Of State Matthew Dunlap To Stop The Second Round Of Vote Counting In The Ranked-Choice Voting System. “That new system became
the focus of Mr. Poliquin’s ire on Tuesday, when he filed a lawsuit in federal court against Maine’s secretary of state, Matthew Dunlap, to stop the runoff, asserting that he would have won the election under the old voting system and that the new system was unconstitutional.” [New York Times, 11/15/18]

- **11/13/18: Poliquin Claimed RCV Was “Ripe For Mishandling And Unlawful Electioneering Actions, As Evidenced Already.”** “6 days and 15 hours after the polls have closed and because of rank choice voting we still have no final election result. This system only adds additional cost to taxpayers, creates overwhelming confusion for our citizens, and is ripe for mishandling and unlawful electioneering actions, as evidenced already. Mainers deserve better than their money being wasted, their frustrations growing, and their sacred right of voting being manipulated.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 11/13/18]

- **11/13/18: Poliquin Defended His Lawsuit And Said Walking Away Would Send “Absolutely The Wrong Message” To “Our Kids.”** “At a State House news conference Tuesday afternoon, Poliquin said he and other critics of ranked-choice voting believe the process could be ‘illegal’ under federal law. He said it's not true that he is challenging the process because he is likely to lose his seat if more than 23,000 votes received by two independent candidates get redistributed to second-choice candidates. ‘The people of the 2nd District have put their trust in me to do what's right,’ Poliquin said. ‘Not addressing this important constitutional issue would be completely irresponsible. I'll tell you this would be a heck of a lot easier on me if I just walked away from this vote-counting mess. But what kind of message would that send to our kids? Absolutely the wrong message.’” [Portland Press Herald, 11/13/18]

- **11/14/18: Poliquin: “The Easiest Thing Would Be To Walk Away, But That Is Not The Right Thing To Do.”** “I am standing up for Maine's 2nd District voters who voted against Ranked Choice Voting at the ballot box, as recent as June of this year. The easiest thing would be to walk away, but that is not the right thing to do. We hold voting rights sacred, meaning one vote per person, which has always been the successful system used. This RCV process no doubt gives additional preference to those who voted for a candidate that did not end up as one of the top two vote earners, thereby allowing them multiple votes. Whether that vote was for me or my opponent, it should not matter. The process is flawed, creates tremendous confusion, and is proving to be a recipe for disaster, as Maine's Second District predicted when they voted against it.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 11/14/18]
Golden Won 50.6 Percent Of Ranked-Choice Votes And Determined Second Round Of Ranked-Choice Votes. [Maine Secretary of State, Election Results, 11/15/18]

- **Poliquin Alleged Ranked-Choice Voting Forced Voters “To Guess Whether There Would Be An ‘Instant Runoff’ Election And Who The Candidates Would Be,” Violating The 1st And 4th Amendments.**
  
  “Poliquin’s case boils down to the proposition that in ranked-choice voting, those casting ballots cannot know the identities of the candidates who will remain in contention after the first round, forcing them ‘to guess whether there would be an ‘instant runoff’ election and who the candidates would be.’ That ‘lack of access to such basic information’ prevents them, Goodman argued, ‘from choosing among candidates and casting their votes effectively,’ a situation he insisted violated both the 1st and 14th amendments to the U.S. Constitution. “This system forces voters to make blind guesses about the ultimate matchup in the final round of vote,” said James Gimpel, a University of Maryland political science professor who offered his testimony to the court Wednesday to bolster Poliquin’s case. Gimpel testified that in his study of the results, he found that 46 percent of voters only made one first-place pick and no others.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/28/18]

- **Poliquin And Three Residents Of Maine’s Second Congressional District Who Voted For Him Were The Plaintiffs In The Case.** “Plaintiff Brett Baber is a resident of and duly registered voter in Maine’s Second Congressional District. Consistent with Maine’s use of ranked choice voting in federal elections, the details of which are described more fully infra, in the November 6 general election Mr. Baber voted for Republican Bruce Poliquin as his first choice to serve as Maine’s Second District Congressional Representative. Mr. Baber did not rank or otherwise vote for any of the other remaining choices on the ballot for that office. […] Plaintiff Terry Hamm-Morris, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, is a resident of and duly registered voter in Maine’s Second Congressional District. Consistent with Maine’s use of ranked choice voting in federal elections, in the November 6 general election Ms. Hamm-Morris voted for Republican Bruce Poliquin as her first choice to serve as Maine’s Second District Congressional Representative. […] Plaintiff Mary Hartt is a resident of and duly registered voter in Maine’s Second Congressional District. Consistent with Maine’s use of ranked choice voting in federal elections, in the November 6 general election Ms. Hartt voted for Republican Bruce Poliquin as her first choice to serve as Maine’s Second District Congressional Representative. […] 10. Plaintiff Bruce Poliquin is the incumbent Member of Congress from Maine’s Second Congressional District.” [U.S. District Court District of Maine (Bangor), Baber, et al v. Dunlap, et al, 1:18-cv-00465-LEW, Complaint, 11/13/18]

- **Poliquin’s Complaint Alleged RCV Violated The First And Fourteenth Amendments Because Voters Would Not Know Which Candidates Would Be In Later Rounds Of Ranked-Choice Voting When They Voted.** “Here, Defendant’s implementation of the RCV Act denies Plaintiffs the opportunity to cast their votes effectively. At the time Plaintiffs cast their ballots in this election, and at the time they will cast their ballots in future elections, they do not know the identities of the candidates who are on the ballot, nor the match-ups of candidates who will be on the ballot, after the first round of voting. The lack of access to such basic information about which candidates will be on the ballot and the match-up of candidates who will be on the ballot prevents Plaintiffs from choosing among candidates and casting their votes effectively, causing them irreparable injury under the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Since no other adequate remedy at law is available, Plaintiffs are entitled to preliminary and permanent injunctive relief to prevent this injury.” [U.S. District Court District of Maine (Bangor), Baber, et al v. Dunlap, et al, 1:18-cv-00465-LEW, Complaint, 11/13/18]

11/15/18: Trump-Appointed District Court Judge Lance Walker Denied Poliquin’s Request To Stop Counting The Votes. “District Court Judge Lance Walker, recently appointed by President Donald Trump, has not shown much sympathy for Poliquin’s argument that ranked-choice voting is unconstitutional. His initial ruling on a Poliquin request to stop the ranked-choice tally allowed the count to continue, and Walker pointed out that Maine voters had chosen to use the ranked-choice system.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/28/18]

11/15/18: Maine Secretary Of State Tabulated The Second Round Of Ranked-Choice Votes And Determined Golden Won 50.6 Percent Of Ranked-Choice Votes. [Maine Secretary of State, Election Results, 11/15/18]
• 11/15/18: Poliquin Declared He Won “The Constitutional ‘One-Person, One-Vote’ First Choice Election On Election Day That Has Been Used In Maine For More Than One Hundred Years.” “Those votes were tabulated on Thursday, after Walker issued an order allowing the counting to continue. They showed Golden won the election with 50.5 percent of the second round tallies. Shortly after the results were announced, Poliquin issued this convoluted, and deceptive, statement: “It is now officially clear I won the constitutional ‘one-person, one-vote’ first choice election on Election Day that has been used in Maine for more than one hundred years.”” [Editorial, Bangor Daily News, 11/16/18]

• 11/15/18: Poliquin: “Election Day Was 8 Day Ago And Still No Results, Other Than The Fact That Bruce Won On Election Day.” “200+ hours: Election Day was 8 day ago and still no results, other than the fact that Bruce won on Election Day. The Red Sox won the whole World Series in two less days, including traveling across the United States. We can stop calling this RCV system anything ‘instant.’ Maybe a better name would be ‘Really Confusing Voters’ system. Please Share.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 11/15/18]

• 11/17/18: Poliquin: “Each Person Should Have One Vote, One Vote Per Person, That Is The Only Fair System And It Has Worked For Hundreds Of Years.” “Rank Choice Voting allows one person the opportunity to have their vote counted multiple times. This goes against the very fiber of fairness. Each person should have one vote, one vote per person, that is the only fair system and it has worked for hundreds of years.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 11/17/18]

Poliquin Requested A New Election After He Lost The Second Round Of Ranked-Choice Voting


• 11/26/18: Poliquin Claimed Ranked-Choice Voting “‘Goes Against The Very Fiber Of Fairness’ That Mandates Each Person Should Have Only One Vote.” “Poliquin contends ‘rank choice voting’ is unconstitutional because it ‘goes against the very fiber of fairness’ that mandates each person should have only one vote.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/26/18]
December 2018: Poliquin Called Ranked-Choice Voting “Unconstitutional” But Voluntarily Dismissed The Lawsuit The Same Day Gov. LePage Certified The Results
12/24/18: Poliquin Stated That Ranked-Choice Voting Was Unconstitutional But That It Was “In The Best Interests Of My Constituents […] To Close This Confusing And Unfair Chapter Of Voting History.” “Even though rank voting is unconstitutional, and therefore illegal, under Maine law in general elections to choose state officials like our Governor and State Legislators, the Maine District Court and 1st Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston both disagreed with the Constitutional arguments raised by the former Chairman of the Federal Election Commission and his legal team. As such, despite winning the largest number of votes on Election Day, I believe it's in the best interest of my constituents and all Maine citizens to close this confusing and unfair chapter of voting history by ending any further legal proceedings.”” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 12/24/18]


- 12/28/18: LePage Signed The Certified Election Results And Added “Stolen Election” Alongside His Signature. “Gov. Paul LePage certified the election results for Maine’s 2nd Congressional District after a recount and legal battle dragged out the final result in the race for almost two months, cementing a Democratic victory. But, LePage – a Republican firebrand – made one last jab at the drawn-out process when certifying the election, writing the words ‘stolen election’ next to his signature.” [CNN, 12/29/18]

Golden’s Attorneys And Pelosi Wrote Off Poliquin’s Lawsuit As “Sour Grapes”

11/28/18: Golden Attorney: “Poliquin's Sour Grapes Preliminary Injunction Is Too Little, Too Late, And Is Outweighed By The [Maine Voters] Who Would Be Disenfranchised” By Poliquin’s Lawsuit. “Golden's attorney, James Kilbreth, responded Wednesday in a brief that called Poliquin's legal challenge to ranked-choice voting ‘sour grapes.’ ‘Now, after 296,077 Maine citizens have voted based on their understanding that the [ranked-choice voting] system would be used to determine the winner of the election, Poliquin would like to change the rules,’ he wrote. ‘Poliquin's sour grapes preliminary injunction is too little, too late, and is outweighed by the injury to the thousands of Maine voters who selected Golden over Poliquin and who would be disenfranchised by Poliquin's attempt to use the courts to overturn the results of the election,’ Kilbreth said. ‘Further, the chaos, disruption, and violation of fundamental rights that would result from Poliquin's attempt to rewrite the rules after the election is anathema to the public interest. Golden won the election fair and square.’” [Bangor Daily News, 11/28/18]

12/6/18: Pelosi On Poliquin’s Lawsuit: “But If [Republicans] Won, Of Course, There’d Be No Question About The Constitutionality” Of Ranked-Choice Voting. “Talking with reporters, U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., cited three races in which there may be objections filed about incoming lawmakers, especially one in North Carolina that appears to have involved cheating. ‘To add insult to injury about what the Republicans did in these races, they are now challenging the seating of our member in Maine,’ Pelosi said. She said they are ‘questioning the process’ of ranked-choice voting that delivered victory to Golden last month in his race against two-term U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, a Republican. ‘You know,’ Pelosi said, ‘they have ranked voting, which has been voted on twice by the people of Maine as their method of having an election. And now the Republicans are saying, ‘Well …’ ‘There’s even a question as to the constitutionality of ranked voting, in their view,’ Pelosi said. ‘But if they won, of course, there’d be no question about the constitutionality of it.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 12/6/18]

Poliquin’s Lawyers From His Case Against Ranked-Choice Voting Went On To Testify Against The For The People Act And Join The RNC’s “Election Integrity” Committee In 2021, Seeking To Restrict Access To The Ballot

Lee Goodman And Josh Tardy Represented Poliquin And Three Other Plaintiffs In Their 2018 Case Against Maine’s Ranked-Choice Voting System. “Plaintiffs Brett Baber, Terry Hamm-Morris, Mary Hartt, and Bruce Poliquin (collectively ‘Plaintiffs’), by and through their attorneys, file this complaint against Matthew Dunlap, the Secretary of the State of Maine (‘Secretary’), seeking declaratory and injunctive relief on an expedited basis. [...] The lack of access to such basic information about which candidates will be on the ballot and the match-up of candidates who will be on the ballot prevents Plaintiffs from choosing among candidates and casting their votes effectively, causing them irreparable injury under the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. [...] Respectfully submitted, /s/ Lee E. Goodman Lee E. Goodman (pro hac vice pending) Andrew G. Woodson (pro hac vice pending) Eric Wang (pro hac vice pending) [...] Joshua A. Tardy, Esq.” [U.S. District Court District of Maine (Bangor), Baber, et al v. Dunlap, et al, 1:18-cv-00465-LEW, Complaint, 11/13/18]

February 2021: Josh Tardy Joined The RNC’s “Election Integrity” Committee, Which Advocated For Sweeping Voting Restrictions

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The RNC “Election Integrity” Committee Recommended Eliminating Same-Day And Automatic Voter Registration. “ID Requirements For All Voting Methods” And “Clean[ing] Up” Voter Rolls. “‘The pandemic brought chaos and comprehensive changes to voting processes beginning in the spring primaries and lasting through the post-election process,’ said the 23-page report from the RNC’s Committee on Election Integrity, created by party Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel. [...] Many of the recommendations are common sense but opposed by some Democratic lawmakers who instead are using reforms to paint Republicans as proponents of limiting voting. The committee’s top recommendations: Clean up their voter rolls. Eliminate same-day and automatic voter registration. Enact ID requirements for all voting methods, while ensuring officials educate the public on ID requirements and provide free IDs to those few without one. Only use voting systems that produce a paper record of a voter’s selections that is reviewable pre-tabulation and auditable post-election. Prohibit ballot harvesting. Enact uniform and enforceable standards for rejecting and accepting absentee ballots.” [Washington Examiner, 8/19/21]

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March 2021: Lee Goodman Testified To The Senate Committee On Rules And Administration Against The For The People Act, Which He Said Would Exacerbate “Cancel Culture.” “Thank you inviting me to speak about S. 1. Although the bill purports to support ‘the people,’ it ironically imposes significant burdens on the people’s core constitutional right to speak and associate. The most dramatic provisions of S. 1 would not regulate speech about elections, but speech about issues and public policy. Indeed, S. 1 proposes many restrictions on the right of the American people to speak about issues and politicians, hear ideas, and associate freely. It exposes Americans to an unprecedented system of mandatory public doxing and exposure when they desire to spend as little as $500 to discuss sensitive policy issues. It likewise imposes new civil and criminal liability on American media companies, which will push many media companies to eliminate low-cost online advertising platforms from populist organizations for political messages. [...] At a time of intense political polarization, when ‘cancel culture’ and ‘call out tactics’ and political polarization and intolerance are at their zenith, this bill exacerbates all of these social problems.” [Senate Rules And Administration Committee, Lee Goodman Testimony, 3/24/21]

August 2019 – August 2021: Poliquin Maintained That He Won The 2018 Election

8/4/21: Poliquin: “Head-To-Head, You Know, I Beat Golden In 2018, And God Willing, I Will Do It Again Next Year.” “Poliquin, who typically resides in Georgetown, said this year he’ll go into the race with his eyes wide open about ranked-choice voting, but in his radio interview he continued to maintain that he won the 2018 race.
‘Head-to-head, you know, I beat Golden in 2018, and God willing, I will do it again next year,’ Poliquin said. Poliquin lost the race by 3,509 votes. It was the first time since 1916 that an incumbent in Maine’s 2nd District went down to defeat.” [Portland Press Herald, 8/4/21]


- Poliquin: “I Won This Seat Three Times - 2014, 2016, 2018 - But Was Only Seated Twice Because Of Ranked Vote.” “Former U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin insists that he was the real winner of the 2018 race that he lost to Democratic challenger Jared Golden. Poliquin hopes to become the Republican nominee next year to take on Golden in Maine’s GOP-friendly 2nd District. There are at least two other contenders who may force a primary next June. Poliquin, though, doesn't accept that he ever lost the seat to begin with. ‘I won this seat three times - 2014, 2016, 2018 - but was only seated twice because of ranked vote,’ he said in a radio interview Thursday. In the interview with WVOM-FM in Bangor, Poliquin said this time around, his campaign is ready to deal with ranked-choice voting.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 8/6/21]

November 2020: Poliquin Said He Won The 2018 Election. POLIQUIN: “I remember having experienced this in a little way, Matt, two years ago in my second re-election in 2018 which I won and then nine days later they scammed it with this ranked voting. But it was my responsibility to take this to court to make sure everything was up to snuff but once the election was certified, it becomes very difficult to do that. So what Trump is doing is what he should be doing. It’s his responsibility, win or lose, to make sure he challenges these results because they are so close and it was so unconventional, the way we voted this way with mail-in voting, to give people confidence that their vote counted. So he’s got to go through this process. He should. It’s his responsibility. But he’s got an uphill climb.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 11/13/20] (AUDIO) 1:47

August 2019: Poliquin: “I’m Itching To Run Again To Right The Rank Voting Scam Which Gave My Win - Our Win - On Election Day To The Candidate Who Came In Second Place.”
2019 – 2021: Poliquin Continued To Criticize And Advocate Against Ranked-Choice Voting For Years After His 2018 Defeat

November 2019: Poliquin Claimed Ranked-Choice Voting Was A “Scam” That Resulted In Ballots Being Thrown Out In 2018 And Awarded Second-Place Finishers
Poliquin Said Ranked Choice Voting Was A “Scam” And A “Rip-Off” That Awarded The ME-02 Congressional Seat To The Race’s Second Place Finisher. POLIQUIN: “Ranked voting up here in Maine turned out to be the biggest voter rip-off in our state’s history. We’ve been using common sense one person, one vote, a constitutional way to do this, for 200 years up here and it worked just fine. No confusion, simple. The person that gets the most votes on election day wins, like myself. We won, but nine days later after this confusion of counting these votes again and again, this black box computer algorithm that gave the seat to the candidate that came in second. So I told them the truth. I said, you’ve got to look at this closely. The folks from the second district that I represented rejected it twice because it’s such a scam.” [WVOM, GHRT Rewind, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 11/18/19] (AUDIO) 1:47

Poliquin Discussed The Idea Of Finding Conservative Independents To Run In The ME-02 Congressional Race Who Would Tell Voters To Rank Poliquin Second. POLIQUIN: “Your thought process has to be something like this. Let’s find an independent who’s really a Republican and his or her only issue is the pro-life issue. Let’s make sure they get on the ballot and when people vote for them, make sure they vote for Bruce second. And let’s get someone whose only issue is the Second Amendment, and make sure when they vote for that individual, they vote for Bruce second, and so forth and so on. And on the Democrat side, Rick, it’s what they did in my election. Let’s get someone whose only issue is, pick an issue, animal rights, or the only issue is climate change. And so forth and so on and make sure they vote second place for the Democrat candidate.” [WVOM, GHRT Rewind, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 11/18/19] (AUDIO) 6:00

Poliquin Claimed There Were “Thousands And Thousands Of Ballots That Were Thrown Out” During The 2018 Congressional Election In ME-02. POLIQUIN: “There were thousands and thousands of ballots that were thrown out, spoiled ballots. We don’t know how many because they wouldn’t tell us. There were thousands of them. And in the end, the person who won this race did not get 50 percent of the votes cast. That’s what we were promised, you know, whoever wins is going to get 50 percent of the vote. Didn’t happen.” [WVOM, GHRT Rewind, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 11/18/19] (AUDIO) 7:54


November 2019: Poliquin Stated Ranked-Choice Voting System Yielded “Inherent” “Broken Promises, Confusion And Voter Fraud.” “The former congressman from Maine’s 2nd District, who lost his seat a year ago in the first federal race with ranked-choice voting, is speaking up in a bid to stymie the spread of an election system he views as ‘the biggest voter rip-off in Maine history.’ An outspoken critic of the system in Maine, Poliquin earlier this month urged a Massachusetts legislative committee looking into the possibility of adopting the system in the Bay State to ‘reject the broken promises, confusion and voter fraud inherent in rank voting. Don’t be hoodwinked like we were.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/19/19]

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• Poliquin Claimed The 2018 Campaign Proved Ranked-Choice Voting Did Not Diminish Influence Of Money In Politics And Was “The Nastiest On Record Up Here.” “Poliquin said the arguments for the change, including assertions it would ‘get big money out of political campaign’ and that races ‘would become more civil’ proved untrue. Instead, the race wound up costing more than $30 million and proved, Poliquin said, ‘the nastiest on record up here.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/19/19]

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April 2019: Poliquin Called Ranked-Choice Voting A “Scam” That Empowered Out-Of-State Interests. “Former U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin called ranked-choice voting a ‘complete scam’ puppeteered by out-of-state influences, speaking Tuesday evening in front of a Colby College audience. He shared his perspective on the process at a talk sponsored by Colby Republicans, a student organization. ‘It’s no longer the best candidate; it’s how you game the system,’ he said. Specifically, Poliquin said that the ranked-choice voting method gave the people who voted for the candidates with the fewest votes ‘a second bite of the apple.’ ‘You have more of a decision who gets seated in Congress even though you voted for people who are least representative of the district,’ he said.” [Kennebec Journal, 4/2/19]
Poliquin Claimed Ranked-Choice Voting “Was Introduced By Liberal Activists, Democratic Activists, To Make Sure They Win Elections Here In The State Of Maine.” “On Tuesday at Colby, Poliquin told a crowd of roughly 30 students and community members that John Arnold, a Texas billionaire, ‘funded a lot of initiatives, paid people to collect the signatures (to get ranked-choice voting on the ballot) and put the ads on.’ He emphasized that in 2016, when Maine voters approved ranked-choice voting, 26 percent of registered voters cast ballots on the referendum. The Committee for Ranked Choice Voting in Maine, which currently has 40 Republican endorsements on its website, lobbied for ranked-choice voting since at least 2015. ‘It was not introduced to get the best candidate,’ Poliquin said. ‘It was introduced by liberal activists, Democratic activists, to make sure they win elections here in the state of Maine.’” [Kennebec Journal, 4/2/19]

2020: Poliquin Said Ranked Choice Voting Was “Horrible,” “Unfair,” And Pushed By “Big Money, Out Of State Folks.” POLIQUIN: “I think it’s horrible. Here you see again ranked voting is a way for liberal candidates who pose as independents to harvest second place votes to push those second place votes, extra votes to the Democrat candidate so they can win close elections. This is not a Maine idea. Maine has always been one person, one vote. We did everything we could to deep six this thing but the big money, out of state folks come up here to influence how we live and how we vote, and they’re able to get this on the ballot. It is a real issue, and it’s unfair. Because all of a sudden it’s not head to head between the two best candidates. How do you game the system to scam a close election?” [WVOM, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 10/19/20] (AUDIO) 10:20

November 2020: Poliquin: “Rank Voting Was Designed By Out-Of-State Activists To Confuse And Discourage You From Going To The Polls And To Harvest 2nd Choice Votes To Win Close Elections For Liberal Candidates.” “Rank voting was designed by out-of-state activists to confuse and discourage you from going to the polls and to harvest 2nd choice votes to win close elections for liberal candidates. So, keep it simple and protect your vote by marking your choice for President Donald J. Trump in each of the columns 1-6 across the ballot left to right, as pictured below.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 10/22/20]

February 2020: Poliquin Claimed “Soros And These Other Billionaires Sent A Ton Of Money Up In Here” To Pass Ranked-Choice Voting. “This is not like in the past, where Soros and these other billionaires sent a ton of money up in here, and political activists were able to fool about 15% of registered voters in Maine. That’s how they passed this scam. Now everybody’s going to the polls during a presidential election and they can weigh in on this: repealrankedchoice.com.” [WVOM FM, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 2/17/20] (AUDIO) 4:02

2019 – 2020: Kennebec Journal Columnist And Ranked-Choice Advocates: Poliquin Lost In Ranked-Choice Voting Because He “Dismissed His Opponent’s Supporters”

Tom Waddell Column: Poliquin Lost In Ranked-Choice Voting Because He “Dismissed His Opponent’s Supporters.” “One thing Mainers like about ranked-choice voting is it encourages candidates to reach out to and understand their opponent’s base. We saw this process in action during the 2018 2nd District congressional election between Jared Golden, Bruce Poliquin and two independent candidates. Golden took the time to reach out to and understand his opponent’s supporters, but Poliquin dismissed his opponent’s supporters. The initial vote count showed Poliquin had a marginal lead, but when the two candidates with the least votes were eliminated and their supporters’ second choices were counted — the same process used in any run-off election — Golden earned more of those second-choice votes. Because Golden reached out to his opponent’s supporters and showed he understood their concerns, he won the election with more than 50% of the total votes cast. If Poliquin had recognized the benefits of ranked-choice voting and reached out to his opponent’s supporters, he may have won the election with the same voting system he wants to repeal.” [Kennebec Journal, Tom Waddell Column, 4/10/20]

- Waddell Column: “The Ranked-Choice Voting System Did Not Cause Poliquin To Lose The Election; His Inability To Reach Across The Aisle Did.” [Kennebec Journal, Tom Waddell Column, 4/10/20]

FairVote President Rob Richie: Poliquin Lost In 2018 Because “He Didn’t Run A Campaign Designed To Get Over 50 Percent.” “And Rob Richie, president of the Maryland-based nonprofit FairVote that helped push the new method of casting ballots, added, ‘I hope that the congressman will reflect on what seemed to be true: He
didn’t run a campaign designed to get over 50 percent.’ Richie said Poliquin ‘was publicly dismissive’ of the independents — Tiffany Bond and Will Hoar — and lost his chance to win over the nearly one in 10 voters who picked them first on Election Day. In a district ‘with more independent-minded swing voters than most,’ Richie said, ‘you need to do a better job seeking to represent more than half of them.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/19/19]

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February 2020: Poliquin: “PUSH STARTS TO REPEAL RANK VOTING SCAM FOR MAINE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS [...] Spread The Good Word!” “PUSH STARTS TO REPEAL RANK VOTING SCAM FOR MAINE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS [...] The Maine Constitution prohibits the Governor and State Legislators to be selected by rank voting. However, a couple years ago, out-of-state political activists poured millions of advertising dollars into Maine to convince a small minority of voters (15%) to pass the convoluted rank voting fraud. The black box process is used to harvest extra votes and change the common sense one-person, one-vote system used in the Pine Tree State for 200 years. Last year, a survey of registered GOP voters who did not go to the polls in 2018 said confusion over rank voting was the number one reason (26%). It’s not fair to monkey around with our sacred right to vote, and to confuse and discourage seniors from casting their ballots. Here’s our chance to deep six the rank voting scam for the presidential election on November 3 and, at the same time, allow nearly 700,000 expected voters to decide once-and-for-all the fate of rank voting in future presidential elections in Maine. Spread the good word!” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 2/4/20]

May 2020: Poliquin Advocated For A Petition To End Ranked-Choice Voting In Presidential Elections, Which He Claimed “Target[ed] President Donald Trump With The Rank Voting Trickery.” “Against tremendous odds, common sense Mainers are closing in on collecting the 65,000 signatures needed to end the confusing ranked choice voting scam for November’s presidential election. Last year, Governor Janet Mills and her far left Democrat majority in Augusta quietly passed a new law targeting President Donald Trump with the rank voting trickery. Maine voters of all political stripes have become alarmed about losing their one-person, one-vote Constitutional right. The confusing rank voting fraud was brought to the Pine Tree State by outside political activists backed by millions of dollars of special interest funding.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 5/21/20]

September 2020: After The Maine Supreme Court Denied The Petition, Poliquin Wrote, This “Unfair Decision Denies Tens Of Thousands Of Mainers Their Voice.” “However, today, the Maine Supreme Court overruled that decision saying two signature collectors did not register to vote in their towns before starting to collect the signatures, even though they did register before turning in their petitions. This unfair decision denies tens of thousands of Mainers their voice, and serves as a painful reminder of the importance to vote in every election.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 9/22/20]

March 2020: Poliquin Claimed That Under Ranked-Choice Voting People Could Cast Multiple Votes, Not All Votes Were Counted, And Seniors And Others Were Discouraged By The Process

Eventually Counted, And Some Are Not.” “Under ranked voting, citizens rank candidates in order of preference on one ballot. The first-choice votes are tallied, and, if a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in this round, that candidate wins. If nobody receives a majority in the first round, the last-place finisher is eliminated, and his or her votes are redistributed to the higher-performing candidates according to voters’ second choices. The process continues until more than 50% of the votes are assigned to one of the candidates. In other words, citizens can cast multiple votes. Some are eventually counted, and some are not.” [Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, Washington Examiner, 3/18/20]

3/18/20: Poliquin Editorial: “The Worst Unfairness Of Ranked Voting Is How It Confuses And Discourages Many Seniors And Others From Casting Ballots.” “The worst unfairness of ranked voting is how it confuses and discourages many seniors and others from casting ballots. After the 2018 election, a survey of GOP voters who decided not to go to the polls listed confusion over ranked voting (26%) as the main reason for not participating in the election. Our sacred constitutional right to vote should be easy, fair, and invite participation, not suppress it.” [Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, Washington Examiner, 3/18/20]

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Election Interference Allegations

November 2018: Poliquin Claimed Ballot Boxes Were Not Secured, But Never Filed A Complaint With Maine’s Secretary Of State Over The Allegation

Poliquin’s Campaign And Maine Republican Party Circulated Photos Of Ballot Boxes And Claimed They Were Unlocked. “Dunlap was responding to comments made Saturday by Brendan Conley, a spokesman for the campaign of U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-2nd District, whose contest against Democrat Jared Golden was not conclusive on Election Day and instead will be resolved by ranked-choice voting tabulations. Conley said ballot boxes appear to have been mishandled during the ranked-choice process underway in the state capital. He sent several photos to the Portland Press Herald that he claimed showed unlocked ballot boxes.” [Kennebec Journal, 11/12/18]

Maine Secretary Of State Dunlap: “Rest Assured, All Ballot Boxes Containing Actual Ballots Are Not Only Locked But Also Have A Serialized Seal That Cannot Be Reconnected.” “Dunlap, who has not seen the photos, said he has not received any complaints about unpaddedlock ballot boxes. He said Saturday night the state has a
‘very rigorous’ chain of custody for ballots, ‘from the printing press to when they're sealed in a ballot box and beyond.’ He also said the boxes that arrived in Augusta without locks contained material irrelevant to the ranked-choice tabulation, such as voter lists. ‘Rest assured, all ballot boxes containing actual ballots are not only locked but also have a serialized seal that cannot be reconnected,’ the Secretary of State's Office tweeted Saturday night. ‘The chain of custody for Mainers’ ballots is very strict and anyone involved in the transport process must sign off on it.’” [Kennebec Journal, 11/12/18]

Maine Secretary Of State Said His Office Did Not Receive Any Complaints About Allegedly Unpadlocked Ballot Boxes. “Dunlap was responding to comments made Saturday by Brendan Conley, a spokesman for the campaign of Poliquin, R-2nd District, whose contest against Democrat Jared Golden was not conclusive on Election Day and instead will be resolved by ranked-choice voting tabulations. Conley said ballot boxes appear to have been mishandled during the ranked-choice process underway in the state capital. […] Dunlap, who has not seen the photos, said he has not received any complaints about unpadlocked ballot boxes.” [Portland Press Herald, 11/11/18]

• Lewiston Sun Journal’s Bill Nemitz: Poliquin And The Maine Republican Party Did Not File Complaints About Alleged Breaches In Ballot Security “Because, As They Well Know, There Were None.” “Yet for all their rumor mongering about a system that in fact performed perfectly, Poliquin and the Republicans have yet to file a formal complaint laying out their allegations about breaches in ballot security. That’s because, as they well know, there were none.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Bill Nemitz Column, 11/16/18]

November 2018: Poliquin Claimed A Bangor Clerk Illegally Counted Absentee Ballots Without Supervision; Maine Secretary Of State Said No Such Complaint Was Filed

Poliquin Spokesperson Claimed A Bangor Polling Clerk “Was Tabulating Absentee Ballots On Her Own And Without Any Election Monitoring, Which Is Illegal.” “U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin's campaign on Saturday said it's clear the congressman won a third term in Tuesday's election and expressed concerns about the handling of ballots during the ranked-choice voting tabulation now underway in Augusta. Brendan Conley, a spokesman for Poliquin, said the concerns are related to the ballots and ballot boxes that arrived in Augusta, including some that were missing locks. ‘There is also a report of a clerk at the Bangor polling station who was tabulating absentee ballots on her own and without any election monitoring, which is illegal,’ Conley said in an email. ‘These are certainly concerning.’” [Portland Press Herald, 11/10/18]

• Maine Republican Party Executive Director Recorded Video Of Bangor City Clerk That Purportedly Showed Her Illegally Tabulating Votes. “[Executive Director of the Maine Republican Party Jason] Savage said he videotaped the clerk at the Bangor polling place on election night counting absentee ballots without election monitoring. He said the video was sent to the Secretary of State's Office.” [Kennebec Journal, 11/12/18]

Maine Secretary Of State Matthew Dunlap Stated He Did Not Receive A Complaint About The Bangor Polling Station. “Dunlap has said he received no complaints about the issue at the Bangor polling station.” [Kennebec Journal, 11/12/18]

November 2018: Poliquin Falsely Claimed Voting Tabulation Software Distorted Votes And Requested A Hand Recount Of Ballots, Then Retracted The Request With The Recount In Progress

Poliquin’s Spokesperson Claimed “Black Box” Elections Software Distorted Votes

Poliquin’s Spokesperson Claimed “Black Box” Elections Software Distorted Votes: “No One Is Able To Review The Software Or Computer Algorithm Used By A Computer To Determine Elections.” “[Poliquin spokesperson Brendan] Conley said Poliquin has ‘heard from countless Maine voters who were confused and even frightened their votes did not count due to computer-engineered rank voting. ‘Furthermore, we have become aware
that the computer software and ‘black box’ voting system utilized by the secretary of state is secret,’ he said. ‘No one is able to review the software or computer algorithm used by a computer to determine elections. This artificial intelligence is not transparent.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/26/18]

- Poliquin: “I Think It's Time That We Have Real Ballots, Counted By Real People. Real Ballots Counted By Real People, Instead Of This Black Box That Computes Who Wins And Who Loses.” [Bangor Daily News, 12/2/18]

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Maine’s Secretary Of State Said The Software Had Been “Used For Years” And Denied The Election Results Had Been Distorted
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Maine’s Secretary Of State Denied That Election Results Were Distorted By Software That The State “Has Used For Years.” “Dunlap scoffed at the secrecy argument. He said Poliquin’s campaign asked about the software used to count the ballots and was told the state had to keep details confidential for security purposes. ‘You don’t put something like that out there for hackers to use,’ Dunlap said. He said the state paid Nebraska-based Election Systems & Software, which the state has used for years, to come up with the software needed to count the paper ballots Maine relies on. Dunlap said the tabulators in past recounts have proven 99.9 percent accurate and he expects that will happen once again with the congressional recount.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/26/18]

December 2018: A Bates College Professor Used Publicly Available Raw Election Data To Recreate Maine Secretary Of State’s Vote Totals To One Hundredth Of A Percent. “The Maine secretary of state's office has published all the election results on its website — every ballot, every ranking in every town. It's all there in massive data files that can be inspected and downloaded. So [Bates College Chair of Economics Nathan] Tefft took that data and plugged it into Python, a program that allows users to write code that calculates the data — in this case, to simulate the ranked-choice election. Now, it's true that the software the state uses is proprietary. But the rules that are used by that software are just as public as the election results. ‘Because the rules are publicly available I could implement those rules myself and then replicate the process directly,’ he said. So that's what Teft did, plugging in rules for all the various ballot scenarios. After about six hours, Tefft came up with a final tally for the election and the runoff: Golden received 50.62 percent of the vote, and Poliquin received 49.38 percent. The state results? 50.62 percent for Golden, 49.38 for Poliquin. ‘Yeah, it's just math,’ Teft said.” [Bangor Daily News, 12/2/18]

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11/26/18: Poliquin Requested A Recount Of The Election By Hand By Maine’s Secretary Of State, Citing Concerns With The “Transparency Of The ‘Computer-Engineered’ Ranked-Choice Voting Results.” “Secretary of state's office estimates hand recount could take up to 1 month Republican U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin requested a recount Monday of results in Maine's 2nd Congressional District race, citing concerns about the transparency of the ‘computer-engineered’ ranked-choice voting results. To overturn the election results, Poliquin will have to erase a more than 3,500-vote lead Democrat Jared Golden holds after the nation's first use of ranked-choice voting to decide a congressional election. In a statement, Poliquin's campaign talked about ‘frightened’ voters as well as the use of ‘artificial intelligence’ and ‘black box’ voting systems to decide the outcome of Maine's historic election.” [Portland Press Herald, 11/26/18]

- 11/26/18: Poliquin: “The Computer Software And ‘BLACK-BOX’ Voting System Utilized By The Secretary Of State Is Secret. […] Today, We Are Proceeding With A Traditional Ballot Recount Conducted By Real People.” “BREAKING: We have heard from countless Maine voters who were confused and even frightened their votes did not count due to computer-engineered rank voting. Furthermore, we have become aware that the computer software and "BLACK-BOX" voting system utilized by the Secretary of State is secret. No one is able to review the software or computer algorithm used by a computer to determine elections. This artificial intelligence is not transparent. Therefore, today, we are proceeding with a traditional ballot recount conducted by real people. - Poliquin for Congress, the Poliquin campaign.”
11/27/18: Poliquin On Recount: “This Is Not About Who Wins Or Loses This Election.”  “Republican U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin said Tuesday that a recount in his failed re-election bid is necessary to make sure every vote is counted by hand under Maine's new election system. A day after requesting a recount, Poliquin reiterated his distrust of the ‘black box computer algorithm’ that calculated the final election tally. He told reporters that ‘this is not about who wins or loses this election.’  ‘It would be a heck of a lot easier to walk away from this,’ Poliquin said.” [Associated Press, 11/27/18]

The Recount Could Have Prevented Maine’s Secretary Of State From Certifying Election Results Before Congressional Swearing-In And Left Maine’s Second District Seat Vacant. “Poliquin asked for the recount Nov. 26 after Golden was declared the winner. Poliquin also has filed a lawsuit in federal court challenging the constitutionality of the ranked-choice system. Courtney Parella, a spokeswoman in Washington, D.C., for the Committee on House Administration, said Thursday that Golden has been participating in new member orientation and was assigned an office suite but wouldn't be sworn in without an election certificate from the state.  ‘We swear in based on when we receive the certificate of election from the state, so until we receive that, the office will remain vacant,’ Parella said. But Kristen Muszynski, a spokeswoman for Maine Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap, said Dunlap would not issue an election certificate in the race until the recount was completed or ended -- a process that could take up to four weeks. However, the recount will break for the holiday week of Dec. 24, and resume on Jan. 3, the date when members of Congress will be sworn into office.” [Portland Press Herald, 12/7/18]

12/14/18: Poliquin Retracted His Request For A Hand Recount Of Election Results And Was Required To Reimburse The State $14,560.52 For The Costs Associated Since The Recount Did Not Alter The Results

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Poliquin was required to reimburse the state for the costs associated since the recount did not alter the election results. Kristen Muszynski, spokeswoman for Secretary of State Matt Dunlap, said work on the recount halted around 11 a.m. Friday after her office received a call from Poliquin’s campaign. By that point, the recount teams from both campaigns as well as Dunlap’s staff had gone through 165,000 ballots from 320 municipalities, which represents more than 50 percent of the nearly 300,000 ballots cast on Election Day. Poliquin will be required to reimburse the state
for the costs of the recount because it did not change the outcome, per state law. Muszynski said her office did not have a cost estimate yet.” [Portland Press Herald, 12/14/18]

- **Poliquin Had To Pay $14,560.52 For The Recount, Including A $5,000 Deposit He Paid For The Recount Started.** “Outgoing U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin will have to pay a balance of $9,560 for the 2nd House District recount, which concluded last week, Secretary of State Matt Dunlap said Thursday. […] The recount cost $14,560.52, which includes the $5,000 deposit Poliquin's campaign was required to pay before the ballot re-examination began, Dunlap said. The total amount covers pay for the time it took for Maine State Police troopers to retrieve roughly 296,000 ballots across the far-reaching district — $12,114.36 — and the more than six business days state staff spent overseeing the hand-counting those ballots, which was completed by Poliquin and Golden campaign volunteers — $2,446.16. Poliquin's campaign was also required to provide food for election workers each day of the recount, which amounted to about $150 a day, Dunlap said.” [Bangor Daily News, 12/20/18]

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- **Poliquin: Republican Voters Stayed Home Because They Were Confused About Ranked-Choice Voting In A “Glaring Instance Of Voter Suppression.”** “Poliquin said the No. 1 reason why many GOP voters opted to stay home on Election Day last year was ‘rank vote confusion.’ “Not a day goes by without a fellow Mainer stopping me in the grocery store or at Dunkin’ Donuts to complain about the unfair and confusing process, and angry about his or her sacred vote not counting,’ he said. Poliquin called it ‘a glaring instance of voter suppression, unintended or not.’ Bond called the notion that votes were suppressed ‘absolutely stupid. I met no one who found it confusing.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/19/19]

- **November 2018: Poliquin Claimed Ranked-Choice Voting Led To “Huge” Lines At The Polls And Long Wait Times.** “And I think that’s one of the reasons it took so long to vote on Election Day. I was up at the Bangor polling station, the largest one in our district, from about seven in the morning til eight at night, in fact I was there from seven in the morning til eight at night. And the lines were huge, it took […] forever. Some folks were waiting one to two hours, some folks just gave up and left because it was so long. Now, one of the reasons is because voter turnout was so high. The second is because of this chaotic rank voice process that has never been used here in the state of Maine before.” [News Center Maine YouTube, 11/27/18] (VIDEO) 5:23

Portland Press Herald: Poliquin’s Campaign Could Not Provide Evidence For Its Claims Of Chaos At The Polls Other Than Social Media Comments. “However, Poliquin's campaign couldn't provide any evidence of chaos or confusion on Election Day other than to point to comments on social media and the campaign's Facebook page. And clerks from a half-dozen larger towns in the 2nd District disagreed with - and sometimes chuckled at - Poliquin's portrayal of the election. Media organizations in Maine did not report on any widespread problems or confusion during or immediately after the election.” [Portland Press Herald, 11/27/18]

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“Maine’s secretary of state fired back at critics – including Poliquin’s campaign and his lawyers – for characterizing the process of gathering and preparing ballots for the ranked-choice tabulations as ‘confusing’ and ‘chaotic.’ The entire process was closely watched – and often videotaped – by attorneys from both campaigns as well as members of the media. ‘To characterize this, as it has been characterized, as ‘chaotic,’ ‘confusing’ and I believe the word ‘circus’ has been used … it just demeaned what the voters have done,’ said Dunlap, a Democrat. ‘And anybody who has doubts about this process is welcome to come to these public forums and watch us do our work.’” [Portland Press Herald, 11/15/18]

November 2018: Poliquin Claimed Thousands Of Ballots Were “Set Aside” On Election Day And That There Were “Hundreds Of Additional Votes” That Could Have Been Overlooked, Both Claims That Maine’s Secretary Of State Denied

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11/27/18: Poliquin Claimed “Thousands And Thousands” Of Ballots Were Set Aside On Election Day, Which Was “Very, Very Unusual.” “Poliquin on Tuesday tried to cast doubt on the election results. He said his campaign received reports from ‘hundreds of people’ about confusion with the new ranked voting system, including conflicting instructions to voters at the polls. Poliquin also claimed that ‘thousands and thousands’ of ballots were set aside. ‘That is very, very unusual,’ he said.” [Associated Press, 11/27/18]

11/27/18: Poliquin: “IN A SHOCKING DEVELOPMENT The Secretary Of State Claims To Have Found New Rank Votes On The Eve Of The Recount Deadline.” “IN A SHOCKING DEVELOPMENT the Secretary of State claims to have found new Rank Votes on the eve of the recount deadline. These new Rank Votes, counted apparently with no observers using the computerized Rank Vote process, the Democrat Secretary of State said increases my political opponent’s Rank Vote total by hundreds of votes. What is still certain however is that I received the most votes under the ‘one-person, one-vote’ standard on Election Day. This is very concerning and casts further doubt and confusion over the entire Rank election process.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 11/27/18]
Maine Secretary Of State Spokesperson: “There Have Not Been Any Ballots Set Aside.” “But a spokeswoman for Democratic Secretary Matt Dunlap said that's incorrect. ‘There have not been any ballots set aside,’ Kristen Schulze Muszynski said.” [Associated Press, 11/27/18]

Poliquin Claimed “Hundreds Of Additional Votes” Could Have Been Overlooked, Which Maine’s Secretary Of State Denied


11/26/18: Maine Secretary Of State’s Office Released Corrected Vote Totals After It Discovered 6,100 Ballots Had Been Fed Into An Incompatible Tabulation Machine In First Tally Of Votes. “When Secretary of State Matt Dunlap recently certified the results of the race, Democrat Jared Golden’s lead over Republican incumbent U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin was 600 votes more than the number announced Nov. 15 following the ranked-choice tally. The bump gave the victor a lead of more than 3,500 votes. […] The votes from six towns, though, were always there, state officials said. They hadn’t been counted properly because of a glitch in the system that elections workers didn’t discover until just before they went home for Thanksgiving vacation, according to Kristen Muszynski, Dunlap’s communications director. More than 6,100 ExpressVote ballots from the towns — Monroe, Blue Hill, Otis, Van Buren, Mars Hill and Brewer — had been mistakenly fed into a tabulating machine that couldn’t actually count them, she said.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/27/18]

Maine Secretary Of State Spokesperson: “This Is Nothing New Or Different Than What We Do For Every Other Election.” “Dunlap's office on Monday sent out official results that included about 6,000 additional votes that weren’t included in that tally. Officials said the error occurred due to votes not uploading properly into election software at polling places in six cities. Maine's official results show Golden won with 142,440 votes and Poliquin with 138,931 votes. ‘This is nothing new or different than what we do for every other election,’ Muszynski said. ‘It’s part of the work to make sure everything's accurate.’” [Associated Press, 11/27/18]

December 2018: Poliquin Claimed Voters In Maine’s 1st Congressional District Received Ballots That Allowed Them To Vote In Maine’s 2nd District Race, Which Maine’s Secretary Of State Denied

Maine Republican Party Released Statements From 17 Voters From Maine’s 1st Congressional District Who Claimed Their Ballots Allowed Them To Vote In Maine’s 2nd Congressional District Race

12/8/18: Maine Republican Party Released Statements From 17 Voters From Maine’s 1st Congressional District Who Claimed Their Ballots Allowed Them To Vote In Maine’s 2nd Congressional District Race. “[Maine Republican] party released a sheaf of sworn statements on Thursday from 17 voters -- several of them related to each other -- in Boothbay Harbor, Boothbay, Edgecomb and Trevett. The voters say they believe they turned in ballots for Maine's 2nd Congressional District election, which pitted incumbent Republican Bruce Poliquin against three challengers: Democrat Jared Golden and independents Tiffany Bond and William Hoar.” [Portland Press Herald, 12/7/18]

- 12/6/18: Poliquin And Maine Republican Party Claimed To “Have Spoken To Over 15 People In Maine's 1st Congressional District Who Say They Received Ballots For The Wrong District.” “US Rep. Bruce Poliquin and the Maine Republican Party have raised yet another concerns with the election in Poliquin's district. Specifically, they report they have spoken to over 15 people in Maine's 1st Congressional District who say they received ballots for the wrong district.” [Independent Voter Network, 12/6/18]

All Claims Of Second District Ballots Distributed To The First District Surfaced After Election Day. “There is a varying degree of certainty in the affidavits and it doesn't seem as though any complaints were raised until after Election Day. Affidavits came from 17 voters who are certain to varying degrees that they had the wrong ballot.
Some signed form affidavits saying they ‘swear’ they voted for U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, who lost the 2nd District race to Democrat Jared Golden. A married couple said they were ‘nearly positive’ they did. Another vote said he ‘did not realize it at the time but I now know’ he voted in the wrong race.” [Bangor Daily News, 12/7/18]

### Poliquin Amplified The Maine Republican Party’s Claims That First District Voters Were Able To Vote In The Second District’s Election

**12/6/18: Poliquin Called The Maine Republican Party’s Claims That First District Voters Were Able To Vote In The Second District’s Election “Very Concerning.”** "MORE BREAKING ELECTION BALLOT CONCERNS: Today the Maine Republican Party released signed - and notarized - affidavits from 15+ Maine citizens in the 1st Congressional District stating they were given ballots to vote in Maine's 2nd Congressional District on Election Day. Additionally, other voters in the Boothbay Harbor area have reported on their official Town Facebook page they were also given 2nd District ballots to vote for Congress even though the live in the 1st Congressional District. This is very concerning.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 12/6/18]

### Maine’s Secretary Of State Spokesperson: Any Outstanding Ballots From Maine’s 1st Congressional District Voters Would Be Discounted In The Hand Recount

Maine’s Secretary Of State Spokesperson: Tabulators In Maine’s 1st Congressional District Would Not Be Able To Read Votes Cast In Maine’s 2nd Congressional District Race. “I reached out to Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap's office for comment on this and whether or not such claims made any consequential impact on the results in Maine's 2nd Congressional District. Here is what spokeswoman Kristen Muszynski told me: ‘In the towns that use tabulators, (Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor) their memory sticks are programmed and tested to only accept the ballot style for that municipality (including, in these cases, only Congressional District 1). If the printing contractor had mistakenly included a few ballots that are the wrong ballot style for that municipality (occasionally it can happen when ballots are being cut and shrink wrapped), the tabulator would not accept it – it would be incapable of reading it – and would have given an error message on the screen and required the ballot to be returned.’” [Independent Voter Network, 12/6/18]

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### December 2018: Poliquin Claimed Ranked-Choice Voting System Resulted In More Voters Failing To Select A Candidate In His Congressional Race, Which The Lewiston Sun Journal Disproved
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### Poliquin Claimed The Ranked-Choice Voting System Caused A Sharp Increase In The Number Of Voters Failing To Select A Candidate In His Congressional Race

**December 2018: Poliquin Claimed Ranked-Choice Voting System Resulted In More Voters Failing To Select A Candidate In His Congressional Race.** “During a press conference last week at the Portland’s International Jetport, the two-term Republican, who is challenging his defeat, said one of his concerns is Maine’s new voting system caused a sharp increase in the number of ballots for which voters failed to pick someone in Maine’s 2nd District congressional race. ‘There are thousands and thousands of underballots that have been put aside,’ Poliquin said. ‘That is very, very unusual.’ The incumbent, who lost to Democrat Jared Golden of Lewiston, said in a typical race there ‘might be a few hundred’ ballots that are left blank. ‘But here, there’ve been thousands and thousands of underballots,’ Poliquin said. ‘And how do you deal with those? That’s an issue.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Steve Collins Column, 12/3/18]

### The Lewiston Sun Journal Reported That Underballots In Maine’s 2nd District Were More Common During Poliquin’s Successful Elections Than The One He Lost In 2018

**Lewiston Sun Journal’s Steve Collins: Underballots In Maine’s 2nd Congressional District Were More Common In Poliquin’s Successful 2014 And 2016 Elections Than In 2018.** “The reality, though, is voters in this election cast more ballots indicating a preference in Poliquin’s race than they did in both 2014 and 2016, the two races the Oakland Republican won. Rob Richie, president of Fair Vote, a group devoted to overhauling the way American election operate, said numbers distributed by Maine’s Secretary of State’s Office showed there were more than twice as many blank votes in the 2016 congressional contest as there were this year. The numbers he cited for races in 2014, 2016 and 2018 match up with results released by the Secretary of State Matt Dunlap. Richie said statistics show in 2014, when Poliquin was first elected, 11,532 voters in the district who cast ballots but did not select anyone in the congressional race. Two years ago, there were 12,703 voters who did not make a pick in the congressional race when Poliquin defeated Democrat Emily Cain. This year, 6,018 ballots were cast by voters who left the congressional race blank on their ballots, Rich said.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Steve Collins Column, 12/3/18]

### Judge Lance Walker Discounted Testimony That Argued More Voters Failed To Choose A Viable Candidate

**Judge Lance Walker Discounted Testimony That Argued More Voters Failed To Choose A Viable Candidate Since It Assumed “That Those Voters Are Cognitively Unable To Fill Out A RCV Ballot.”**

“Further, I am not persuaded by Dr. Gimpel’s testimony which attributes inherent virtue in the forced simplicity of two-party access to the ballot, thereby making easier the voters’ choice. He testified to what he perceived as a troubling reality that Maine has a low threshold for non-party candidates to gain access to the ballot. His thesis, as I understand it, is that by allowing for choices among several non-major-party candidates, voter turnout is likely to be comprised of a greater percentage of low-information voters, which apparently makes more likely that those voters are cognitively unable to fill out a RCV ballot.” [Judge Walker Judgment, Barber et al v. Dunlap et al, First Circuit Court of Appeals, PACER, 12/13/18]

- **Judge Walker: The Testimony Was “Not Grounded In Anything Approaching A Reliable Standard That May Be Informative Of The Constitutional Questions.”** “In addition to being cynical, these conclusions are not grounded in anything approaching a reliable standard that may be informative of the constitutional questions. They are instead provocative reactions to a new system of selecting representatives to Congress, and such reactions often are the byproduct of change. Dr. Gimpel’s testimony left me with the impression of a panel debate among political scientists in a nascent field of study. To his credit, Dr, Gimpel conceded that he has not discussed the RCV experience with a single Maine voter but would like to conduct such a study. In the meantime, I simply am unable to credit his testimony any weight on the constitutional issues before the Court.” [Judge Walker Judgment, Barber et al v. Dunlap et al, First Circuit Court of Appeals, PACER, 12/13/18]
Poliquin’s Campaign Did Not Submit Any Complaints To Maine’s Secretary Of State Regarding The Issues It Claimed Compromised The 2018 Election

When Asked If The Campaign Would File Any Complaints With Maine’s Secretary Of State, Poliquin’s Spokesperson Directed Questions To The Maine Republican Party, Then Stopped Responding. “Asked whether the Poliquin campaign had concerns about ballots before heading into RCV or if the campaign planned to file a complaint with the Secretary of State’s Office, Conley referred questions to Savage. Savage said the party would let candidates file official complaints. Conley did not respond to a follow-up email asking whether the campaign planned to do so.” [Ellsworth American, 11/12/18]

- When Asked If The Maine Republican Party Would File Any Complaints With Maine’s Secretary Of State, The Party’s Executive Director Said It Would Let Poliquin’s Campaign File Them. “Jason Savage, executive director of the Maine Republican Party, said in an email that ‘We do not have evidence of vote tampering. We are not making an accusation of vote tampering.’ [...] Asked whether the Poliquin campaign had concerns about ballots before heading into RCV or if the campaign planned to file a complaint with the Secretary of State’s Office, Conley referred questions to Savage. Savage said the party would let candidates file official complaints.” [Ellsworth American, 11/12/18]

As Of November 12, 2018, A Spokesperson For Maine’s Secretary Of State Said The Office “Had Received No Correspondence From The Poliquin Campaign.” “‘We did have a few clerks forget to put the padlock on,’ said Maine Secretary of State’s Office spokeswoman Kristen Muszynski, ‘but the seal is a more important component.’ [...] Any resident can file a complaint with the Secretary of State’s Office, said Muszynski, who added that the office had received no correspondence from the Poliquin campaign.” [Ellsworth American, 11/12/18]

Maine Secretary Of State Matthew Dunlap Stated He Did Not Receive A Complaint About The Bangor Polling Station, Where Poliquin’s Spokesperson Alleged A Clerk Counted Ballots Without Monitoring. “Conley said ballot boxes appear to have been mishandled during the ranked-choice process underway in the state capital. He sent several photos to the Portland Press Herald that he claimed showed unlocked ballot boxes. He also claimed there was a report of a clerk at a polling station in Bangor who was counting absentee ballots without any election monitoring, which is illegal. [...] Dunlap has said he received no complaints about the issue at the Bangor polling station.” [Kennebec Journal, 11/12/18]

Maine Secretary Of State Said His Office Did Not Receive Any Complaints About Allegedly Unpadlocked Ballot Boxes. “Dunlap was responding to comments made Saturday by Brendan Conley, a spokesman for the campaign of Poliquin, R-2nd District, whose contest against Democrat Jared Golden was not conclusive on Election Day and instead will be resolved by ranked-choice voting tabulations. Conley said ballot boxes appear to have been mishandled during the ranked-choice process underway in the state capital. [...] Dunlap, who has not seen the photos, said he has not received any complaints about unpadlocked ballot boxes.” [Portland Press Herald, 11/11/18]

Maine’s Secretary Of State And Editorialists: Poliquin Damaged Faith In Elections Through His Lawsuit And Misleading Criticism Of Ranked-Choice Voting

Maine Secretary Of State Dunlap On Poliquin’s Election Interference Allegations: “It Could Get People Thinking There Is Something Wrong”

Maine Secretary Of State Dunlap On Poliquin’s Election Interference Allegations: “It Could Get People Thinking There Is Something Wrong.” “Maine Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap criticized the campaign of U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin on Sunday for its allegations about mishandled ballot boxes, saying the charges could cause voters to lose confidence in the voting system. ‘I feel like I should reach out to the campaign and say, ‘Let us
do our work before you assume there is something nefarious happening.” Dunlap said.” [Kennebec Journal, 11/12/18]

- Dunlap: Poliquin’s Campaign Told Media Of Alleged Election Interference Instead Of Filing Complaints With His Office: “I Am Pretty Frustrated By This.” Dunlap said Sunday that Poliquin's campaign has raised no complaints or sent any photographs of the mishandling of ballot boxes to him. ‘Rather than ask questions, they are going to the media. My entire stock in trade here is based not on the outcome of the election but on voter confidence. I am pretty frustrated by this,’ Dunlap said.” [Kennebec Journal, 11/12/18]

Portland Press Herald Editorial Board: Poliquin Was “Undermining Democracy And The Rule Of Law For His Own Gain” By Claiming Victory In 2018 Race

Portland Press Herald Editorial Board: Poliquin Was “Undermining Democracy And The Rule Of Law For His Own Gain” By Claiming Victory In 2018 Race. “In other words, Maine voters wanted federal elections run with ranked-choice voting, and the Constitution doesn’t forbid it, so that’s the way it is. Everything else – including all the allegations pushed by Poliquin – is just noise. That includes the repeated assertion that because Poliquin received the most votes in the first round – that he got ‘more votes on Election Day’ – he was somehow entitled to the seat. With this claim, Poliquin is simply undermining democracy and the rule of law for his own gain. But those ‘Election Day’ numbers are essentially meaningless – Poliquin didn’t get the first-round majority needed to win. Besides, who knows how people would have voted if ranked-choice voting hadn’t been in play?” [Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 12/28/18]

Greg Kesich Editorial: Poliquin “Attack[ed] The Honesty And Trustworthiness Of The Election Process Itself.” Poliquin made a rare public appearance to declare that he “won the constitutional ‘one person, one vote’ election,” which is nonsense, not least because the phrase “one person, one vote” isn’t even in the Constitution. But we do have the 14th Amendment, which guarantees equal protection of the law. That’s a standard that this vote-counting system meets, whether you like it or not. Advertisement It’s easy to write off all the griping as the kind of thing that people say when their candidate loses a close election. But what’s happening here could be more sinister. Poliquin isn’t just challenging a controversial election reform. He’s attacking the honesty and trustworthiness of the election process itself.” [Portland Press Herald, Greg Kesich Editorial, 12/9/18]


Lewiston Sun Journal’s Bill Nemitz: Poliquin “Resorted To Seeding Groundless Doubt About The Integrity Of The Election”

Lewiston Sun Journal’s Bill Nemitz: Poliquin “Resorted To Seeding Groundless Doubt About The Integrity Of The Election” After Losing Under Ranked-Choice Voting System. “In other words, the man simply refuses to lose. What's worse, as his lawsuit careens toward a crash landing before Judge Walker sometime next month, Poliquin's campaign has resorted to seeding groundless doubt about the integrity of the election itself.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Bill Nemitz Column, 11/16/18]

Kennebec Journal Editorial Board Headline: “Poliquin Should Stop Trashing The Election”


- Kennebec Journal Editorial Board: “It Does No Good For Maine To Have A Member Of Congress
Claim — Without Evidence — That Our Elections Are Rigged.” “We expect that Poliquin will lose his case, but he was right to bring this challenge, because unsubstantiated claims about the constitutionality of ranked-choice voting will be a distraction until the questions are decided in court. But it does no good for Maine to have a member of Congress claim — without evidence — that our elections are rigged. People need to accept that elections are honest, and that starts with the candidates who lose.” [Kennebec Journal, Editorial Board, 11/29/18]

- Kennebec Journal Editorial Board: “It’s Time For Poliquin To Let His Lawyers Do The Talking And Go Back To Wherever He’s Been Hiding From Cameras And Reporters Since Taking Office Four Years Ago.” [Kennebec Journal, Editorial Board, 11/29/18]

- Kennebec Journal Editorial Board: Poliquin Was “ Trying To Stir Up Public Panic About The Honesty Of Maine’s Elections” With “Hysterical Squawking” Because He Lost. “But Poliquin is not only suing, but also demanding a recount of every ballot and trying to stir up public panic about the honesty of Maine’s elections. The megaphone of the Maine Republican Party is amplifying Poliquin’s false alarms, claiming that his voters were confused and frightened by a ballot that asked whether they wanted to express a second choice. While the lawsuit seeks to resolve questions and create a predictable path forward, Poliquin’s hysterical squawking about ‘artificial intelligence’ and a secret ‘algorithm’ just sows chaos and distrust. Poliquin is a sophisticated, Harvard-trained investment banker, and he knows that there is no ‘algorithm’ at work, just simple arithmetic. He has a right to make sure that the election was honest, but the people of Maine also have rights, chief among them that Poliquin won’t use his position of trust to poison public confidence in the whole system just because he may have lost the election.” [Kennebec Journal, Editorial Board, 11/29/18]


- First-Time Voter’s Editorial: Poliquin’s “Efforts To Change The Result Of Maine’s Second Congressional District’s Election Perilous For Our Democratic Process.” “Democracy requires fair voting processes and clear rules. It’s healthy and necessary to debate the best system for conducting elections, but it is unfair to change the rules once the outcome is known. For that reason, Bruce Poliquin’s recent lawsuit against ranked choice voting was misguided, and his efforts to change the result of Maine’s Second Congressional District’s election perilous for our democratic process.” [Emmett Shell Op-Ed, Lewiston Sun Journal, 12/16/18]

- Editorial: “Poliquin’s Efforts To Change The Results Of The Election Would Have Disenfranchised Me And Thousands Of Fellow Mainers Like Me Who Voted For [Independents] Bond Or Hoar.” “Poliquin’s efforts to change the results of the election would have disenfranchised me and thousands of fellow Mainers like me who voted for Bond or Hoar. Not only was Poliquin trying to change the rules after the game ends, but he was trying to change a good rule that was agreed upon by all four candidates and affirmed twice by the citizens of Maine.” [Emmett Shell Op-Ed, Lewiston Sun Journal, 12/16/18]

- Op-Ed: “Young Voters In Maine, Like Me, Need To Know That Our Elected Officials Are Doing Everything In Their Power To Make Sure Our Votes Count” And “Poliquin Should Be Among Them.” “In this election, more than any midterm in recent history, energized voters from both sides of the aisle sent participation skyrocketing. Young people like me were particularly engaged. The national voting rate among 18- to 29-year-olds increased from 18 percent to 29 percent, the highest percentage in a midterm for more than three decades for this age group. More than voting, we worked on campaigns, talked to our friends, and collectively played a bigger role than usual in deciding our own future. Our national focus now needs to be toward retaining this energy, not finding ways to suppress and discount votes. Young voters in Maine, like me, need to know that our elected officials are doing everything in their power to make sure our votes count. As our congressman, Poliquin should be among them.” [Emmett Shell Op-Ed, Lewiston Sun Journal, 12/16/18]
Vote-By-Mail

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9/22/20: Poliquin Warned Of A Contested Election Due To “Unsecured Universal Mail-In Voting.”

“Upcoming SCOTUS session starts in 2 weeks. President & Senate should abide by Constitution and replace late Justice Ginsburg as soon as possible. A full 9-member bench is needed to decide important issues like possible contested election due to unsecured universal mail-in voting.”

[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 9/22/20]
• 8/18/20: Poliquin: Vote-By-Mail Sent Ballots To “People Who Have Died, Moved Away Or Don’t Want To Vote!” “Let’s [sic] stop pretending that absentee voting is the same as mail-in voting. One requires a request for a ballot, the other requires ballots to be mailed out to anyone on the voter rolls -- including people who have died, moved away or don't want to vote! https://t.co/bPxjIfq66G?amp=1”

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9/15/20: Poliquin Claimed The 2020 Election Could Be “Determined By Liberal Vote Harvesting Schemes” And Encouraged Republicans To Volunteer As Poll Watchers. “Pleased to see @mainegop and Trump Victory asking for volunteers to sign up to be trained as poll watchers on November 3. The future of our state and country should not be determined by liberal vote harvesting schemes like the one being pushed by Alliance for Retired Americans.”

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August 2020: Poliquin: “Mail-In Voting Is Simply Too Susceptible To Fraud.” “The media should start telling the truth about the big difference between secure time-tested absentee voting and unsecured universal mail-in
3/13/21: Poliquin Claimed Vote-By-Mail Access During The 2020 Election Led To Ballot Harvesting By “Political Activists” And Inaccurate Voter Rolls. “Before Election Day 2020, a number of states used their pandemic lockdowns as a reason to change the way residents were required to vote and how to count the ballots. Nevada politicians joined peers in other battleground states to blanket mail live ballots to reportedly inaccurate voter rolls even when residents did not request them. Political activists were allowed to go door-to-door to “harvest” those ballots and, presumably, turn them (or some of them) over to election officials. Swing states Michigan and Wisconsin used unmonitored ballot drop boxes. By passing H.R.1, Democrats in Congress want to allow, and encourage, every state to use this sloppy, unsecure process.” [Portland Press Herald, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 3/13/21]


- Poliquin: The For The People Act Would Foster An “Election Circus” By Allowing Extra Time To Count Ballots. “Last November, some states permitted ballots to be counted long after Election Day. Pennsylvania kept counting for three additional days. The election circus unfolded as stakeholders challenged the safekeeping of uncounted ballots days after the polls closed. H.R.1 allows for 10 extra days of counting.” [Portland Press Herald, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 3/13/21]

3/4/21: Poliquin Claimed Vote-By-Mail Allowed Election Officials “To Mail Live Ballots To Inaccurate Voter Rolls” And “Political Activists” To “Harvest” Ballots During The 2020 Election. “A number of states used the pandemic as a reason to mail live ballots to inaccurate voter rolls even if they were not requested. Political activists were allowed to go door-to-door to “harvest” those ballots and, presumably, turn them (or some of them) over to election officials. Now, the Democrats in Congress have passed H.R.1 to force this unsecure voting process on all states.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 3/4/21]

March 2021: Poliquin Attacked Measures To Facilitate Absentee Voting

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Poliquin: “Common-Sense Mainers Of All Political Stripes Can Agree The Most Secure Way To Vote Is To Show Up At The Polls In Person On Election Day.” “Common-sense Mainers of all political stripes can agree the most secure way to vote is to show up at the polls in person on Election Day. It’s time-tested, simple, fair and accurate. If that’s not possible, straightforward early or absentee voting, requiring signature verification, has worked well in Maine for many years.” [Portland Press Herald, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 3/13/21]

For The People Act

March 2021: Poliquin Claimed The For The People Act Would Invite “All Sorts Of Shenanigans” By Expanding Vote-By-Mail Access

3/13/21: Poliquin Editorial: The For The People Act “Will Actually Lead To A Less Transparent,
Nationalized System That Invites All Sorts Of Shenanigans.” “Last week, the top-priority H.R.1 bill passed by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and her liberal majority aims to nationalize the election chaos millions of Americans witnessed last November. The U.S. Constitution clearly authorizes the states to determine how elections are conducted within their borders, as long as they are free and fair. Even so, Democrats claim their reforms will make it easier for eligible people to vote. The changes, however, will actually lead to a less transparent, nationalized system that invites all sorts of shenanigans.” [Portland Press Herald, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 3/13/21]

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- New York Times: The For The People Act Endorsed The Concept Of DC Statehood But Did Not “Go Beyond That.” “The voting rights bill endorses the concept of statehood with language that declares ‘there are no constitutional, historical, fiscal or economic reasons why the Americans who live in the District of Columbia should not be granted statehood,’ but it does not go beyond that.” [New York Times, 3/26/21]
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3/24/21: Poliquin: On The For The People Act “Democrats Want To Nationalize The Mess We Lived Through In November Because They Believe It Would Give Them An Advantage.” “DEMOCRATS PASS BILL TO NATIONALIZE 2020 ELECTION CHAOS Last night, the far left Democrat majority in the U.S. House of Representatives passed an extreme bill to force states to change the way its residents must vote and how the ballots are counted. The U.S. Constitution empowers the states to decide for themselves how voting occurs within their borders so long as it’s fair and accurate. However, Democrats want to nationalize the mess we lived through in November because they believe it would give them an advantage.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 3/4/21]

April 2021: Poliquin Claimed The For The People Act Insulted Black Americans

4/28/21: Poliquin Referenced “The Dangers Of #HR1 And How Insulting It Is To Black Americans To Suggest They’re Incapable Of Obtaining A *Free* ID To Protect Their Vote.” “Powerful testimony from @markrobinsonNC before the House Judiciary Committee last week about the dangers of #HR1 and how insulting it is to Black Americans to suggest they’re incapable of obtaining a *free* ID to protect their vote. Watch the clip here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=98wsK7FzXn4&t=2588s”
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April 2019: Poliquin Told Maine College Students That They Had To Obtain A Maine Driver’s License Within 30 Days Of Moving To The State In Order To Vote In Maine. “At Tuesday’s event, Poliquin addressed the issue of college students voting in local elections. ‘The United States Supreme Court has ruled that a Colby student or Bates student or Bowdoin student can use your dorm as your legal address, so that’s not for me — that’s not the legislative branch. The courts decide that,’ he said. ‘Here’s the additional comment I’m going to make: Maine law says … if you want to claim the dorm or any other place your residence so you can vote, within 30 days you need to change your driver’s license to a Maine driver’s license. That means you have to pay excise tax. … So I’m all for obeying the law and what the Supreme Court says. I’m also all about obeying the laws of the state of Maine, which means you have to change your driver’s license within 30 days, or you’re violating the law.’” [Kennebec Journal, 4/2/19]

- Kennebec Journal: New Maine Residents Were Required To Get Maine Driver’s Licenses Within Thirty Days Of Moving, But Driver’s Licenses Were Not Required To Vote In Maine. “No requirement of a Maine driver’s license is listed in the state laws for voter registration, though individuals with out-of-state driver’s licenses are required to get a new Maine license and register their motor vehicle in Maine within 30 days of becoming a resident. Voter legislation requires a person to have established an address in a Maine municipality as a ‘fixed and principal home to which the person, whenever temporarily absent, intends to return.’ To determine whether a person meets these criteria, a registrar of voters can use documents that include a Maine driver’s license but also include a Maine motor vehicle registration, current income tax return, mail sent to a residential address, hunting or fishing licenses or ‘any other objective facts tending to indicate a person’s place of residence.’ It states that ‘the registrar need not find all of these factors to be present in order to conclude that an applicant qualifies to register to vote in the municipality.’ The state law does specify that post office boxes cannot be used as proof of residency.” [Kennebec Journal, 4/2/19]

April 2019: Poliquin Agreed With Student Who Said College Students Should Not Vote In Local Maine Elections. “Several members of the Colby Republicans said they did not think students should vote in local elections. ‘Most of us are gone for the summer,’ said Jonathan Taylor, a sophomore from San Francisco who is a member of Colby Republicans and has a Maine driver’s license. ‘Constitutionally, we’re allowed to vote; but generally speaking, I think it’s incredibly sanctimonious for (students to vote in local elections). … I don’t think
they should.’ When Taylor expressed that view to Poliquin at the talk — not using the word ‘sanctimonious’ — the former congressman said, ‘I would agree with that.”’ [Kennebec Journal, 4/2/19]

**Voter ID**

**May 2021: Poliquin Called Voter ID Laws “The Best Way To Protect Our Elections”**

5/7/21: **Poliquin: “The Best Way To Protect Our Elections Is W/ Voter ID.”** “Common sense Americans agree: make it easy to vote, but hard to cheat. The best way to protect our elections is w/ voter ID, a policy 80% of Americans support according to Gallup. Unfortunately, Maine’s Reps. Pingree & Golden voted to undermine voter ID by supporting #HR1.”

[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 5/7/21]

**The Voting Rights Act**

**2015: Poliquin Voted For Blocking Restoration Of Federal Oversight To Protect The Right To Vote**

Poliquin **Voted For Blocking Restoration Of Federal Oversight To Protect The Right To Vote.** In November 2015, Poliquin voted for: a motion to block consideration of a vote on the “Voting Rights Advancement Act, which would restore federal oversight to protect the most sacred right and responsibility of American citizenship; the right to vote.” The previous question carried, 241-178. A vote against the previous question would call for an immediate vote on the Voting Rights Advancement Act. [H Res 507, Vote #583, 11/3/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 11/3/15]

**State Voting Rights Laws**

**April 2021: Poliquin Called Opposition To Georgia’s Voting Restrictions “Woke Politics” And Said The MLB “Caved To The Mob” And Said He Would Not Fly Delta After It Supported The MLB’s Decision**

4/7/21: **Poliquin Called Opposition To Georgia’s Voting Restrictions “Woke Politics” And Said The MLB “Caved To The Mob.”** “Voting can be easy AND secure! MLB’s decision to jump into one of America’s least favorite pastimes (woke politics) will come back to bite them. Manfred didn't read the bill, just caved to the mob. @POTUS called it Jim Crow on steroids. Apparently he didn't read it either.”
Poliquin Said He Would Not Fly Delta If He Had Another Option Because They Supported Major League Baseball’s Decision To Move The All-Star Game Out Of Georgia After The State Put Voting Restrictions In Place. POLIQUIN: “There are a couple great companies, you know, Atlanta companies, Coca-Cola and Delta Airlines, that stepped in this thing and encouraging their patrons and their employees to boycott the state. I’ll tell you, when I fly from Maine, either Bangor or Portland, you usually have a couple other options. You’ve got United, which I have a problem with already, and you’ve got American. If I have an option, I’m not flying Delta anymore. I’m just not going to do it.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 4/9/21] (AUDIO) 3:11

Voting Rights For Felons

October 2016: Poliquin Opposed Voting Rights For Felons In Prison, Claimed His Opponent Supported Allowing Felons To Vote From Prison.
### Campaign Finance

**Poliquin Claimed He Supported “Complete Transparency” In Campaign Finance …**

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<td>Poliquin Claimed He Supported “Complete Transparency” In Campaign Finance.</td>
<td>“People are sick and tired of this, Jennifer, and they’re turning it off.” HOST: “Well, how do we change it?” POLIQUIN: “Well, first of all complete transparency. I absolutely believe in complete transparency.” [CSPAN, 2018 Maine Public ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/19/16] (VIDEO) 12:30</td>
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… But Voted Five Times To Block Consideration Of Bills To Increase Disclosures Of Political Donors

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previous question was to force the vote on the Opioid Abuse Crisis Act and the DISCLOSE Act. The previous question carried, 239-176. [H Res 744, Vote #239, 5/25/16; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 5/25/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DISCLOSE Act. In May 2016, Poliquin voted for: blocking consideration of “the DISCLOSE Act, which would bring desperately needed transparency to the tidal wave of secret money unleashed by the Supreme Court’s wildly destructive Citizen’s United decision, requiring corporate CEOs to stand by their ads in the same way candidates do; and compelling corporations and outside groups to disclose their campaign spending to shareholders, members, and the public.” The previous question passed, 239 to 177. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 732, Vote #196, 5/17/16; Democratic Leader – 114th Congress Previous Questions, 5/17/16]

- The DISCLOSE Act Would Require Non-Profits That Make Political Contributions And Super PACs To Disclose Their Donors. “The Disclose Act, part of the bill, would require super PACs and nonprofit organizations that spend money in elections to disclose the names of donors who contribute more than $10,000. Democrats say such disclosure is broadly popular with voters across the political spectrum.” [New York Times, 3/8/19]

Poliquin Voted For Bill That Would Prohibit The IRS From Requiring Tax-Exempt Organizations To Disclose Donor Information

Poliquin Voted For Bill That Would Prohibit The IRS From Requiring Tax-Exempt Organizations To Disclose Donor Information. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for: bill that would amend “the Internal Revenue Code to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from requiring a tax-exempt organization to include in annual returns the name, address, or other identifying information of any contributor. The bill includes exceptions for: (1) required disclosures regarding prohibited tax shelter transactions; and (2) contributions by the organization’s officers, directors, or five highest compensated employees (including compensation paid by related organizations).” The bill passed 240-182. [HR 5053, Vote #303, 6/14/16; CRS Bill Digest, 8/2/16]

- Bill Would Eliminate Requirement That 501(c) Organizations Disclose Gifts Larger Than $5K Along With The Donor’s Information; Proponents Argued That Bill Would Protect Personal Information Of Donors, Critics Contended Foreign Donations Would Not Be Prevented. “House Republicans took a step Tuesday aimed at limiting the reach of the Internal Revenue Service with a bill that would end a requirement for tax-exempt advocacy groups to list large donors as part of their annual tax returns. The [bill] … would eliminate the mandatory listing of gifts larger than $5,000, along with the names and addresses of donors, in the Form 990 for tax-exempt groups organized under section 501(c) of the tax code. … Speaker Paul D. Ryan of Wisconsin and other proponents said the measure was needed to prevent the inadvertent release of confidential data such as donor names and addresses, which are supposed to be redacted when the IRS releases public copies of the annual returns for tax-exempt groups. … Rep. Sander M. Levin … has argued Roskam’s proposal could open the door to donations from abroad to so-called social welfare groups that are organized under Section 501(c)(4) of the tax code. Such groups are authorized to spend unlimited amounts on political activity, so long as politics is not their main function.” [CQ Roll Call, 6/14/16]

- Obama White House: Bill Would Constrain IRS’s Ability To Enforce Tax Laws And Limit Transparency. “The Administration opposes H.R. 5053, the Preventing IRS Abuse and Protecting Free Speech Act, which would constrain the Internal Revenue Service’s (IRS) ability to enforce tax laws and reduce transparency.” [Executive Office of the President, Statement of Administration Policy, 6/13/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Constitutional Amendment That Would Overturn Citizens United

2015: Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Constitutional Amendment That Would Overturn Citizens United. In January 2015, Poliquin voted for: a “motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 38) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 161) that
would set statutory deadlines for considering permits on natural gas pipeline projects, and the bill (HR 36) that would create a nationwide ban on abortions performed at 20 weeks or later, with certain exceptions.” According to the Democratic Leaders’ office, “The Democratic Previous Question requires Congress to vote on a constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court’s Citizens United decision and promote transparency in our political system.” A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. The previous question passed 238 to 182. [H Res 38, Vote #38, 1/21/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 1/21/15; CQ, 1/21/15]

November 2020: Poliquin Touted Susan Collins’s Victory As Evidence That “Big Money Can’t Buy Elections” In Maine

11/4/20: Poliquin Touted Susan Collins’s Victory As Evidence That “Big Money Can’t Buy Elections” In Maine. “Congrats to @SenatorCollins on her victory! Looks like big money can't buy elections in the great state of Maine! #mepolitics”

Electoral College

2019: Poliquin Supported Preserving Maine’s Electoral College System

6/5/19: Poliquin: “IT IS WRONG TO: […] - Eliminate The Electoral College So Maine Loses Our Voice.” “IT IS WRONG TO: - Make Maine a Sanctuary State for Illegal Aliens - Eliminate the Electoral College so Maine Loses Our Voice - Give the Ability for Non-Citizens to Vote Politicians pushing these policies are trying to turn Maine into California. In Bangor on this WVOM radio interview yesterday I discussed this and other topics. Listen in here. Let me know if you agree.”
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Politicians pushing these policies are trying to turn Maine into a "National Popular Vote." They do not want Maine's 2nd Congressional District to have a strong voice. They want to eliminate Maine's 2nd District influence.

Poliquin: “Liberal Legislators In Augusta Are Trying To Weaken Maine's Voice By Sidelining The Electoral College.” “MAINE'S VOICE WILL BE LOST WITH A "NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE" - ESPECIALLY THE 2ND DISTRICT. Liberal Legislators in Augusta are trying to weaken Maine's voice by sidelining the Electoral College. Since 1787, when our U.S. Constitution was drafted, our nation has elected Presidents with the Electoral College. Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, Wilson, Kennedy, and Reagan were all elected under this Constitutional process. WHY DOES THE SYSTEM WORK? Because small population states like Maine have a voice. Under this system each state gets electoral votes based on the number of their U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives. Because every state, including small states, receive an equal number of 2 U.S. Senators we have a stronger voice in the selection of the President. With our state's ability to award Electoral Votes based on Congressional Districts, Maine's 2nd District has a VERY STRONG VOICE. It seems liberal politicians don't care. They do not want Maine's 2nd Congressional District to have a strong voice. They want to eliminate Maine's 2nd District influence.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 5/15/19]
Energy, Environment, & Public Land Issues

**Significant Findings**

✓ In 2010, Poliquin said he was “suspect” that humans caused climate change, then said there was “evidence” that they did in 2014.

✓ Poliquin voted to protect oil and gas companies from publicly disclosing payments to foreign governments and to lift the crude oil export ban.

   ✓ Between 2011 and 2021, Poliquin accepted $162,570 from the oil and gas industries.

✓ Poliquin voted for approving the Keystone XL Pipeline in 2015 and claimed in September 2021 that Democrats’ plans to “[kill] the keystone [sic] pipeline” would drive up energy costs.

✓ Poliquin opposed the U.S. leaving the Paris Climate Agreement in 2018, then in January 2021 said rejoining the agreement “screws the little guy”.

✓ Poliquin has opposed Katahdin Woods and Waters’ National Monument designation since November 2015, and supported then-Secretary Zinke’s recommendation to practice “active timber management” at the monument in December 2017.

   ✓ Maine environmental groups raised concerns that Zinke’s recommendation could lead to environmentally harmful commercial logging at Katahdin Woods.

   ✓ In November 2015, Poliquin co-wrote a letter to Obama urging against Katahdin Woods’ monument designation without certain conditions.

   ✓ In June 2016, Poliquin hosted a forum on the monument designation that the Bangor Daily News called a “sham” that featured only “hand-picked witnesses” who opposed the monument.

**Climate Change**

### 2010 – 2012: Poliquin Denied That Climate Change Was Happening Or Human-Caused


**2010: Poliquin: “Clearly Our Climate Is Changing; The Question Is, Is Man Responsible For That Climate Change? I Personally Am Suspect.”** “In a recent MPBN debate, all seven of the Republican candidates for governor were asked this question by host Jennifer Rooks: ‘Do you believe global warming is in large part caused by human activities?’ […] And Bruce Poliquin, who studied economics at Harvard, questioned it. ‘Clearly our climate is changing; the question is, is man responsible for that climate change? I personally am suspect.’” [TendersInfo, 6/7/10]

*Note: The link to the original audio of Poliquin’s 2010 statement on climate change was not available on Maine*
2014: Poliquin Said There Was Evidence Humans Contributed To Climate Change

**2014: Poliquin Said There Was Evidence Humans Contributed To Climate Change.** “HOST: (02:16) ‘Is climate change, in your opinion, real, and are humans contributing to it?’ […] POLIQUIN: ‘Clearly the Earth's temperature is changing and has for a long time in long cycles. There is evidence that humans are affecting this change. But we need a balanced approach to this. We don't want to kill jobs, we need to protect our environment, make sure there's a balanced approach to dealing with this.’” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter General Election Debate, 10/14/14] (VIDEO)

### Poliquin Voted Against Striking A Provision From The NDAA Stating Climate Change Poses A Threat To National Security

**Poliquin Voted Against Striking A Provision From The NDAA Stating Climate Change Poses A Threat To National Security.** In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provision that would express the sense of Congress that climate change is a direct threat to national security, and would eliminate the provision that would require the secretary of Defense to report to Congress on vulnerabilities to military installations and combatant commands resulting from climate change-related effects.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 185-234. [H R 2810, Vote #368, 7/13/17; CQ, 7/13/17]

### Pollution

#### Methane Rule

**Poliquin Voted For Nullifying A Bureau Of Land Management “Methane Rule” To Limit The Release Of Methane From Oil And Gas Operations On Federal Land.** In February 2017, Poliquin voted for: “a Congressional Review Act resolution to nullify the Bureau of Land Management’s rule to limit the release of methane from oil and gas operations on federal land. […] The Interior Department’s BLM finalized the venting and flaring rule - also known as the methane rule - in November. It requires oil and gas operators to control releases of waste methane - a potent greenhouse gas - by adopting new technologies, more frequently inspecting for leaks and replacing outdated equipment that discharges large amounts of natural gas.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 221-191. [HJRes 36, Vote #78, 2/3/17; CQ News, 2/3/17]

- **Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting The EPA From Enforcing The “Methane Rule.”** In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Mullin, R-Okla., amendment that would prohibit the use of funds appropriated by the bill to enforce rules relating to source performance standards for greenhouse gas emissions and volatile organic compound emissions from the oil and natural gas sector.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-195. [H R 3354, Vote #488, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

### Clean Power Plan

**Poliquin Voted For Resolution Disapproving Of The Clean Power Plan’s Regulations Forcing Steep Cuts In Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Existing U.S. Power Plants.** In December 2015, Poliquin voted for a resolution that would “disapprove of the Environmental Protection Agency emissions rule for existing power plants issued on Oct. 23, 2015. The resolution provides that the rule will have no force or effect. The EPA rule sets different emissions targets for 49 states based on their existing energy profile and requires each state to reduce emissions by a certain amount by 2030. Under the rule, states are required to submit proposed plans on how to reduce emissions to the EPA by June 2016, with the agency evaluating whether the plans reduce emissions and are enforceable.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 242-180: [S J RES 24, Vote #650, 12/1/15; CQ Floor Votes, 12/01/15]
December 2015: Poliquin Said He Was “Worried” That The Clean Power Plan “Is Far Too Overreaching And Harmful To Maine’s Hardworking Businesses And Employees.” “U.S. President Barack Obama hopes his Clean Power Plan, announced in August, will represent America's good faith contribution to controlling climate change. That plan seeks to cut carbon emissions in the U.S. by 32 percent by 2030 compared to 2005 levels, largely by requiring the states to each develop strategies to reduce dependence on coal plants and shift more to renewable energy sources. […] U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-Maine ‘Like many fellow Mainers, I believe that it's critical to protect the environment. A clean environment means better personal health and more jobs for Maine families. While I appreciate concerns about our state's great outdoors, I'm worried the proposal the president has put forward is far too overreaching and harmful to Maine's hardworking businesses and employees.’” [Bangor Daily News, 12/2/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Delaying Clean Air Standards**

**Poliquin Voted Against “Extend[ing] For Eight Years The Deadline For The EPA To Implement New National Ambient Air Quality Standards For Ground-Level Ozone.”** In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Passage of the bill that would extend for eight years the deadline for the EPA to implement new National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ground-level ozone (the EPA issued such deadlines on Oct. 26, 2015). The bill would require the EPA to review the national ambient air quality standards for each pollutant every ten years, instead of every five, and would require the agency to evaluate possible adverse effects of standard changes, including effects related to public health, welfare and economics, prior to establishing or revising a national ambient air quality standard.” The bill passed by a vote of 229-199. [H R 806, Vote #391, 7/18/17; CQ, 7/18/17]

- **League Of Conservation Voters Opposed HR 806, Saying It Gutted The Clean Air Act And Jeopardized Health By Undermining EPA Standards Related To Smog.** “LCV urges you to vote NO on H.R. 806, the ‘Ozone Standards Implementation Act,’ a radical bill that jeopardizes the health of our families by undermining the EPA’s recently-updated standards for ozone pollution (a.k.a. smog) and eviscerating a central pillar of the Clean Air Act. […] For the first time ever, H.R. 806 would allow the EPA to consider factors unrelated to health, like technical feasibility in the initial standard setting process. States consider feasibility and cost when they implement the standards. This system has worked extremely well since 1970 as air quality has improved dramatically while the economy has grown.” [League Of Conservation Voters, 7/17/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against A Motion To Prohibit Implementation Of New Air Quality Standards If Those Standards Could Pose Health Risks To Those Without Access To “Affordable, Comprehensive” Health Care.** In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Cartwright, D-Pa., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit implementation of the bill’s provisions if the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, in consultation with the Congressional Budget Office, finds such implementation could increase various health risks for individuals without access to "affordable, comprehensive" health insurance.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would prohibit implementation of the underlying bill if the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee finds that application of the underlying bill could increase health risks to vulnerable populations including children, seniors, pregnant women, outdoor workers, and minority and low-income communities.” Motion rejected by a vote of 191-235. [H R 806, Vote #390, 7/18/17; CQ, 7/18/17; Democratic Leader’s Office, Motion to Recommit, 7/18/17]

**Oil & Gas**

**2011 – 2021: Poliquin Accepted $162,570 From The Oil And Gas Industries**

2011 – 2021: Poliquin Accepted $162,570 From The Oil And Gas Industries. [OpenSecrets, accessed 11/3/21]
### Poliquin Opposed Offshore Drilling In 2018

2018: Poliquin Supported A Bill To Prohibit Offshore Drilling In New England: “I Am Opposed To Oil Drilling Off The Coast Of Our State Of Maine.” “Maine's two U.S. senators, Republican Susan Collins and independent Angus King, announced Thursday in a joint statement that they are supporting a bipartisan bill to bar offshore drilling in New England. [...] The Senate bill has the backing of all 10 senators from coastal New England, and its House counterpart is backed by every House member from those five states, including both Democratic Rep. Chellie Pingree and Republican Rep. Bruce Poliquin of Maine. ‘I am opposed to oil drilling off the coast of our State of Maine,’ Poliquin said in a statement. ‘So much of our State's economy and tens of thousands of Maine jobs along our coast depend on our marine and tourism industries.’” [Portland Press Herald, 1/14/18]

2018: Poliquin’s Campaign Website Stated He “Opposed Oil Drilling In Maine.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/5/18]

April 2018: Poliquin Called “The Potential For Oil Drilling Off Our Coastline” A “Threat To Our Way Of Life In ME.” “Along w/ the potential for oil drilling off our coastline & ocean acidification, the warming of the Gulf of Maine is a threat to our way of life in ME. I've talked w/ Mainers along our coast & agree @NOAA should prioritize researching the Gulf #mepolitics https://t.co/m5sXet1aKi?amp=1” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 4/30/18]

### Poliquin Voted For Protecting Oil & Gas Companies From Publicly Disclosing Payments To Foreign Governments

2017: Poliquin Voted For Protecting Oil & Gas Companies From Having To Publicly Disclose Payments To Foreign Governments. In February 2017, Poliquin voted for: “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify a Securities and Exchange Commission rule that requires companies that develop oil, natural gas or minerals to publicly report in detail payments to foreign governments or to the U.S. government totaling at least $100,000 annually per project for extraction, exploration or export of these resources.” The resolution passed by a vote of 235-187. [HJRes 41, Vote #72, 2/17; CQ, 2/17]

### Poliquin Voted For Lifting A 40-Year Crude Oil Export Ban

2015: Poliquin Voted For Lifting A 40-Year Ban On The Export Of Crude Oil Produced In The U.S. In October 2015, Poliquin voted for: a bill that would allow the export of crude oil produced in the United States by removing the export ban imposed by the 1975 Energy Policy and Conservation Act. “Most [Democrats], though, opposed Barton’s bill, arguing that its economic impact is overblown and that it will endanger jobs in the refining sector. They also cite environmental risks in pumping more oil for exports. ‘This legislation eagerly embraces short-term profits and benefits without understanding — or even considering — the cost of such a major action,’ Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. (D-N.J.) said.” According to the Wall Street Journal, “The White House has threatened to veto the bill, saying it ‘is not needed at this time.’” The bill passed 261 to 159. [HR 702, Vote #549, 10/9/15; The Hill, 10/9/15; Wall Street Journal, 10/9/15]

### Poliquin Supported Domestic Fracking

2016: Poliquin’s Campaign Website: “Massive Natural Gas Deposits In New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, And West Virginia (The Marcellus Shale) Offer Exciting Opportunities For Our Country.” “Recent discoveries of massive natural gas deposits in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia (the Marcellus Shale) offer exciting opportunities for our country. These vast resources are estimated to be able to produce at least a 100-year supply of natural gas. New technologies are extracting this energy in environmentally safe ways. Currently, we import less than 10% of our natural gas usage. It’s expected that the United States will become a net exporter of natural gas in a few short years.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/29/16]
October 2020: Poliquin Claimed Biden Would End The Natural Gas Industry

10/26/20: Poliquin: “Still Can’t Believe Joe Biden Confirmed His Plan To End The Oil/Natural Gas Industry During The Debate.” “Still can’t believe Joe Biden confirmed his plan to end the oil/natural gas industry during the debate. 70% of Mainers rely on oil, propane, natural gas or kerosene to heat their home. Biden plan would kill 10 million high-paying jobs w/ health care & benefits!”

2019: Poliquin Said He Supported Building Larger Natural Gas Pipelines Into Maine

2019: Poliquin Said He Supported Building Larger Natural Gas Pipelines Into Maine. POLIQUIN: “My opinion is very simple, is that we should not allow the state of Maine to create an extension cord from Quebec to Massachusetts to deliver hydroelectric energy from Canada to Massachusetts unless, unless the state of Massachusetts allows us to build larger natural gas pipelines up to Maine. They’re the people, the state of Massachusetts, that are preventing us from getting either natural gas pipelines up to Maine and that folks is one of the two reasons that Madison Paper failed.” [WVOM, GHRT Rewind, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 11/18/19] (AUDIO) 9:12


2018: Poliquin Claimed Golden Would Stop Mainers From Purchasing Gasoline, Which The Lewiston Sun Journal Rated A “Highly Exaggerated” Claim. “GOLDEN WILL TAKE AWAY YOUR HEATING OIL? An advertisement for Poliquin saying Golden would “stop Mainers from purchasing home heating oil, natural gas or even gasoline” is highly exaggerated. On the energy topic, Golden has said he would support a ban on new fossil fuel infrastructure in the state (new pipelines, etc.) as part of an effort to rely on green energy for all of Maine’s energy needs by 2050. A 32-year transition away from fossil fuels — which would be too slow to prevent catastrophic climate change, according to a recent United Nations report — does not mean Golden is against Mainers having heat for their homes or fuel for their cars, which is what the advertisement implies. Nor does it mean Mainers would no longer be able to buy fossil fuels.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 10/31/18]

“How much will it cost to heat your home this winter?” The Wall Street Journal published an article which reads, “U.S. natural gas futures ended Friday at $5.105 per million British thermal units. They were about half that six months ago and have leapt 17% this month.” Add this to concerns over the cost of home heating oil. Then we have other inflationary concerns including the increased cost to fill your tank with gas. Extreme Democrat policies under the guise of a green deal, actions like killing the keystone pipeline, and other liberal political pressures on the fuels we need to operate in Maine are harming our families and our small business economy.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 9/19/21]

Poliquin Voted For Approving The Keystone XL Pipeline

Poliquin Voted For Approving The Keystone XL Pipeline. In January 2015, Poliquin voted for: approving the Keystone XL pipeline. “The House voted Friday to approve the Keystone XL pipeline, seizing on the momentum from a Nebraska Supreme Court ruling hours earlier that removed the last major legal obstacle to building the politically charged oil project.” The bill passed 266 to 153. [HR 3, Vote #16, 1/9/15; Politico, 1/9/15]

- **Poliquin Said The Keystone XL Pipeline Would Mean “Our Families Will Have More Money, Have More Jobs And Enjoy More Freedom.”** “Maine 2nd District Republican Rep. Bruce Poliquin says the Keystone Pipeline will increase fuel supplies and help keep prices lower. Poliquin says compared with last summer, Maine families are saving every time they fill up their gas tanks, and this winter they're also saving on average a $1,000 on home heating oil because of increased competition that has driven down prices. Poliquin says building the pipeline will allow that trend to continue. ‘Our families will have more money, have more jobs and enjoy more freedom when America increases production and transportation of all forms of domestic energy,’ he says, ‘and do it in an environmentally sensitive way.’” [Maine Public, 1/14/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Holding Pipeline Owners Liable For Explosions
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**Poliquin Voted Against A Motion To Require That Pipeline Owners, Not Taxpayers, Are Liable For Any Cleanup Costs Associated With A Pipeline Explosion.** In January 2015, Poliquin voted against: a motion to recommit that would require that natural gas pipeline owners, not taxpayers, are liable for any damages, repair, and clean-up in the wake of a natural gas pipeline explosion. [HR 161, Vote #40, 1/21/15; Democratic Leader – Motions to Recommit, 1/21/15]

### Hydroelectric Energy

**2019: Poliquin Called On State Lawmakers To Allow Maine To Buy Hydroelectric Energy From Canada**

2019: Poliquin Called On State Lawmakers To Change An Existing Law And Allow Maine To Buy Hydroelectric Energy From Canada. POLIQUIN: “Governor Mills and the legislature should change the law that allows the state of Maine to buy that clean cheap green energy from hydro in Quebec. Let us buy that energy. They won’t let us and they need to change the law. “ [WVOM, GHRT Rewind, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 11/18/19] (AUDIO) 10:19

### Nuclear Power

**January 2017: Poliquin Voted Against Excluding Any Rule Pertaining To Nuclear Reactor Safety Standards From Being Defined As A “Major Rule”**

Poliquin Voted Against Excluding Any Rule Pertaining To Nuclear Reactor Safety Standards From Being Defined As A “Major Rule.” In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Nadler, D-N.Y., amendment that would exclude rules pertaining to nuclear reactor safety standards from the definition of a ‘major rule.’” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 194-231. [HR 26, Vote #18, 1/5/17; CQ, 1/5/17]

- **A “Major Rule” Is Any Rule The OMB Has Found Could Result In A Cost To The Economy Of $100 Million Or More, A Major Increase In Costs Or “Adverse Effects On Competition, Employment, Investment,” And Other Economic Functions.** “A ‘major rule’ is any rule that the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget finds has resulted in or is likely to result in: (1) an annual cost on the economy of $100 million or more (adjusted annually for inflation); (2) a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, federal, state, or local government agencies, or geographic regions; or (3) significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises.” [HR 26, Summary, 1/5/17]

**2010: Poliquin Said He Would Support Building Nuclear Power Plants In Maine**

2010: Poliquin Said He Would Support Building Nuclear Power Plants In Maine. POLIQUIN: (3:31) “As governor, if we have an opportunity and we’re approached by someone to invest in this state and create a nuclear power plant, or build one, I’m all for it. Absolutely. Two of them, two nuclear power plants, and we have our energy needs set in this state for a very long period of time.” [YouTube, Bruce for Maine, Dover-Foxcroft Townhall, 4/28/10] (VIDEO)

### Renewable Energy

**Poliquin Voted For An Energy Appropriations Bill That Cut Renewable Energy Programs And Rolled Back Clean Water Protections**
Poliquin Voted For A $146.5 Billion Energy-Water-Legislative Branch-Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill For Fiscal Year 2019. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide $146.5 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2019 to various departments, agencies and legislative operations, including $44.7 billion for the Energy Department, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Interior Department’s Bureau of Reclamation; $98 billion for military construction activities and for VA programs and activities; and $3.8 billion for operations of the House of Representatives, joint House-Senate items and legislative branch entities such as the Library of Congress, the Capitol Police, and the Government Accountability Office. It would provide $11.2 billion for programs that maintain and refurbish nuclear weapons in the United States’ stockpile. As amended, it would provide $1.1 billion in funding for the Veterans Community Care Program.” The bill passed by a vote of 235-179. [HR 5895, Vote #257, 6/8/18; CQ, 6/8/18]

- The Bill Included Cuts To Renewable Energy Research, Funding For Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository, And A Rider To Repeal “Waters Of The United States” Rule. “House lawmakers want more money for nuclear weapon modernization efforts while introducing cuts to renewable energy research. It also would set aside funding for the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository in Nevada and continue funding for the mixed oxide fuel fabrication facility in South Carolina. The House bill includes controversial policy riders meant to ease the repeal of the EPA-Army Corps joint ‘Waters of the United States’ regulation. Democrats have called the measure a “poison pill” unlikely to survive Senate scrutiny.” [CQ, 6/8/18]

- Rep. Lowey: Republicans Attached Veterans Affairs Appropriations To Energy Appropriations To Force Through Cuts To Clean Energy Initiatives And Roll Back Clean Water Protections. “This broken process has a simple aim: Republicans are using America’s veterans as pawns to force through cuts to clean energy research and harmful policy provisions that weaken environmental safeguards. […] With gas prices approaching $3 a gallon, the bill cuts energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives. It cuts transformational science efforts, such as the successful and popular ARPA-E program. Just as bad, it contains many harmful riders, including rolling back clean water protections, blocking the National Oceans Policy, further endangering salmon on the Columbia River, and weakening gun safety rules on public lands.” [Rep. Lowey Floor Statement, 6/7/18]

December 2019: Poliquin Called The Installation Of Solar Panels At The Maine’s Governor’s Mansion A Waste Of Tax Dollars

2016: Poliquin Said He Supported The “Unsubsidized Free Market Development” Of Renewable Energies

2016: Poliquin Supported “Unsubsidized Free Market Development Of All Domestic Resources Including Oil, Natural Gas, Hydroelectric, Nuclear, Wind, Solar, Tidal, And Geothermal.” “As Maine’s next 2nd District Congressman, I’ll fight to reduce the cost of energy for our families and companies. I’ll work for energy independence and lower costs through the safe, unsubsidized free market development of all domestic resources including oil, natural gas, hydroelectric, nuclear, wind, solar, tidal, and geothermal. Doing so will grow our economy, create more jobs, and keep us safer at home.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/29/16]

Biomass Energy

July 2016: Poliquin Applauded A Bill To Designate Biomass Energy As Carbon Neutral

July 2016: Poliquin Applauded A Bill To Designate Biomass Energy As Carbon Neutral. “Yesterday, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill that included important language to require federal regulators to consider biomass fuels as carbon neutral, supporting the production of clean and reliable energy and Maine’s critical biomass harvesting industries and their hundreds of jobs. Congressman Bruce Poliquin (ME-02) released the following statement: ‘As America’s wood basket, Maine is a major producer of clean and reliable biomass fuels,’ said Congressman Poliquin. ‘This clean energy production provides dependable power to businesses and homes in our State and supports hundreds of jobs in Maine’s harvesting industries.’” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 7/15/16]

Offshore Wind

November 2015: Poliquin And Pingree Applauded A $3.7 Million Federal Grant To Research And Develop Offshore Wind In Maine
November 2015: Poliquin And Pingree Applauded A $3.7 Million Federal Grant To Research And Develop Offshore Wind In Maine. “The federal Department of Energy has granted Maine $3.7 million to further research and development offshore wind technology in Maine. Representatives Chellie Pingree and Bruce Poliquin said this morning that a $3.7 million federal grant for further research and development of offshore wind technology in Maine is a big boost to the state's clean energy industry. Last month Pingree and Poliquin asked the Secretary of Energy to make a significant investment in the Maine technology after competing projects in other parts of the country were plagued with cost and regulatory challenges.” [Penobscot Bay Pilot, 11/16/15]

• Poliquin: “It's Critical That Our Researchers Are Given The Tools They Need To Explore More Efficient And Reliable Energy Production Methods.” “It’s critical that our researchers are given the tools they need to explore more efficient and reliable energy production methods,” said Congressman Poliquin. ‘We must find ways to lower the cost of energy to help save money for our hard-working Maine families.’” [Penobscot Bay Pilot, 11/16/15]

Carbon Tax


[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 10/26/16]

October 2014: Poliquin Said A Carbon Tax Would Kill American Jobs And Raise The Price Of Electric Bills. POLIQUIN: (3:22) “Now my opponent Miss Cain is supporting and supports a huge carbon tax. That would only increase the cost to heat our homes, it would increase what we pay for our electric bills. And it would also increase the cost of gasoline that would kill more jobs. And it would hurt our families here in the second district. We need to become energy independent. It’s a national security issue, as well as a jobs issue. So we need to increase production of all sources of energy, clean energy here in America and not impose a huge carbon tax that would kill jobs. […] She has a very extreme position of supporting a carbon tax, and that carbon tax would increase the cost of our employers to make it, it would drive up the price of your electric bills and to heat your home and cost us more gasoline. I just disagree with her. it you know, it's her choice and her belief to have that. But we need to drive down the price of energy, all forms of energy, not increase the price that is impart put these Mills out of business.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter General Election Debate, 10/14/14] (VIDEO)

2014: Poliquin Repeatedly Attacked Cain For Supporting A Carbon Tax, Which He Said Would Increase Energy Costs And Hurt Paper Mills. “Those were required after Poliquin, a former state treasurer from Oakland, repeatedly hit positions held by Cain, a state senator from Orono whom he called extreme and liberal. Echoing attacks in ads that he and Republican allies have run against her, Poliquin said Cain’s support of a carbon tax would drive up the cost of energy for families and make it harder for manufacturers to hire workers in the 2nd District, where three mills will have closed by the end of the year.” [Kennebec Journal, 10/14/14]

Paris Climate Agreement

Poliquin Said The United States Rejoining The Paris Accord “Screw[ed] The Little Guy” Since It Allowed The World’s Biggest Polluters To Keep Polluting. POLIQUIN: (2:36) “He thinks that climate change is a critical issue for us to deal with. OK. Let’s look at the data. The last 30 years, the United States has reduced the sulfur dioxide emissions by about 80 percent. This is stuff coming out of the smokestacks at power plants. And lead emissions are down about 80 percent. So when you join the Paris Accord, it means that we’re going to try and continue to reduce our pollution which we have been but China and India can go on their way, and they’re the biggest polluters in the world. So it screws the little guy.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 1/22/21] (AUDIO)

**2018: Poliquin Said He Opposed Leaving The Paris Climate Agreement**

2018: Poliquin’s Campaign Website Stated He “Opposed Removing The United States From The Paris Climate Agreement.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/5/18]

**June 2017: Poliquin Blamed Obama For Trump Leaving The Paris Climate Agreement**

June 2017: Poliquin: Obama’s “Choice To Bypass The Senate, And Therefore To Avoid Engaging In A Collaborative Process, Directly Led To Today’s Action,” Trump Leaving The Paris Climate Agreement. “Calling it ‘a devastating blow,’ the head of the Natural Resources Council of Maine denounced President Donald Trump's decision to pull out of an international climate agreement Thursday. […] Poliquin also criticized Obama for failing ‘to seek out and receive full U.S. Senate approval’ of the deal ‘with the full force of a treaty’ that would likely have held up over the long haul. ‘The former president's choice to bypass the Senate, and therefore to avoid engaging in a collaborative process, directly led to today's action,’ he said.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 6/1/17]

**Acadia National Park**

**October 2017: Poliquin Opposed Increasing Admission Prices At Acadia National Park**

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**2016 – 2017: Poliquin Introduced Legislation To Clarify Acadia National Park Borders To Allow Commercial Harvesting In Response To Concerns From Local Clammers And Worm Diggers, Which Former National Park Services Leadership Opposed**

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2015: Acadia National Park Accepted A Large Donation Of Land Without Congressional Approval By Citing A 1929 Law, Rather Than A 1986 Law That Last Drew The Park’s Borders. “Ever since 1986, when Congress set a limit on how much Acadia can expand, residents and officials of surrounding towns have felt reassured that their towns would not be swallowed up by an ever-growing national park. But since last fall, when officials say the 1986 law was circumvented to enable the park to absorb 1,441 acres on the Schoodic Peninsula
that are located outside that boundary limit set 30 years ago, those anxieties have returned. [...] The justification cited by the park for not first getting congressional approval to accept the land is a prior law that Congress adopted in 1929. According to a letter sent by the Department of the Interior’s Office of the Solicitor to National Park Service officials on Jan. 24, 2014, the 1929 law permits the park to accept ownership of donated land, as opposed to purchasing it. The 1986 law, according to the letter, sets physical limits for lands the park service can purchase and for lands on which the park can acquire conservation easements, but it does not specifically set limits for donated land.” [Maine Public, 2/3/16]

**August 2016: Poliquin Heard Complaints From Worm Diggers, Clammers, And Seaweed Harvesters Who Were Concerned With A New Ban On Harvesting At Mudflats On The Acadia National Park Shoreline.**

“Just in time for the 100th anniversary celebration of the National Park Service, U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin (R-Maine) heard complaints from some three dozen worm diggers, clammers and seaweed harvesters about what appears to be a new policy at Acadia National Park to ban the traditional harvest of marine resources from the mudflats along the park’s shoreline.” [Ellsworth American, 8/30/16]

**September 2016: Poliquin Introduced A Bill To Ease Restrictions On Acadia Park Which He Hoped Would Be Combined With A Senate Version That Would Negate The Park's Ability To Accept The Donated Land.**

“Sen. Angus King has introduced a separate bill that retroactively would give Congressional approval to the expansion and would negate the ability of the park service to use the 1929 law as justification for acquiring land, or interest in any land, that lies outside the 1986 boundary limit. Aides to Poliquin said Friday that the congressman hopes his bill and the Senate version proposed by King will be combined to address both the intertidal harvesting and Schoodic expansion issues. Poliquin’s bill, according to his staffers, also would ease federal restrictions on two parcels of undeveloped land on Mount Desert Island — one in Tremont and one in Bar Harbor — that were to used for solid waste management, and would fulfill a 1986 financial commitment by Congress to give $350,000 to the Acadia Disposal District so area communities can improve their solid waste disposal and recycling.” [Bangor Daily News, 9/30/16]

**November 2017: Poliquin Reintroduced His Bill To Allow Commercial Harvesting At The Acadia Park Mudflats, Which Former National Parks Services Leaders Called A “Dangerous Precedent”**

**November 2017: Poliquin Re-Introduced A Bill To Confirm The Limits Of Acadia National Park, Which Chellie Pingree Co-Sponsored.** [Congress.gov, HR 4266, 11/7/17]

Mary Foley And Michael Soukup Op-Ed: Poliquin’s Bill “Weaken’s The Park’s Role As A Haven For Species Widely And Intensively Exploited Elsewhere And Important In The Intertidal Food Chain.” “Rep. Bruce Poliquin and Sen. Angus King have introduced legislation, also co-sponsored by Rep. Chellie Pingree and Sen. Susan Collins, that would allow commercial harvesting of clams and worms in Acadia National Park. Poliquin’s bill — HR 4266 — was approved by the House Committee on Natural Resources, and it appears unstoppable at this point. It is being touted as a victory for the ‘little guy’ against an oppressive bureaucracy. Indeed, few have opposed it, though it weakens the park’s role as a haven for species widely and intensively exploited elsewhere and important in the intertidal food chain.” [Bangor Daily News, Mary Foley and Michael Soukup Op-Ed, 1/22/18]

Mary Foley And Michael Soukup Op-Ed: Poliquin’s Bill “Is A Dangerous Precedent And Should Be Opposed By All Those Who Value Leaving Special Places Intact For Now And For The Future.” “Poliquin’s bill does nothing to emphasize the responsibility of the National Park Service to ensure protection of the clam and worm populations. Neither does it consider any new financial support for park control of non-native, invasive crabs nor to monitor population changes because of the cumulative impact of harvesting pressures and climate change. His bill regrettably responds to emotional ‘traditional use’ arguments, in this case for commercial harvesting, that are poised to win over common-sense conservation as we face new threats. National parks and their resources belong to all of us as citizens. Changing the mandate of a 100-year-old law is not a victory except for a few, including those whose agenda is to unravel protection of federal lands across the nation. This bill is a dangerous
precedent and should be opposed by all those who value leaving special places intact for now and for the future.”
[Bangor Daily News, Mary Foley and Michael Soukup Op-Ed, 1/22/18]

- Mary Foley Was A Former Regional Chief Scientist For The National Park Service; Michael Soukup Was A Former Associate Director For The National Park Service. [Bangor Daily News, Mary Foley and Michael Soukup Op-Ed, 1/22/18]

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Katahdin Woods And Waters Monument

November 2015: Poliquin Co-Wrote A Letter To Obama Urging Against Designating Katahdin Woods As A National Monument Without Certain Conditions, And “Went On The Attack” When The National Park Service Director Responded

11/20/15: Poliquin, Susan Collins, And Angus King Wrote To Obama With “Serious Concerns” About Designating Katahdin Woods As A National Monument. In a letter to President Obama, Susan Collins, Angus King, and Bruce Poliquin wrote, “While we acknowledge the right of private land owners to donate their land, we have serious concerns about the executive branch using its power to unilaterally designate a national monument in our state. […] A national monument designation, however, would likely antagonize already divided local communities. The future of EPI’s property is just one part of a greater need to improve economic opportunity in the Katahdin Region.” [Letter to President Obama from Susan Collins, Angus King, and Bruce Poliquin, via Bangor Daily News, 11/20/15]

- The Letter Also Outlined Nine Conditions Under Which They Would Support A Monument Designation, Including The Continuation Of Forestry Management And Recreation On The Land. “But the delegation members also outlined nine ‘conditions’ that the Obama administration should consider if it went forward with a designation. Those conditions include ensuring that traditional recreational activities – including hunting, fishing, camping and use of snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles – as well as forest management continue on the land. They also stated that any monument designation ‘must respect private property rights and ensure the federal government will never take any private land in the area by eminent domain.’” [Portland Press Herald, 11/23/15]

February 2016: National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis Responded To The Letter By Saying The Department “Looks Forward To The Opportunity To Better Understand These And Other Issues.”

“[National Park Service Director Jonathan] Jarvis responded for the president, and while he did not run down the list of the conditions, he didn't reject them either. Instead he conveyed an openness to explore them all. ‘The (Department of the Interior) looks forward to the opportunity to better understand these and other issues as you continue to solicit public input and lead this open dialogue about how to best protect important resources within your communities, while recognizing the economic needs in the region,’ he wrote. ‘We also appreciate you sharing your thoughts on what you believe would be critically important considerations ranging from public access to
private property rights ... if the Federal government received a land donation for a park or similar use.’” [Kennebec Journal, Editorial Board, 2/14/16]

- **Poliquin Said Jarvis’ Letter “Shows A Complete Lack Of Interest And Concern From The White House For The Residents Of The Katahdin Region.”** “Poliquin, in a statement, said, ‘This letter is concerning on many levels. First, I was extremely disappointed that this letter came from Director Jarvis, rather than the president himself. It shows a complete lack of interest and concern from the White House for the residents of the Katahdin region.’ ‘I must emphasize that the designation of a national monument by the president, which bypasses the Democratic process and input from local constituents, is entirely separate from the actual creation of a national park, which allows for local officials and residents to weigh in before it is created.’” [Portland Press Herald, 2/11/16]

- **Portland Press Herald Editorial Board: Poliquin “Went On The Attack” But Should Instead Accept “Jarvis’ Invitation For Dialogue And Keep Working Toward That Goal.”** “In response, Poliquin went on the attack, saying the letter ‘shows a complete lack of interest and concern from the White House for the residents of the Katahdin region.’ […] Maine’s members of Congress were right in their November letter to lay out a path by which a significant natural resource could be preserved and a local economy boosted without disrupting traditional uses of the forest. They should accept Jarvis’ invitation for dialogue and keep working toward that goal.” [Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 2/14/16]

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- **Poliquin: “Nobody Really Knows How Many Jobs Would Be Created By A National Monument […] Or How Many Jobs It Would Likely Kill In The Wood Products Industry.”** “Poliquin responded by questioning whether a monument or park would do what its proponents claim. The national park proposal, advocates have said, would create 450 to 1,000 jobs, be buttressed with a $20 million endowment and another $20 million in fundraising to handle park operating costs while not impinging upon the state's forest products industry. ‘Nobody really knows how many jobs would be created by a national monument or a park and a recreation area, or how many jobs it would likely kill in the wood products industry,’ Poliquin said. ‘The data is very mixed.’” [Bangor Daily News, 11/30/15]

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- **Poliquin: “Bypassing The Legislative Process - To Unilaterally Designate Land As Federal Land - Resulting In Fundamentally Changing A Region In Maine, Or Anywhere, Is Not Democratic.”** “‘Any process to incorporate federal land in Maine must have strong support from the local community,’ Poliquin said Monday in a news release. ‘The legislative process is set up to create checks and balances and to ensure
constituent voices are heard in Washington. Bypassing the legislative process - to unilaterally designate land as federal land - resulting in fundamentally changing a region in Maine, or anywhere, is not democratic,’ Poliquin added.” [Portland Press Herald, 11/30/15]


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March 2016: Poliquin Met With The Managing Director Of The White House Council On Environmental Quality To Oppose A Potential Executive Order Designating Katahdin Woods As A National Monument. “U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin met with a White House official in Washington on Monday to argue against any designation by President Obama of more than 100,000 acres in Maine's North Woods as a national monument. Poliquin, who represents Maine's 2nd District, and U.S. Sens. Susan Collins and Angus King have asked the president to back off from designating land in the Katahdin Region as a national monument, a threatened executive action that would bypass the national park process, which requires extensive public input and an act of Congress before a park can be established. In a statement released by his office, Poliquin said he met with Christy Goldfuss, managing director of the White House Council on Environmental Quality.” [Kennebec Journal, 3/21/16]

Poliquin Raised Concerns About Safety Of Local Roads, Damage To The Forest Products Industry, And Costs To Maintain The Monument. “Poliquin told Goldfuss there is strong local opposition to a national monument designation. His office said he also discussed with Goldfuss the negative impact such a designation could have on jobs in the forest products industry, concerns over the costs associated with maintaining a national monument, the safety of the region's road system, and the threat it poses to recreational access for private citizens. ‘Today's meeting is a critical step in conveying the interests and concerns of local residents and stakeholders,’ Poliquin said in a statement. ‘We raised serious issues that White House staff indicated they had not heard prior to today, including road safety concerns. We are continuing to urge the President to understand the grave consequences that his unilateral designation of a national monument would have on the local Katahdin Region now and for generations to come.’” [Kennebec Journal, 3/21/16]

- Poliquin: “We Made It Very Clear To The White House That There Is A Problem With Vacationing Automobiles Sharing Gravel Roads With Logging Trucks Traveling At 60 MPH.” ‘They warned Goldfuss, whose council is the president's primary adviser on environmental matters, that a national monument designation on Quimby's land would pose a public safety hazard, as logging truck and tourist traffic would be incompatible on the dirt roads in the forested area. ‘Access is a real issue when it comes to this property,’ Poliquin said. ‘We made it very clear to the White House that there is a problem with vacationing automobiles sharing gravel roads with logging trucks traveling at 60 mph as they deliver their products. ‘Our forest-products industry must continue to use these roads to continue to be productive,’ he added.” [Bangor Daily News, 3/21/16]


June 2016: Poliquin Hosted Natural Resources Committee Members At A Field Hearing That Featured Only Opponents Of The Katahdin Woods Monument

May 2016: Poliquin Requested A Field Hearing Regarding Katahdin Woods, Citing “The Strong Concerns From These Local Constituents” That The Obama Administration “Ignored Outright.” “A congressional committee will hold a ‘field hearing’ on June 1 in East Millinocket to hear from local residents about a divisive proposal to create a national monument in the Katahdin region. […] In his letter to Bishop requesting the field
hearing, Poliquin wrote that the White House and National Park Service ‘seem determined to move forward with this proposal’ and that he fears ‘the strong concerns from these local constituents that I represent from the Katahdin Region are being ignored outright by the Obama Administration in this process.’” [Portland Press Herald, 5/18/16]

6/1/16: Poliquin Hosted Reps. Rob Bishop And Bruce Westerman Of The Committee On Natural Resources At A Field Hearing Featuring Five Opponents Of The Katahdin Woods Monument. “Two members of a congressional committee heard from opponents of a North Woods national monument Wednesday afternoon during a field hearing that underscored the political tensions surrounding the proposal. All five invited speakers during the 90-minute field hearing held by the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources - including Gov. Paul LePage - criticized the proposal to designate 87,500 acres of donated land east of Baxter State Park as a national monument. […] Committee Chairman U.S. Rep. Rob Bishop, R-Utah, and U.S. Rep. Bruce Westerman, R-Ark., visited the Katahdin region at the request of Poliquin, who opposes the national monument proposal.” [Portland Press Herald, 6/1/16]

- 5/18/16: Bishop Said The Katahdin Woods Monument Designation “Would Be Another Abuse Of The Antiquities Act.” “Unlike the Obama Administration, the committee will not dismiss the legitimate concerns of Representative Bruce Poliquin and his constituents,’ committee Chairman U.S. Rep. Rob Bishop, R-Utah, said in a statement announcing the meeting. ‘The proposed monument designation in Maine's Katahdin region would be another abuse of the Antiquities Act, exercised unilaterally with complete disregard for local residents, businesses, and elected officials.’” [Portland Press Herald, 5/18/16]

- Poliquin: “This Is Not A Political Issue For Me […] This Is About The People Who Live In The Katahdin Region And The People Of The State Of Maine.” “This is not a political issue for me,’ Poliquin said. ‘This is about our families. This is about our jobs. This is about the people who live in the Katahdin region and the people of the state of Maine.’” [Portland Press Herald, 6/1/16]


- Poliquin: “With The Stroke Of A Pen – 87,000-Plus Acres Into A National Monument Which Would Take It Off-Line From Productive Economic Use Forever.” “On May 13, Representative Bruce Poliquin (R-ME) requested this hearing to listen to local voices, the voices of those who will be directly impacted by the designation. ‘It's so important that Congress hears our voices loud and clear as the President considers unilaterally designating – with the stroke of a pen – 87,000-plus acres into a national monument which would take it off-line from productive economic use forever,’ Rep. Poliquin stated.” [House Natural Resources Committee Republicans, Press Release, 6/1/16]

Bangor Daily News Editorial Board: Poliquin’s Hearing Was A “Sham” That Featured “Only Hand-Picked Witnesses” Opposed To The Monument

The Bangor Daily News Editorial Board Called Poliquin’s Hearing A “Sham” That Featured “Only Hand-Picked Witnesses” Opposed To The Katahdin Woods Monument. “In East Millinocket, the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources held a ‘hearing’ on a proposed North Woods national monument on 87,500 acres of land just east of Baxter State Park. At the same time, the Maine Legislature’s joint Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife held its own ‘hearing’ to consider allegations of misconduct by game wardens during undercover sting operations. Both hearings were shams. Only handpicked witnesses were called to testify, and they presented only one side of the story – national park opponents in East Millinocket and state officials in Augusta. Neither hearing allowed public comment. Neither featured adversarial questioning. Both led to preordained conclusions. […] The National Resources Committee hearing was U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin’s answer to a pair of public meetings with National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis that were organized last month by Sen. Angus King.” [Bangor Daily News, Editorial Board, 6/5/16]
Richard Schmidt Op-Ed: Opposers Of Katahdin Woods’ Monument Status Were “The Only Ones Invited To Testify” At Poliquin’s Hearing. “U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin recently hosted an altogether different meeting in the Katahdin Region. He invited congressmen from Utah and Arkansas to come and listen to witnesses who are opposed, the only ones invited to testify, to the economic opportunity. However, here, too, many of the values we hold dear and for which many of us have, in different ways, fought for, were on display.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Richard Schmidt Op-Ed, 6/19/16]

- Richard Schmidt Was Chairman Of The Board Of Selectmen In The Town Of Patten. [Lewiston Sun Journal, Richard Schmidt Op-Ed, 6/19/16]


Op-Ed Writer On Poliquin’s Hearing: “All He Wants, And All He’ll Get, Is To Inflame People Further To Help His Campaign Along”

Alan Caron Op-Ed On Poliquin’s Hearing: “All He Wants, And All He’ll Get, Is To Inflame People Further To Help His Campaign Along.” “I give you, as a case in point, 2nd District U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin. While U.S. Sen. Angus King engineered two hearings that were open to all views, as part of a healthy and spirited debate, Poliquin immediately invited the chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee to come to Maine and lash out against the proposed project. King was looking for information and understanding. Poliquin isn’t looking for any of those things. All he wants, and all he’ll get, is to inflame people further to help his campaign along.” [Portland Press Herald, Alan Caron Op-Ed, 5/22/16]

- Alan Caron Was The Owner Of Caron Communications And Is The Author Of “Maine’s Next Economy” And “Reinventing Maine Government.” [Portland Press Herald, Alan Caron Op-Ed, 5/22/16]

Op-Ed Writer: The Public Spoke “In Overwhelming Numbers” In Favor Of The Monument When They Were “Eventually Allowed To Speak” After Poliquin’s Hearing

Portland Press Herald: Supporters Of Katahdin Woods Monument Were “Better Represented” After The Congressional Field Hearing. “Although no supporters addressed the committee amid political dueling over how and when they were invited, dozens of monument supporters as well as opponents sounded off afterward during a lengthy public forum held by Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-District 2. […] The two sides on the issue were better represented during an hours-long public forum held by Poliquin after the congressional field hearing adjourned. The audience was filled with people wearing “National Monument, Yes!” T-shirts as well as opponents wearing Maine Woods Coalition shirts for the organization opposing the monument proposal.” [Portland Press Herald, 6/1/16]

- Monument Supporters At The Hearing “Said That It Would Be A Needed Tonic To A Region Hard-Hit By Paper Products Industry Losses.” “Many proponents spoke during the forum hosted by Poliquin. Some said that it would be a needed tonic to a region hard-hit by paper products industry losses. Former Millinocket Town Councilor Anita Mueller said that in the last several years, Millinocket has acquired more than 100 tax-acquired properties, town property taxes are a shade under $30 per $1,000 of valuation — easily the highest in Maine — and unemployment runs at least double the state average. The monument, meanwhile, carries with it $40 million in an endowment and fundraising pledge — ‘a fantastic opportunity’ — to diversify the region’s economy without supplanting forest products industry jobs, Mueller said.” [Bangor Daily News, 6/1/16]

Richard Schmidt Op-Ed: When The Public “Was Eventually Allowed” To Speak At Poliquin’s Forum, They “Spoke In Favor Of The Monument -- In Overwhelming Numbers.” “Despite the structure of Poliquin’s meeting, when the public was eventually allowed to, we spoke in favor of the monument -- in overwhelming numbers. I kept track, as I hope Rep. Poliquin did, and there were about 50 people in favor, all of them from the
Katahdin Region. There were only a dozen opposed and some of them had traveled to the region from Augusta, representing lobbying groups opposed to the economic diversity and conservation this proposal could bring to our communities, region and state.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Richard Schmidt Op-Ed, 6/19/16]

Richard Schmidt Op-Ed: Each Day That Poliquin Does “Not Step Boldly Forward And Tell The President That [Mainers] Support This Historic Gift” “Is Another Foreclosed Home” In The Region. “I thank Sen. King, Director Jarvis and even Rep. Poliquin for their meetings. But the time has come to take the next step. They have seen the support -- overwhelming doesn't really cover it -- in the Katahdin Region and throughout Maine. Every day that they do not step boldly forward and tell the president that their constituents throughout Maine support this historic gift, each day that they do not tell the president that they support this historic gift is another foreclosed home, another empty locker at the start of the next school year, another pothole we cannot afford to fill and another day they make a choice about Maine's future and their own place in history.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Richard Schmidt Op-Ed, 6/19/16]

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July 2016: Poliquin Voted For To Pass The Department Of The Interior, Environment, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for the passage of HR 5538, a “bill that would provide $32.1 billion in fiscal 2017 for the Interior Department, the EPA and related agencies. The bill would provide $12.1 billion for the Interior Department, $8 billion for the EPA, $5.4 billion for the Forest Service, $1.2 billion for the Bureau of Land Management and $5.1 billion for the Indian Health Service. The measure would prohibit the EPA from limiting greenhouse gas, methane, and air emissions from power plants and the oil and gas industry. The measure would also block the EPA from completing its ‘Waters of the United States’ rule-making to clarify which bodies of water are subject to regulation under the clean air act. As amended, the measure would prohibit funds from being used to finalize, implement or enforce new regulations on offshore Arctic energy exploration and development.” The bill passed, 231 to 196. [HR 5538, Vote #477, 7/14/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/14/16]

- The Bill Prohibited Funding For Presidential Declarations Of New Monuments, Including In Penobscot County, Maine. “None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to make a Presidential declaration by public proclamation of a national monument under chapter 3203 of title 54, United States Code in the counties of Coconino, Maricopa, Mohave and Yavapai in the State of Arizona, in the counties of Modoc and Siskiyou in the State of California, in the counties of Chaffee, Conejos, Dolores, Moffat, Montezuma, and Park in the State of Colorado, in the counties of Carson City, Churchill, Clark, Douglas, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Lyon, Nye, Pershing, Storey and Washoe in the State of Nevada, in the county of Otero in the State of New Mexico, in the counties of Jackson, Josephine and, Malheur in the State of Oregon, in the counties of Beaver, Carbon, Duchesne, Emery, Garfield, Iron, Juab, Kane, Millard, Piute, San Juan, Sanpete, Sevier, Tooele, Uintah, Washington, and Wayne in the State of Utah, or in the county of Penobscot in the State of Maine.” [CQ Bill Text, HR 5538, 7/14/16]

- Jym St. Pierre Op-Ed: Poliquin’s Vote To Block Federal Funds For Katahdin Woods Served “Special Interests, Not The Broad Public Interest.” “The Maine Snowmobile Association has also collaborated closely with Poliquin. For example, the association wrote and Poliquin introduced language to block any federal funds from being channeled to the new Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in Maine. Polls show overwhelming public support for the monument, but SAM and the MSA care about their special interests, not the broad public interest.” [Portland Press Herald, Jym St. Pierre Op-Ed, 11/22/16]

Poliquin Spokesperson: Poliquin “Has Clearly Stated That Any Process To Incorporate Federal Land In Maine Must Have Strong Support From The Local Community.” “Poliquin favored the funding ban because of the local opposition to Quimby’s proposal, according to his spokesman, Brendan Conley. Poliquin ‘has clearly stated that any process to incorporate federal land in Maine must have strong support from the local community. A unilateral designation of a national monument would not take into consideration any of the serious concerns of the Katahdin region residents and surrounding communities,’ Conley said in a statement.” [Bangor Daily News, 7/15/16]

**August 2016: Poliquin Said Obama Should Not Have Been Able To Designate Katahdin Woods As A National Monument And That It Should Not Be Controlled By “Washington Bureaucrats”**

August 2016: Obama Designated Katahdin Woods As A National Monument, Which Poliquin Said He Should Not Have Been Able To Do. “President Barack Obama signed into law the creation of the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument on Wednesday, Aug. 24 beginning a new chapter in the history of a region in Maine that had been dominated by the forest products industry for more than a century. […] Collins, Poliquin and Maine state Legislature Republicans said the order should never have been issued, given the unpopularity of the monument proposal in northern Maine. The park service’s nearly $12 billion maintenance backlog, makes it questionable ‘whether the service can afford to manage this new federal acquisition,’ Collins said in a prepared statement.” [Bangor Daily News, 8/24/16]

- **Poliquin: “Out Local Job Creators – Not Washington – Know Best How To Use Our Working Forests And Provide Proper Access For Industries To Create More Jobs. “‘All public officials must do everything humanly possible to help ensure local input as to how this new federal land will be managed. Our local job creators -- not Washington bureaucrats -- know best how to use our working forests and provide proper access for industries to create more jobs,’” Poliquin said.” [Bangor Daily News, 8/24/16]

- **Poliquin Said He Opposed Katahdin Woods’ Monument Designation As A “Unilateral Decision” By Obama. “The news Wednesday that President Barack Obama has designated about 87,500 acres of Maine’s North Woods as a national monument has put the controversial issue front and center in the state’s 2nd Congressional District race. Of the two competing for the seat, incumbent U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-2nd District, took the clearest stance Wednesday, saying in a prepared statement that he was opposed to such ‘a unilateral decision’ by the Obama administration, but adding that he will ‘continue to work with everyone to move this project forward in the right way in order to build a stronger economy that creates more and better-paying jobs in the Katahdin region and in Maine.’” [Kennebec Journal, 8/24/16]

**February 2017: Poliquin Was The Only Member Of Maine’s Delegation Who Did Not “Urge LePage To Back Off” After He Asked Trump To Revoke Katahdin Woods’ Monument Status**

have to guess where 2nd District U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin stands on the future of Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument. If he has an opinion, he's not talking about it. We know where Gov. LePage stands – he's begging President Trump to act outside his legal authority to undo the monument designation and put the 87,500 acres back into private hands. Rep. Bruce Poliquin is the only member of the Maine delegation who won't say whether he wants President Trump to undo the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument designation. […] But the member of Congress whose district encompasses the entire parcel and whose constituents would be most affected by any change to its status has nothing he wants to add.” [Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 2/27/17]

May 2017: Poliquin Said He Would Not Advocate For Or Against Katahdin Woods Retaining Its Monument Status, Which A Local Business Owner Criticized

May 2017: Poliquin Said He Would Not Advocate For Or Against Katahdin Woods Retaining Its Monument Status: “The Local People Need To Speak Up, Unfortunately, Like They Did A Year Ago.” “When asked repeatedly whether he would advocate for or against the monument in his district while it’s being reviewed by the Trump administration, Poliquin ultimately said he would not. ‘I have done my part. It’s in the hands of the executive branch,’ he said. ‘We’ll see what decision (Trump) makes.’ Poliquin said he’s focused on creating jobs in the Katahdin region, including logging and recreational jobs. He encouraged others, such as Gov. Paul LePage, who opposes the designation, to continue to speak out. ‘The local people need to speak up, unfortunately, like they did a year ago, but they have to do it again,’ he said.” [Portland Press Herald, 5/12/17]

June 2017: Katahdin Area Business Owner Criticized Poliquin For Having “Done Nothing” To Help Katahdin Woods Retain Monument Status And Save The Local Economy

June 2017: James Talbot, Longtime Katahdin Area Business Owner, Op-Ed: LePage “Misrepresented Public Opinion In Maine” And Told Trump Mainers Opposed Katahdin Woods Monument. “As a longtime business owner in the Katahdin region, I am shocked by the few people doing everything they can to tear down our communities and destroy the economic progress already made since the designation of Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument. Katahdin Woods and Waters is under an Interior Department review ordered by President Trump to ensure what his executive order called ‘adequate public outreach’ was part of the designation process. However, our monument is in a class by itself regarding public outreach. We're on the review list only because Gov. LePage traveled to Washington and misrepresented public opinion in Maine, saying the majority of Mainers were opposed to the monument.” [Portland Press Herald, James Talbot Op-Ed, 6/7/17]

Talbot Op-Ed: “The Monument Has Given Our Communities Hope And Early Signs Of Economic Growth. Now Those Investments And Jobs Are In Doubt.” “After decades of decline and strife, the monument has given our communities hope and early signs of economic growth. Now those investments and jobs are in doubt. I want to grow my own business, but WSYY’s planned expansion will not proceed if the national monument designation is rescinded or changed - or, frankly, if the shadow cast by our governor isn't lifted.” [Portland Press Herald, James Talbot Op-Ed, 6/7/17]

• Talbot Said He Would “Have Little Choice But To Sell” His Business Without The Monument Designation. “If the designation is rescinded, banks have no reason to lend and I'll have little choice but to sell to a national religious broadcaster. Just as with Lincoln's WLKN years ago, this would mean that Red Sox broadcasts would never return, and there would be no local music, DJs, sports or CBS News. Another local station gone.” [Portland Press Herald, James Talbot Op-Ed, 6/7/17]

Chellie Pingree have come out strongly against this attack. Sen. Susan Collins has mildly opposed efforts to harm the monument. Rep. Bruce Poliquin has done nothing and says it’s up to the executive branch. That’s not how representation works. The people and businesses of the Katahdin region want Sen. Collins and Rep. Poliquin to protect our monument, our small businesses, our communities and the image of northern Maine.” [Portland Press Herald, James Talbot Op-Ed, 6/7/17]

**June 2017: Poliquin Requested That Zinke Recommend State Control Of Katahdin Woods Regardless Of Its Monument Status**


**December 2017: Poliquin Pushed For A Proposal To Modify Katahdin Woods And Waters’ Monument Designation To Allow For “Active Timber Management”**

Poliquin Supported Commercial Logging In Katahdin Woods And Waters And “Pushed [For It] In Talks With Zinke Over Several Months.” “U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin said the report advocates for commercial logging within the monument, an idea he pushed in talks with Zinke over several months. Landowners allowed that before St. Clair’s mother, Roxanne Quimby, bought the land, he said. ‘We must ensure that the hundreds of Mainers who make their living in the forest products industry are not impacted by this federal land acquisition,’ Poliquin, R-Maine, said in a statement.” [Bangor Daily News, 9/18/17]

- **Zinke Said He And Poliquin Were Friends And Consulted Him About The Possibility Of Making Katahdin Woods A National Park.** “A former Republican congressman from Montana, Zinke said he is friends with U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-Maine, and has discussed with him the possibility of making the monument a national park.” [Bangor Daily News, 6/15/17]

- **Natural Resources Council Of Maine Executive Director Lisa Pohlmann: Commercial Logging “Could Cause Substantial Harm” To The Monument’s Natural Resources And Economic Benefits.** “Commercial logging ‘could cause substantial harm to the natural resources protected by the monument and to the economic and recreation benefits’ Katahdin Woods and Waters is creating, council Executive Director Lisa Pohlmann said in a statement.” [Bangor Daily News, 9/18/17]

December 2017: Poliquin Supported Zinke’s Proposal For Trump To Modify Katahdin Woods And Waters’ Monument Designation To Allow For “Active Timber Management.” “The interior secretary submitted that report to the president in August, but only publicly released the report on Tuesday, although leaked copies have been circulating since September. Trump has yet to act on the other recommendations in the report. […] In the case of Katahdin Woods and Waters, the report recommends changing the proclamation creating the monument ‘to ensure compliance with the provisions and intent of the (Antiquities) Act while also prioritizing (promotion of) a healthy forest through active timber management.’ […] ‘The recommendation put forward by Secretary Zinke is a smart compromise that will help ensure traditional uses of the land and sustainable forest management are safeguarded, along with the jobs they support in the area,’ Poliquin said in a statement. ‘As I’ve said before, our goal should be to move this project forward in the right way to build a stronger economy that creates more and better paying jobs in the Katahdin Region and in Maine. Secretary Zinke’s recommendation strikes the right balance.’” [Portland Press Herald, 12/5/17]

- **Natural Resources Council Of Maine Executive Director Lisa Pohlmann: Zinke’s Proposal Could Be A “Clear Violation Of The Laws That Determine How The National Park Service Manages Lands.”** “Lisa Pohlmann, executive director of the Natural Resources Council of Maine, said managing timber to ‘restore a
healthy, natural forest’ or for education purposes could be consistent with Katahdin Woods and Waters’ purpose. ‘If the secretary envisions commercial timber harvesting, then it would be a clear violation of the laws that determine how the National Park Service manages lands,’ Pohlmann said in a written statement. ‘Such a proposal would almost certainly trigger a lawsuit.’” [Portland Press Herald, 9/18/17]

### Environmental Protection Agency

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**Poliquin Voted Against Reducing EPA Funding By $1.8 Million, In Line With Trump’s FY 2018 Budget Proposal.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment that would reduce funding for the EPA by $1.8 million.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 151-260. [H R 3354, Vote #492, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

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**April 2017: Poliquin Opposed Trump’s Proposed Cuts To EPA Programs That Aim To Reduce Children’s Exposure To Lead Paint.** “The Trump administration is proposing to eliminate two Environmental Protection Agency programs that reduce children’s exposure to lead-based paint, a toxin that can cause permanent brain damage and is particularly prevalent in Maine because of its older housing. […] ‘As he’s stated before, Congressman Poliquin has concerns with some of the funding changes suggested in the President’s proposal,’ Brendan Conley, the spokesman for Republican Rep. Bruce Poliquin, said in an email. ‘Lead remediation will continue to be an important issue for the congressman and he looks forward to continuing his support for this vital funding in the upcoming appropriations process.’” [Portland Press Herald, 4/9/17]

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**2017: Trump Proposed Budget Cuts To The EPA That Environmental Advocates Called “Devastating To Environmental Protection In Maine”**

2017: Trump Proposed Cutting The EPA’s Budget By 25 Percent, Reducing Funding For Maine’s Industrial Cleanups, Grants To Mitigate Radon, Water Quality Tests, And School Buses. “The Trump administration's proposal to impose deep cuts on the Environmental Protection Agency’s budget is raising fears that it would devastate Maine's environment and undermine its economy. The preliminary White House plan would trim the EPA's budget by 25 percent. It would cut nearly a third of state grant programs that fund the cleanup of abandoned industrial sites as well as protect air and water quality, and it would eliminate grants that help Maine and other states mitigate radon, conduct beach water quality tests and buy cleaner school buses.” [Portland Press Herald, 3/12/17]

Natural Resources Council Of Maine Advocacy Director Said The Cuts Would Be “Devastating To Environmental Protection In Maine” And Damage “Our Economic Prospects.” “‘These cuts would be devastating to environmental protection in Maine,’ said Pete Didisheim, advocacy director at the Natural Resources Council of Maine, the state's most politically active environmental group. ‘We're a state that depends very heavily on the health of the environment as a core foundation of our economy, so these cuts are cuts to our economic prospects, really.’” [Portland Press Herald, 3/12/17]

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2018: Poliquin Claimed He “Stood Against EPA Budget Cuts In The President’s 2018 Budget.” “Stood against EPA budget cuts in the President’s 2018 budget especially for critical hazardous waste cleanup services like Superfund and Brownfields.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/5/18]

Poliquin Voted For Bills That Would Gut The EPA


Poliquin Voted For The EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for: “passage of a bill that would establish a selection process for members of the EPA’s Science Advisory Board. The bill would require the board’s members represent a variety of scientific and technical viewpoints. It would require board member nominees to disclose financial relationships that would be relevant to EPA advisory activities. It would require the board to generally avoid making policy determinations or recommendations to the EPA.” The bill was passed by a vote of 229-193. [HR 1431, Vote #208, 3/30/17; CQ, 3/30/17]


- NRDC Called The Bill A “Gift To The Chemical Industry” That Would Make It Much More Difficult To Hold Polluting Industries Accountable.” “Another gift to the chemical industry is being wrapped with a bow by the Republican Congress. The EPA Science Advisory Board is meant to provide scientific advice to the EPA, such as reviewing its chemical hazard assessments. But this new Republican Science Advisory Board Act (SAB Act) would instead invite the chemical and regulated industries to help characterize the science of harm about their own hazardous products. This, ultimately, would make it much more difficult to hold polluting industries accountable.” [NRDC, 3/30/17]

- NRDC Said The Bill Would “Encourage Industry Conflicts In The Review Of Scientific Materials” And Hamper The Work And Effectiveness Of The Board, “Undermin[Ing] Important Public Health, Safety And Environmental Measures.” “In short, due to these and other provisions, the ‘EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2017’ would alter the nature of the SAB, which has been largely successful in providing the EPA expert review of key scientific and technical questions, and would encourage industry conflicts in the review of scientific materials. It would also pile new and burdensome requirements on the Board, severely
hampering its work and effectiveness. The result would be to further stall and undermine important public health, safety and environmental measures.” [NRDC, 3/30/17]

- **Poliquin Voted For Providing For House Consideration Of The EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act.** In March 2017, Poliquin voted for: the “adoption of the rule (H Res 233) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would establish a selection process for members of the EPA’s Science Advisory Board. The bill would require board member nominees to disclose financial relationships that would be relevant to EPA advisory activities.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 232-188. [HRes 233, Vote #204, 3/29/17; CQ, 3/29/17]

- **Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Prohibiting Any Member Of The EPA Science Advisory Board From Being Employed By Any Interests Before The Board During That Person’s Term, And For Three Years After.** In March 2017, Poliquin voted against: the “Foster, D-Ill., motion to recommit the bill the House Science, Space and Technology Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit, both during and for three years following a term on the board, Science Advisory Board members from being employed by any entity with interests before the board.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 189-233. [HR 1431, Vote #207, 3/30/17; CQ, 3/30/17]

Poliquin Voted For The Honest and Open New EPA Science Treatment (HONEST) Act, Prohibiting The EPA From Proposing A Rule Unless The Scientific Information Backing It Up Is Publicly Available. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for: “passage of the bill that would prohibit the EPA from proposing, finalizing or disseminating a rule, regulation or standard unless the scientific and technical information on which the EPA’s decisions relied is publicly available for independent analysis. It would require any personally identifiable information, trade secrets or sensitive business information to be redacted prior to the publication of the scientific information.” The bill was passed by a vote of 228-194. [HR 1430, Vote #206, 3/29/17, CQ, 3/29/17]

- **The HONEST Act Would Bar Many Kinds Of Scientific Evidence From Consideration, Including Studies That Included Medical Records, Which Cannot Legally Be Released, And Greatly Increase Costs To Enforce.** “For example, it would would stop the EPA from crafting public health protections based on studies that use medical records, which are confidential and cannot be legally released. […] The aides I spoke to denied that the process would be unmanageable, noting that every federal agency already redacts plenty of confidential information. But the Congressional Budget Office estimated that old iterations of the HONEST Act would take $250 million a year to enforce, and the new version only allocates an extra $1 million to the added burden of redaction—all while Trump is planning to cut the EPA’s budget.” [The Atlantic, 3/15/17]


- **Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Exempting EPA Actions Related To Public Health Threats From The Bill’s Requirement That The Scientific Information Behind The EPA’s Actions Must Be Publicly Available.** In March 2017, Poliquin voted against: the “McEachin, D-Va., motion to recommit the bill to the House Science, Space and Technology Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt EPA actions taken in response to a public health threat from the bill’s requirement that the scientific information that influenced the EPA’s actions must be publicly available.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 189-232. [HR 1430, Vote #205, 3/29/17; CQ, 3/29/17]

**Mining Communities**

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Equal Rights & Workplace Fairness

**Significant Findings**

- Poliquin co-sponsored legislation to require sexual harassment prevention trainings for House employees, of which he said, “there can be no tolerance for sexual harassment anywhere,” but voted against requiring companies bidding for federal contracts to disclose sexual harassment violations.

- Poliquin voted to block the Paycheck Fairness Act.

**Sexual Harassment**

**November 2017: Poliquin Co-Sponsored A Bill To Make Sexual Harassment Prevention Trainings Mandatory For House Employees, Then Tried To Take Credit For A Different Sexual Harassment Prevention Package**

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*Poliquin is one of the three main co-sponsors of a measure introduced by California Democrat Jackie Speier that would require House members, congressional staff, and other employees of the House to complete sexual harassment prevention and response training every year, and then file a certification of completion with the House Committee on Ethics.* [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/6/17]

- **Poliquin:** “It Is Fundamental To An Employee’s Safety For He Or She To Always Feel Comfortable At Their Workplace, And It’s Past Time Capitol Hill Move In That Direction.” “In the wake of reports that female lawmakers were harassed by U.S. House colleagues, a Maine congressman is among those pushing for mandatory, annual sexual harassment training. ‘It is fundamental to an employee’s safety for he or she to always feel comfortable at their workplace, and it’s past time Capitol Hill move in that direction,’ U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, a 2nd District Republican, said.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/6/17]

- **Poliquin:** “There Can Be No Tolerance Of Any Kind For Sexual Harassment Anywhere — Period.” “Poliquin said in a prepared statement that Congress sets the laws and policies for executive branch employees to undergo required sexual harassment training. ‘How can we be expected to lead on those policies when we, ourselves, are so far behind?’ he asked. ‘There can be no tolerance of any kind for sexual harassment anywhere — period.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/6/17]

**February 2018: Poliquin Claimed Measures Increasing Transparency In Harassment Proceedings For Hill Staff And Requiring Members Of Congress To Pay Sexual Harassment Settlements Passed “Under His Leadership”**

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mandating stronger protections for employees; (2) H.Res. 724 requires Members of Congress to personally pay for any settlements to victims and creates an office where employees can seek guidance and counsel on employment issues.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 2/6/18]


February 2017: Poliquin Voted To Repeal A Rule Requiring Companies Bidding For Large Federal Contracts To Disclose Sexual Harassment Violations

Poliquin Voted To Repeal A Rule Requiring Businesses To Disclose Harassment Violations When Bidding On Large Federal Contracts. In February 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Defense Department, General Services Administration and NASA rule that requires companies that bid for federal contracts of more than $500,000 to disclose whether they have been determined in the previous three years to have violated certain federal labor laws and equivalent state laws.” The resolution passed 236-187 and was signed into law on March 27, 2017. [H J Res 37, Vote #76, 2/2/17; CQ, 2/2/17]

- Politico: A Vote For The Resolution Was A Vote To Endanger “Hundreds Of Thousands Of American Workers” By Repealing Safeguards Against Sexual Harassment. “Not long before a deluge of sexual harassment claims engulfed Capitol Hill, congressional Republicans and President Donald Trump quietly repealed safeguards to protect hundreds of thousands of American workers from such harassment. Their target was an August 2016 regulation issued by the Obama Labor Department that required businesses to disclose certain labor violations — including sexual harassment — whenever they bid on large federal contracts. The vote last year is especially relevant now that Congress, under immense public pressure, is weighing legislation to outlaw the very same secrecy agreements that it voted to keep legal less than a year ago.” [Politico, 1/2/18]

- Politico: The Obama Era Regulation “Required Businesses To Disclose Certain Labor Violations — Including Sexual Harassment — Whenever They Bid On Large Federal Contracts.” “Their target was an August 2016 regulation issued by the Obama Labor Department that required businesses to disclose certain labor violations — including sexual harassment — whenever they bid on large federal contracts.” [Politico, 1/2/18]

- Republicans Pushed Repeal Of The Protections In What They Characterized As Ending “Job-Killing Regulations.” “The regulation in question was one of 14 reversed by congressional resolutions that Trump signed into law last year as part of his much-touted war against ‘job-killing regulations.’” [Politico, 1/2/18]

- The Rule Also Barred Mandatory Arbitration Clauses Which Overwhelmingly Benefit Employers And Silence Survivors Of Sexual Harassment. “Besides requiring disclosure, the rule forbade the biggest federal contractors from forcing workers to take their grievances to arbitration, where employees are likelier to lose, than in the courts; in addition, the private proceedings are typically kept secret. Mandatory arbitration clauses played a key role in keeping secret the sexual harassment settlements that piled up over decades at Fox News and elsewhere. Gretchen Carlson, who in 2016 settled a sexual harassment complaint against the late Fox News chairman Roger Ailes for a reported $20 million, has made the elimination of mandatory arbitration clauses the centerpiece of a campaign against sexual harassment.” [Politico, 1/2/18]

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“Congressman Bruce Poliquin (ME-02) has signed on to the #MaineCanDo pledge, a Maine-based movement and platform for practical tools to prevent and respond to harassment. Maine individuals, local businesses and organizations who have signed the pledge, now numbering nearly 300 in total, commit to a number of practices to foster and maintain respectful and harassment-free environments. […] Specifically, the #MaineCanDo pledge states a commitment to the following: Review workplace sexual harassment policies in light of #metoo and audit how they work in practice. Create and assure that appropriate and safe mechanisms are in place to report, measure and track complaints of inappropriate behaviors whether intentional or unintentional. Be proactive in developing respectful workplace cultures. Designate and ensure employees know of go-to members in organizational leadership who will ensure grievances are taken seriously, investigated fairly, and resolved quickly.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 6/15/18]

Equal Pay

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Poliquin Repeatedly Voted Against Or Did Not Vote On Considering The Paycheck Fairness Act

2015: Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Paycheck Fairness Act. In April 2015, Poliquin voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 189) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill to exclude insurance paid at closing into escrow, as well as fees paid to lender-affiliated companies, from the three percent limit on points and fees imposed on qualified mortgages by redefining "points and fees" under the Truth in Lending Act. It also would provide for floor consideration of the bill to modify federal rules regarding high-cost-mortgages as they apply to manufactured housing. The rule also would take the fiscal 2016 Senate budget resolution from the Speaker’s table, adopt a substitute amendment consisting of the text of the fiscal 2016 House budget resolution, as adopted by the House, and would adopt the concurrent resolution, as amended.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, The Democratic Previous Question demands the House vote on a key measure to end the pay gap between men and women and ensure equal pay for equal work: the Paycheck Fairness Act (HR 1619).” The previous question passed 239 to 183. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H. Res. 189, Vote #148, 4/14/15; Bloomberg, 4/14/15; CQ, 4/14/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 4/14/15]

2015: Poliquin Did Not Vote On Blocking Consideration Of The Paycheck Fairness Act. In April 2015, Poliquin did not vote on: “Stivers, R-Ohio, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 200) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 622) that would make permanent the ability of taxpayers to deduct state and local sales taxes in lieu of state and local income taxes, the bill (HR 1105) that would repeal the federal estate tax and repeal the generation-skipping transfer tax, and the bill (HR 1195) that would establish a small business advisory board, credit union advisory council and community bank advisory council for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question demands the House vote on a key measure to end the pay gap between men and women and ensure equal pay for equal work: the Paycheck Fairness Act (HR 1619).” The previous question passed 240 to 183. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H. Res. 200, Vote #154, 4/15/15; CQ, 4/15/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 4/15/15]

• Bloomberg: The Legislation Would Protect Workers Who Share Information About Their Wages, Require Employers To Explain Pay Disparities, And Allow Employees To Seek “Unlimited” Punitive Damages In Wage Bias Cases. “The legislation would protect workers from retaliation for sharing information
about their wages, require employers to explain any pay disparities among workers performing the same job, and allow employees to seek unlimited punitive damages in wage bias cases.” [Bloomberg, 4/14/15]
FEMA & Disaster Relief Issues

**Significant Findings**

- In 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to increase funding to combat inland oil spills, which Maine environmental advocates warned could be “utterly disastrous.”

- In 2017, Poliquin voted to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program without risk reduction programs or flood-risk mapping.

- The reauthorization was projected to increase some flood insurance premiums, which could “decimate” Maine’s housing market and would disproportionately affect working-class Mainers.

**Disaster Relief**

**2017 Supplemental Disaster Funding**

**Poliquin Voted For $81 Billion In Supplemental Disaster Appropriations.** In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would make further supplemental appropriations for fiscal 2018 for disaster assistance for Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria and wildfires that occurred in calendar year 2017. The bill would authorize $81 billion in aid for ongoing response and recovery from 2017 hurricanes and wildfires, and would authorize Puerto Rico to use surplus toll credits to cover the local share of federal highway emergency relief. The bill would remove a cap on federal highway assistance to U.S. territories for fiscal 2018 and 2019.” The bill passed 251 to 169. [HR 4667, Vote #709, 12/21/17; CQ, 12/21/17]

**2017 Wildfires**

**In The Midst Of Disastrous Wildfires In California, Poliquin Voted For A Bill That Inadequately Funded Firefighting While Repealing Environmental Protections And Regulations On The Logging Industry**

**Poliquin Voted For The Resilient Federal Forests Act Of 2017, Allowing The President To Declare Wildfire Disasters And Fund FEMA Relief As Well As Expedite Timber Salvage After Fires.** In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would allow for a presidential declaration of a major disaster with regard to wildfires, which would allow for the release of funding from Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Disaster Relief Fund to fight major wildfires, and would modify the disaster cap under the Budget Control Act to account for expected wildfire funding needs. It would also exempt various forest management activities from filing environmental impact statements and would provide for expedited timber salvage operations and reforestation activities after catastrophic events. It would prohibit any court from issuing restraining orders or injunctions against salvage operations or reforestation activities undertaken in response to a large-scale catastrophic event.” The bill passed 257-166. [HR 2936, Vote #598, 11/1/17; CQ, 11/1/17]

- National Parks Conservation Association: The Resilient Federal Forests Act Was “Extreme And […] Puts Our Forests, Communities And Wildlife At Risk.” “NPCA, along with partners, submitted the following position to the House of Representatives ahead of an expected floor vote the week of October 30, 2017. On behalf of our millions of our members and supporters, we urge you to OPPOSE the Resilient Federal Forest Act of 2017 (H.R. 2936). This bill is extreme and unfortunately, instead of protecting and restoring our public forests, H.R. 2936 puts our forests, communities and wildlife at risk.” [NCPA, 10/31/17]
• NCPA: Wildfire Suppression Funding In The RFFA Was “Completely Inadequate, Leaving Unaddressed The Largest Part Of The Problem: The Growing Impact Of Wildfire Suppression On The Forest Service’s Annual Budget.” “The provisions offered in response to the wildfire funding crisis, even in this most recent version of the bill, are completely inadequate, leaving unaddressed the largest part of the problem: the growing impact of wildfire suppression on the Forest Service’s annual budget.” [NCPA, 10/31/17]

• Poliquin Voted For Considering The Resilient Federal Forests Act Of 2017. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 595) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2936) that would allow for a presidential declaration of a major disaster with regard to wildfires, which would allow for the release of funding from Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Disaster Relief Fund to fight major wildfires, and would modify the disaster cap under the Budget Control Act to account for expected wildfire funding needs. It would also include various categorical exclusions from certain environmental reviews.” The resolution was adopted 232-184. [HRes 595, Vote #593, 11/1/17; CQ, 11/1/17]

2017 Hurricanes

Hurricane Harvey Relief Bill

2017: Poliquin Voted For $7.9 Billion In Emergency Supplemental Funding To Cover The Costs Of Responding To Hurricane Harvey. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Frelighuysen, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution that would provide for the House to concur in the Senate amendments to a bill (HR 601) that would codify practices and programs at the United States Agency for International Development related to U.S. education assistance abroad, with further amendment that would appropriate $7.9 billion in emergency supplemental funding for fiscal 2017 as an initial payment to cover the costs of responding to Hurricane Harvey. The total would include $7.4 billion for the Homeland Security Department’s Disaster Relief Fund, which will be used by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to support ongoing hurricane response efforts. It would also include $450 million for the Small Business Administration’s disaster loan program to assist small businesses and homeowners.” The motion passed, 419-3. [HRes 502, Vote #441, 9/6/17; CQ, 9/6/17]

Funding Tied To FAA Authorization

Poliquin Voted For A Six-Month Extension Of FAA Taxes Tied To Hurricane Relief And Flood Insurance Programs. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would extend through March 31, 2018, various expiring authorities, programs and activities for the Federal Aviation Administration. The measure would also extend multiple health care programs and would establish the basis for the development of a private flood insurance market. It would modify tax provisions for individuals living in areas impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, and would allow the federal government to reimburse the governments of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands for any disaster tax relief that those islands provide their citizens.” The bill passed by a vote of 264-155. [HR 3823, Vote #542, 9/28/17; CQ, 9/28/17]

• Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of Extending Expiring FAA Authorities, Establishing Development Of A Private Flood Insurance Market, And Modifying Tax Provisions For People Impacted By Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, And Maria. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 538) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3823) that would extend through March 31, 2018, various expiring authorities, programs and activities for the Federal Aviation Administration. The measure would also extend multiple health care programs, would establish the basis for the development of a private flood insurance market, and would modify tax provisions for individuals living in areas impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. The rule would also provide for motions to suspend the rules on the legislative day of September 28, 2017.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 223-190. [H RES 538, Vote #539, 9/27/17; CQ, 9/27/17]
• Poliquin Voted Against Requiring The Government To Pay The U.S. Virgin Islands And Puerto Rico Amounts Equal To 400 Percent Of The Loss In Revenues From Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, And Maria. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Nadler, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require the secretary of the Treasury to pay to the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico amounts equal to 400 percent of the loss in revenues from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria for the repair of infrastructure and the payment of health care costs on the islands. It would also modify corporate taxes and charitable contribution limitations in relation to disaster relief.” The motion failed by a vote of 188-277. [HR 3823, Vote #541, 9/28/17; CQ, 9/28/17]

### General Disaster Relief Funding

**Oil Spills**

**2015: Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Increase Funding For Inland Oil Spill Programs.** In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to increase funding for inland oil spill programs. The Amendment would reduce funding for Bureau of Ocean Energy Management by $5,434,000 and to increase funding for Inland Oil Spill Programs by a similar amount. According to the amendment’s sponsor, Rep. Lois Capps, “When it comes to oil spills, the damage gets worse by the minute, so ensuring that spill response teams are properly trained and prepared to respond quickly is essential to minimizing the impacts. This is precisely why the EPA has jurisdiction over the inland oil spill program. … Despite its scope and importance, this program has been seriously underfunded for years, and H.R. 2822 only makes things worse by funding this program at nearly 25 percent less than the President Requested. My amendment would simply increase funding for this program by 5.4 million, to match the President’s requested amount of $23.4 million for fiscal year 2016.” The amendment failed, 184 to 243. [HR 2822, Vote #394, 7/8/15; Bill Summary, Library of Congress, 7/8/15, House Congressional Record, Page H4741, 6/25/15]

• **2013: Emily Figdor Of Environment Maine Warned That An Inland Oil Spill “Near Any Of Maine's Waterways, Would Be Utterly Disastrous.”** “A bill creating a two-year moratorium on the transportation of ‘tar sands’ oil in Maine pit environmental groups against those who say the ban would have far-reaching negative effects on the economy during testimony before the Legislature’s Environment and Natural Resources Committee on Monday. […] Others testifying in support of the bill said Mainers should take warning from the spilling of oil sands in other parts of the country, including into the Kalamazoo River in Michigan — dubbed the most costly inland oil spill cleanup in the U.S. to date at nearly $1 billion — and ask what the economic impact of a spill like that would be here. ‘A spill like this in the Sebago Lake watershed, or near any of Maine’s waterways, would be utterly disastrous,’ said Emily Figdor of Environment Maine.” [Bangor Daily News, 5/6/13]

### Hurricane Relief

**Poliquin Voted For Making $36.5 Billion In Emergency Supplemental Funding For Fiscal 2018 To Partially Cover Costs Of Natural Disasters.** In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H Res 569) that would provide that upon agreeing to the resolution, the House will have been considered to have concurred in the Senate amendment to the bill (HR 2266) with a House amendment that would make available $36.5 billion in emergency supplemental funding for fiscal 2018 to partially cover the costs of responding to multiple natural disasters, including hurricanes and wildfires. The measure would include $18.7 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Disaster Relief Fund - $4.9 billion of which would be used for disaster relief loans to Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. It would also cancel $16 billion of the Treasury debt incurred by FEMA’s National Flood Insurance Program, would release $1.2 billion in contingency reserves from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for use in Puerto Rico would provide $577 million in funding to fight wildfires.” The motion was agreed to 353-69. [HRes 569, Vote #566, 10/12/17; CQ, 10/12/17]
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- Nature Conservancy: “U.S. House Of Representatives Misses Mark In Reducing Nation’s Flood Risk.”
  
  “Unfortunately, this bill falls short of significant improvements needed to bolster risk reduction and flood-risk mapping efforts under the National Flood Insurance Program,” Murdock said. ‘The program has failed to achieve its intended goal of lessening our nation’s flood risk. Congress needs to place more emphasis on reforms that mitigate risk and promote using the best-available science and technology in mapping processes. It is particularly important that reforms enable the restoration of functioning floodplains and disincentivize development in areas of high flood risk.’” [Nature Conservancy, 11/15/17]

- Next City: November 2017 NFIP Reauthorization Would “Let Some Premiums Rise” And Deny Coverage To Homes That Flood Repeatedly. “It largely depends on the NFIP. On November 14, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the 21st Century Flood Reform Act, an attempt to reauthorize the program and simultaneously make it solvent. As part of the reforms, the bill would allow the NFIP to deny coverage to homes that flood repeatedly. It would also let some premiums rise, though it would cap those premiums at $10,000. Bruce Poliquin, the congressman from Maine’s 2nd District, voted in favor of the bill.” [Next City, 11/27/17]

- Rising Flood Insurance Premiums Could Determine The “Future Sustainability Of Communities” And “Decimate” The Housing Market In Maine, With Working-Class Mainers Bearing The Cost. “The perception gap that separates Tampa Bay and Gardiner is striking. People in Maine watch tropical storms lash the Florida coast on CNN and equate flooding with total destruction in the Sunshine State. Likewise, Floridians hardly associate central Maine with any serious flood risk at all. But in many ways, the threat of flooding — and of rapidly rising flood insurance premiums — holds similar consequences for the future sustainability of communities in both places. Maine and Florida are both ‘donor states’ that pay in more to the NFIP than they take out, and it’s working-class communities that will bear the brunt of premium spikes in each of them. Perhaps most critically, the ripple effect of such spikes could decimate each area’s housing market in similar fashion, pulling the rug out from under their respective economic recoveries.” [Next City, 11/27/17]

- Next City Was A Non-Profit News Organization For “Civic-Minded” Reporting On Cities. “Next City is a nonprofit news organization that believes journalists have the power to amplify solutions and spread workable ideas from one city to the next city. Our mission is to inspire greater economic, environmental, and social justice in cities. Next City’s civic-minded reporting makes urban places more effective, equitable and sustainable. We supply changemakers with information that fuels their fight for low-income neighborhoods.” [Next City, accessed 10/26/21]
Poliquin Voted Against Requiring FEMA To Certify That Claims From Hurricane Sandy Were Resolved Before The National Flood Insurance Program Is Reauthorized. In November 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Pascrell, D-N.J., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prevent the bill’s provisions from taking effect unless the Federal Emergency Management Agency certifies the resolution of all claims for losses resulting from Hurricane Sandy of 2012 that were covered under the National Flood Insurance Program.” The motion was rejected 236-190. [HR 2874, Vote #629, 11/14/17; CQ, 11/14/17]

Poliquin Voted For Considering The National Defense Authorization Act Of 2018 And Reauthorizing The National Flood Insurance Program. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 616) that would provide for House floor consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (HR 2810) that would authorize $692.1 billion for defense programs in fiscal 2018. It would also provide for consideration of the bill (HR 2874) that would reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program through fiscal 2022 and would modify several aspects of the program. The rule would require the House clerk to not transmit to the Senate a message that the House has adopted the conference report to accompany the Fiscal 2018 Defense Authorization (HR 2810) until the House receives a message from the Senate that the Senate has passed a bill (HR 4374), without amendment, that would authorize the Food and Drug Administration to expedite consideration of certain medical products at the Pentagon’s request.” The rule was adopted 233-187. [HRes 616, Vote #627, 11/14/17; CQ, 11/14/17]
Financial Protections & Wall Street

**Significant Findings**

- Poliquin received more than $2.5 million in campaign contributions from the finance, insurance, and real estate sector between 2011 and 2021.
- Between 2011 and 2021, Poliquin accepted $865,708 from the securities and investments industry.
- Between 2009 and 2021, Poliquin accepted $103,000 from Zweig-DiMenna Partners employees, $14,450 from CK Capital LP employees, and $29,400 from Avatar Associates executives.
- Poliquin was previously a limited partner in Zweig-DiMenna Partners and CK Capital, as well as an executive at Avatar Associates.
- In 2016 Poliquin criticized fraud on the part of Wells Fargo and donated at least $2,000 in contributions from the bank’s corporate PAC, but in 2018 Poliquin accepted $3,500 more in Wells Fargo PAC contributions.
- Poliquin repeatedly voted to roll back Wall Street reforms, supporting measures to exempt banks with up to $250 billion in assets from 2010 financial regulations, and voting for the CHOICE Act, which gutted regulations limiting financial risk but which he claimed would safeguard consumer protections.
- Poliquin voted to limit Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) funding and to allow predatory lenders to serve on CFPB boards.
- In 2017, the Kennebec Journal Editorial Board called Poliquin one of the CFPB’s “biggest critics” and wrote that a weakened bureau would benefit his financial, insurance, and real estate donors.
- In 2017, Poliquin voted to allow lenders with fewer than $10 billion in assets to forego mortgage escrow requirements, rolling back a post-mortgage crisis financial protection.
- In 2010, Poliquin criticized Maine state legislators for supporting the 2009 stimulus bill.

**Wall Street Campaign Contributions**

**2011 – 2021: Poliquin Accepted $2,538,761 In Campaign Contributions From The Finance, Insurance, And Real Estate Sector**


1984 – 2019: Poliquin Was A Limited Partner In Zweig-DiMenna Partners, LP


February 2012: Poliquin Was A Limited Partner In Zweig-DiMenna Partners, LP But Stated He “Was Not Engaged In Any Way In The Operation Or Management” Of It. “I am a limited partner in Zweig-DiMenna Partners, LP, a New York investment management limited partnership; C.K. Capital, LP, a Delaware investment management limited partnership; and Marshall Mall Associates, a Pennsylvania real estate limited partnership. I hold no officer or director position in these partnership investments. I am not engaged in any way in the operation or management of these entities.” [Maine Wire, 2/4/12]


2012 – 2018: Joseph DiMenna, Founder And Managing Director Of Zweig-DiMenna Partners, Contributed $88,500 To Poliquin’s Campaigns And Associated PACs

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DiMenna Was Founder And Managing Director Of Zweig-DiMenna Partners. “Joseph DiMenna is managing director of Zweig-DiMenna Associates, which is a global investment management firm. He has been the portfolio manager there since he co-founded Zweig-DiMenna Partners with Martin Zweig in 1984. Zweig-DiMenna was named Hedge Fund of the Year in 2007 by Institutional Investor magazine.” [Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, accessed 7/30/21]

<p>| Joseph DiMenna’s Contribution History: Poliquin’s Campaigns And Associated PACs (2012 – 2018) |
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| Poliquin Victory Fund          | $50,000          | 8/20/18           |
| Poliquin Comstock Victory Fund | $10,000          | 6/6/18            |
| Pine Tree PAC                  | $5,000           | 6/18              |
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**2012–2018: Diana DiMenna, Who Was Married To Joseph DiMenna, Contributed $28,500 To Poliquin’s Campaigns And Associated PACs**

* Diana DiMenna Contributed $28,500 To Poliquin's Campaigns. [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed 10/19/21]*

* Diana DiMenna Was Married To Joseph DiMenna. “MY HAMPTONS DIANA DIMENNA OCCUPATION: Philanthropist, mom of two daughters, and wife of Joe DiMenna.” [KDHamptons, accessed 7/30/21]*


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* Zweig Founded Zweig-DiMenna Partners. [Zweig-DiMenna Partners, 2/18/13]*
- **9/28/13:** Zweig Contributed $2,600 To Poliquin For Congress. [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed 7/30/21]

- **4/24/12:** Zweig Contributed $2,500 To Poliquin For US Senate. [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed 7/30/21]

Note: Martin Zweig died in 2013.

### 2012-2018: Zweig-DiMenna Partners’ Employees Contributed $38,350 To Poliquin’s Campaigns And Associated PACs

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[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed 10/19/21; Committee Receipt Search, accessed 10/19/21; Maine Ethics Commission, Individual Contributor Search, accessed 9/15/21]

January 1999: Kern Registered CK Advisors With Florida’s Secretary Of State As The Business’ Managing Director. [Florida Secretary of State Registration, 1/26/99, accessed 9/15/21]

1999 – 2012: Andrew Kern Was A Managing Director Of CK Capital L.P. [Florida Secretary of State Annual Report, 1/20/12; 2/15/11; 2/15/10; 3/20/09; 3/28/08; 1/26/07; 2/20/06; 3/3/03; 4/22/02; 1/26/01; 4/10/2000; Florida Secretary of State Registration, 1/26/99, accessed 9/15/21]

Notch Hill Advisors Advised CK Capital Fund. “Harold N. Chefitz was elected a Director in February 2001. Mr. Chefitz is Chairman of Notch Hill Advisors, which advises CK Capital Fund, and President of Chefitz HealthCare Investments, a private investment company.” [Barr Laboratories, Inc., Press Release, 10/25/01]

- January 1999: Kern And Chefitz Registered Notch Hill Advisors As The Business’ President And Director, Respectively. [Florida Secretary of State Registration, 1/26/99, accessed 9/15/21]

- As Of January 2021, Kern And Chefitz Were Managing Directors Of Notch Hill Advisors. [Florida Secretary of State Annual Report, 1/7/21, accessed 9/15/21]

2009 – 2017: Poliquin Accepted $29,400 From Avatar Associates Executives


- Avatar Investors Associates Corporation “Handled $5 Billion In Worker Pension Funds For Bath Iron Works And International Paper, Among Others.” “Poliquin lists his management skills at the top of his qualifications to be the state’s chief executive. After an academic career at Phillips Academy followed by an economics degree from Harvard University, Poliquin helped build a New York City-based asset management firm called Avatar Investors Associates Corp., which han-dled $5 billion in worker pension funds for Bath Iron Works and International Paper, among others, according to the campaign’s website.” [Bangor Daily News, 5/17/10]

2009 – 2017: Poliquin Accepted $18,400 From Avatar Associates CEO Edward Babbitt

Edward Babbitt’s Contribution And Refund History: Poliquin’s Campaigns (2009 – 2017)

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1998: Edward Babbitt Became Chairman And CEO Of Avatar Associates. “Avatar Associates, a New York-based strategic asset allocation firm, has promoted Edward S. Babbitt, 54, to chairman and chief executive officer. Ted Theodore, 57, becomes vice chairman and chief investment officer; Charles M. White, 39, succeeds Mr. Babbitt as president and chief operating officer. Mr. Theodore, 57, will continue to steer research and product development. He previously was a managing director and research co-chairman.” [Investment News, 4/27/98]

1978: Susan Babbitt Was Listed As Treasurer Of Avatar Associates On The Business’ Registration With Florida’s Secretary Of State. [Florida Secretary of State Registration, 3/15/78, accessed 9/15/21]


2009 – 2015: Poliquin Accepted $11,000 From Avatar Associates Treasurer Susan Babbitt

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October 2016: Poliquin Donated Wells Fargo Contributions After He Criticized The Bank’s Fraud, But Accepted More Wells Fargo Contributions In 2018

September 2016: Poliquin: “The Years-Long Fraud That Has Been Uncovered At Wells Fargo Is Absolutely Appalling And Unacceptable.” “Congressman Bruce Poliquin (ME-02), a member of House Financial Services Committee, applauded the Committee’s launch of an investigation into the creation of unauthorized accounts at Wells Fargo. On Thursday, Congressman Poliquin will have an opportunity to participate in an official hearing at which officials from Wells Fargo are scheduled to appear. In advance, Congressman Poliquin is releasing the following statement: ‘The years-long fraud that has been uncovered at Wells Fargo is absolutely appalling and unacceptable,’ said Congressman Poliquin. ‘It’s critical that those responsible at the bank are held accountable for the damage they may have caused for millions of Americans. I look forward to this week’s hearing to hold the top
executives at the bank accountable and to get to the bottom of this disturbing scandal.’” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 9/26/16]

- **September 2016: Poliquin Told Wells Fargo Executive, “You Ought To Be Ashamed Of Yourself” And Claimed, “I Don’t Worry About Wells Fargo.”** “Today, Congressman Bruce Poliquin (ME-02) grilled Wells Fargo CEO John Stumpf over the bank’s “gross mismanagement” in the creation of unauthorized accounts, making national headlines in USA Today: […] I don’t worry about Wells Fargo. You’ve got 268,000 employees. How many attorneys you got over there? You’ve got a lot of attorneys. I don’t worry about you folks. Somehow, some way, you’re going to make your way through this. You know who I worry about? I worry about our 31 community banks, local banks, in the District that I represent. […] You ought to be ashamed of yourself.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 9/29/16; Rep. Poliquin, YouTube, 2016] (VIDEO) 00:00

**10/4/16: Poliquin Planned To Donate A $2,000 Contribution From Wells Fargo After It Opened Millions Of Unauthorized Accounts To Meet Sales Goals.** “U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin reportedly is giving away $2,000 he received from Wells Fargo as a campaign donation after the 2nd District Republican condemned the bank last week for scamming customers, a move that Democrats are criticizing as a political stunt with nearly a month left until the election. […] Last week, Poliquin, a member of the House Financial Services Committee, told Wells Fargo Chairman and CEO John G. Stumpf in a committee hearing that “you ought to be ashamed of yourself” for allegedly opening millions of unauthorized accounts to meet sales goals.” [Portland Press Herald, 10/4/16]

**10/18/16: Poliquin’s Campaign Donated $2,000 To The Travis Mills Foundation.** [FEC, Committee Expenditure Search, 10/18/16]

- **The Travis Mills Foundation Provided Veterans Who Were Injured During Their Service With A Free Retreat In Maine.** “The Travis Mills Foundation supports recalibrated veterans and their families through various programs that help these heroic men and women overcome physical and emotional obstacles, strengthen their families, and provide well-deserved rest and relaxation. We support these veterans through our nationally recognized retreat located in the Belgrade Lakes Region of Maine. Veteran families who have been injured in active duty or as a result of their service to our nation receive an all-inclusive, all-expenses-paid, barrier-free vacation in Maine where they participate in adaptive activities, bond with other veteran families, and enjoy much-needed rest and relaxation in Maine’s outdoors.” [Travis Mills Foundation, accessed 11/10/21]

**March – November 2018: Poliquin’s Campaign Accepted $3,500 From PACs Associated With Wells Fargo.** On March 30, 2018, Poliquin’s campaign accepted $2,000 from Wells Fargo and Company Employees Good Government Federal Fund I. On November 6, 2018, Poliquin’s campaign accepted an additional $1,500 from Wells Fargo and Company Employee PAC (AKA Wells Fargo Employee PAC). [FEC, Committee Receipts Search, accessed 11/10/21]

- **As Of November 2021, Poliquin’s Campaign Did Not Refund Any Amount To PACs Associated With Wells Fargo.** [FEC, Committee Expenditures Search, accessed 11/10/21]

- **March – December 2018: Poliquin’s Campaign Donated A Total Of $5,000 To Charities, All Of Which It Donated To Christian Civic League Of Maine.** On December 30, 2018, Poliquin’s campaign donated $5,000 to Christian Civic League of Maine. It did not make any other charitable donations between March and December 2018. [FEC, Committee Expenditures Search, accessed 11/10/21]

**October 2016: Poliquin Refused To Return Contributions From Sources Involved In Subprime Mortgage Losses And Illegal Lending Tactics**

October 2016: Cain Called For Poliquin To Return Contributions From Zoe Cruz, A Former Morgan Stanley President Who Oversaw Billions In Losses From Subprime Mortgages, And Advance America, A
Payday Lender Accused Of Illegal Lending. “Meanwhile, Poliquin's Democratic opponent in the 2nd District race, Emily Cain, and Maine Democrats called for Poliquin to return other ‘donations from shady sources,’ such as Zoe Cruz, a former co-president of Morgan Stanley who was fired after overseeing $3.7 billion in subprime mortgage-related losses; and Advance America, a payday lender that has that has paid millions to settle allegations of illegal lending practices.” [Portland Press Herald, 10/4/16]

March 2015: Poliquin's Campaign Accepted Contributed $5,400 Total From Zoe Cruz. On March 14, 2015, Zoe Cruz contributed two $2,700 contributions to Poliquin’s campaign. [FEC, Committee Receipts Search, accessed 3/14/15]

- As Of November 2021, Poliquin’s Campaign Did Not Refund Any Amount To Zoe Cruz. [FEC, Committee Expenditure Search, accessed 11/10/21]

February 2015: Poliquin’s Campaign Accepted $1,000 From Advance America Cash Advance Centers, Inc. PAC. [FEC, Committee Expenditure Search, 2/5/15]

- As Of November 2021, Poliquin’s Campaign Did Not Refund Any Amount To Advance America Cash Advance Centers, Inc. PAC. [FEC, Committee Expenditure Search, accessed 11/10/21]

2016: Poliquin’s Campaign Did Not Make Any Charitable Contributions Other Than Its $2,000 Donation To The Travis Mills Foundation. [FEC, Committee Expenditure Search, accessed 11/10/21]

Wall Street Reform

Poliquin Voted Repeatedly To Roll Back Wall Street Reform

2018: Poliquin Voted For A Bill That Would Raise The Minimum Asset Level At Which The More Stringent Bank Regulation Provisions Of The 2010 Financial Overhaul Applied From $50 To $250 Billion. In May 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would apply the more stringent bank regulation provisions of the 2010 financial overhaul to banks with $250 billion in assets, instead of those with at least $50 billion in assets. It would also allow banks with less than $10 billion in assets to trade with depositors’ money. The bill would lift the threshold for disclosure requirements to $10 million for employee-owned securities and would allow venture capital funds to have up to 250 investors and be exempt from certain registering requirements. It would provide consumers with the right to request a ‘security freeze’ on their credit reports, which would prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information from the consumer’s credit report without express authorization. It would define a ‘qualified mortgage’ as any residential mortgage loan held by a bank, removing the requirement that for a ‘qualified mortgage,’ a bank must determine that a mortgage recipient has the ability to repay.” The bill was passed (thus cleared for the president) by a vote of 258-159. [S. 2155, Vote #216, 5/22/18; CQ, 5/22/18]

- Critics Said The Bill Created Loopholes That Larger Banks Would Exploit. “Rothfus made his claim after voting in favor of the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act, S. 2155, which supporters said will lessen the Dodd-Frank burden on community banking institutions — defined as those with less than $10 billion in assets — and which critics argue creates wiggle room and loopholes that larger banks will exploit. The rollback was signed into law by President Donald Trump on May 24.” [PolitiFact, 5/31/18]

- The Bill Contained Policies Which Would Roll Back Or Eliminate Key Parts Of Wall Street Reform. “Late last year the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act, which was sponsored by Banking Committee Chairman Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, with nearly 20 co-sponsors on both sides of the aisle, was introduced in the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs […] The bill contains policies which would roll back or eliminate key parts from the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.” [Housing Wire, 3/6/18]
2017: Poliquin Voted For The CHOICE Act To “Overhaul Financial Industry Regulations And Repeal Many Provisions Of The 2010 Dodd-Frank Law.” In June 2017, Poliquin voted for: “passage of the bill that would overhaul financial industry regulations and repeal many provisions of the 2010 Dodd-Frank law. It would convert the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into an executive agency funded by annual appropriations and would modify operations at the Federal Reserve and at the Securities and Exchange Commission. It would repeal the prohibition on banking entities engaging in proprietary trading and would modify regulations governing the amount of capital that banks are required to maintain. It would also nullify the Labor Department’s April 2016 "fiduciary" rule regarding standards for individuals who provide retirement investment advice to act in the best interests of their clients.” The bill passed 233-186. [HR 10, Vote #299, 6/8/17; CQ Floor Votes, 6/8/17]

- **HEADLINE: House passes Choice Act that would gut Dodd-Frank banking reforms** [CNBC, 6/8/17]

- **New York Times: CHOICE Act “To Erase A Number Of Core Financial Regulations,” Including Limits On Risk Taking Enacted After The Financial Crash, And “Would Weaken The Powers Of The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.”** “The House approved legislation on Thursday to erase a number of core financial regulations put in place by the 2010 Dodd-Frank Act, as Republicans moved a step closer to delivering on their promises to eliminate rules that they claim have strangled small businesses and stagnated the economy. [...] The Choice Act would exempt some financial institutions that meet capital and liquidity requirements from many of Dodd-Frank’s restrictions that limit risk taking. It would also replace Dodd-Frank’s method of dealing with large and failing financial institutions, known as the orderly liquidation authority — which critics say reinforces the idea that some banks are too big to fail — with a new bankruptcy code provision. In addition, the legislation would weaken the powers of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.” [New York Times, 6/8/17]

- **Poliquin Claimed The CHOICE Act Would “End Big Wall Street Bank Bailouts” And “Create Stronger Safeguards For Consumers.”** “Poliquin and all but one other House Republican voted for the Financial Choice Act. He said the legislation would ‘end big Wall Street bank bailouts, impose the most severe penalties in history for financial criminals, relieve Maine's community banks and local credit unions of smothering regulatory burdens and create stronger safeguards for consumers.’ [...] Poliquin also said the measure would keep ‘very strong’ protections in place for consumers, ‘while at the same time imposing the toughest penalties ever for fraud and inside dealings for folks that participate in this industry.’ He called it ‘a great bill for rural America’ that the huge banks and Wall Street oppose despite its reduction in regulations.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 9/18/17]

2017: Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of The CHOICE Act That Would Repeal Many Provisions Of The Wall Street Reform. In June 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 375) that would overhaul financial industry regulations and repeal many provisions of the 2010 Dodd-Frank law. It would convert the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into an executive agency, modify operations at the Federal Reserve and at the Securities and Exchange Commission, modify regulations governing the amount of capital that banks are required to maintain, and repeal the prohibition on banking entities engaging in proprietary trading.” The rule was adopted, 231-188. [H Res 375, Vote #291, 6/7/17; CQ, 6/7/17]

2015: Poliquin Voted For A Bill To Deregulate Wall Street. In January 2015, Poliquin voted for: legislation that combined the text from eleven bills and would roll back or delay a number of regulations in the Dodd-Frank financial reform law. “The most serious attack of the bunch came in the form of a partial two-year delay of the Volcker Rule, which would ban banks from speculating in securities markets with taxpayer money. The bill would have allowed Citigroup and JPMorgan Chase to hold onto almost $50 billion in risky corporate debt packages known as collateralized loan obligations through 2019.” The bill passed, 271 to 154. [HR 37, Vote #37, 1/14/15; Huffington Post, 1/10/14]

to limit risky investments by banks, and make other changes.” The vote failed to reach a 2/3 majority, 276 to 146. [HR 37, Vote #9, 1/7/15; Bloomberg, 1/7/15]

December 2017: PoliquinIntroduced A Bill To Exempt Certain Financial Institutions From Stress Tests Mandated By Wall Street Reform

12/6/17: PoliquinIntroduced HR 4566, The Alleviating Stress Test Burdens to Help Investors Act. [Congress.gov, HR 4566, 12/6/17]

- Poliquin’s Bill Would Exempt Certain Nonbank Financial Institutions, Including Mutual Funds, From Stress Tests Mandated By Dodd-Frank. “Asset managers and other nonbanks would be spared from Dodd-Frank Act stress tests under legislation passed March 20 by the House, but the bill faces a much tougher path in the Senate. Lawmakers voted 395-19 for H.R. 4566, sponsored by Rep. Bruce Poliquin (R-Maine). The bill exempts nonbank financial institutions, such as mutual funds, that are not under supervision by the Federal Reserve and whose primary regulator is the Securities and Exchange Commission or Commodity Futures Trading Commission from Dodd-Frank stress testing requirements.” [Bloomberg Law, 3/20/18]

- Lewiston Sun Journal: Stress Tests “Try To Assess The Stability Of Assets Held By Managers And Banks.” “Complicated stress test scenarios that try to assess the stability of assets held by managers and banks, the lawmaker said Tuesday, do not fit every type of institution.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 3/20/18]

- Poliquin Said Current Stress Test Regulations Were “Costly, Cumbersome And Unnecessary” And Reduced Returns On Investments. “Calling the existing law ‘costly, cumbersome and unnecessary,’ Poliquin told colleagues that changing the ‘one size fits all’ law benefits everyone who relies on mutual funds and other places where people put their money besides banks. The extra testing adds costs that aren’t needed, he said. ‘The higher the expense, the lower the rate of return,’ Poliquin said. What that leads to, he said, is a smaller nest egg.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 3/20/18]

3/20/18: HR 4566 Passed The House By A Margin Of 395-19. [HR 4566, Vote #119, 3/20/18]

October 2016: Poliquin Touted His “More Than Yearlong Efforts In Opposing” A Move To Eliminate Paper Copies Of Mutual Fund Reports, Which He Said Would Hurt Seniors And The Paper Industry

October 2016: Poliquin Touted His “More Than Yearlong Efforts In Opposing” A Move To Eliminate Paper Copies Of Mutual Fund Reports, Which He Said Would Hurt Seniors And The Paper Industry. “In a victory for Maine seniors and Maine’s paper industry, Congressman Bruce Poliquin (ME-02) announced today that the federal government will not move forward with a proposed policy that would be encumbering to Maine’s paper manufacturers and seniors. After Congressman Poliquin’s more than yearlong efforts in opposing the initiative, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) declared today that they would strike a harmful provision of a newly adopted rule. The provision, known as Rule 30e-3, would hurt paper manufacturers and deny seniors and rural Mainers access to their investment statements. […] Rule 30e-3 would fully eliminate all paper copy versions of mutual fund reports for investors unless the individual independently elects to receive them.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 10/13/16]

- Poliquin Claimed He “Took On Wall Street And Special Interests To Help Twin Rivers” By Opposing The Rule. “Took on Wall Street and Special Interests to help Twin Rivers. Read more about it here: https://t.co/uX4KAjxDXa?amp=1 #mepolitics”
Financial Protections

**Poliquin Voted Against Protecting The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau**

**Poliquin Voted For Limiting Funding For The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted for: a bill that limited funding for the CFPB. “Passage of the bill that would formally establish three advisory boards with which the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) that must consult on matters regarding small businesses, credit unions and community banks. The measure is offset by limiting funding for the CFPB in future years. As amended, the bill would encourage the CFPB to ensure the participation of veteran-owned small-business concerns as members of the Small Business Advisory Board.” The bill passed 235-183. [HR 1195, Vote #167, 4/22/15; CQ News, 4/22/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting Individuals Or Companies Convicted Of Predatory Lending From Serving On CFPB Boards.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted against: a motion that protected military bases and veterans from predatory lenders. The motion would “prohibit individuals from serving as members of the any of the advisory boards if within the last ten years they have been employed or acted as an agent of a company whose been subject to a state or federal enforcement action for predatory lending or fraud against veterans or servicemembers.” The motion was rejected, 184-234. [HR 1195, Vote #166, 4/22/15; CQ News, 4/22/15]

**Poliquin Voted To Allow Risky Mortgage Lending Practices**

**Poliquin Voted For Allowing Lenders With Fewer Than $10 Billion In Assets To Forego Mortgage Escrow Requirements.** In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would exempt lenders with assets of $10 billion or less from the 2010 financial regulatory overhaul requirement that such lenders establish escrow accounts for the first five years of so-called "high-priced" mortgage loans, if the lenders hold the loan on its own balance sheet for three years after the loan is made, and it would exempt companies that service up to 20,000 mortgage loans from current loan servicing and escrow account administration requirements.” The bill passed 294 to 129. [HR 3971, Vote #675, 12/12/17; CQ, 12/12/17]

- Maxine Waters: HR 3971 Could “Set The Stage” For Another Financial Crisis. “A bill opponent, Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., said dropping the regulations would ‘set the stage for a return of the harmful practices of the subprime meltdown and the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.’” [Concord Monitor, 12/17/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Exempting Home Manufacturing Companies From Mortgage-Related Regulatory Requirements And Increasing Threshold For “High Cost Mortgages.”** In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would change the definitions of ‘mortgage originator’ and ‘loan originator’ to exempt companies that manufacture homes and sell manufactured homes from various mortgage-related regulatory
requirements. It would increase the maximum allowable rates and fees that may be applied to a manufactured home loan before the loan is classified as a high-cost mortgage.” The bill passed 256 to 163. [HR 1699, Vote #651, 12/1/17; CQ, 12/1/17]

**Poliquin Voted For A Bill That Created An Exception To Rules Meant To Reduce Risky, High-Cost Mortgages.** In February 2018, Poliquin voted for: “passage of the bill that would exclude insurance paid at closing into escrow, as well as fees paid for related services to lender-affiliated companies, from the three percent cap on points and fees imposed on qualified mortgages by modifying the definition of ‘points and fees.’” According to the Center for Responsible Lending, “the Mortgage Choice Act would allow many more risky, high-cost loans to qualify as Qualified Mortgage (QM) loans by creating exceptions to the points and fees threshold.” The bill passed, 280-131. [H.R. 1153, Vote #64, 2/8/18; CQ, 2/8/18; Center for Responsible Lending, 11/13/17]

**March 2018: Poliquin Signed A Brief Supporting Mick Mulvaney, Who Insinuated He “Would Like To Get Rid Of” The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, As Its Interim Director**

**March 2018: Poliquin Signed A Brief Supporting Mick Mulvaney As Interim Director Of The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.** “Late last week, a group of 113 congressional Republicans filed an amicus brief in English’s case, declaring their support for Trump’s authority to name Mulvaney as the interim CFPB director. […] The brief was submitted by the following Republicans: […] Representative Bruce Poliquin (R-Maine)” [HousingWire, 3/5/18]

- **February 2018: Mulvaney “Pulled Back From A Full-Scale Probe Of How Equifax Inc Failed To Protect The Personal Data Of Millions Of Consumers” As Interim CFPB Director.** “Mick Mulvaney, head of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, has pulled back from a full-scale probe of how Equifax Inc failed to protect the personal data of millions of consumers, according to people familiar with the matter. Equifax (EFX.N) said in September that hackers stole personal data it had collected on some 143 million Americans. Richard Cordray, then the CFPB director, authorized an investigation that month, said former officials familiar with the probe. But Cordray resigned in November and was replaced by Mulvaney, President Donald Trump’s budget chief. The CFPB effort against Equifax has sputtered since then, said several government and industry sources, raising questions about how Mulvaney will police a data-warehousing industry that has enormous sway over how much consumers pay to borrow money.” [Reuters, 2/5/18]

- **2014: Mulvaney Called CFPB A “Joke” In A “Sick, Sad Kind Of Way” And Said “Some Of Us Would Like To Get Rid Of It.”** “It’s a wonderful example of how a bureaucracy will function if it has no accountability to anybody,” Mulvaney, a former South Carolina representative, said in a 2014 interview with the Credit Union Times. ‘It turns up being a joke, and that’s what the CFPB really has been, in a sick, sad kind of way, because you’ve got an institution that has tremendous authority over what you all do for a living.’ In the same interview, he called the CFPB ‘extraordinarily frightening.’ He said that ‘some of us would like to get rid of it’ altogether but acknowledged that it was unlikely, instead proposing reforms such as replacing the single director with a five-person commission.” [Vox, 11/16/17]

**April 2017: Kennebec Journal Editorial Board Called Poliquin One Of “The [Consumer Financial Protection] Bureau’s Biggest Critics” And Wrote That He Should Have Fought “Efforts To Defang The Bureau”**

Kennebec Journal Editorial Board: Poliquin Was Among “The [Consumer Financial Protection] Bureau’s Biggest Critics” But Should Have Fought “Efforts To Defang The Bureau.” “Officials who credit their election to a wave of populist resentment are now doing their best to gut the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which has won back billions of dollars for millions of bilked Americans. Some of the bureau’s biggest critics — including 2nd District Rep. Bruce Poliquin, who started attacking the bureau during his first term and hasn’t let up since — are Wall Street’s biggest champions, because they get a lot of money from the financial sector. But if they were truly committed to acting in the interest of the people who President Donald Trump has called ‘forgotten
Americans,’ these lawmakers would fight efforts to defang the bureau and work to strengthen it instead.” [Kennebec Journal, Editorial Board, 4/7/17]

Kennebec Journal Editorial Board: Poliquin Would Benefit From A Weakened CFPB Since He “Received Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dollars In Contributions From The Financial, Insurance And Real Estate Sector.” “Who’d benefit from a neutered Consumer Financial Protection Bureau? Not just the financial sector but also the politicians who barraged Cordray with questions and often-vague accusations at what was supposed to be a routine Financial Services hearing Wednesday, including Committee Chairman Jeb Hensarling of Texas and Ann Wagner of Missouri, as well as Maine’s Poliquin. Hensarling, Wagner and Poliquin each have received hundreds of thousands of dollars in contributions from the financial, insurance and real estate sector. Undoubtedly, so have their committee colleagues, given how much all politicians depend on the finance industry to fund their campaigns. Everyone wins except ordinary Americans — and dismantling the bureau will take away the only champion they have in Washington.” [Kennebec Journal, Editorial Board, 4/7/17]

2008 Financial Crisis

2009: Poliquin Attacked State Lawmakers For Supporting The 2009 Stimulus Bill

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Foreign Policy Issues

**Significant Findings**

- Poliquin opposed the Iran Deal in 2015 and called it “disastrous” as recently as May 2021.
- Poliquin introduced a bill in 2016 and 2017 to require the Treasury to report on the known assets of top Iranian officials, which Democrats said would harm the Iran Deal and counterterror missions.
  - In 2017, the Department of Justice told Poliquin the bill was unconstitutional, which Poliquin denied.
- In January 2020, Poliquin said “America and the world [were] now safer” after the killing of Qassem Soleimani.
- Poliquin called the withdrawal from Afghanistan a “disaster” in 2021; in 2017, Poliquin said he opposed “fully withdrawing” American forces from Afghanistan.
- In July 2021, Poliquin accused Democrats of being “silent about the cries for freedom” in Cuba given “the Democrat [sic] Party’s march toward similar policies here at home.”

**Iran**

**Poliquin Repeatedly Introduced The Iranian Leadership Asset Transparency Act, Which Democrats Criticized As An Attempt To Undermine The Iran Deal And DOJ Said Was Unconstitutional**

**June 2016: Poliquin Introduced The Iranian Leadership Asset Transparency Act, Which He Later Said Would “Help Protect Our Families”**

**June 2016: Poliquin Introduced HR 5461, The Iranian Leadership Asset Transparency Act.** [Congress.gov, HR 1638, 6/13/16]

- **Poliquin Wrote That He Introduced The Iranian Leadership Asset Transparency Act “To Further Help Protect Our Families.”** “To further help protect our families, in September 2016, I pushed legislation through the House to hold Iranian officials accountable for financing terrorism around the world. It passed with an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 282-143. After more than a year, the Senate still hasn’t acted, and our families are less safe.” [Bangor Daily News, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 9/27/17]

**September 2016: Poliquin Voted For The Iranian Leadership Asset Transparency Act To Require The Treasury Secretary To Submit A Report To Congress On The Known Assets Of Top Iranian Officials.** In September 2016, Poliquin voted for passage of a bill “that would require the Treasury secretary to compile and submit to Congress a report detailing the known assets of the top political and military leaders of Iran, and it would require an annual report for two years following the initial report. The report would need to be submitted in unclassified form and include a classified annex if necessary. It also would need to be published in English, Farsi, Arabic and Azeri.” The bill passed 282 to 143. [HR 5461, Vote #536, 9/21/16; CQ, 9/21/16]

**September 2016: Obama Threatened To Veto The Iranian Leadership Asset Transparency Act, Citing**
Potential Damage To The Iran Deal And Intelligence Missions On Iranian Finances

September 2016: Obama Threatened To Veto The Iranian Leadership Asset Transparency Act, Citing Its Potential Damage To The Iran Deal. “In addition, this bill's required public postings also may be perceived by Iran and likely our Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) partners as an attempt to undermine the fulfillment of our commitments, in turn impacting the continued viability of this diplomatic arrangement that peacefully and verifiably prevents Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon. If the JCPOA were to fail on that basis, it would remove the unprecedented constraints on and monitoring of Iran's nuclear program, lead to the unraveling of the international sanctions regime against Iran, and deal a devastating blow to the credibility of America's leadership and our commitments to our closest allies. […] If the President were presented with H.R. 5461, his senior advisors would recommend that he veto this bill.” [President Obama Statement of Administration Policy, via University of California Santa Barbara’s American Presidency Project, 9/21/16]

Obama: Poliquin’s Bill Would “Take Critical Resources” From “Work To Identify Iranian Entities Engaged In Sanctionable Conduct” And Could “Compromise Intelligence Sources And Methods.” “The bill requires the U.S. Government to publicly report all assets held by some of Iran's highest leaders and to describe how these assets are acquired and used. Rather than preventing terrorist financing and money laundering, this bill would incentivize those involved to make their financial dealings less transparent and create a disincentive for Iran's banking sector to demonstrate transparency. These onerous reporting requirements also would take critical resources away from the U.S. Department of the Treasury's important work to identify Iranian entities engaged in sanctionable conduct. Producing this information could also compromise intelligence sources and methods.” [President Obama Statement of Administration Policy, via University of California Santa Barbara’s American Presidency Project, 9/21/16]

December 2017: The Department Of Justice Told Congressional Leaders That Poliquin’s Bill Would Violate The Constitution, Which Poliquin Denied

December 2017: The Department Of Justice Wrote To Foreign Affairs Committee Leadership That The Bill “Would Unconstitutionally Intrude On The President’s Authority To Control The Dissemination Of National Security Information.” In a letter to House Foreign Affairs Committee leadership, Assistant Attorney General Stephen Boyd wrote, “This letter presents the views of the Department of Justice (‘the Department’) on H.R. 1638, the ‘Iranian Leadership Asset Transparency Act.’ […] However, the bill raises a constitutional concern. Section 3 of the bill would require the Secretary of Treasury to report on individuals in certain identified positions in Iran; the report is to be unclassified, but may have a classified annex, § 3(c). The Secretary would be required to include, among other things, estimates of assets held by those individuals in accounts at U.S. and foreign financial institutions; any equity stake such individuals have in sanctioned entities; a description of how assets or equity interests were acquired and used; and information on new methods to evade anti-money laundering laws. § 3(a)(l), (2), (3), & (4). This requirement would unconstitutionally intrude on the President's authority to control the dissemination of national security information.” [Department of Justice, 12/20/17]

• Poliquin Said Of The Department Of Justice’s Letter: “I Think They're Wrong.” “Poliquin said he also plans to keep pushing for public disclosure of the assets held by Iranian leaders, despite a letter from the Department of Justice that called a bill he sponsored unconstitutional. ‘I think they're wrong,’ the congressman said. He said the measure allows a president to hold back the disclosure of anything that might hurt national security. It’s not forcing the executive branch to do anything except to put the information it already has online so that anyone, including Iranians, can see it. The reality, Poliquin said, is that Iranians are ‘being ripped off’ by their leaders. If they were held accountable, funding for terrorism might dry up, he said, and Iran might wind up a more free and democratic country.” [Portland Press Herald, 1/5/18]

March 2017: Poliquin Reintroduced The Iranian Leadership Asset Transparency Act

- **HR 1638 Would Require The Treasury To Issue An Annual Report Of Assets Held By Iranian Leaders.**
  “H.R. 1638 would require the Department of the Treasury to report to the Congress on the financial assets held by specific Iranian political and military leaders in 2018 and 2019. The reports would describe how their assets were acquired and any unclassified portions of those reports would be posted on the Treasury’s website in multiple languages. The bill would require the department to provide recommendations on improving the effectiveness of financial sanctions against Iran.” [Congressional Budget Office, 12/1/17]

**April 2017: Democrats Criticized Poliquin’s Bill As An Attempt To Undermine The Iran Deal And Divert Resources From Counterterrorism Operations**

Rep. Jim McGovern (D-Mass) Called Poliquin’s Bill “Nothing More Than Another Attempt By Republicans To Undermine” The Iran Deal. “The Iranian Leadership Asset Transparency Act that Poliquin introduced recently continues his effort to have the Treasury Department come up with a list of the money and assets held by top Iranian politicians and military leaders. […] A similar bill from Poliquin passed the House last year, though U.S. Rep. Chellie Pingree, a Maine Democrat, opposed it. The measure stalled in the Senate after President Barack Obama threatened to veto it. U.S. Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass., blasted it in September as ‘nothing more than another attempt by Republicans to undermine the historic agreement the United States worked so hard to achieve to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons.’ McGovern said, ‘Preventing Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons is a big deal. I am sorry my colleagues on the other side of the aisle don’t share that view, but it is a big deal. The world will be safer with a nuclear-free Iran.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 4/3/17]

Rep. Denny Heck (D-WA): HR 1638 Would Divert Resources From Counterterrorism Operations. “A bill opponent, Rep. Denny Heck, D-Wash., said the time and effort used by Treasury employees to track down the leaders’ assets would take resources away from investigations into terrorist financing and money laundering.” [Concord Monitor, 12/17/17]

**2018: Poliquin’s Campaign Touted His “Bipartisan Legislation To Force The Disclosure Of The Secret Funds Held And Used By Iranian Terrorist Financiers”**

**2018: Poliquin Campaign Website Touted That Poliquin “Authored And Passed Bipartisan Legislation To Force The Disclosure Of The Secret Funds Held And Used By Iranian Terrorist Financiers.”** [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/5/18]


May 2021: Poliquin Criticized “The Disastrous Iran Nuclear Deal Which Provided $150 Billion To The Iranian Regime To Support Global Terrorism.” “Hamas hides and launches its rockets into Israel from apartment buildings, schools, hospitals and other dense civilian areas in Gaza. The lethal weapons are supplied by Iran, or their Iranian parts are assembled in the Gaza Strip by the Hamas terrorists. […] So, does our Congressional Delegation stand with our Israeli friends defending themselves against the Hamas terrorist attacks? And, does the Delegation support President Biden’s initiative to rejoin the disastrous Iran Nuclear Deal which provided $150 billion to the Iranian regime to support global terrorism?”
May 2018: Poliquin: “The Iran Deal Is A Disgrace Of Diplomacy.” “Share: The Iran Deal is a disgrace of diplomacy. It should have never been accepted. Never should pallets of cash be sent to any country that is the leading state sponsor of terrorism. This is common sense.”

2018: Poliquin Said He “Long Opposed” The Iran Deal. “‘Iran is the world’s leading state sponsor of terrorism and they cannot be trusted,’ said Congressman Poliquin. ‘This was a horrible deal that was rejected by a majority in Congress and that I have long opposed. This deal did not go far enough in ensuring Iran would eliminate their nuclear weapons program, while at the same time lifting critical economic sanctions on the regime and guaranteeing the freeing up of billions of dollars in assets. I have long feared that this deal would make Americans less safe.’” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 5/8/18]

April 2018: Poliquin: “The President Is Correct In Saying The Iran Deal Is Terrible.” “The President is correct in saying the Iran Deal is terrible. This is a country that chants ‘Death to America!’ Iran is the leading state sponsor of terrorism and we must treat them as such. Please Share.”
October 2016: Poliquin Campaign Website: “Since The Beginning, Congressman Bruce Poliquin Has Called The Iran Nuclear Agreement A One-Sided, Dangerous Deal.” “Since the beginning, Congressman Bruce Poliquin has called the Iran Nuclear Agreement a one-sided, dangerous deal. As more and more facts come out about this deal, the worse it gets. For example, Iran is one of the leading state-sponsors of terrorism. This deal unfreezes more than $150 billion in assets, which Secretary of State John Kerry has admitted that some of that money will go to terrorist organizations. This deal also allows Iran to buy, sell and trade ballistic missiles and weaponry [sic] within 10 years. That is why Congressman Bruce Poliquin voted AGAINST this disastrous deal.” [Poliquin for Congress, 10/11/16]

2015: Poliquin Voted Against A Measure Expressing Congressional Approval Of The Iran Nuclear Deal. In September 2015, Poliquin voted against: “a measure expressing congressional approval of the Iran nuclear agreement Friday, placing a majority of the chamber on the record against the accord. The measure … states simply that Congress favors the pact. The bill was likely to fail on the House floor, but in so doing put Democrats on the record in support of the deal.” The motion failed 169 to 269. [H.R. 3461, Vote #493, 9/11/15; CQ, 9/14/15]


- Poliquin: “I Find It Deeply Concerning That President Obama’s Administration Caved On Many Of Their Original Goals By Accepting This Iran Deal.” “Additionally, I find it deeply concerning that President Obama’s Administration caved on many of their original goals by accepting this Iran deal. Instead of ‘anytime, anywhere’ inspections, the Iranians can delay an inspection of an undeclared, but suspected site, from anywhere between 24 days to 3 months – which is insane – allowing enough time for Iran to remove any and all undeclared activities.” [Maine Wire, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 9/15/15]

- Poliquin: The Iran Deal “Does Not Dismantle Iran’s Nuclear Arms Program” And Will Reintegrate Iran “Back Into The World Economy.” “Second, it does not dismantle Iran’s nuclear arms program as repeatedly promised by the Administration. Rather, the deal freezes some work and allows other research to continue. It recklessly kicks the nuclear can down the street. In ten short years, anything goes. Third, instead of keeping the sanctions on Iran, which have proven successful, until they wind down their enrichment program, Iran will almost immediately receive $100 billion in assets. Also, in 5 short years, Iran will be allowed to buy and sell weapons and in 8 years Iran’s ballistic missile sanction will be lifted. The only reason you need a ballistic missile capability is to attack long range targets. After lifting these sanctions, Iran will be welcomed back into the world economy and allowed to sell its oil, trade with other countries, and use the global banking network to transact business. This, along with the $100 billion infusion, will revive its crumbling economy and generate the tax revenues needed to build nuclear arms.” [Maine Wire, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 9/15/15]


Afghanistan

**September 2021: Poliquin Claimed Biden’s Afghanistan Withdrawal Would Lead To Unvetted Afghans Coming Into The United States Over The Southern Border**

Poliquin claimed Biden’s Afghanistan withdrawal would lead to unvetted Afghans coming into the United States over the Southern Border. POLIQUIN: “I’ll tell you another problem that’s connected to Afghanistan is we have right now a wide open border with Mexico. It’s wide open. There are 14,000, right now 14,000 folks who have illegally entered the country who are encamped under a bridge in Texas. Let me repeat that. 14,000 under a bridge in Texas waiting to be processed and then bused throughout the United States. 18% of them roughly test positive for COVID and we’ve got this problem now with this Delta variant. We are setting records for overdose deaths in the state of Maine mostly because of fentanyl which is so deadly and the fentanyl is smuggled for the most part over the border with Mexico. So you have folks on terrorist watch lists that have been apprehended going through our border with Mexico, the war in Afghanistan which is a terrorist country with a huge land mass that is now onto the teat with our equipment and we have an open border with Mexico and the people are coming over willy nilly.” [George Hale Ric Tyler Show, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 9/20/21] (AUDIO) 11:02

**August – September 2021: Poliquin Called The Withdrawal From Afghanistan A “Disaster”**

September 2021: Poliquin: “The Implementation Of The Afghanistan Withdrawal Was A Disaster.” “Have you seen the testimony of America’s military leaders before Congress this week? They made it clear Biden was warned about Afghanistan. They made it clear military advisors gave the President contingencies including leaving
a small force to bolster the Afghan military. But Biden went on national television and said exactly the opposite, falsely claiming it never happened. Let's be clear: the implementation of the Afghanistan withdrawal was a disaster. And, liberal empowering Members of Congress, like Jared Golden, failed to hold Biden accountable.”

August 2021: Poliquin Called U.S. Airlifts Out Of Afghanistan “Embarrassing.” “FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE FEBRUARY OF 2020, AMERICAN SERVICE MEMBERS DIED TODAY IN AFGHANISTAN. Twelve Americans were killed, along with scores of Afghan people, as a result of the botched pullout operation of the Biden Administration. In his press conference as he once again tried to shift responsibility, Joe Biden said that we were relying upon the Taliban to help us coordinate access to our embarrassing airlifts.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 8/26/21]

August 2021: Poliquin Accused Golden Of “Dangerous Incompetence” After He Said He “[Didn’t] Have Strong Emotions” About The U.S. Embassy In Afghanistan. “When radio host Mike Violette asked Golden how he feels about the American Embassy in Afghanistan being occupied by the Taliban approaching the 20th Anniversary of 9/11, Golden’s response was: ‘Um, it’s a building…’ [chuckle] ‘It’s a building…’ ‘I don’t feel strong emotions about the embassy.’ But, to millions of Afghan women, girls and men who were oppressed or whose family members were killed by the Taliban, our embassy is a symbol of American freedom and democracy. Our embassies are U.S. soil on foreign lands. Our embassies are also symbols to Islamic extremists and terrorists.
around the world […] This dangerous incompetence is part of the pattern of the extreme left-wing Democrats who now control Washington. Our borders being overrun with hundreds of thousands of illegal aliens, many of whom test positive for COVID. Surging crime caused in part by defunding the police. Trillions of dollars of additional spending to expand welfare and government dependency, causing the return of inflation.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 8/19/21]

**August 2017: Poliquin Opposed “Fully Withdrawing Our Forces In Afghanistan”**

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**Global War On Terror**

**2017: Poliquin Voting Against Repealing The 2001 Authorization For Use Of Force**


- **The Trump Administration, Like The Obama Administration, Used AUMF To Justify Military Operations Against ISIS.** “The 2001 war authorization is currently being used as a legal justification for the ongoing war against the Islamic State, and there’s a growing coalition of lawmakers who think the president needs a new war authorization for military operations against ISIS.” […] “The White House has yet to weigh in directly on the issue, but like the Obama administration, the Trump administration says it has the legal authority to conduct its ISIS campaign even without congressional approval.” [Huffington Post, 5/18/16; CNN, 3/29/17]

2015: Poliquin Voted Against Limiting Funds For Military Action Against ISIS Without New Congressional AUMF
2015: Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Limit Funds For Military Action Against ISIS Without Congressional Authorization For Use Of Military Force. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against: an amendment that would have “halted funding for the war against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, or ISIS, after March 31, 2016, unless Congress passes an Authorization for the Use of Military Force. The amendment, an effort to spur a war authorization debate and vote in Congress, would have given lawmakers nine months to produce an AUMF before funds get cut off.” The amendment failed 196-231. [H.R. 2685, Vote #346, 6/11/15; Huffington Post, 6/11/15]

Israel

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Poliquin Voted For Opposing Obama’s Decision To Abstain On A United Nation’s Vote Condemning Israeli Settlements

2017: Poliquin Voted For Expressing The House’s Opposition To A U.N. Security Council Resolution Criticizing Expansion Of Israeli Settlements In Unoccupied Areas. In January, 2017, Poliquin voted for: “adoption of the resolution that would express the House’s opposition to a U.N. Security Council resolution that criticized continued expansion of Israeli settlements in occupied areas” on the grounds that the U.N. Security Council Resolution was an obstacle to Israel-Palestinian peace. A yes vote was a vote to block criticism of the resolution. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 342-80. [H.Res 11, Vote #11, 1/5/17; CQ, 1/5/17; Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, 1/5/17]

Syria & ISIS

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for good judgment. Article I, Section 8, states a chief purpose of the Constitution is to ‘provide for the common defense.’ Members of Congress are required to defend our country and its citizens and property. Before voting to commit our uniformed sons and daughters to military conflict, I will insist that the President as Commander-in-Chief explains the national security and military objectives of the action; when and how to exit the conflict; and what the financial cost is expected to be. I will not vote to get involved in the bloody Syrian civil war because it doesn’t threaten our national security.’” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/29/16]

**November 2015: In The Wake Of The Paris Attacks, Poliquin Criticized Obama’s Strategy Against ISIS**

November 2015: In The Wake Of The Paris Attacks, Poliquin Wrote In An Op-Ed, “It Is Terrifyingly Clear That President Obama’s Strategy To Combat This Barbaric Group Has Not Been Effective.” “If history has taught us anything, it proves we must remain vigilant against such cowardly, terrorist attacks. America can lead, and we have the strength to do so, but currently lack the leadership. This Administration has allowed for ISIS to grow unchecked. It is terrifyingly clear that President Obama’s strategy to combat this barbaric group has not been effective. We must combat and decimate this enemy. Nations around the world have expressed a serious commitment to defeating them, and it’s time that America leads again.” [Maine Wire, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 11/17/15]

**2015: Poliquin Voted Against Withdrawing U.S. Troops Deployed Against ISIS In Iraq**

2015: Poliquin Voted Against Withdrawing U.S. Troops Deployed Against ISIS. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against: “Adoption of the concurrent resolution (H Con Res 55) that would direct the president to withdraw U.S. forces deployed to Iraq in support of operations against the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq, other than armed forces required to protect U.S. diplomatic facilities and personnel within 30 days of enactment.” The concurrent resolution failed 139 to 288. [H Con Res 55, Vote #370, 6/17/15; CQ, 6/17/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Eliminating $600 Million In Funding For The Syria Train And Equip Fund**

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment That Eliminates $600 Million In Funding For The Syria Train And Equip Fund. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would “eliminate the $600 million appropriated for the Syria Train and Equip Fund and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment failed, 107-323. [H.R. 2685, Vote #343, 6/10/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/10/15]

**Cuba**

July 2021: Poliquin Accused Democrats Of “March[ing] Towards” Socialism: “With The Breathtaking Failure Of Socialism In Cuba And Elsewhere […] It’s No Wonder Liberals Are Silent About The Cries For Freedom And Human Dignity 90 Miles Off Our Shores”

July 2021: Poliquin Accused Democrats Of “March[ing] Towards” Socialism: “With The Breathtaking Failure Of Socialism In Cuba And Elsewhere […] It’s No Wonder Liberals Are Silent About The Cries For Freedom And Human Dignity 90 Miles Off Our Shores.” “For many years, American liberals have romanticized about the Cuban socialist nirvana created in 1959 by the Marxist revolutionaries Fidel Castro and Che Guevara. But, they fail to acknowledge decades of savage executions of political opponents, lack or basic human liberties like free speech and assembly, and a bankrupt economy which is unable to feed or care for its people. […] With the breathtaking failure of socialism in Cuba and elsewhere, and the Democrat Party’s march toward similar policies here at home, it’s no wonder liberals are silent about the cries for freedom and human dignity 90 miles off our shores.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 7/16/21]

**April 2016: Poliquin Co-Sponsored A Bill To Allow Planes Bound For Cuba To Refuel At Maine**
April 2016: Poliquin And Pingree Introduced A Bill To Allow Planes Bound For Cuba To Refuel At Maine Airports. “Maine’s U.S. Reps. Bruce Poliquin and Chellie Pingree have introduced a bill in Congress to allow planes bound for Cuba to stop and refuel at U.S. airports, such as Bangor International Airport. In a joint statement, Maine’s two U.S. representatives said Bangor’s airport loses out on refueling and restocking an estimated 200 flights originating from other countries and bound for Cuba each year. [...] Both lawmakers called the policy preventing such ‘technical stops’ at U.S. airports ‘outdated.’ Poliquin said that flights that might otherwise choose to stop in Bangor or other East Coast airports are landing instead at Canadian airports. ‘In many cases, airlines would prefer to use American airports for these stops, but are restricted because of current rules,’ Poliquin said. In their statement, they added that airlines tend to prefer using the same airport for their technical stops and many have moved those stops to airports in Canada.” [Bangor Daily News, 4/27/16]

- The Bill Would Not Make Any Changes To The Cuban Embargo. “The representatives said the bill would not make any change to the status of the trade embargo with Cuba and would not allow passengers destined for Cuba to clear immigration or legally depart from the U.S.” [Bangor Daily News, 4/27/16]

United Nations

Poliquin Voted Against Defunding The United Nations Human Rights Council

Gun & Hunting Issues

**Significant Findings**

✓ Poliquin touted his “understand[ing of] the importance and tradition” of hunting and fishing, but did not have an active hunting or fishing license as of September 2021, and has never had a hunting license.

✓ Poliquin falsely claimed HR 8, a background checks bill, would criminalize legal gun owners who loaned firearms to family or friends and create a “national registry” for gun confiscation.

✓ In 2010, Poliquin said he supported mandatory background checks for guns purchased at a licensed dealer, but not for those purchased at gun shows or through personal sales.

✓ In 2016, Poliquin said he supported a referendum expanding background checks in Maine, then flip-flopped and said he opposed the referendum, which failed.

✓ After the Parkland shooting, Poliquin called for measures to prevent “those suspected of terrorism” from purchasing firearms.

✓ Poliquin voted 18 times to block “No Fly, No Buy” legislation in 2016.

✓ Only weeks after Parkland, Poliquin voted twice to block consideration of bills to close background check loopholes on gun sales online, through classified ads and at gun shows.

✓ The NRA spent more than $140,000 in support of Poliquin between 2011 and 2018.

✓ Throughout his 2018 campaign, Poliquin repeatedly touted his A rating from the NRA.

**Poliquin Touted His Experience As A Sportsman, But Did Not Have An Active Hunting Or Fishing License As Of September 2021**

**Poliquin Justified His Support For Concealed Carry Based On His “Understanding Of The Tradition” Of Hunting And Fishing**

August 2015: Poliquin Justified Support For Concealed Carry Based On His “Understand[ing Of] The Importance And Tradition Of Fishing, Camping, Hunting And Exercising Our Second Amendment Rights.” “WASHINGTON – This weekend, Maine’s Second District Congressman, Bruce Poliquin, will be attending the gun show in Augusta. Congressman Poliquin released the following statement: ‘Growing up in Central Maine, I understand the importance and tradition of fishing, camping, hunting and exercising our Second Amendment rights. ‘From combating the Administration’s proposed ban on M855 5.56 x 45mm ammunition to supporting a national concealed carry reciprocity bill, I have supported numerous bills that will help protect Mainers’ Second Amendment rights.’” [Poliquin Press Release, House of Representatives, 8/20/15]

- September 2018: The NRA Political Victory Fund Chair Called Poliquin “A True Champion Of Our Second Amendment Freedoms And Hunting Heritage.” “On behalf of our six million members across the country, the National Rifle Association Political Victory Fund (NRA-PVF) today endorsed Bruce Poliquin for
re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives in the 2nd Congressional District of Maine. ‘Congressman Poliquin is a true champion of our Second Amendment freedoms and hunting heritage,’ said Chris W. Cox, NRA-PVF chairman.” [NRA Political Victory Fund Press Release, NRA Political Victory Fund, 9/20/18]

2014: Poliquin Attacked His Opponent's Stance On Gun Rights By Saying She Didn’t Understand Maine's Hunting Culture. POLIQUIN: “[6:55] I’m very proud to have the endorsement of the National Rifle Association. I also have the highest rating of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine. I grew up in Maine. My opponent, Miss Cain is from Kentucky and New Jersey. And she clearly doesn't understand our heritage and our culture here in the state of Maine. There are thousands of our families that enjoy the great outdoors and enjoy the sport of hunting. So I just don't believe as Miss Cain does that we want to restrict our Second Amendment rights. As a member of Congress, I will support all of our constitutional rights, including our Second Amendment rights. And you know, the state of Maine has one of the highest percentage of our population with gun ownership. And one of the lowest excuse me incidents of crime with guns so it works up here in Maine. I'm sorry that my opponent Miss Cain wants to restrict our gun rights here in the state of Maine. I do not. I want to protect them because it works up here in Maine.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter General Election Debate, 10/14/14] (VIDEO)

Poliquin Repeatedly Claimed He Used A Marlin .22 Long Lever Action Rifle That He Bought At Age 14

2014: Poliquin Claimed He Still Owned A Marlin .22 Long Lever Action Rifle He Bought At Age 14 And Continued To Use It To Target Shoot. POLIQUIN: “I still have the 22 long lever action Marlin that that I bought when I was age 14. Now it misfires, but I sti still use it to target shoot. So we need to protect our Second Amendment rights and not whittle away at them.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter General Election Debate, 10/14/14] (VIDEO) 7:48

2016: Poliquin Campaign Website: “I Still Use My .22-Long Lever Action Marlin Rifle That I Bought At Age 14.” “For generations, 2nd District families like my own have responsibly used firearms to enjoy our long tradition of hunting and target shooting, and to ensure the protection of our rights and property. I’m a strong supporter of the Second Amendment and always have been. I still use my .22-long lever action Marlin rifle that I bought at age 14.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/29/16]

2010: Poliquin Said He Grew Up With Firearms. POLIQUIN: “[11:48] This is the most rural, largest congressional district east of the Mississippi River. We grew up with firearms. It’s the safest state in the union.” [C-SPAN, 2018 ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/16/18] (VIDEO)

…But As Of September 2021, Poliquin Did Not Have An Active Hunting Or Fishing License, And Has Never Had A Hunting License

September 2021: A FOAA Request For Any Fishing Or Hunting Licenses Currently Held By Poliquin Did Not Yield Results. In response to a FOAA requesting “releasable (or redacted) copies of hunting/fishing licenses, permits, and tags issued” to Bruce Poliquin, Christl Theriault, Assistant to the Commissioner of Maine’s Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, wrote, “After conducting a search of our hunting and fishing license information, staff could find no records related to your request.” [Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, received 9/16/21]

Poliquin’s Last Active Fishing License Expired In 2015, And He Has Never Had A Hunting License As Of October 2021.

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Poliquin Did Not Hold An Active Hunting Or Fishing License In Maine As Of November 2021. As of November 2021, Maine MOSES Hunting & Fishing Licenses listed Poliquin’s active hunting and fishing licenses as “N/A.”

Maine Department Of Inland Fisheries And Wildlife: “In General, Anyone Who Hunts Wild Birds Or Animals In Maine Needs A Hunting License.” “Who Needs a License? In general, anyone who hunts wild birds or animals in Maine needs a hunting license. The type of license you need depends upon your age, resident status, and other factors, and there are some exceptions. See license fees for more information. In addition to a license, most hunting activities also require a permit. See individual species sections for details.” [Maine Department Of Inland Fisheries And Wildlife, accessed 10/28/21]

Note: Maine does not require permits or licenses to own a gun unless the owned can conceal carry; concealed carry permits are not subject to FOAA in Maine.

2015 – 2018: Poliquin Did Not Vote For Any Restrictions On Guns While In Congress

October 2018: Bangor Daily News: Poliquin Did Not Vote For Any Restrictions On Guns Since His Election To The House Of Representatives. “Poliquin accused Golden during the Oct. 8 debate of conspiring to take away Mainers’ 2nd Amendment rights, and he touted endorsements from the National Rifle Association, the Gun Owners of Maine and the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, against Golden's low or failing scores. Since he was elected, the 64-year-old hasn't voted for any restrictions on firearms.” [Bangor Daily News, 10/15/18]

March 2021: Poliquin Falsely Claimed HR 8, A Bill To Close Background Check Loopholes, Would “Turn Law-Abiding Gun Owners Into Felons” And Create A “National Registry” For Gun Confiscation
March 2021: Poliquin Claimed HR 8, A Bill To Close Background Check Loopholes, Would “Turn Law-Abiding Gun Owners Into Felons” For Loaning Their Guns To Friends And Family. “Yesterday, Democrats in Congress passed H.R. 8 which would turn law-abiding gun owners into felons, facing up to one year in prison and a $100,000 fine, simply by loaning a firearm to a friend or family member on a hunting trip without conducting a background check. Right now, to purchase a gun from a licensed dealer, individuals must pass the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) run by the FBI, which usually takes a couple hours. This point-of-sale law enforcement tool has kept millions of guns out of dangerous hands and saved countless lives.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 3/12/18]

Poliquin Claimed The Background Checks Bill Would Create A “National Registry” That Allowed The Government To Confiscate Legally-Owned Firearms. “There’s also a push, Matt, in one of these bills, to create a national registry, that means all gun owners in America are on a registry. And that means if they want to confiscate your firearms, that you legally own, there’s a way for them to do it.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 3/16/21] (AUDIO) 8:53
AP Rated The Claims That HR 8 Would Create A “National Registry” Of Gun Owners And Criminalize Legal Gun Owners For Loaning Out Guns As “False.” “CLAIM: Proposed federal gun legislation expanding background checks for firearms would create a ‘national registration of firearms’ and put gun owners in jail for transferring or handing their gun to someone, even if they are in a dangerous situation. AP’S ASSESSMENT: False. HR 8 prohibits using the bill to establish a national firearms registry and includes exceptions allowing temporary transfers between family members, or transfers between people for self-defense or for use at a shooting range.” [Associated Press, 3/9/21]

May 2019: Poliquin Led A Republican Rally Before Maine Legislature’s Debate On Bills To Expand Background Checks And Prohibit High-Capacity Magazines

May 2019: Poliquin Led A Rally Before The Maine Legislature’s Debate On Bills To Expand Background Checks And Prohibit High-Capacity Magazines. “Maine’s ousted 2nd District congressman spoke at a rally ahead of public hearings on gun control bills. Former U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin helped rally dozens of conservatives ahead of what’s expected to be a long 9 a.m. public hearing in the Legislature's criminal justice committee on 11 gun-related bills. All but one of them come from Democrats who lead the Legislature and the slate includes proposals to require background checks for all private gun sales except between family members, prohibit the sale of magazines that hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition and mandate a three-day waiting period before a gun sale. Rep. John Andrews, R-South Paris, is proposing a ‘stand-your-ground’ law like those in at least 25 other states.” [Bangor Daily News, 5/10/19]

• Poliquin Cited Maine’s “200-Year History Of Lawfully Owning Firearms And Safely Using Them.” “Speaking alongside fellow Republicans including former state Sen. Eric Brakey, Poliquin, who represented the 2nd District for four years and was ousted in 2018 by Democrat Jared Golden, said Maine has ‘a 200-year history of lawfully owning firearms and safely using them.’” [Bangor Daily News, 5/10/19]

2018: Poliquin Voted Twice To Block Consideration Of Bills To Close Background Check Loopholes For

March 2018: Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Three Bills To Close Background Check Loopholes For Gun Sales On The Internet, Classified Ads, And At Gun Shows. In March 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Mr. Thompson’s (CA) bill H.R. 4240; Mr. Clyburn’s bill H.R. 3464; Mr. Carbajal’s bill H.R. 2598; and Ms. Murphy’s bill H.R. 1478. These four bills close the dangerous gun show, internet sale, and classified ad background check loopholes; prevent the sale of guns without a completed background check; ensure that people who are a danger to themselves or others can be prevented from purchasing or possessing a gun; and allow the government to sponsor scientific research on the causes of gun violence.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bills. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 232-182. [H Res 780, Vote #113, 3/15/18; CQ, 3/15/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 3/15/18]

February 2018: Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Three Bills To Close Background Check Loopholes For Gun Sales On The Internet, Classified Ads, And At Gun Shows. In February 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Mr. Thompson’s (CA) bill H.R. 4240, Mr. Clyburn’s bill H.R. 3464, and Mr. Carbajal’s bill H.R. 2598. These three bills close the dangerous gun show, internet sale, and classified ad background check loopholes, prevent the sale of guns without a completed background check, and ensure that people who are a danger to themselves or others can be prevented from purchasing or possessing a gun.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bills. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 227-185. [H.Res. 747, Vote #86, 2/27/18; CQ, 2/27/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 2/27/18]
October 2016: Poliquin Said He “Personally” Did Not Support Question Three And Added, “I’m Not Here To Tell People How To Vote,” After Previously Saying He Supported The Referendum. “Poliquin has refrained from commenting on Maine's five referendum questions, though in the past he did tell WMTW's Paul Merrill that he supports Question 3, which would implement universal background checks for gun owners. Poliquin declined to comment on the question Wednesday initially, but after being asked a second time by Merrill, one of three moderators of the debate, that he personally will not support Question 3 but ‘I'm not here to tell people how to vote.’” [Bangor Daily News, 10/19/16]

- **Question Three Would Have Extended Background Checks To “Most Private Sales Of Guns” In Maine.** “Voters rejected Question 3 — Expand Gun Background Checks — in Maine on Tuesday. The measure called for tighter regulation of gun purchases by extending the requirement for background checks to include most private sales of guns.” [New York Times, 8/1/17]

- **Question Three Failed, With 51.8 Percent Of Voters Voting Against It.** [Election Results, Maine Secretary of State, 11/8/16]

2015 – 2016: Poliquin Opposed Obama’s Executive Orders To Improve Background Checks And Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Background Checks For Gun Purchases

January 2016: Poliquin Called President Obama’s Executive Action On Gun Control “Irresponsible And Misguided,” And Said It “Would Not Have Prevented Any Of The Horrific Attacks On Our Soil.” “We Mainers have a long tradition of exercising our Second Amendment rights responsibly, having a large amount of gun owners and a very low amount of gun violence,’ Poliquin said. ‘I believe that enacting sweeping regulations on gun owners is an irresponsible and misguided reaction to real threats from terrorists. We need to better enforce the laws that are in place now and develop comprehensive strategies to keep Americans safe. The president’s proposed action would not have prevented any of the horrific attacks on our soil, infringes upon law-abiding citizens’ rights and does not make us any safer.’” [Ripon Advance, 1/05/16]

- **President Obama’s Executive Action Would Strengthen Background Check Requirements For Firearm Purchases.** “President Obama unveiled his new strategy to curb gun violence in America. His proposals focus on new background check requirements that will enhance the effectiveness of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), and greater education and enforcement efforts of existing laws at the state level.” [National Conference of State Legislatures, 1/05/16]

January 2016: Poliquin Said Obama’s Background Checks Executive Orders Were “Continual Attacks On Law-Abiding Citizens And The Second Amendment.” “With his gun control agenda stalled in Congress, Obama announced a set of executive actions intended to increase the number of background checks conducted prior to gun sales and to increase states' reporting of people whose mental illness should disqualify them from buying a gun. Additionally, Obama plans to increase the number of federal agents helping process background checks and to take steps to overhaul the national vetting system. […] But U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, who represents Maine's 2nd District, echoed concerns from other Republicans in accusing the president of attempting to ‘circumvent the will of Congress and the American people in order to move forward with his continual attacks on law-abiding citizens and the Second Amendment.’ ‘As I've said before, we need to better enforce the laws that are in place now and develop comprehensive strategies to keep Americans safe,’ Poliquin said in a statement.” [Portland Press Herald, 1/5/16]

October 2015: Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Background Checks For Gun Purchases. In October 2015, Poliquin voted for to block consideration of a vote “on the bipartisan King-Thompson Public Safety and Second Amendment Rights Protection Act to strengthen the life-saving background checks that keep guns out
of the wrong hands.” The previous question passed, 244-183. A vote against the previous question was to force a vote on background checks. [H Res 466, Vote #541, 10/8/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 10/23/15]

2010: Poliquin Said He Supported Mandatory Background Checks For Guns Purchased At A Licensed Dealer, But Not For Those Purchased At Gun Shows Or Through Personal Sales

2010: Poliquin Said He Supported Mandatory Background Checks For Guns Purchased At A Licensed Dealer But Not For Those Purchased At Gun Shows Or Through Personal Sales. POLIQUIN: “[4:30] I am a very strong supporter of the Second Amendment. I always have been. But what is very clear is we do not need any new gun laws, period. As governor, I will veto any further restrictions that are attempted to put on our Second Amendment rights. Now, what I do support is the law on the books today which is what the NRA supports, which is a mandatory background check on any gun purchased at a licensed dealer. Beyond that, if I want to purchase a gun, if I want to purchase from you, Jim, don’t need a background check. […] Or at a gun show or what have you or at Uncle Henry’s.” [YouTube, Bruce for Maine, Dover-Foxcroft Townhall, 4/28/10] (VIDEO)

- Poliquin Was The Only Republican In The 2010 Gubernatorial Republican Primary Who Said He Supported Mandatory Background Checks On Gun Purchases. “Poliquin was the only Republican in the 2010 Republican gubernatorial primary who said he supports mandatory background checks for gun purchases.” [Bangor Daily News, 5/30/14]

Red Flag Laws

April 2021: Poliquin Insinuated He Opposed Red Flag Laws

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Mental Health

Poliquin Claimed He Supported “Fix[ing] Failures” “Where Disturbed Individuals Got Access To Firearms”

2018: Poliquin’s Campaign Website Claimed He “Joined Calls To Investigate And Fix The Failures In Florida And Elsewhere Where Disturbed Individuals Got Access To Firearms.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/5/18]

Poliquin Repeatedly Voted To Block Legislation On Background Checks For The Mentally Ill

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting A Veterans Affairs Department Determination That An Individual Is Mentally Incompetent From Preventing The Individual From Buying A Gun. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would prohibit a Veterans Affairs Department determination that an individual is mentally incompetent from being used as basis for that individual’s inclusion in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, which would thereby prevent the individual from purchasing a gun. Under the measure, an individual could not be considered to be mentally defective without a judicial authority’s finding that the
individual poses a danger to himself or herself or others.” The bill passed by a vote of 240-175. [HR 1181, Vote #169, 3/16/17; CQ, 3/16/17]

- **Bill Would Prevent The VA From Submitting Records Of Veterans With Severe Mental Illnesses To The Federal Criminal Background Check System.** “The second measure — which passed 240-175 — would prohibit VA officials from submitting records of veterans with severe mental illnesses to the federal criminal background check system, thereby preventing them from purchasing firearms. Exceptions would be made for court orders mandating the conditions be reported.” [Military Times, 3/16/17]

- **The Bill Was Supported By The NRA, But Opposed By A Coalition Of Retired Generals, Who Said It Put Vulnerable Veterans In Harm’s Way.** “The National Rifle Association supports the change, while gun control activists have opposed it. […] Earlier in the week, a coalition led by retired Gens. Stanley McChrystal, David Petraeus, Peter Chiarelli, and Wesley Clark wrote a letter to lawmakers saying the proposal would ‘put America’s veterans who need our support the most in harm’s way, by providing them with easy access to firearms.’” [Military Times, 3/16/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking The Social Security Administration From Sharing Information With The National Instant Criminal Background Check System On People With Mental Disorders.** In February 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify a Social Security Administration rule that outlines reporting of information by the agency for inclusion in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System for gun purchases about certain non-elderly individuals with mental impairments who receive disability insurance or Supplemental Security Income benefits and use a "representative payee" because they cannot manage their benefit payments.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 235-180. [HJRes 40, Vote #77, 2/2/17; CQ, 2/2/17]

- **AP: The Rule Would Have “Prevented An Estimated 75,000 People With Mental Disorders From Being Able To Purchase A Firearm.”** “The Obama rule would have prevented an estimated 75,000 people with mental disorders from being able to purchase a firearm. It was crafted as part of Obama’s efforts to strengthen the federal background check system in the wake of the 2012 massacre of 20 young students and six staff at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.” [Associated Press, 2/15/17]

- **The Resolution To Block The Rule Was Supported By The NRA.** “President Donald Trump quietly signed a bill into law Tuesday rolling back an Obama-era regulation that made it harder for people with mental illnesses to purchase a gun. The rule, which was finalized in December, added people receiving Social Security checks for mental illnesses and people deemed unfit to handle their own financial affairs to the national background check database. […] The National Rifle Association ‘applauded’ Trump’s action. Chris Cox, NRA-ILA executive director, said the move ‘marks a new era for law-abiding gun owners, as we now have a president who respects and supports our arms.’” [NBC News, 2/28/17]

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**Concealed Carry**

**December 2017: Poliquin Voted For Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States**

Poliquin Voted For Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would permit any individual authorized by their home state to carry a concealed handgun to also carry that concealed weapon in any other state that permits the carrying of concealed weapons. The bill would require a twice-annual certification by all federal agencies, federal courts and state governments, in coordination with the Department of Justice, to verify that all relevant data has been reported and uploaded to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System regarding individuals who are not eligible to purchase firearms.” The bill passed 231 to 198. [HR 38, Vote #663, 12/6/17; CQ, 12/6/17]

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**No Fly, No Buy**
June 2016: Poliquin Refused To Answer Reporters’ Questions About His Stance On No Fly No Buy, But Said It “Could Be A Step In The Right Direction [If] Constitutional Provisions Remain Intact”

HEADLINE: “Poliquin Keeps Low Profile In Debate Over Gun Control.” [Portland Press Herald, 6/24/16]

- Portland Press Herald: Poliquin “Would Not Answer Questions And He Did Not Take A Firm Position On Any Of The Bills Aimed At Keeping Firearms Out Of The Hands Of Potential Terrorists.” “Three members of Maine’s congressional delegation have been at the forefront of efforts to enact some kind of gun control legislation, but the fourth, Rep. Bruce Poliquin, has been keeping a low profile. Poliquin’s office issued news releases this week on issues such as sea urchin harvesting and opiate addiction, but none regarding the debate over restricting some gun purchases that gripped the House and Senate. Poliquin’s office did provide a written comment on the issue in response to requests from the Portland Press Herald, but he would not answer questions and he did not take a firm position on any of the bills aimed at keeping firearms out of the hands of potential terrorists.” [Portland Press Herald, 6/24/16]

- Poliquin Refused An Interview To Discuss His Position On No Fly No Buy; His Press Secretary Provided “A Written Statement From The Congressman And Did Not Respond To Follow-Up Questions.” “Three of Maine’s members of Congress have publicly pushed for legislation to keep guns away from people on those [no fly] lists. […] Poliquin, a Republican, has kept a low profile on the gun issue that stands in stark contrast to the other Maine lawmakers. The Portland Press Herald requested an interview with Poliquin to discuss his position, but his press secretary would only provide a written statement from the congressman and did not respond to follow-up questions.” [Portland Press Herald, 6/24/16]

- Poliquin’s Written Statement: No Fly No Buy Proposals “Could Be A Step In The Right Direction As Long As Constitutional Provisions Remain Intact.” “The Portland Press Herald requested an interview with Poliquin to discuss his position, but his press secretary would only provide a written statement from the congressmen and did not respond to follow-up questions. ‘There have been proposals to limit the immediate purchase of firearms by anyone that has been the subject of a terrorist investigation. Some proposals immediately notify the FBI that a person who has been the subject of a terrorist investigation is attempting to purchase a firearm,’ he said. ‘Properly implemented, these may have stopped the killer in Orlando. Taken with meaningful due process protections, these proposals could be a step in the right direction as long as constitutional provisions remain intact.’” [Portland Press Herald, 6/24/16]

- Poliquin’s “Low Profile On The Gun Issue” Was “In Stark Contrast To The Other Maine Lawmakers,” Who “Publicly Pushed For Legislation To Keep Guns Away From People On [No Fly] Lists.” “Three quarters of Maine's congressional delegation have publicly pushed for legislation to keep guns away from people on those lists. U.S. Rep. Chellie Pingree, D-1st District, joined other Democrats for a 25-hour sit-in on the House floor to pressure Republican leaders allow debate on several bills that would make it harder to buy weapons. She held a news conference Friday in Portland to say she planned to continue the fight. Sen. Susan Collins has been working with fellow Republicans and with Democrats in the Senate to build support for a bipartisan bill that would prohibit suspected terrorists from buying firearms. […] Poliquin, who represents Maine's more conservative, rural 2nd District, has kept a low profile on the gun issue that stands in stark contrast to the other Maine lawmakers.” [Portland Press Herald, 6/24/16]

2016: Poliquin Voted 18 Times To Block Consideration Of The “No Fly, No Buy” Bill And Did Not Sign A Discharge Petition To Force A Vote

Poliquin Voted To Block Consideration Of A Bill To Prevent Individuals On The “No Fly” List From Buying A Firearm

Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Vote To Prevent Individuals On The “No Fly” List From Buying A Firearm. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for: a “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending
debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 893) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 954) that would temporarily exempt individuals with health care plans terminated by a Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan from the 2010 health care law’s (PL 111-148, PL 111-152) penalties for the remainder of the year in which their plans were terminated.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “Democrats’ Previous Question continues to demand an immediate vote on H.R. 1076, the bipartisan “No Fly, No Buy” legislation authored by Republican Congressman Peter King.” The previous question passed 244 to 176. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [HR 954, Vote #559, 9/27/16; CQ, 9/27/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Demand For An Immediate Vote On A Bill To Prevent Individuals On The “No Fly” List From Buying A Firearm.** In September 2016, Poliquin voted for: a “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 875) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 5719) that would allow certain employee stockholders in startup businesses to defer income taxes on stock options in their companies for up to seven years, and would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3438) that would postpone the implementation of any new federal rule that would have an economic impact of $1 billion or more per year until all related legal challenges are completed.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “Democrats’ Previous Question continues to demand an immediate vote on H.R. 1076, the bipartisan ‘No Fly, No Buy’ legislation authored by Republican Congressman Peter King.” The motion was agreed to 247-171. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [HR Res 875, Vote #524, 9/21/16; CQ, 9/20/16; Democratic Leader, 9/21/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Legislation To Close The Terrorist Watchlist Gun Loophole.** In June 2016, Poliquin voted for: blocking consideration of legislation that would deny the purchase of a firearm or explosive to known or suspected terrorists. With the Previous Question, Democrats are demanding an immediate vote on S. 764, the bipartisan “No Fly, No Buy” legislation to keep guns out of the hands of suspected terrorists, authored by Republican Congressman Peter King. The previous question carried, 245-183. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on closing the loophole. [H Res 822, Vote #439, 7/22/16; Democratic Leader – 114th Previous Questions, 7/13/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Preventing Suspected Terrorists From Buying Guns.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted for: “demanding an immediate vote on HR 1076, the bipartisan ‘No Fly, No Buy’ legislation to keep guns out of the hands of suspected terrorists, authored by Republican Congressman Peter King.” The motion was agreed to 241-174. A vote against the previous question would have allowed a vote on the bill. [H Res 818, Vote #408, 7/12/16; Office of the Democratic Leader, 114th Congress Previous Questions, 7/12/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Preventing Suspected Terrorists From Buying Guns.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted for: “demanding an immediate vote on HR 1076, the bipartisan ‘No Fly, No Buy’ legislation to keep guns out of the hands of suspected terrorists, authored by Republican Congressman Peter King.” The motion was agreed to 236-174. A vote against the previous question would have allowed a vote on the bill. [H. Res. 820, Vote #406, 7/12/16; Office of the Democratic Leader, 114th Congress Previous Questions, 7/12/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Preventing Suspected Terrorists From Buying Guns.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted for: “demanding an immediate vote on HR 1076, the bipartisan ‘No Fly, No Buy’ legislation to keep guns out of the hands of suspected terrorists, authored by Republican Congressman Peter King.” The motion was agreed to 244-179. A vote against the previous question would have allowed a vote on the bill. [H. Res. 809, Vote #387, 7/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/7/16; Office of the Democratic Leader, 114th Congress Previous Questions, 7/7/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Preventing Suspected Terrorists From Buying Guns.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted for: blocking “an immediate vote on H.R. 1076, the bipartisan ‘No Fly, No Buy’ legislation keep guns out of the hands of suspected terrorists, authored by Republican Congressman Peter King.” The previous question passed 239-183. A vote against the previous question would have allowed a vote on the bill.
The previous question passed 243-180 A vote against the previous question would have allowed a vote on the bill. [HR 4361, Vote #352, 7/6/16; Office of the Democratic Leader, 114th Congress Previous Questions, 7/6/16]

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Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Preventing Suspected Terrorists From Buying Guns. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for: blocking “an immediate vote on H.R. 1076, the bipartisan ‘No Fly, No Buy’ legislation keep guns out of the hands of suspected terrorists, authored by Republican Congressman Peter King.” The previous question passed 232-168. A vote against the previous question would have allowed a vote on the bill. [H.Res. 796, Vote #343, 7/5/16; Office of the Democratic Leader, 114th Congress Previous Questions, 7/5/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Close The Loophole That Allowed Suspects On The FBI Terror Watch List To Buy Firearms. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for: a “motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 778) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 5053) that would prohibit the Treasury Department from requiring 501(c) tax-exempt organizations to identify contributors in annual returns and the fiscal 2017 Defense appropriations bill (HR 5293).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “With the Previous Question, Democrats are demanding an immediate vote on H.R. 1076, the bipartisan “No Fly, No Buy” legislation keep guns out of the hands of suspected terrorists, authored by Republican Congressman Peter King.” The previous question passed 236 to 171. A vote against the previous question would have allowed consideration of the “No Fly, No Buy” bill. [H. Res. 778, Vote #299, 6/14/16; CQ, 6/14/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Close The Terrorist Gun Loophole And Prevent People On The Terrorist Watchlist From Buying Firearms. In January 2016, Poliquin voted for: consideration of a vote to “call for an immediate vote on Republican Congressman Peter King’s Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act, H.R. 1076, to protect the American people by closing the terrorist gun loophole and preventing people on the terrorist watchlist from buying firearms.” The previous question carried, 236-176. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H.Res 581, Vote #21, 1/7/16; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 1/7/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Legislation To Close The Terrorist Watchlist Gun Loophole. In January 2016, Poliquin voted for: blocking consideration of legislation that would deny the purchase of a firearm or explosive to know or suspected terrorists. The previous question carried, 241-176. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on closing the loophole. [H Res 580, Vote #4, 1/6/16; Democratic Leader – 114th Previous Questions, 1/6/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Legislation To Close The Terrorist Watchlist Gun Loophole. In January 2016, Poliquin voted for: blocking consideration of legislation that would deny the purchase of a firearm or explosive to know or suspected terrorists. A no vote would have The previous question carried, 239-175. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on closing the loophole. [H Res 579, Vote #2, 1/6/16; Democratic Leader – 114th Previous Questions, 1/6/16]
Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Close The Terrorist Gun Loophole. In December 2015, Poliquin voted for: blocking consideration of the Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act, a bill “to protect the American people by closing the terrorist gun loophole and preventing people on the terrorist watchlist from buying firearms.” The previous question carried, 236-177. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on closing the loophole. [H Res 560, Vote #690, 12/11/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 12/11/15]

Poliquin Voted For Tabling The Appeal Of The Chair Which Ruled Against Scheduling A Vote On A Bill To Prohibit Those Listed On The Terror Watch List From Purchasing Firearms. In December 2015, Poliquin voted for: a motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair that the “Pelosi privileged resolution is out of order. The Pelosi privileged resolution would direct the Speaker to place on the calendar the Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act (HR 1076), which would allow the Attorney General to deny the sale or transfer of firearms to individuals suspected of engaging in or assisting terrorist activities. The motion failed 242-173. [Motion to Table, Vote #688 12/8/15; CQ Floor Votes, 12/10/15]

- **King’s Bill Would Prevent People On U.S. Terrorist Watch Lists From Buying Firearms.** “At about the time Wednesday that two shooters under investigation for potentially having terrorist ties were gunning down people at a community center in San Bernardino, House Republicans blocked legislation that would help prevent people on U.S. terrorist watch lists from buying firearms legally.” [San Francisco Chronicle, 12/3/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Allowing Those Listed On The Terror Watch List To Own Firearms. In December 2015, Poliquin voted for: blocking a measure to prohibit an “immediate vote on Republican Congressman Peter King’s Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act, H.R. 1076, to protect the American people by closing the terrorist gun loophole and preventing people on the terrorist watchlist from buying firearms. The previous question failed 242-178. [H Res 556 Vote #682 12/8/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 12/9/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Stopping Suspected Terrorists From Buying Firearms. In December 2015, Poliquin voted for: blocking consideration of a vote “to protect the American people by closing the terrorist gun loophole and preventing people on the terrorist watchlist from buying firearms.” The previous question carried, 243-179. [Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 2/3/15; H Res 542, Vote #653, 12/2/15]

Poliquin Did Not Sign A Discharge Petition To Force Consideration On The “No Buy, No Fly” Bill

Poliquin Did Not Sign A Discharge Petition That Would Have Forced Consideration On The “No Buy, No Fly” Bill To Prevent Suspects On The FBI Terror Watch List From Purchasing Firearms. [Discharge Petition, accessed 10/25/21]

**March 2018: After The Parkland Shooting, Poliquin Said, “We Need To Make Sure That […] Those Suspected Of Terrorism, Including Those Who Have Threatened To Harm A School Or Students, Can’t Purchase A Firearm”**

March 2018: Poliquin: “We Need To Make Sure That […] Those Suspected Of Terrorism, Including Those Who Have Threatened To Harm A School Or Students, Can’t Purchase A Firearm” “In addition to getting our schools and law enforcement increased funding, we need to improve our nation’s background check system, known as the NICS, which has not worked effectively to identify those who should not be getting their hands on firearms; make sure our law enforcement agencies and departments on all levels are able to collaborate and share information; make sure that, through a system of due process, those suspected of terrorism, including those who have threatened to harm a school or students, can’t purchase a firearm; and continue to look at ways to prevent attacks on our schools and our kids.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 3/12/18]
Bump Stocks & High-Capacity Magazines

October 2017: Poliquin Supported Tighter Bump Stock Regulation But Did Not Support A Ban

October 2017: Poliquin’s Spokesperson: “The Congressman Believes It’s Important To Make Sure That The ‘Bump Stock’ Modification […] Is More Closely Regulated.” “The Sun-Journal reports that independent Sen. Angus King, Republican Rep. Bruce Poliquin and Democratic Rep. Chellie Pingree all favor bans. Debate over the devices comes after 58 people were killed and nearly 500 people were injured during a Las Vegas music festival. King said the bump stock shouldn’t have been legalized. A spokesman for Poliquin said the congressman thinks the bump stock modification should be ‘more closely regulated.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 10/9/17]

When Asked If Poliquin Supported A Ban On Bump Stocks, His Spokesperson Said, “The Congressman Does Not Believe These Complex And Nuanced Issues Have Oversimplified, One-Word Solutions.” “Is a ban enough? Maybe. Poliquin is a strong supporter of the Second Amendment, outdoor traditions, (and) Maine has a tradition of responsible gun ownership, Conley said. “The congressman does not believe these complex and nuanced issues have oversimplified, one-word solutions.”” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 10/9/17]

2021: Poliquin Criticized Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Director Nominee David Chipman For Supporting Proposals To Fine Owners Of High-Capacity Magazines

2021: Poliquin Criticized Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Director Nominee David Chipman For Supporting Proposals To Fine Owners Of High-Capacity Magazines. “During his confirmation hearing, Chipman told senators he believes the ATF standard is that all semi-automatic rifles larger than a .22-caliber should be banned. And anyone who already owns such a firearm, or any magazine that holds over 10 rounds, should be forced to pay $200 to the government for each item. An outdoorsman or woman who owns five rifles and five magazines would owe $2,000 to the government for property he or she already owns and lawfully purchased! Such extreme positions do not help Americans find common-sense balance between public safety and our constitutional right to own a gun. I fear that David Chipman, if confirmed as ATF director, will not be a neutral and unbiased enforcer of our important Second Amendment right.” [Bangor Daily News, Bruce Poliquin Letter to the Editor, 6/16/21]

NRA

2013 – 2018: The NRA Spent Over $140,000 In Support Of Poliquin

As Of August 2021, The NRA And Its Associated PACs Spent At Least $148,104.34 In Support Of Poliquin:

| 2013 - 2018: NRA And Its Associated PACs Spending In Support Of Poliquin |
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| Contributor                  | Recipient                | Amount Spent   | Date            |
| National Rifle Association of America Political Victory Fund | Independent Expenditure | $15,431.37   | 2018            |
| National Rifle Association of America Political Victory Fund | Poliquin for Congress    | $4,950       | 9/30/18         |
| National Rifle Association of America Political Victory Fund | Poliquin for Congress    | $2,950       | 6/8/18          |
| National Rifle Association of America Political Victory Fund | Poliquin for Congress    | $2,000       | 12/22/17        |
| National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action | Independent Expenditure | $107,922.97 | 2016            |
| National Rifle Association of America Political Victory Fund | Poliquin for Congress    | $4,950       | 9/20/16         |
Poliquin’s Spokesperson Defended NRA Contributions To Him: “Congressman Poliquin Has Been Pleased To Have Those Maine [NRA] Members’ Support In The Past.” “Here's where the Maine people who serve in Congress and most of the challengers who want to replace them stand on NRA campaign contributions: […] Republican Incumbent U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin: ‘Maine has a long tradition of responsible firearm ownership going back generations. The National Rifle Association has a large number of members in Maine who support the organization and Congressman Poliquin has been pleased to have those Maine members' support in the past,’ said spokesman Brent Littlefield.” [Bangor Daily News, 2/16/18]

2018: Poliquin Repeatedly Touted His NRA A+ Rating And Called Golden’s Low NRA Rating “No Way To Protect Our Kids”


[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 11/1/18]

October 2018: Poliquin On His NRA Rating: “The Records Are Clear, No Other Candidate Is Committed To Protecting Our Second Amendment Rights.” “Sportsmen: I’m proud to be the candidate of choice for Maine sportsmen and women. I’m endorsed by the Sportman’s Alliance of Maine, NRA, and the Maine Snowmobilers
Association. I have also have an A+ rating from the Gun Owners of Maine. The records are clear, no other candidate is committed to protecting our Second Amendment Rights.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 10/29/18]

10/8/18: Poliquin Touted His A+ NRA Rating At Candidate Debate. “Poliquin, a two-term incumbent, wasted no time distinguishing himself from Golden, first by calling attention to Golden’s D grade from the National Rifle Association and F rating from the Gun Owners of Maine, compared to his A+ rating. The Sportsman’s Alliance of Maine also endorsed Poliquin earlier this year after the group criticized Golden for not returning its questionnaire. ‘I am the only person on this stage who has a proven record of standing up for our 2nd Amendment Rights. Jared has a D rating with the NRA. He cannot be trusted with our 2nd Amendment rights,’ Poliquin said, pointing his finger at Golden.” [Bangor Daily News, 10/8/18]

10/17/18: Poliquin Called Golden’s Low NRA Rating “No Way To Protect Our Kids.” “Candidates were asked about school shootings and how best to work with gun owners and those wanting to limit guns. Golden, who supports prohibiting people who pose a serious threat to themselves or others from owning firearms, called for a tightening of the background check system. Poliquin then referred to Golden’s low rating from local firearm organizations and the National Rifle Association, and said, ‘That's no way to protect our kids.’” [Bangor Daily News, 10/17/18]

August 2018: Poliquin: “Sportsmen Know Their 2nd Amendment Rights Are Safe With Bruce. With An A Rating, They Know Bruce Can Be Trusted To Stand Up For Our Constitutional Rights.” “Attention: Sportsmen know their 2nd Amendment Rights are safe with Bruce. With an A rating, they know Bruce can be trusted to stand up for our Constitutional Rights. Bruce's radical opponent, Jared Golden, has a D-rating, well deserved for his repeated votes against the Second Amendment. Please Share.”

[Central Maine, 2/20/18]
• Poliquin Advisor Brent Littlefield Said Poliquin Would Not Respond To King Since He Was A “Hollywood Person.” “Poliquin adviser Brent Littlefield said the congressman is a strong Second Amendment supporter who won't respond directly to a ‘Hollywood person.’” [Central Maine, 2/20/18]

• King Was Poliquin’s Constituent. “Poliquin, a second-term Republican from Maine’s 2nd District, is King’s congressman.” [Steve Collins Column, Lewiston Sun Journal, 4/1/18]

Past Support For Handgun Control Voter Education Fund

1989: Poliquin Contributed $500 To Handgun Control Voter Education Fund. [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, 12/29/89]

• Handgun Control, Inc. Later Became The Brady Campaign. “Poliquin was the only Republican in the 2010 Republican gubernatorial primary who said he supports mandatory background checks for gun purchases. In December 1989, he donated $500 to an organization known as Handgun Control, Inc., which later became The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.” [Bangor Daily News, 5/30/14]

2012 – 2014: Poliquin Faced Criticism In Republican Primaries For Contributing To Handgun Control Voter Education Fund

2014: The NRA Endorsed Poliquin’s Primary Opponent Kevin Raye, Whose Spokesperson Said, “Kevin’s Record Stands In Contrast To Bruce Poliquin’s History Of Donating To Handgun Control, Inc.” “Less than two weeks before the June 10 primary, the National Rifle Association’s Political Victory Fund on Friday endorsed Kevin Raye, one of two Republicans seeking to be the party’s candidate in the race for an open seat in Maine’s 2nd Congressional District. Mike Leavitt, a spokesman for the Raye campaign, announced the endorsement Friday morning. […] ‘Kevin’s record stands in contrast to Bruce Poliquin’s history of donating to Handgun Control, Inc., and his support for mandatory background checks while running for governor in 2010,’ Leavitt said. Poliquin was the only Republican in the 2010 Republican gubernatorial primary who said he supports mandatory background checks for gun purchases. In December 1989, he donated $500 to an organization known as Handgun Control, Inc., which later became The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.” [Bangor Daily News, 5/30/14]

2012: Senate Republican Primary Candidate Rick Bennett “Questioned A $500 Donation Poliquin Made In 1989 Made To Handgun Control Inc.” “[I think it raises legitimate questions about his consistency on the issues,’ said Rick Bennett, who along with Poliquin is among the six Republican hopefuls vying to replace U.S. Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine. […] In addition to Poliquin’s involvement with pro-environment NRCM, Bennett also questioned a $500 donation Poliquin made in 1989 made to Handgun Control Inc., which is now the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. The group supports increased regulations on the sale of firearms, including mandatory background checks.” [Portland Press Herald, 6/2/12]

Manufacturer Liability

2016: Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Claims By Gun Owners Seeking Monetary Relief On Defective Firearms

2016: Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Claims By Gun Owners Seeking Monetary Relief On Defective Firearms. In January 2016, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would exempt claims brought by a gun owner seeking monetary relief involving the defective design or manufacturing of a firearm.” The amendment failed, 163-232. [HR 1927, Vote #25, 1/8/16; CQ Floor Votes, 1/8/16]
Hunting Issues

February 2016: Poliquin Voted For Requiring Hunters’ Access To Federal Lands

Poliquin Voted For Requiring Hunters’ Access To Federal Lands, Blocking Prohibitions On Ivory Trafficking And Regulations On Lead In Bullets. In February 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill that would allow hunters greater access to federal land managed by the Departments of Interior and Forest Service while blocking restrictions on the trafficking of elephant ivory, combat regulations on lead contained in bullets, and prevent the Army Corps of Engineers from restricting firearms on Corps properties. “This bill would require the Interior Department and the U.S. Forest Service to provide access to lands managed by those agencies for hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting. … Additionally, the bill blocks the Administration’s rule to restrict trade in elephant ivory and allows the importation into the U.S. of polar bear hunting trophies taken prior to when polar bears were listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The measure also amends the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from regulating lead contained in bullets, angling lures, and other hunting and fishing equipment.” [HR 2406, Vote #101, 2/26/16; Office of the Democratic Whip, 2/23/16]

• Obama Administration: Bill Would Combat Environmental Protections, Restrict Regulations On Firearm Possession And Hunting And Fishing Activities. “[T]he Administration strongly opposes Title VI, which would: (1) exclude management decisions from the National Environmental Policy Act, the cornerstone law guiding environmental protection and public involvement in Federal actions; … (3) undermine the Wilderness Act of 1964. The Administration also strongly opposes the following: … Title IV, which would prohibit the Secretary of the Army from promulgating or enforcing any regulations that would prohibit the possession of firearms at water resources development projects with limited exceptions; … (5) Title XIV, which would restrict the ability of the Secretaries of the Interior and Commerce to regulate certain recreational or commercial fishing access to certain waters; (6) Title XV, which would potentially create public safety issues by restricting the ability of the Secretary of Agriculture and Forest Service Chief to regulate certain hunting and fishing activities within the National Forest System…” [Statement of Administration Policy, Executive Office of the President, 2/24/16]

October 2014: Poliquin On Bear Baiting: “We Don’t Need People From New Jersey Telling Us How To Hunt Our Wildlife Population”

Poliquin On Bear Baiting: “We Don’t Need People From New Jersey Telling Us How To Hunt Our Wildlife Population.” HOST: “[1:47] How do you plan to vote on bear baiting? Yes to ban it, no to keep it as things are.” […] POLIQUIN: “I will vote no on this issue. We don't need people from New Jersey telling us how to hunt our wildlife population.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter General Election Debate, 10/14/14] (VIDEO)
Health Care Issues

**Significant Findings**

✓ Poliquin voted at least 14 times to repeal, delay, defund or alter the Affordable Care Act, including at least seven votes to fully or partly repeal the ACA.

✓ Between 2012 and 2016, Poliquin stated he was “dead set” on repealing the ACA and listed “end[ing] Obamacare” as an “action item” on his campaign website.

✓ In 2018, Poliquin repeatedly denied that he voted to repeal the ACA or hurt Mainers with pre-existing conditions and removed language about the ACA from his website.

✓ Poliquin voted for the American Health Care Act after months of avoiding constituents and reporters, then downplayed its disastrous effects on Mainers with a variety of falsehoods.

✓ Poliquin did not hold a town hall for more than a month before his vote on the AHCA and dodged a reporter who asked him about the bill by walking into a women’s restroom.

✓ Poliquin waited until 30 minutes before the vote on AHCA to announce his support for the bill.

✓ Poliquin claimed the AHCA would affect “only the 7 percent of Maine residents who have Obamacare policies,” and that it would not hurt Medicaid or Mainers with pre-existing conditions.

✓ The AHCA would have weakened protections for people with pre-existing conditions, including more than half of the nonelderly population in Poliquin’s district, and cut funding for Medicaid, which covered 270,000 Mainers as of January 2017.

✓ Poliquin dismissed estimates that 23 million Americans, including 63,800 of his constituents, would have lost coverage under AHCA.

✓ AHCA “offer[ed] billions of dollars’ worth of tax cuts” for insurance and pharmaceutical companies.

✓ Poliquin opposed Medicaid expansion in Maine, supported allowing states to impose work requirements on Medicaid, and pledged to cut MaineCare benefits during his 2010 gubernatorial campaign.

Poliquin voted for the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, “a major victory for pharma manufacturers,” and accepted nearly half a million dollars from the insurance, pharmaceutical, and health products industries over his career.

✓ Through at least 2014, Poliquin owned up to $15,000 of Teva Pharmaceuticals stock, which was managed in a fund whose contents he stopped disclosing after 2015.

✓ In 2019 and 2020, Teva Pharmaceuticals announced multi-million and multi-billion dollar settlements in lawsuits over its role in the opioid epidemic and was sued multiple times for allegedly inflating drug prices through illegal conspiracies to avoid competition.

✓ Poliquin voted for sentencing guidelines for distributing synthetic opioids that Democrats warned would impose mandatory minimums for low-level offenders, rather than expanding treatment.
Poliquin said “tough love” should be “part of the equation” for Mainers struggling with addiction.

## Poliquin Opposed Protecting The Affordable Care Act

### Poliquin Voted Seven Times To Repeal The Affordable Care Act

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Poliquin Voted For A Republican Conference Report On Budget That Began Process To Repeal Affordable Care Act. In April 2015, Poliquin voted for: “House and Senate Republicans agreed on a unified budget plan Wednesday that would allow them to bypass Democrats and send President Barack Obama legislation to repeal or revise his landmark health-care law. The budget proposal spells out the Republican Party’s priorities by calling for $5.3 trillion in spending cuts to reach balance in nine years.” An agreement to pass the Conference Report passed 226 to 197. [S Con Res 11, Vote #183, On Agreeing to the Conference Report, 4/30/15; Bloomberg, 4/29/15]

Poliquin Voted For A Republican Budget That Repealed The Affordable Care Act. In March 2015, Poliquin voted for: “[The Republican budget] also includes parliamentary language, called reconciliation that orders House committees to draft legislation repealing the Affordable Care Act. Under budget rules, that reconciliation repeal bill cannot be filibustered in the Senate and would need only a majority vote to pass.” The resolution passed 228 to 199. [H. Con Res. 27, Vote #142, 3/25/15; New York Times, 3/25/15]

Poliquin Voted For A Budget Alternative That Repealed The Affordable Care Act. In March 2015, Poliquin voted for: a budget alternative known as Price amendment #2 offered as an amendment on the floor that would repeal the Affordable Care Act, slash Pell grants and alter Medicare while requiring no offsets for increased OCO defense spending. “Tom Price, R-Ga., also submitted an amended version that included increased defense funding without requiring cuts in other areas to offset the spending. Price’s plan increased funding to the Overseas Contingency Operations Fund by $2 billion over the committee plan, to $96 billion, and requires no offsets. The version that passed out of committee would have required offsets over $73.5 billion in the OCO fund, which pays for wars and other overseas activities and is not subject to sequester caps.” The resolution passed 219 to 208. [H. Con Res. 27, Vote #141, 3/25/15; US News and World Report, 3/25/15]

Poliquin Voted For Repealing Major Pillars Of Affordable Care Act Four Times

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Poliquin Voted For The American Health Care Act. In May 2017, Poliquin voted for a bill to repeal and replace major parts of the Affordable Care Act. According to the New York Times, the bill “would eliminate tax penalties for people who go without health insurance. It would roll back state-by-state expansions of Medicaid, which covered millions of low-income Americans. And in place of government-subsidized insurance policies offered exclusively on the Affordable Care Act’s marketplaces, the bill would offer tax credits of $2,000 to $4,000 a year, depending on age. [...] The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said the first version of the bill would trim the federal budget deficit considerably but would also leave 24 million more Americans without health insurance after a decade. Average insurance premiums would be 15 percent to 20 percent higher in 2018 and 2019, but after that, they would be lower than projected under current law.” The bill passed by a vote of 217-213. [HR 1628, Vote #256, 5/4/17; New York Times, 5/4/17]

Poliquin Voted For Overturning Obama’s Veto Of A Bill That Would Repeal Major Portions Of The Affordable Care Act. In February 2016, Poliquin voted for: “Passage, over President Obama’s Jan. 8 2016, veto, of the bill that would repeal portions of the 2010 health care law and block federal funding for Planned Parenthood for one year. The bill would zero-out the law’s penalties for noncompliance with the law’s requirements for most individuals to obtain health coverage and employers to offer health insurance. The bill would scrap in 2018 the law’s Medicaid expansion, as well as subsidies to help individuals buy coverage through the insurance exchanges. It also would scrap certain taxes included in the law, including the tax on certain high-value employer-sponsored health insurance plans.” A two-thirds majority was required to override the President’s veto. The motion was rejected 241-186. [HR 3762, Vote #53, 2/2/16; CQ Floor Votes, 2/2/16]

- The Bill Attempted “To Overturn President Obama’s Veto Of Legislation To Repeal Obamacare.” “House Republicans are moving on to a new round of budget fights after failing on Tuesday to overturn President Obama’s veto of legislation to repeal Obamacare and defund Planned Parenthood. Republicans were not able to rally the support of two-thirds of the House necessary to overturn the veto, leaving conservatives to turn their attention to a final year of budget fights with the president. The 241-186 vote, appropriately scheduled for Groundhog Day, was the 63rd time the House has voted to overturn all or part of Obama’s signature health care law.” [Washington Post, 2/2/16]

Poliquin Voted For Agree With Senate Amendment To Bill To Repeal Major Portions Of The Affordable Care Act, Including Individual Mandate. In January 2016, Poliquin voted for: “Price, R-Ga., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would repeal portions of the 2010 health care law and block federal funding for Planned Parenthood for one year. The bill would zero-out the law’s penalties for noncompliance with the law’s requirements for most individuals to obtain health coverage and employers to offer health insurance. The bill would scrap in 2018 the law’s Medicaid expansion, as well as subsidies to help individuals buy coverage through the insurance exchanges. It also would scrap certain taxes included in the law, including the tax on certain high-value employer-sponsored health insurance plans.” The bill passed 240-181. [HR 3762, Vote #6, 1/6/16; CQ Floor Votes, 1/6/16]

- CNN: The Legislation Would “Repeal Obamacare.” “The GOP-controlled House of Representatives on Wednesday afternoon passed legislation that would repeal Obamacare, and after more than 60 votes to roll back all or part of the law, the bill dismantle it will finally get to the President’s desk.” [CNN, 1/6/16]

Poliquin Voted For House Passage Of A Bill To Repeal Major Portions Of Affordable Care Act, Including Individual Mandate. In October 2015, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would repeal portions of the 2010 health care law, including: the requirements for most individuals to have health insurance and employers with more than 50 employees to offer it or face penalties, the 2.3 percent tax on the sale of medical devices, the tax on certain high-value employer-sponsored health insurance plans, and the Prevention and Public Health Fund. The measure also would block, for one year, federal funding for Planned Parenthood and would increase funding for community health centers by $235 million in both fiscal 2016 and 2017.” The bill passed 240-189. [HR 3762, Vote #568, 10/23/15; CQ Floor Votes, 10/23/15]
• **Los Angeles Times**: The Bill “Would Repeal Several Major Pillars Of President Obama’s Landmark 2010 Law, Including The Requirement That Americans Have Health Coverage.” “House Republicans pushed forward with another vote to roll back the Affordable Care Act on Friday, passing a bill that would repeal several major pillars of President Obama’s landmark 2010 law, including the requirement that Americans have health coverage.” [Los Angeles Times, 10/23/15]

• **HEADLINE**: House Republicans Vote To Repeal Obamacare, Again. [Los Angeles Times, 10/23/15]

• **According To The CBO, The Bill Would Increase The Number Of Uninsured Americans By 32 Million.** “The number of people who are uninsured would increase by 18 million in the first new plan year following enactment of the bill. Later, after the elimination of the ACA’s expansion of Medicaid eligibility and of subsidies for insurance purchased through the ACA marketplaces, that number would increase to 27 million, and then to 32 million in 2026.” [CBO, 1/2017]

• **According To The CBO, The Bill Would Cause Health Insurance Premiums To Double.** “Premiums in the nongroup market (for individual policies purchased through the marketplaces or directly from insurers) would increase by 20 percent to 25 percent—relative to projections under current law—in the first new plan year following enactment. The increase would reach about 50 percent in the year following the elimination of the Medicaid expansion and the marketplace subsidies, and premiums would about double by 2026.” [CBO, 1/2017]

• **According To The CBO, The Bill Would Leave In Place Rules That Insurance Companies Could “Not Deny Coverage Or Vary Premiums Because Of An Enrollee’s Health Status Or Limit Coverage Because Of Preexisting Medical Conditions.”** “Importantly, H.R. 3762 would leave in place a number of market reforms—rules established by the ACA that govern certain health insurance markets. Insurers who sell plans either through the marketplaces or directly to consumers are required to: Provide specific benefits and amounts of coverage; Not deny coverage or vary premiums because of an enrollee’s health status or limit coverage because of preexisting medical conditions; and Vary premiums only on the basis of age, tobacco use, and geographic location.” [CBO, 1/2017]

### Poliquin Voted Three Times Against Repealing The Affordable Care Act

**February 2015: Poliquin Voted Against Repealing The Affordable Care Act.** In February 2015, Poliquin voted against: the “Passage of the bill that would repeal the 2010 health care overhaul. The bill would delay the repeal by 180 days after enactment and direct the House Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, Judiciary and Ways and Means committees to submit alternative legislation with a number of provisions, including ones to increase economic growth by eliminating certain regulations; lower health care premiums through increased competition; overhaul the medical liability system; and provide states greater flexibility to administer Medicaid programs.” The bill passed 239-186. [HR 596, Vote #58, 2/3/15; CQ Floor Votes, 2/3/15]

• **The Hill**: The Vote Was The Fourth Vote To “Completely Repeal” The Affordable Care Act; For The First Time, The Bill Included Instructions For Committees To Replace The Bill, But With No Deadline To Finish. “The GOP House on Tuesday voted for the fourth time to completely repeal ObamaCare, but this time with instructions for several committees to replace the healthcare law with new policies. […] This is the first time the House has coupled an ObamaCare repeal vote with instructions to write a replacement, but they included a significant caveat. The legislation doesn’t impose any deadlines on committees to finish their work.” [The Hill, 2/3/15]

• **2016: Poliquin Said He Voted Against Repealing The Affordable Care Act Because There Was No Replacement.** POLIQUIN: “I was one of three republicans in the House that voted last year, not, not to, to replace the Affordable Care Act rather not to, to do away with the Affordable Care Act because there wasn't a
replacement. I'm a business person trying to find solutions.” [CSPAN, 2018 Maine Public ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/19/16] (VIDEO) 31:00

- **Poliquin Voted Against Republican Study Committee Budget That Repealed The Affordable Care Act.** [H Con Res 27, Vote #138, 3/25/15; The Hill, 3/25/15]

- **Poliquin Voted Against The Republican Study Committee Alternative FY18 Budget.** [H Con Res 71, Vote #555, 10/5/17; CQ, 10/5/17]

- **RSC Budget Repealed Obamacare And Replaced It With The American Health Care Reform Act.** [McClintock Substitute Amendment, 10/5/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Republican Study Committee Budget That Repealed The Affordable Care Act.** In March 2015, Poliquin voted against: the “Stutzman, R-Ind., substitute amendment that would provide for $2.804 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2016, not including off-budget accounts. The substitute would call for reducing spending by $7.1 trillion over 10 years compared to the Congressional Budget Office baseline. The proposal would call for capping discretionary spending at $975 billion in fiscal 2016, freezing it for two years, and then allowing it to grow with inflation. It would call for setting discretionary defense spending at $570 billion, non-defense discretionary spending at $405 billion and allowing for $58 billion in Overseas Contingency Operations. The measure would call for, after fiscal 2019, OCO spending being incorporated into (non-emergency) discretionary defense spending. The proposal would call for repeal of the 2010 health care overhaul, converting Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program into block grant programs and transitioning Medicare to a premium-support system. It would propose changing the inflationary index for Social Security benefits to ‘chained’ CPI for all government programs and gradually increases eligibility to age 70 for Social Security. It also would propose converting the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program into a block grant program and changing it to a discretionary program. The amendment would outline guidance for a tax overhaul, including stating that taxes should be revenue neutral based on dynamic scoring and that the alternative minimum tax be repealed. It also would propose that federal funding for transportation be limited to core federal duties, such as the interstate highway system.” [H Con Res 27, Vote #138, 3/25/15; CQ, 3/25/15]


| Poliquin Voted Seven Times To Delay, Defund, Or Change the Affordable Care Act |

**Poliquin Voted For Beginning Process Of Repealing Affordable Care Act**

**January 2017: Poliquin Voted For Beginning The Process Of Repealing Affordable Care Act.** In January 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the concurrent resolution that includes reconciliation instructions for the House Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means Committees as well as the Senate Finance and Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committees to develop legislation to reduce the deficit by at least $1 billion each over a 10-year period by January 27, 2017, which is expected to repeal parts of the 2010 health care law. The concurrent resolution also would set broad spending and revenue targets over the next 10 years. It would allow $3.3 trillion in new budget authority for fiscal 2017.” The resolution was adopted 227-198. [S Con Res 3, Vote #58, 1/13/17; CQ Floor Votes, 1/13/17]

- **The Vote “Began The Process Of Dismantling The Affordable Care Act” By Allowing Republicans To Use Budget Reconciliation To Roll Back The Law.** “The House of Representatives began the process of dismantling the Affordable Care Act on Friday, approving a budget resolution on a mostly party line vote. The vote was 227-198. The Senate passed the measure earlier this week. It allows Republicans on Capitol Hill to use a process known as ‘budget reconciliation’ to roll back major parts of the health care law. Top Republican
leaders are also saying they plan to move to replace Obamacare along the same track, but they are still struggling to come up with the details on how it will work.” [CNN, 1/3/17]

- **HEADLINE: House Takes First Step Towards Repealing Obamacare.** [CNN, 1/3/17]

**Poliquin Voted Once To Delay Key Provisions Of The Affordable Care Act**

**Poliquin Voted For Requiring Regulations and Rule Changes In The Affordable Care Act Be Subject To Congressional Approval.** In July 2015, Poliquin voted for: an amendment that would require “rule and regulations under the Affordable Care Act to be subject to the congressional approval process established in the bill.” The amendment passed, 242-167. [HR 427, Vote #474; CQ Floor Votes, 7/28/15]

**Poliquin Voted Three Times To Repeal Parts Of The Affordable Care Act**

- **Poliquin Voted For A Motion Agreeing With Senate Amendment To Place A Moratorium On Health Care Reform’s Medical Device Tax.** [HR 2029, Vote #703, 12/17/15; Med Device Online, 12/17/15]
- **Poliquin Voted For Repealing Medical Device Tax Under The Affordable Care Act.** [HR 160, Vote #375, 6/18/15; Associated Press, 6/18/15]

**Poliquin Voted For A Motion Agreeing With Senate Amendment To Place A Moratorium On Health Care Reform’s Medical Device Tax.** In December 2015, Poliquin voted for: concurring with a Senate amendment to a tax package that included a two year moratorium on the 2.3 percent medical device tax implemented under the Affordable Care Act. The amendment passed, 318-109. [HR 2029, Vote #703, 12/17/15; Med Device Online, 12/17/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Eliminating The Independent Payment Advisory Board.** “The House easily passed a repeal of Obamacare’s Independent Payment Advisory Board, with a handful of Democrats voting with Republicans against a part of the law aimed at checking the growth of Medicare spending. The Independent Payment Advisory Board has never been used. It consists of 15 members and was included in the law to control the rate of Medicare growth and to help the program come up with savings. The law said the board would make savings recommendations if Medicare spending was projected to exceed a certain target rate, but so far, spending hasn’t grown fast enough to trigger the IPAB. The 244-154 vote occurred days before an expected Supreme Court ruling on the legality of Obamacare subsidies.” The bill passed, 244-154. [HR 1190, Vote #376, 6/23/15; National Journal, 6/23/15]

**Poliquin Voted For A Repealing Medical Device Tax Under The Affordable Care Act.** “The House defied a White House veto threat and voted Thursday to abolish a tax on medical device makers as a group of Democrats uncharacteristically joined Republicans in moving to kill part of President Barack Obama’s health care law … The Republican-led House has voted more than 50 times since 2011 to void all or part of Obama’s health care overhaul, usually along party lines.” The bill passed 280 to 140. [HR 160, Vote #375, 6/18/15; Associated Press, 6/18/15]

**Poliquin Voted Twice To Change The Affordable Care Act**

- **Poliquin Voted For Bill Blocking Federal Funding For Abortion, Including Tax Credits For Small Businesses Providing Healthcare That Includes Abortion Coverage.** [HR 7, Vote #45, 1/22/15; Político, 1/22/15]
- **Poliquin Voted For Increasing Definition Of Full-Time From 30 Hours To 40 Hours Under Affordable Care Act.** [HR 30, Vote #14, 1/8/15; Político, 1/8/15]
Poliquin Voted For A Bill Blocking Federal Funding For Abortion, Including ACA Tax Credits For Small Businesses Providing Healthcare That Includes Abortion Coverage. “The House did easily pass H.R. 7, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2015, sponsored by Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.). White House advisers said they would recommend a veto should the bill reach the president’s desk. The Hyde Amendment already prevents the use of federal funds to pay for abortion, except in cases of incest, rape and life endangerment of the mother. That is passed every year as part of an appropriations bill, but this bill would make that permanent law. The House bill would also restrict small businesses from getting an Affordable Care Act tax credit if they purchase employee health plans that include abortion coverage on the Small Business Health Options Program, or SHOP exchange.” [HR 7, Vote #45, 1/22/15; Politico, 1/22/15]

Poliquin Voted For Increasing The Definition Of Full-Time From 30 Hours To 40 Hours Under Affordable Care Act. “The House will vote again on Thursday to lengthen Obamacare’s full-time workweek definition to 40 hours, but the Senate has work to do before it can hope to get its first anti-Obamacare bill to the president’s desk.” The bill passed, 252-172. [HR 30, Vote #14, 1/8/15; Politico, 1/8/15]

2011 – 2016: Poliquin Said He Aimed To Repeal The ACA As Quickly As Possible And Called It “The Wrong Way To Go”

2011: Poliquin: “It Cost Us Nothing, Essentially Nothing, Free, To Repeal Obamacare. So That’s The First Thing We’re Doing.” AUDIENCE MEMBER: “You say lower health insurance premiums. […] How? What do you have in mind?” POLIQUIN: “Well, the first thing is, as you know, Maine signed on with Florida [inaudible] and it costs us nothing, essentially nothing, free, to repeal Obamacare. So that’s the first thing we’re doing. The governor has a plan for this. Mary Mayhew has just been appointed head of HHS and had a couple businesspeople working underneath her and we need to make sure we tighten eligibility requirements to get the cost of delivering these services down. The problem is the governor is handcuffed, because Maine has been so generous with our MaineCare that now we’re way above the national average and if we want to drop down, they say ‘nope! You have to stay where you are.’ So we have to get this repealed.” [YouTube, stan5858, Bruce Poliquin, Maine State Treasurer, “The Importance of Fiscal Discipline,” 2/28/11] (VIDEO) 23:04

2012: Poliquin: “Here Are The First Few Things I Would Do. Number One, Repeal Obamacare.” POLIQUIN: “Now, if I have the opportunity to help fix our country and Maine at the same time here are the first few things I would do. Number one, repeal Obamacare.” [YouTube, Dirigo Blue, Bruce Poliquin’s First Priority, 9/11/14] (VIDEO) :00 Note: This video was uploaded in 2014; Poliquin’s remarks were made in 2012.

Poliquin: “I Believe That It Is Wrong To Have The Federal Government Take Over The Best Private Healthcare Industry In The World, And Obamacare I’m Dead Set Against.” POLIQUIN: “I believe that it is wrong to have the federal government take over the best private healthcare industry in the world, and Obamacare I’m dead set against. There’s a better way to do this.” [YouTube, Maine 02 RawFootage, WAGM Raye Poliquin Primary Debate, 5/30/14] (VIDEO) 8:34

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2014: Poliquin Attacked His GOP Primary Opponent For Supporting A “Single-Payer, Government-Run Healthcare Plan” In Maine. “Now I would like to take exception with my with my opponent, Mr. Raye, even before Obamacare became law, he voted for a democrat plan to introduce a single payer government run health care plan here in the state of Maine that is way beyond Obamacare. So we need someone who's going to stand up to these big government programs, and not go down the path of these government run programs, or he participates in a study to implement that.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter GOP Primary Debate, 5/28/14] (VIDEO) 13:00

2014 – 2016: Poliquin Opposed ACA Employer Mandates That Required Businesses To Provide Health Care Plans To Employees

2016: Poliquin Said He Opposed The ACA Employer Mandate That Required Businesses With More Than 50 Workers To Offer Health Insurance To Their Employees. “But at the same time, we need to make sure we do away with pieces that kill jobs, like the 50 worker threshold or the 30 hour workweek, both with a convinced small businesses not to hire more.” [CSPAN, 2018 Maine Public ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/19/16] (VIDEO) 31:00

2014: Poliquin Said He Opposed The “Expensive Mandates” That The ACA Put On Businesses, Including Requiring Employers Offer Health Care Plans To All Employees Who Work Over 30 Hours Per Week. POLIQUIN: “However, there were job killing parts of Obamacare, we should kill, we should replace those job killing parts, including, if you hire 50 or more employees, then you suffer the mandates the expensive mandates of Obamacare. And also if you have employees that are working over 30 hours now I would like to take exception with my with my opponent, Mr. Raye, even before Obamacare became law, he voted for a democrat plan to introduce a single payer government run health care plan here in the state of Maine that is way beyond Obamacare. So we need someone who's going to stand up to these big government programs, and not go down the path of these government run programs, or he participates in a study to implement that.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter GOP Primary Debate, 5/28/14] (VIDEO) 13:00

• Poliquin Claimed The 30 Hour Employer Mandate Was “Crippling Our Small Businesses.” “As your Representative, Congressman Poliquin will continue to listen to people of the 2nd District and fix misguided
policies, such as the Medical Device Tax and the 30-Hour Workweek Employer Mandate, that are crippling our small businesses.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, captured 12/22/18]

January 2015: Poliquin Voted For Increasing Definition Of Full-Time From 30 Hours To 40 Hours Under Affordable Care Act’s Employer Mandate

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- Bill Would Increase Deficit By $53.2 Billion And Cut Healthcare For About 1 Million Workers. “The independent Congressional Budget Office said Wednesday that the House’s bill would add $53.2 billion to the deficit from 2015 to 2025. That’s because fewer businesses would pay fines and because some of the employees who would have been covered at work will instead get subsidies to buy plans on the Obamacare exchanges. The CBO estimated that about 1 million people would lose their work-based coverage, a fact that Democrats intend to highlight.” [Politico, 1/8/15]

2014 – 2016: Poliquin Said He Supported Repealing And Replacing the ACA While Keeping Protections For Pre-Existing Conditions

2014: Poliquin Said He Supported Repealing And Replacing The ACA. POLIQUIN: “No. Repeal it and replace it with something that’s better that’s based on the free market. […] And no, I would not drop by current insurance, which by the way has already been cancelled once and then re-instated my premium 30 percent higher, but I was able to keep a plan that I wanted to insure myself and Sammy with a high deductible to keep my premiums low, and we’re actually paying out of pocket.” [YouTube, Maine 02 RawFootage, WAGM Raye Poliquin Primary Debate, 5/30/14] (VIDEO) 47:35

2014: Poliquin Said He Supported Keeping Pre-Existing Conditions Protections In An ACA Replacement Plan. POLIQUIN: “Now there are a couple things that in the in the in Obamacare that are certainly worth holding on to, for example, preexisting conditions, my son, who's now 23 is asthmatic. We have to make sure when Sammy gets a health care plan down the road that he's able to insure himself for that. Also portability. If Sam wants to change jobs, he ought to be able to take that that health care plan with him.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter GOP Primary Debate, 5/28/14] (VIDEO) 13:00

2016: Poliquin Claimed He Supported Keeping The Affordable Care Act’s Protections For Pre-Existing Conditions. “Let me give you an example. We need to keep our pre existing conditions. My son is asthmatic. I think Sammy ought to have the opportunity to buy a health insurance policy, that he can not only take from job to job but insures him for that pre existing condition.” [CSPAN, 2018 Maine Public ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/19/16] (VIDEO) 31:00

2016: Poliquin Questioned Why A “65-Year-Old Male Should Be Required To Pay For Pediatric And Maternity Coverage” Under The ACA And Pledged To “End Obamacare”

October 2016: Poliquin Campaign Website On The ACA: “Why Should A 65-Year-Old Male Be Required To Pay For Pediatric And Maternity Coverage?” “It’s a bad idea for the federal government to take over our free market health care industry. Although promised otherwise, millions of frightened Americans are seeing their health insurance plans cancelled because they do not include unwanted and expensive coverage mandated by the new one-size-fits-all health care law. Why should a 65-year-old male be required to pay for pediatric and maternity coverage? Millions of Americans are also losing their doctors and hospitals of choice because they don’t fit into the Obamacare-mandated health care systems.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/29/16]
2016: Poliquin’s Proposed Alternative For The ACA Allowed Sales Of Health Insurance Across State Lines, Federal Tax Credits For Health Saving Accounts, And Portability Of Insurance Across Jobs

One alternative to Obamacare is to allow families to shop across state lines to buy the health insurance that fits our needs at a price we can afford, just like purchasing automobile insurance. Small businesses should also be allowed to band together to buy coverage. Our purchasing power would incentivize insurance companies to offer plans with varying coverage, co-pays, deductibles, and lower monthly premiums. The cost of this private insurance could be paid by expanding tax-free health savings accounts using federal tax credits. Instead of sending Uncle Sam, say, $15,000 per year in taxes, a family could use that money to buy health insurance. Any amount left over would remain in the health savings account to buy insurance the next year. […] It’s important that health insurance plans are portable and cover pre-existing medical conditions so workers are not tied to a specific job or employer in order to retain the insurance.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/29/16]

January 2017: Poliquin Voted Against Protecting The ACA’s Rule Prohibiting Insurance From Eliminating Coverage For Dependents Younger Than 26, Then Pledged To Support ACA Repeal If Its Replacement Kept 26-Year-Olds And Under On Their Parents’ Insurance A Week Later

1/5/17: Poliquin Voted Against Exempting From HR 26 Any Rule Prohibiting Insurance From Eliminating Health Coverage For Dependents Younger Than 26. In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Murphy, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill any rule prohibiting an insurance issuer from eliminating health coverage for dependents younger than 26 years old.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-235. [HR 26, Vote #22, 1/5/17; CQ, 1/5/17]

- HR 26 Was A Bill Requiring Congress To Approve All New Major Regulations. “This bill states that its purpose is to increase accountability for and transparency in the federal regulatory process by requiring Congress to approve all new major regulations. The bill revises provisions relating to congressional review of agency rulemaking to require federal agencies promulgating rules to: (1) identify and repeal or amend existing rules to completely offset any annual costs of new rules to the U.S. economy…” [HR 26, Summary, 1/5/17]

1/12/17: Poliquin Vowed To Support ACA Repeal “If The Replacement Includes Coverage For Pre-Existing Health Conditions And Keeping Those 26 Years Old Or Younger On Their Parents' Plans.” “U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, a Maine Republican, said he will support the reconciliation measure when it comes before the House on Friday. Looking ahead, Poliquin said, ‘I will support the actual repeal of the Obamacare law if the replacement includes coverage for pre-existing health conditions and keeping those 26 years old or younger on their parents' plans.’ He added, ‘Any replacement law must also eliminate job-killing taxes and regulations such as the medical device tax. I will thoroughly and carefully evaluate every proposed replacement law with these in mind.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 1/12/17]

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October 2017: Poliquin Claimed ACA Exchanges Were “On The Verge Of Collapse” After Anthem Left Maine’s Individual Insurance Market And Added That “Doing Nothing Is Not An Option.” “Poliquin, however, has defended his vote and pointed out that the recent decision by Anthem to quit Maine’s individual insurance market shows that his warnings about the flaws in Obamacare remain true. He said recently that he has offered market-based solutions to the law's failings and called on the Senate to take action quickly ‘to fix the law.’ ‘The Obamacare exchanges are on the verge of collapse in many states,’ Poliquin said in a prepared release.
‘The reality is that significant changes must be made; doing nothing is not an option.’ ‘It is unacceptable to do nothing. I continue to stand ready to work with anybody and everybody to act in Congress so that Mainers can be provided relief from the serious flaws of the Obamacare health care law,’ he said.” [Kennebec Journal, 10/5/17]

- **Poliquin Attributed Anthem’s Exit From Maine’s Individual Insurance Market To “Serious Flaws In The Obamacare Law.”** “Poliquin, R-2nd District, said in a written statement that the ACA needs a solution. ‘We need a fix, and the first place to accomplish that is going to be in the Senate,’ said Poliquin, who voted to repeal the ACA in May. ‘Insurers like Anthem have continuously warned that they would pull out of the marketplace if nothing was done to fix the serious flaws in the Obamacare law, and Anthem has specifically cited support for legislation in Congress to do so.’” [Portland Press Herald, 9/27/17]

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November 2018: Poliquin Dismissed Attacks On His Health Care Record As “The Craziest Thing I’ve Ever Seen.” “Poliquin argued on WGAN radio on Friday that criticism of his health-care record is ‘the craziest thing I’ve ever seen.’ He insisted he supports Medicaid, Medicare and coverage for those with pre-existing conditions. He also pointed to his 2015 vote to keep President Barack Obama’s ACA until an acceptable alternative could be found. That is true. But his vote last year would, by all accounts, have repealed the ACA and cut Medicaid assistance. It also would have opened the door for insurance companies to charge older Americans more for their coverage.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/2/18]

October 2018: At A Candidate Debate, Poliquin “Framed His Vote To Repeal The Affordable Care Act As A Move To Replace It With A Market-Based Alternative.” “On the issues, Poliquin continued to defend his votes on health care. He framed his vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act as a move to replace it with a market-based alternative -- but was vague when asked about his plan to make health care more affordable for Mainers. He dismissed as too expensive Golden's Medicare-for-all approach, which would lower the eligibility age, allowing people 55 and older to buy into the plan.” [Bangor Daily News, 10/17/18]

The Lewiston Sun Journal Rated The DCCC’s Claim That Poliquin Would Take Away Protections For People With Pre-Existing Conditions As “Partly True And Partly False” Since He Voted For ACA Repeal. “POLIQUIN IS AGAINST COVERING PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS? Democrats, including Golden, have ripped into Poliquin for allegedly failing to protect the availability of health insurance for those with pre-existing conditions. In a Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee advertisement, someone asks whether Poliquin would ‘take protections away for people with pre-existing conditions?’ and then answers, ‘Yes.’ Advertisement Poliquin calls it a lie. It’s actually partly true and partly false. The reality is that Poliquin has always defended the need for coverage of pre-existing conditions, pointing out that his son has asthma, but he voted in 2017 for a health care plan that experts said would have made it difficult for many people with pre-existing conditions to pay for health care.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/1/18]

The Lewiston Sun Journal Rated Poliquin’s Emphasis On His 2015 Vote Against ACA Repeal “Less Than Genuine” Since He Voted For Repeal In 2017. “POLIQUIN SUPPORTS THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT? Poliquin routinely talks about his 2015 vote in opposition to repeal of the Affordable Care Act. What he doesn’t mention often is his House vote in 2017 in favor of repeal of the same law, which sent the issue to the U.S. Senate, where Republican Susan Collins of Maine voted against repeal, retaining the program. For that reason, his comments on the campaign trail about his 2015 vote are less then genuine.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 10/31/18]

October 2018: Poliquin Denied That He Voted To Repeal The ACA: “I Voted For A Replacement Plan.” “After being one of only three House Republicans to vote against a 2015 bill that would have repealed the
Affordable Care Act, Poliquin in May 2017 was the only member of Maine's congressional delegation to vote to repeal the health insurance program, also known as Obamacare. Poliquin denied his vote to repeal as recently as last week in a story from WMTW-TV. When asked if he voted to repeal, he said, ‘No, I voted for a replacement plan.’” [Bangor Daily News, 10/15/18]

2018: Poliquin Framed Himself As A Defender Of The ACA By Only Highlighting His Votes Against Repeal In 2015

October 2018: During Candidate Debate, Poliquin Only Mentioned His Vote Against Repealing The ACA In 2015, Not His More Recent Vote To Repeal It In 2017. “Poliquin’s 2017 vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act came up often — but not when he was talking. The only mention he made about the ACA was to note that in 2015 he was one of three Republicans to vote against its repeal.” [Portland Press Herald, 10/9/18]

- October 2018: Portland Press Herald Editorial Board: Poliquin “Mostly Remains Silent” On His Decision To Vote For ACA Repeal. “Poliquin also voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act in ways that would have been devastating, stripping 24 million Americans of health insurance by 2026, including more than 100,000 Mainers. And while Poliquin has become an ardent supporter of protecting Americans with pre-existing conditions since he got on the campaign trail, his votes say otherwise. Poliquin chooses not to explain his position. Other members of Maine's congressional delegation frequently comment on the most important issues facing the country, while Poliquin mostly remains silent.” [Portland Press Herald Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 10/28/18]

September 2018: Poliquin Removed Language Advertising His Opposition To The Affordable Care Act From His Website. “So Democrats say it’s noteworthy that Poliquin has overhauled his campaign website for the Nov. 6 election to downplay his opposition to the health care program that many residents depend on for insurance. The language he used in 2014 and 2016 is gone. Instead, the two-term Republican vows to ‘continue to work on improving access to affordable, quality health care in Maine.’ […] Though Vice President Mike Pence and House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., have both said in recent days they intend to continue to try to repeal the ACA, some of the most vulnerable Republicans, including Poliquin, are no longer pushing the issue on the campaign trail.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 9/7/18]

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- 2018: Poliquin’s Campaign Website Did Not Mention The Affordable Care Act Nor The American Health Care Act In Its “Health Care” Section. [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/5/18]

October 2018: Poliquin Repeatedly Denied That He Voted To Repeal Protections For Those With Pre-Existing Conditions Because His Son Had Asthma

10/4/18: Poliquin Facebook: “The Latest Propaganda From The Democrat Party, Specifically Mentions Asthma As A Pre-Existing Condition. Bruce’s Own Son Has Asthma!” “Beware: The latest lie, one of many, that Jared Golden and the Maine Democrat Party are pushing, is again on topic of healthcare. Bruce has always supported covering pre-existing conditions, his own proposed plan from years ago makes it a priority. The latest propaganda from the Democrat Party, specifically mentions asthma as a pre-existing condition. Bruce’s own son has asthma! Of course, Bruce has always stood up for coverage of pre-existing conditions and this is just another lie, flat out lie, from Jared Golden. We expect to see more of these lies based on his campaign so far and his biggest supporter, Nancy Pelosi.”
10/10/18: Poliquin: “I Would Never Vote Against Pre-Existing Conditions, My Own Son Has One!” “If you watched the debate it is clear that I’m passionate about working hard and standing up for Maine. Jared Golden has repeatedly lied about his record and mine and I believe he should be exposed for his lies. Jared votes against the Second Amendment but hides behind that with a slick deceptive commercial. He has lied about my record on healthcare. I would never vote against pre-existing conditions, my own son has one! His radical scheme to alter Medicare will drive up taxes and end Medicare as we know it, that’s not fair to our seniors who have paid into it their whole life. Jared is a extreme radical backed by other extreme radicals, like Nancy Pelosi, Elizabeth Warren, and even Hillary Clinton, he simply cannot be trusted. Please Share so people know the truth.”

September 2018: Poliquin: “I Have ALWAYS Advocated For Pre-Existing [sic] Condition Healthcare Coverage. ALWAYS As Your Congressman. My Own Son, Sam, Has A Pre-Existing Condition.” “BREAKING NEWS: I have ALWAYS advocated for pre-existing [sic] condition healthcare coverage. ALWAYS as your Congressman. My own son, Sam, has a pre-existing condition. I do not support eliminating this coverage. Out-of-state special interests trying to trick Mainers into voting for Jared Golden are sending FALSE messages saying I oppose this coverage. Also they claim I want to hurt Social Security and Medicare WHEN MY OWN MOTHER relies on them. Please see the article from all the way back in 2016 when I laid out my 14-points on healthcare including coverage for pre-existing conditions. PLEASE SHARE.

http://www.themainewire.com/2016/03/14-solutions-broken-health-care-system/”
2018: Poliquin: The Medical Device Tax “Increased Health Care Costs For Consumers And Threatened Hundreds Of Maine Jobs At Hardwood Products In Guilford, Maine”

2018: Poliquin Campaign Website: The Medical Device Tax “Increased Health Care Costs For Consumers And Threatened Hundreds Of Maine Jobs At Hardwood Products In Guilford, Maine.” “Fighting bad policy like the medical device tax, which increased health care costs for consumers and threatened hundreds of Maine jobs at Hardwood Products in Guilford, Maine.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/5/18]

- 2014 – 2017: Scott Wellman, Hardwood Products’ Chief Financial Officer, Contributed $800 To Poliquin’s Campaign. Scott Wellman, who indicated he was the CFO of Hardwood Products on campaign contributions, contributed $250 to Poliquin’s campaign on October 13, 2017; $300 on December 24, 2015; and $250 on October 22, 2014. [FEC, Individual Contribution Search, accessed 11/3/21]

American Health Care Act (AHCA)

2017: Poliquin Voted For The AHCA After He Avoided Questions On It For Months

March 2017: Poliquin Called The AHCA A “First Step” And Said That “Obamacare Will Continue To Implode” Without Action, But Denied He Endorsed The Bill

3/6/17: Poliquin Said The AHCA “Will Bring Much Needed Health Insurance Relief To The American People.” “Today, Congressman Bruce Poliquin (ME-02) released the following statement on the American Health Care Act, legislation to repeal and replace the rapidly failing ObamaCare health care law and bring relief to tens of thousands of Maine families: ‘Tens of thousands of Mainer are suffocating under the spiking ObamaCare monthly premiums, co-pays, and deductibles while other health insurance options continue to shrink. Congress must act to fix this,’ said Congressman Poliquin. ‘This new plan will bring much needed health insurance relief to the American People while keeping the promises made to them.’” [Bruce Poliquin Press Release, 3/6/17]

- 3/9/17: Portland Press Herald Editorial Board: Poliquin “Stepped Forward As An Early And Enthusiastic Proponent Of A Bill That Looks Like It Was Drawn Up To Hurt The People He Represents.” “In addition, the Republican plan would stop adjusting the size of health insurance tax credits by region, so people who live in places where health coverage is expensive – like rural Maine – would take the biggest hit. The plan has taken heat from those on the left, right and center, but it has one surprising cheerleader: 2nd District U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin. Poliquin, who has had nothing to say on other matters of national importance, has stepped forward as an early and enthusiastic proponent of a bill that looks like it was
drawn up to hurt the people he represents.” [Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 3/9/17]

3/17/17: Poliquin Op-Ed: “If We Do Nothing, Obamacare Will Continue To Implode And More Maine Families Will Lose Their Health Insurance.” “The largest Obamacare health insurance provider in Maine is Community Health Options in Lewiston. Last year, it lost $88 million. Anthem is one of only two other health insurance companies doing business in Maine. Last week, it announced it would begin the process to stop writing Obamacare coverage in 2018 if the collapsing law is not changed. Advertisement Many fellow Mainers pushed out of health insurance by the ACA law have no other option but hospital emergency rooms when they get sick or have an accident. This is not fair, and this is not right. If we do nothing, Obamacare will continue to implode and more Maine families will lose their health insurance.” [Portland Press Herald, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 3/17/17]

Poliquin Called The AHCA “A First Step” That Included “Number Of Successful Common-Sense Reforms” In His Op-Ed. “The proposal introduced last week is a first step. This proposal includes a number of successful common-sense reforms, some of which Maine has already used, including making sure nobody is denied health insurance if they want it; no lifetime caps on coverage; family members up to age 26 can be covered on their parents’ plans; and coverage for pre-existing health conditions.” [Portland Press Herald, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 3/17/17]

Poliquin Denied He “Endorse[d] This First Draft Of The House Republican Proposal In Its Entirety” And Said He Was “Thoroughly And Carefully Studying The Bill.” “It shouldn’t surprise you that the media claims that I endorse this first draft of the House Republican proposal in its entirety. Like every proposal that comes before me, I am thoroughly and carefully studying the bill, looking for ways to improve it.” [Portland Press Herald, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 3/17/17]

March 24, 2017: Poliquin Refused To Say Whether He Planned To Support The AHCA Hours Before A Vote On It Was Called Off

3/24/17: Poliquin “Refused To State His Position” On The AHCA Hours Before A Vote On It Was Called Off. “Poliquin refused to state his position on the House health legislation before the vote was called off March 24. In a statement days beforehand, Poliquin said he had met with Trump at the White House and urged him and House leadership to push for increased benefits for those nearing retirement and families living in rural areas. Poliquin said at the time that he wanted “to ensure that rural Mainers and those ages 50 to 64 will be able to buy policies under the American Health Care Act,” the name of the health care overhaul proposed by Republicans.” [Portland Press Herald, 4/5/17]

- Poliquin’s Spokesperson Did Not Comment To Media And His DC Office Did Not Pick Up Maine Reporters’ Calls The Day The Vote Was Scheduled. “Leading up to a historic health care system overhaul vote that ultimately was canceled Friday, U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-2nd District, wouldn't take a formal stance on the legislation. [...] Conley didn't respond immediately to request for comment Friday on whether Poliquin had an official stance on the GOP bill. Multiple calls Friday afternoon to Poliquin's office in Washington received automated replies saying the voicemail was full.” [Portland Press Herald, 3/24/17]

- Colby College American Government Professor Sandy Maisel: Poliquin Was “Conspicuously Absent From This Debate” Leading Up To The Cancelled AHCA Vote. “But in some ways, Poliquin also has boxed himself into a corner and been ‘has been conspicuously absent from this debate,’ said Sandy Maisel, Goldfarb professor of American government at Colby College in Waterville. ‘The Republican alternative to the Affordable Care Act obviously hurts people like the elderly in rural Maine. Senator Collins could always say that, and she has been outspoken on the issue,’ Maisel said. ‘But congressman Poliquin is trying to be loyal to the Republican Party. I think his greatest hope was that it would never come to a vote.’” [Portland Press Herald, 3/24/17]

April – May 2017: Poliquin Avoided Reporters And Constituents In The Months Leading Up To The AHCA
Poliquin Did Not Hold A Town Hall Of Any Kind For More Than A Month Leading Up To His Vote For The AHCA. “A Poliquin spokesman, asked why the lawmaker has not conducted a town hall, said Poliquin prefers ‘telephone town halls,’” since his district is so large. He last held one of those at the end of March.” [Boston Globe, 5/15/17]

- May 2017: Asked If Poliquin Would Host Town Halls After Voting For The AHCA, Poliquin’s Spokesperson Said He “Has Been Actively Hearing From ALL 664,000+ Constituents Of Maine’s 2nd District.” “Asked whether Poliquin plans any town hall-style meetings in the 2nd District or other means of explaining the bill to constituents, Conley said via email, ‘The Congressman has been actively hearing from ALL 664,000+ constituents of Maine’s 2nd District and will continue to do so and work to best serve ALL 664,000+ Mainers he represents.’” [Kennebec Journal, 5/5/17]

May 2017: When A Reporter Asked If He Planned To Vote For The AHCA, Poliquin “Said Nothing And Made A Beeline To The Restroom,” Accidentally Entered The Women’s Restroom, Then “Scurried Away.” “As House Republican leaders claim they’re getting ever closer to acquiring the votes they need to pass the American Health Care Act, pressure is mounting on a number of still-reluctant, vulnerable GOP members of Congress to fall in line. As such, those members want to go into hiding. Here is a taste of what it’s like trying to pin down an undecided Republican member of Congress on his or her possible Trumpcare vote this week. Maine Rep. Bruce Poliquin has yet to declare either his support or opposition for the bill. As he was walking out of the House Republican conference’s morning meeting Tuesday, I asked him if he had arrived at a decision. He said nothing and made a beeline to the restroom. Unfortunately it was the door to the women’s restroom that he had first run to, so he corrected himself and went into the men’s room. When he emerged several minutes later, he was wearing his earbuds and scurried away.” [Slate, 5/2/17]

Kennebec Journal Editorial Board: Poliquin “Ducked Questions On The Issue For Months” Then “Stuck With His Party's Leaders And Supported The Bill, Even Though Thousands Of His Constituents Would Suffer.” “Poliquin, on the other hand, stuck with his party's leaders and supported the bill, even though thousands of his constituents would suffer. Poliquin ducked questions on the issue for months until he had no choice but to cast a public vote.” [Kennebec Journal, Editorial Board, 7/18/17]

In The 48 Hours Before The Vote On AHCA, Poliquin Returned To Maine Because His Father Suffered A Stroke. “In the last 48 hours my father suffered a stroke and I had to rush back home from Washington to help him.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 5/4/17]

May 4, 2017: Poliquin Announced His Support For The AHCA Thirty Minutes Before He Voted For It During A 15-Minute Conference Via Phone At Which “Only Selected TV Reporters Could Ask Questions”

5/4/17: Poliquin Announced He Would Support The AHCA Thirty Minutes Before Voting For It. “Poliquin, a Republican who represents Maine’s 2nd District, has long said he opposed former President Barack Obama's signature 2010 legislation, the Affordable Care Act, but it wasn't until a half-hour before Thursday's House vote that Poliquin finally announced his support after dodging earlier questions from reporters. During the call, Poliquin sought to minimize the bill's effect in his home state, incorrectly saying that it would affect only 7 percent of Mainers.” [Kennebec Journal, 5/5/17]

- 5/4/17: Bill Nemitz Column: Poliquin Announced His Support For AHCA Over A Press Conference Via Phone That Lasted 15 Minutes Where “Only Selected TV Reporters Could Ask Questions.” “Then, rather than follow up with a full-fledged news conference, Poliquin opted for a phone call with the members of Maine's media. Some only learned of it indirectly and at the last minute on Twitter. For those who managed to patch into the call came this twist: Only selected TV reporters could ask questions. The rest were instructed beforehand to keep their traps shut. […] Poliquin's phone chat lasted all of 15 minutes. In keeping with his the-
less-I-say-the-better approach to representing Maine's oldest and poorest region, it was just enough to let him off the hook.” [Kennebec Journal, Bill Nemitz Column, 5/7/17]

5/4/17: Poliquin Announced Support For AHCA In A Press Release: “There Are Powerful Special Interest Groups In Augusta And Washington Trying To Scare Us Into Doing Nothing.” “There are powerful special interest groups in Augusta and Washington trying to scare us into doing nothing. They say if we change the imploding ObamaCare law, millions of Americans will lose their health insurance. Families are already losing coverage because their plans have been cancelled by insurance providers. The special interests say those approaching retirement and the poor won’t be able to afford health insurance if ObamaCare is changed. That’s not true. They can’t afford it now due to high deductibles and increasing premiums. If the few providers in Maine offering ObamaCare go under or pull out due to continued massive financial losses, we will have no ObamaCare policies in Maine at all. That is not acceptable. I was elected to Congress to fix our serious problems. That’s exactly what I’m doing. If we don’t fix this ObamaCare problem, it’s going to get worse.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 5/4/17]

5/4/17: Poliquin Voted For The American Health Care Act. In May 2017, Poliquin voted for repeal and replace major parts of the Affordable Care Act. According to the New York Times, the bill “would eliminate tax penalties for people who go without health insurance. It would roll back state-by-state expansions of Medicaid, which covered millions of low-income Americans. And in place of government-subsidized insurance policies offered exclusively on the Affordable Care Act’s marketplaces, the bill would offer tax credits of $2,000 to $4,000 a year, depending on age. [...] The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said the first version of the bill would trim the federal budget deficit considerably but would also leave 24 million more Americans without health insurance after a decade. Average insurance premiums would be 15 percent to 20 percent higher in 2018 and 2019, but after that, they would be lower than projected under current law.” The bill passed by a vote of 217-213. [HR 1628, Vote #256, 5/4/17; New York Times, 5/4/17]

Boston Globe: Poliquin “Played A Pivotal Role” In House Passage Of The AHCA. “Amid it all, Poliquin opted not to conduct any town meetings in his vast, rural district during last week’s House recess. Poliquin’s office said he was not available for an interview. Poliquin played a pivotal role in passage of the House bill. He rushed back to Washington from a family medical emergency in Maine to help the measure pass by just two votes. So his failure to step forward and explain his vote in detail has angered more than a few people in his district, including specialists who say the bill would decimate health care programs for low-income Maine residents, especially in impoverished rural townships.” [Boston Globe, 5/15/17]

Poliquin Claimed The AHCA Would Affect "Only The 7 Percent Of Maine Residents Who Have Obamacare Policies,” Downplaying Disastrous Effects For Mainers Who Were On Medicaid, Had Pre-Existing Conditions, Or Were Over 60 Years Old

Poliquin Claimed The AHCA Would Affect “Only The 7 Percent Of Maine Residents Who Have Obamacare Policies”

On A Call With Reporters Just Before His Vote For The AHCA, Poliquin Repeatedly Claimed The Bill Only “Affects Only The 7 Percent Of Maine Residents Who Have Obamacare Policies.” “In a conference call with reporters before the vote, he said the bill represents the best parts of several previous attempts at reform and Republican efforts to undo former President Barack Obama's signature 2010 legislation, the Affordable Care Act. ‘This affects only the 7 percent of Maine residents who have Obamacare policies,’ he said. ‘People sent me to Congress to solve serious problems that are affecting Maine people.’ In his 15-minute exchange with Maine reporters, Poliquin repeated the same point multiple times about the small percentage of Mainers who would be affected, the roughly 80,000 people in the state who have insurance under the Affordable Care Act.” [Kennebec Journal, 5/4/17]
May 2017: Poliquin Claimed “Folks Who Are On Obamacare Policies, They Continue To Have Those Policies” Under The AHCA. “Poliquin also said that people will be able to keep the health plans they have under the ACA, as long as insurance companies continue to offer them. ‘Folks who are on Obamacare policies, they continue to have those policies, but those that are looking for something different, we are bringing the insurance marketplace back in to hopefully lower the price and make sure we have protections for people with pre-existing conditions and guaranteed issuance,’ he said. Brostek was skeptical of that promise, especially since Obama made a similar claim when selling the ACA, which turned out not to be true. ‘It seems like a pretty dangerous claim, based on what we saw with Obama,’ she said.” [Portland Press Herald, 5/12/17]

Kennebec Journal: Poliquin’s Claim Was “Instantly Exposed As False” And Did Not Account For 270,000 Mainers On Medicaid And Mainers With Pre-Existing Conditions Who Would Be Affected By The AHCA

Kennebec Journal: Poliquin’s Claim Did Not Account For 270,000 Mainers On Medicaid And All Mainers With Pre-Existing Conditions Who Would Be Affected By The AHCA. “In May, Poliquin joined a majority of Republicans in voting to pass the American Health Care Act, which the congressman said would affect ‘only the 7 percent of Maine residents who have Obamacare policies.’ However, that isn't true because the House bill also included cuts to Medicaid programs for low-income people, something that the House's Freedom Caucus insisted upon, and Maine had about 270,000 people enrolled in the program, known as MaineCare, as of January. There also is a provision in the House health bill that would allow states to let insurers charge more for customers with pre-existing medical conditions.” [Kennebec Journal, 7/12/17]

Kennebec Journal Editorial Board: Poliquin “Repeated Republican Talking Points That Were Instantly Exposed As False,” Including That His Vote Would Only Affect 7 Percent Of Mainers. “Then he repeated Republican talking points that were instantly exposed as false - claiming, for example, that the bill would affect only the 7 percent of Mainers who buy insurance on the individual market, and not the tens of thousands of Mainers on Medicaid, including thousands of his constituents, who would be direct losers. It's important to remember that what Poliquin and the others support is not just an attack on the Medicaid expansion created by the Affordable Care Act, an aspect of the law in which Maine does not participate. But roughly a fifth of Mainers get their health care through traditional Medicaid - and tearing that apart is central to both the House and Senate attempts to repeal the ACA. Both bills cap federal contributions for the states for their Medicaid programs, rather than paying a share of the costs of caring for each program enrollee. As health care costs climb, the federal share will shrink as a portion of the whole cost, forcing states to cut services.” [Kennebec Journal, Editorial Board, 7/18/17]

American Health Care Act Would Create An Age Tax On Older Americans

American Health Care Act Allows Insurers To Charge Older Customers Five Times More Than Younger Adults. “Raises premiums for older people. The Affordable Care Act limited insurers from charging older customers more than three times what they charge younger adults. The House bill would raise that to five times. This may enable younger consumers to find cheaper coverage, but older policyholders would face higher rates.” [Huffington Post, 3/6/17]

New York Times: ACHA Achieved Lower Premiums Not Through Increased Choice And Competition, But By Making Health Insurance So Unaffordable For Many Older Americans They Would Leave The Market. “There are a lot of unpleasant numbers for Republicans in the Congressional Budget Office’s assessment of their health care bill. But congressional leadership found one to cheer: The report says that the bill will eventually cut the average insurance premiums for people who buy their own insurance by 10 percent. […] But the way the bill achieves those lower average premiums has little to do with increased choice and competition. It depends, rather, on penalizing older patients and rewarding younger ones. According to the C.B.O. report, the bill would make health insurance so unaffordable for many older Americans that they would simply leave the market and join the ranks of the uninsured.” [New York Times, 3/14/17]

AARP: Under AHCA, Premiums For 60 To 64-Year-Olds Would “Increase By An Average Of $3,200.” “Under the AHCA: Average premiums would increase for all ages starting at about age 46. Premiums for 60- to 64-
year-olds would increase by an average of $3,200, amounting to average unsubsidized premiums of almost $18,000 per year. Meanwhile, 20- to 29-year-olds are expected to see significantly smaller average savings, of only $700 per year, giving them average unsubsidized premiums of $4,010 per year.” [AARP, 5/4/17]

**May – July 2017: Poliquin Claimed The AHCA Would Not Hurt Mainers With Pre-Existing Conditions, Who Made Up More Than Half Of His District, Which PolitiFact Dismissed As False**

### Poliquin Claimed The AHCA Would Not Hurt Mainers With Pre-Existing Conditions

July 2017: Poliquin Claimed The AHCA “Ensures Everyone Will Have Access, Even Those With Pre-Existing Conditions ... At A Price They Can Afford.” “A major concern with the new Republican health care bill is how it would affect people with pre-existing conditions. Poliquin said one of the biggest reasons he will support the new bill is because he's convinced it 'ensures everyone will have access, even those with pre-existing conditions ... at a price they can afford.'” [Kennebec Journal, 7/12/17]

- **2018: Poliquin: “Everything I Have Ever Supported Is To Drive Down The Cost Of Health Insurance, Make Sure Everybody Is Protected When They Have A Preexisting Condition.”** HOST: “The affordable care act is the law of the land. Although clearly a lot of people would make the argument that healthcare is anything but affordable under a lot of circumstances. In Congress what could you do to make sure people have access to affordable healthcare?” POLIQUIN: “Everybody in this country needs to have healthcare and everybody needs to be able to afford health insurance in order to get that care. One of the first votes I cast in Congress in 2015 was -- and I was one of only three republicans in Congress -- to vote against repealing the Affordable Care Act because there was no replacement. Let me tell you, I got some criticism about that, but it was the right thing to do. Since that time I have introduced a 14 point plan, in part based on the Maine model that drove down the cost of health insurance and gave us more choices. It was called PL-90. My mother is a nurse. She's 90 years old now. Doesn't practice of course. But she's a nurse. I grew up with healthcare in our family. My son has a preexisting condition. Everything I have ever supported is to drive down the cost of health insurance, make sure everybody is protected when they have a preexisting condition. But I will tell you what I don't think is a good idea is a 100% government run healthcare that Jared Golden supports, that will drive up taxes, cost 32 trillion dollars and end Medicare as we know it.” [C-SPAN, 2018 ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/16/18] (VIDEO) 24:59

May 2017: Poliquin On The AHCA: “If You Have Pre-Existing Conditions, Like My Family, You Are Going To Be Covered.” “Poliquin, who reportedly ducked into a bathroom last week to avoid discussing his position on the American Health Care Act ahead of the House vote, said Friday he personally met with President Trump in the Oval Office to discuss the legislation's potential impact on rural Maine, which makes up the bulk of his 2nd District. He said $138 billion has been allocated over a 10-year period to help people in so-called high-risk pools afford coverage. ‘We passed (a bill) that is better for more people and it guarantees that you will have access to health insurance,’ he said. ‘You will not be denied. If you have pre-existing conditions, like my family, you are going to be covered. And tax credits allow you to buy the plan you want, and as you get older those tax credits go up.’” [Portland Press Herald, 5/12/17]

- **Poliquin Evoked His Son, Who Has Asthma, To Defend His AHCA Vote: “I've Seen Health Care Up Close.”** “In the debate over replacing the Affordable Care Act, U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-2nd District, brought up his asthmatic adult son, Sammy, and the importance of protecting people with pre-existing conditions. ‘My own son has an asthma condition, a pre-existing condition,’ Poliquin said in a statement Thursday. ‘I've seen health care up close. We need to do the best job we possibly can when it comes to health care so Maine people get the care they need.’ But the American Health Care Act -- the Republican House bill approved 217-213 on Thursday -- would result in millions losing health care coverage, and it undermines protections for pre-existing conditions.” [Portland Press Herald, 5/5/17]
PolitiFact Found That The AHCA “Would Weaken Protections” For Those With Pre-Existing Conditions.

“An ad by the American Action Network says that under the American Health Care Act ‘people with pre-existing conditions are protected.’ The only kernel of truth here is that the amendment has language that states insurers can’t limit access to coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions. However, the ad omits that the House GOP health plan would weaken protections for these patients. The legislation would allow states to give insurers the power to charge people significantly more if they had a pre-existing condition. While Republicans point to the fact that those patients could get help through high-risk pools, experts question their effectiveness. Current law does not allow states to charge people with pre-existing conditions significantly more. We rate this claim Mostly False.” [PolitiFact, 5/24/17]

Center For American Progress Estimated That 266,500 Of Poliquin’s Constituents Under 65, Or 53 Percent Of The District’s Nonelderly Population, Had Pre-Existing Conditions.

The Center for American Progress estimated that 266,500 constituents of Maine’s 2nd Congressional District under age 65, which totaled 53% of the district’s nonelderly population had a pre-existing condition as the district was drawn during the 115th Congress. [Center for American Progress, 4/5/17]


- **Graham-Cassidy Plan Repealed The ACA And Funded State Policy Changes With Federal ACA Taxes.**
  
  “With the prospects for passing the current Senate Republican health care bill still in jeopardy. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-South Carolina, and Sen. Bill Cassidy, R-Louisiana, are working with their GOP colleagues on an alternative approach to replacing Obamacare: keeping much of the federal taxes in place and sending that money to the states to control. ‘Here is what will happen,’ Graham said in an exclusive interview with CNN’s Kate Bolduan. ‘If you like Obamacare, you can re-impose the mandates at the state level. You can repair Obamacare if you think it needs to be repaired. You can replace it if you think it needs to be replaced. It’ll be up to the governors. They’ve got a better handle on it than any bureaucrat in Washington.’” [CNN, 7/13/17]

7/25/17: Poliquin: “Once Again, I Cannot Support The Repeal Of The ACA (In The House) Without A Viable Replacement.” “In light of what we have seen over the last several months, once again, I cannot support the repeal of the ACA (in the House) without a viable replacement,” Poliquin said. ‘Changes in insurance markets are complex. Many fellow Mainers are impacted either as policyholders or due to the ACA regulations on their private individual or employer coverage. We shouldn’t forget that thousands of Maine families were forced into Obamacare either because of the threat of an IRS penalty, or because their own policies were canceled under Obamacare’s red tape regulations. We simply cannot tell these people they will now have no access to insurance because of inaction by the U.S. Senate.’” [Kennebec Journal, 7/25/17]

September 2017: Poliquin’s Spokesperson Would Not Say Whether He Planned To Support Graham-Cassidy Plan To Repeal The ACA.

“An email sent by a spokesman for Rep. Bruce Poliquin did not expressly say whether the Republican representing Maine’s 2nd District supported Graham-Cassidy. But Brendan Conley said Poliquin would not support repeal ‘without a viable replacement.’ Poliquin said he has a 14-point plan he would use as a ‘guideline’ if a bill reached the House and came up for a vote. ‘Congressman Poliquin has consistently discussed his 14-point plan to help fix the Obamacare ACA law, which has caused Maine people to lose their choice of health plans while premiums and deductibles continued to rise, and also expressed that he will not support a repeal of the law without a viable replacement ready,’ Conley said in the email. ‘His focus remains on those 14 points, and he will use those as a guideline for any plan which reaches the House.’” [Portland Press Herald, 9/18/17]
November 2017: Poliquin’s Spokesperson Claimed He Would Not Support ACA Repeal Without “A Viable Replacement Ready.” “Congressman Poliquin has consistently discussed his 14-point plan to help fix the Obamacare ACA law, which has caused Maine people to lose their choice of health plans while premiums and deductibles continued to rise, and also expressed that he will not support a repeal of the law without a viable replacement ready,” Conley said in the email.” [Portland Press Herald, 9/18/17]

Poliquin Dismissed Estimates Of Americans Who Would Lose Health Insurance Under The AHCA; Center For American Progress Estimated 63,800 Of His Constituents Would Lose Coverage

Poliquin Declined To Comment On CBO Estimates That Thousands Of Mainers Would Loser Health Insurance Coverage Under The AHCA

May 2017: Poliquin’s Spokesperson Declined To “Directly Respond” To CBO Estimates That Thousands Of Mainers Would Lose Health Insurance Coverage Under The AHCA. “A spokesman for Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-2nd District, declined Thursday to directly respond to the CBO score on the health bill or to estimates that millions of people, including tens of thousands in Maine, would lose coverage. Poliquin voted for the bill when it passed the House on May 4. Instead, Brendan Conley said in a written statement that Poliquin is ‘committed to keeping his promise to his constituents by working with Democrats and Republicans to fix the failing health care law. He looks forward to the Senate’s review of the legislation and will continue to work on further improvements to the bill.’” [Portland Press Herald, 5/25/17]

Poliquin Said “Special-Interest Groups” Drove The Claim That AHCA Would Cause Millions To Lose Their Health Insurance”

Poliquin Dismissed The Claim That The AHCA Would Cause Millions To Lose Their Health Insurance As “Special-Interest Groups In Augusta And Washington Trying To Scare Us Into Doing Nothing.” “Poliquin said, ‘There are powerful special-interest groups in Augusta and Washington trying to scare us into doing nothing. They say if we change the imploding Obamacare law, millions of Americans will lose their health insurance.’ That is also what the CBO said about an earlier version of the bill. It predicted there would be 24 million fewer Americans covered by health insurance by 2026 if the Republican plan were approved.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 5/4/17]

CBO Estimated 23 Million Americans Would Lose Health Insurance Coverage Under AHCA; Center For American Progress Estimated That Included 63,800 Of Poliquin’s Constituents And 117,000 Mainers

CBO Estimated 14 Million More People Would Be Uninsured In 2018; 23 Million By 2026 Under The AHCA. “CBO and JCT estimate that, in 2018, 14 million more people would be uninsured under H.R. 1628 than under current law. The increase in the number of uninsured people relative to the number under current law would reach 19 million in 2020 and 23 million in 2026 (see Table 4, at the end of this document).” [CBO, 5/24/17]

• CBO Found Increase In Uninsured Would Disproportionately Impact Older People With Lower Income. “Although the agencies expect that the legislation would increase the number of uninsured broadly, the increase would be disproportionately larger among older people with lower income—particularly people between 50 and 64 years old with income of less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level (see Figure 2).” [CBO, 5/24/17]

• CBO: Even In States Without Waivers, More People Would Be Uninsured Than Under Current Law. “CBO and JCT expect that under the current version of the legislation, the effects on health insurance coverage would be similar to those previously estimated for the half of the population that resides in states that would not obtain a waiver from the EHB or community-rating requirements. In general, under H.R. 1628, as passed by the House, fewer people would have coverage through the nongroup market, Medicaid, and employment-based coverage, and more people would be uninsured in those areas than under current law.” [CBO, 5/24/17]
Kennebec Journal Editorial Board Condemned Poliquin’s Vote For “Millions Of Low And Moderate Income Americans Losing Their Health Insurance To Pay For A Tax Cut For The Wealthy.” “But regardless of what happens next, Mainers should remember where Collins and Poliquin stood when their voices mattered most. When the question was, ‘Should millions of low and moderate income Americans lose their health insurance to pay for a tax cut for the wealthy?’ Collins said ‘no,’ and Poliquin said ‘yes.’” [Kennebec Journal, Editorial Board, 7/18/17]

Center For American Progress Estimated That 117,000 Mainers Would Lose Their Health Insurance Under AHCA. “A Washington, D.C.-based progressive think tank estimates that more than 117,000 Mainers would lose health insurance under the House GOP bill to replace the Affordable Care Act. The Center for American Progress estimates that over the next decade, 57,000 people on Medicaid in Maine would lose coverage, as well as 47,000 people in the individual market. About 12,000 people are estimated to lose employer-based coverage.” [Maine Public, 5/26/17]

November 2018: The Lewiston Sun Journal Rated The Claim That Poliquin Voted To Take Health Care Coverage From 117,000 Mainers As “At Least Partly True” But “Speculative.” “The claim by Democrats that Poliquin voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act, push 117,000 Mainers off the health-care rolls and hike the cost of coverage for those 50 and older is rooted in the Republican lawmaker’s support in 2017 for a bill that sought to revamp Obamacare. […] How many of those losing coverage would hail from Maine was never specifically addressed except by outside experts, who came up with a variety of numbers. There doesn’t appear to be any dispute that under the measure that Poliquin favored, at least tens of thousands of Mainers would have lost health-care coverage over time. So the Democrats’ assertion has a basis in truth. […] But his vote last year would, by all accounts, have repealed the ACA and cut Medicaid assistance. It also would have opened the door for insurance companies to charge older Americans more for their coverage. The Democrats’ claim is at least partly true, but the specific number of Mainers who might have lost insurance had the bill passed is speculative.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/2/18]

Center For American Progress Estimated That 63,800 Of Poliquin’s Constituents Would Lose Health Insurance Under The AHCA. The Center for American Progress estimated that 60,500 nonelderly And 3,300 elderly constituents of Maine’s 2nd Congressional District would lose health insurance as the district was drawn during the 115th Congress. [Center for American Progress, 5/25/17]

Poliquin Denied That He Voted To Cut Medicaid By Voting For The AHCA, Which Would Have Cut Medicaid By More Than $800 Billion And Made 57,300 Mainers On Medicaid Lose Coverage

August 2017: Poliquin Denied That He Voted To Cut Medicaid By Voting For The AHCA In Leaked Audio. “Poliquin has detailed many health care issues he would like to see Congress address, and considered the House vote a necessary step toward resolving them. He told Maine Heritage Policy Center supporters -- which was detailed in a secret recording of the talk provided to the Maine People's Alliance -- that with the House passage, it became the Senate's turn to act. But it refused to support any alternative offered, stalled in the end by the opposition of three senators, including Maine's Susan Collins, a Republican. ‘How can anybody vote not even to start debate on an issue this important?’ Poliquin asked. ‘We've got to fix this and we did in the House,’ he said. ‘The Senate couldn't get it done. That is shameful.’ ‘We have done what we needed to do in the House. Pray for our senators. Reach out to whoever you think you should,’ Poliquin said. Poliquin appeared to take aim at Collins in particular. ‘Now, for some people to say, 'Well, the reason I can't support this, Bruce, is because it cuts Medicaid,' that is a flat-out untruthful statement,’ the congressman alleged.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 8/25/17]

CBO Estimated That The AHCA Would Cut Medicaid Funding By $834 Billion Over Ten Years And That 14 Million Americans On Medicaid Would Lose Coverage. “The Congressional Budget Office projects that by instituting caps and halting expansion, the AHCA to will cut $834 billion in federal Medicaid funding over 10 years and reduce Medicaid coverage by 14 million in 2026.” [Center for American Progress, 5/26/17]
Center For American Progress Estimated 57,300 Mainers On Medicaid Would Lose Health Insurance Under AHCA. [Center for American Progress, 5/25/17]

AHCA Protected The Profits Of Pharmaceutical Companies And Insurers, From Which Poliquin Accepted Nearly Half A Million Dollars Over His Career

AHCA Would Allow Insurance Companies To “Charge People Significantly More,” Especially Seniors, And “Offer[ed] Billions Of Dollars’ Worth Of Tax Cuts” To Insurers And Pharmaceutical Companies

PolitiFact Found That AHCA “Would Allow States To Give Insurers The Power To Charge People Significantly More.” “An ad by the American Action Network says that under the American Health Care Act ‘people with pre-existing conditions are protected.’ The only kernel of truth here is that the amendment has language that states insurers can’t limit access to coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions. However, the ad omits that the House GOP health plan would weaken protections for these patients. The legislation would allow states to give insurers the power to charge people significantly more if they had a pre-existing condition. While Republicans point to the fact that those patients could get help through high-risk pools, experts question their effectiveness. Current law does not allow states to charge people with pre-existing conditions significantly more. We rate this claim Mostly False.” [PolitiFact, 5/24/17]

New York Times: AHCA “Offers Billions Of Dollars’ Worth Of Tax Cuts To Health Insurers, Pharmaceutical Companies, Investors And Even Tanning Salon Operators.” “But there are two certainties. Their health care plan provides a tax cut for the wealthiest Americans. And it will make it easier for Republicans to pass more tax cuts this year. It could also be viewed by some people as a break from some of the populist campaign promises President Trump made to lift up the country’s “forgotten men and women.” The Congressional Budget Office analysis of the Republican plan released this week revealed the full scope of the windfall that the legislation would bring. It offers billions of dollars’ worth of tax cuts to health insurers, pharmaceutical companies, investors and even tanning salon operators. The cuts amount to nearly $1 trillion over a decade. The beneficiaries would be the richest Americans who for years have complained that the Affordable Care Act unfairly burdened them with the responsibility of subsidizing insurance for the poor.” [New York Times, 3/15/17]

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Poliquin Praised The AHCA For Replicating A Short-Lived Maine Policy To Subsidize A High-Risk Pool For People With Pre-Existing Conditions That Its Critics Called “Drastically Underfunded”

Poliquin Praised The AHCA For “Bipartisan Maine Reforms At [Its] Center” And Incorporation Of “Maine’s Models For Welfare Reforms.” “Poliquin pointed out that ‘Maine is in a unique position’ in the health care debate because its reforms ‘have become the core model of this new health care legislation, which includes some of Maine’s models for welfare reforms as well.’ He said he agreed to back the measure ‘with bipartisan Maine reforms at the center of this new bill, and with Maine having ensured essential health benefits and pre-existing conditions are covered under state laws.’ ‘I have studied this health care issue carefully with one thing in mind: the people of Maine. I do not work for the Democrats, Republicans, or Washington bosses,’ the congressman said. ‘I
work only for the people of Maine and my focus has been solely on the Maine people.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 5/4/17]

- The AHCA Incorporated The Model Of The Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Program, Which Subsidized A High-Risk Pool Of Insures With Pre-Existing Conditions. “A LePage administration health insurance program that inspired a key component of the latest Republican proposal to replace the Affordable Care Act was only in place 18 months before being supplanted by the Affordable Care Act. Critics say that wasn't long enough to gauge its effectiveness. Supporters, meanwhile, say the program was working well at lowering premiums. The Maine program, called the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Program, or MGARA, was superseded by the Affordable Care Act in 2013. […] But critics of Maine's high-risk pool say that to achieve lower premiums, Maine permitted insurers to offer plans with fewer benefits. For instance, Maine did not require plans to offer maternity care, a significant and expensive benefit used by many. […] LePage's program redistributed money to the individual marketplace in Maine by charging a $4 per person, per month fee on individual, small- and large-group plans.” [Portland Press Herald, 5/1/17]

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- 2018: Poliquin Campaign Website On High-Risk Pools: “I Continue To Advocate For This Solution As A National Model For Reform.” “Advocating for Maine solutions like the invisible risk pools created by the Maine Legislature which guaranteed coverage for pre-existing conditions while holding down and lowering health insurance costs for Maine people. I continue to advocate for this solution as a national model for reform.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/5/18]

Funding For The High-Risk Pool Under The AHCA Was “Drastically Underfunded And Would Have Minimal Impact On Rates” According To Its Critics Like The Center For American Progress. “Meanwhile, the Maine-inspired portion of the ACA replacement proposal is drastically underfunded in the House bill, and would have minimal impact on rates, critics say. […] Stein said there’s nothing wrong with the structure of a reinsurance program like MGARA, but the key is how well it’s funded. ‘In the end, it all comes down to how much money is put in,’ Stein said. Nationally, the AHCA would fund the Maine-like program to the tune of $15 billion over 10 years, plus states could draw from a $115 billion fund over 10 years that could be used for a number of programs, including reinsurance. Critics, including Topher Spiro, vice president of health policy for the Washington-based Center for American Progress, said the amount devoted to reinsurance programs is a tiny fraction of AHCA funding, and would have little impact on rates.” [Portland Press Herald, 5/1/17]

The AHCA Would Have Hurt Maine Hospitals To The Point That Susan Collins Said Rural Hospitals “Would Have A Very Difficult Time Even Staying In Existence”

Poliquin’s Vote For ACA Repeal Included Coverage Cuts, Which Susan Collins Said “Would Affect Our Rural Hospitals And Nursing Homes, And They Would Have A Very Difficult Time Even Staying In Existence.” “Poliquin voted for coverage cuts in the same bill, which Sen. Susan Collins said ‘would affect our rural hospitals and nursing homes, and they would have a very difficult time even staying in existence.’ His top opponent this year, Democrat Jared Golden, opposes Poliquin's votes and supports Medicaid expansion. Golden also sponsored successful legislation focusing on health care issues affecting veterans and others, doing so with bipartisan support.” [Bangor Daily News, Amy Fried Op-Ed, 10/31/18]
Amy Fried Op-Ed: Poliquin’s Vote For ACA Repeal Included $117 Billion In Cuts From The Medicare Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, Which Funded Hospitals. “For instance, the Affordable Care Act guarantees people with pre-existing conditions insurance coverage at the same rate as everyone else. Rep. Bruce Poliquin voted to do away with that guarantee but says he supports coverage for pre-existing conditions. With that same vote, Poliquin also decreased hospitals’ funding. According to data cited by the nonpartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, Poliquin voted for cutting $117 billion from the Medicare Hospital Insurance Trust Fund. The cut undermined Medicare's solvency as it gave a tax cut to the rich, repealing a 0.9 percent surtax on individuals making over $200,000 and couples making $250,000 that supported the trust fund. Other, larger tax cuts for wealthy people were also included.” [Bangor Daily News, Amy Fried Op-Ed, 10/31/18]

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Prescription Drugs

Poliquin Voted For The Republican Tax Scam Bill – “A Major Victory” For Big Pharma Investors

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Poliquin Voted For Final Passage Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. [HR 1, Vote #699, 12/20/17; CQ Floor Votes, 12/20/17]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Included A “Major Victory For Pharma Manufacturers”

Político: Repatriation Provision In Tax Bill Was A “Major Victory For Pharma Manufacturers.” “The bill, H.R. 1 (115), lowers the corporate tax rate and would offer a one-time reduction on profits U.S.-based multinational companies earn and keep abroad. The repatriation provision is seen as a major victory for pharma manufacturers who store boatloads of cash in countries where tax rates are lower.” [Político, 12/4/17]

• Pharmaceutical Companies Were “One Of The Biggest Beneficiaries” Of The Provision, And Were Seen As Likely To Return Money To Their Shareholders, Rather Than Invest In Research And Innovation.
“U.S. drugmakers will be one of the biggest beneficiaries of the repatriation portion of the bill. They’ve been sitting on billions of dollars in overseas earnings and can now bring home that cash at a reduced rate. While the tax bill has been promoted by Republicans as a job creator, the reality is that drug companies are more likely to return the money to shareholders, or use it to make acquisitions.” [Bloomberg, 12/20/17]

- Tax Bill Was Estimated To Save Top Five Pharmaceutical Companies $42.7 Billion. “The tax proposal supported by President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans would give five top pharmaceutical corporations a $42.7 billion tax break.” [Public Citizen and ITEP, 11/20/17]

Pharmaceutical Companies Worked To Benefit Shareholders, Rather Than To Bring Down The Cost Of Drugs Or Invest In New Research And Development

Pharmaceutical Companies Were Predicted To Use Savings From Tax Bill To Invest In Mergers And Acquisitions In An Effort To Preserve Patents And Prevent Competitors From Producing Cheaper, Generic Drugs. “Blue-chip drugmakers holding $200 billion in cash, mostly overseas, will start investing more of it in mergers and acquisitions after President Trump’s tax overhaul slashed the cost of spending the money in the U.S., debt-ratings firm Moody’s predicts. […] Amgen, Pfizer, Gilead, and Celgene are the most likely to seek deals, Moody’s projects, as they grapple with challenges from a shrinking market for some medications to the expiration of patents on others that will enable rivals to produce cheaper generic versions.” [Washington Examiner, 1/9/18]

Nine Pharmaceutical Companies Announced $50 Billion In Share Buybacks After Tax Bill Passed, “A Sum That Towers Over Investments In Employees Or Drug Research And Development.” “The pharmaceutical industry is using a large portion of its windfall from Republicans’ corporate tax cuts to boost its stock prices. Nine drug companies are spending a combined $50 billion on new share buyback programs, a sum that towers over investments in employees or drug research and development. The bottom line: All of those buybacks were announced during or after the passage of the Republican tax bill. That money is enriching hedge funds, other Wall Street investors and top drug company executives, but it isn’t necessarily helping patients.” [Axios, 2/22/18]

HEADLINE: Pharma’s $50 billion tax windfall for investors [Axios, 2/22/18]

HEADLINE: Big Pharma investors cash in on Trump’s tax plan [Salon, 2/22/18]

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2016: Poliquin Voted To Raise Prescription Drug Prices For Medicare Recipients By Voting For ACA Repeal

2016: PolitiFact Rated The Claim That Poliquin Voted To “Force Seniors To Pay More For Prescription Drugs” As Half True. “End Citizens United's ad says Poliquin voted to ‘force seniors to pay more for prescription drugs.’ It gives the misleading impression that he voted on that specific issue when, in fact, he was voting to repeal the 2010 health care law. If the repeal bill had become law - it didn't - it would have removed provisions phasing out a prescription drug doughnut hole for Medicare recipients. End Citizens United's claim is partially accurate but takes things out of context. We rate it Half True.” [PolitiFact, 8/30/16]
• PolitiFact: Poliquin Voted For A Bill To Repeal The ACA That “Would Have Removed Provisions Phasing Out A Prescription Drug Doughnut Hole For Medicare Recipients.” “There was another vote on repealing Obamacare on Jan. 6, 2016. Poliquin voted in favor of it. His spokesman, Michael Byerly, said that wasn’t really a vote to repeal "as it technically only repealed the harmful taxes and provisions that have caused prices to go up.’ [...] To sum it up, Poliquin never voted to raise drug prices directly. He voted to repeal the health care law — a show vote that could have resulted in drug prices going up for Medicare recipients. Our ruling End Citizens United’s ad says Poliquin voted to ‘force seniors to pay more for prescription drugs.’ It gives the misleading impression that he voted on that specific issue when, in fact, he was voting to repeal the 2010 health care law. If the repeal bill had become law - it didn’t - it would have removed provisions phasing out a prescription drug doughnut hole for Medicare recipients.” [PolitiFact, 8/30/16]

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Opioid Epidemic And Substance Abuse Treatment

Through At Least 2014, Poliquin Invested Up To $15,000 In A Pharmaceutical Company With Connections To CK Capital That Was Sued Multiple Times For Price-Fixing And Its Role In The Opioid Epidemic

2012 – 2014: Poliquin Disclosed That He Owned Between $1,001 And $15,000 In Teva Pharmaceutical - SP ADR Stocks Held By CK Capital LP

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2015: Poliquin Stated He Did Not Have To Disclose Specific Investments Held By CK Capital And Stopped Disclosing Its Holdings

2015: In An Amendment To His 2014 Personal Financial Disclosure, Poliquin Stated He Did Not Have To Disclose Investments Held By CK Capital. In a letter to Clerk of the House Karen Haas, Poliquin wrote, “This letter is submitted in response to correspondence dated March 18, 2015 from the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ethics, signed by Chairman Charles Dent and Ranking Member Linda Sanchez, requesting additional information on a candidate personal financial disclosure. The original disclosure was filed with the Clerk of the House on May 21, 2014. In response to my holdings listed under CK Capital LP Holdings, pages 8 through 11 of the disclosure, neither I, nor my dependent children are able to directly control any of the investments in the fund. Neither I, not my dependent children are entitled to receive investment information more frequently than once per calendar year. Upon receipt of this annual statement I am bound by confidentiality restrictions from disclosing the fund’s assets. Further, funds held in CK Capital are not held or treated as individual portfolios over which any
individual investor has control.” [Letter from Bruce Poliquin to Clerk of the House, dated 4/13/15, via Clerk of the House of Representatives, accessed 10/4/21]


2019: Teva Pharmaceuticals Announced Multi-Million And Multi-Billion Dollar Settlements In Lawsuits Over Its Role In The Opioid Epidemic

May 2019: Teva Pharmaceuticals Settled For $85 Million With The State Of Oklahoma Over Its Role In The Opioid Crisis. “An Israel-based pharmaceutical company has agreed to an $85 million settlement with the state of Oklahoma over its alleged role in fueling the opioid crisis. Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Hunter had accused Teva Pharmaceuticals of creating a public nuisance through its production and marketing of opioids. In a statement announcing the settlement, Teva said the agreement ‘does not establish any wrongdoing on the part of the company.’ Teva also said it ‘has not contributed to the abuse of opioids in Oklahoma in any way.’” [NPR, 5/26/19]

October 2019: Teva Pharmaceuticals Settled For $23 Billion After A Coalition Of Municipalities And States Sued It And Other Drug Companies For Its Role In The Opioid Crisis. “Teva Pharmaceutical shares surged Monday after announcing a $23 billion settlement it said would resolve allegations against the company for its role in helping to fuel the nation’s opioid crisis. […] More than 2,000 counties, cities and states have sued more than a dozen drug companies, distributors and pharmacies, alleging the industry helped create the nation’s opioid epidemic. A ‘bellwether’ trial was set to begin this week involving two Ohio counties. But four drug companies, including Teva, reached a last-minute deal.” [CNBC, 10/21/19]

2019 – 2020: Teva Pharmaceuticals Was Sued Multiple Times For Allegedly Inflating Prices Through Illegal Conspiracies To Avoid Competition

August 2020: The Department Of Justice Indicted A Teva Pharmaceuticals Executive For Allegedly Engaging In Three Conspiracies To Fix Prices, Overcharging Consumers More Than $350 Million. “The U.S. business of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. was indicted Tuesday on charges the generic drugmaker fixed prices on cholesterol medication and other drugs. The Justice Department’s antitrust division brought the case in a Pennsylvania federal court, alleging Teva Pharmaceuticals USA engaged in anticompetitive conduct that resulted in at least $350 million in overcharges to consumers. Prosecutors accused the company of fixing prices, rigging bids and allocating customers in three different conspiracies, including for pravastatin, a commonly prescribed cholesterol drug, whose brand name is Pravachol. A second conspiracy involved price fixing on medications used to treat arthritis, seizures, pain, skin conditions, and blood clots, the Justice Department alleged. The third alleged conspiracy involved drugs used to treat brain cancer, cystic fibrosis, arthritis, and hypertension, the department said.” [Wall Street Journal, 8/25/20]

May 2019: 44 States Sued Teva Pharmaceuticals For Allegedly Inflating Prices “Sometimes By More Than 1,000%” Through “Illegal Conspiracies To Divide Up The Market For Drugs To Avoid Competing.” “U.S. states filed a lawsuit accusing Teva Pharmaceuticals USA of orchestrating a sweeping scheme with 19 other drug companies to inflate drug prices — sometimes by more than 1,000% — and stifle competition for generic drugs, state prosecutors said on Saturday. Soaring drug prices from both branded and generic manufacturers have sparked outrage and investigations in the United States. The criticism has come from across the political spectrum, from President Donald Trump, a Republican, to progressive Democrats including U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, who is running for president. The 20 drug companies engaged in illegal conspiracies to divide up the market for drugs to avoid competing and, in some cases, conspired to either prevent prices from dropping or to raise them, according to the complaint by 44 U.S. states, filed on Friday in the U.S. District Court in Connecticut.” [CNBC, 5/11/19]
Poliquin Voted For Sentencing Guidelines For Distributing Synthetic Opioids That Democrats Warned Would Impose Mandatory Minimums For Low-Level Offenders, Rather Than Expanding Treatment

Poliquin Voted For Creating Sentencing Guidelines For Manufacturing Or Distributing Synthetic Opioids. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would create a new category of controlled substances, "schedule A," for drugs or substances that have similar chemical structures or effects as controlled substances in schedules I through V. It would immediately classify certain fentanyl analogues as schedule A drugs. The bill would establish maximum penalties for the manufacture, distribution or dispensing of schedule A drugs, but possession of such substances alone would not constitute a basis for criminal or civil penalties.” The bill passed, 239-142. [H.R. 2851, Vote #268, 6/15/18; CQ, 6/15/18]

- Democrats Warned The Bill Would Impose Mandatory Minimum Sentences, Filling Prisons With Low-Level Drug Offenders. “The House on Friday passed Rep. John Katko’s bill aimed at combating the opioid epidemic by making it easier for the federal government to stop the importation and distribution of synthetic drugs. But Democrats who opposed the bill warned the law would also impose mandatory minimum sentences, filling up the nation’s prisons with low-level drug offenders rather than expanding treatment options […] House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer said before the vote that the bill could have unintended consequences. ‘This legislation lacks clarity that could result in thousands of Americans being incarcerated, potentially for life sentences, thus exacerbating an already over-populated prison system,’ Hoyer said. ‘Those suffering from opioid addiction need treatment and proper medical care, not more laws that will simply put them behind bars.’” [Syracuse Post-Standard, 6/15/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Considering An Amendment To Prohibit Restrictions On Medical Malpractice Lawsuits For “Grossly Negligent” Prescription Of Opioids

Poliquin Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment To The Underlying Legislation That Would Prohibit Restrictions On Medical Malpractice Lawsuits For “Grossly Negligent” Prescription Of Opioids. In June 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Kuster, D-N.H., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would modify the bill’s definition of ‘health care lawsuits’ to not include a claim or action related to the ‘grossly negligent’ prescription of opioids.” The motion was rejected, 235-191. [HR 1215, Vote #336, 6/28/17; CQ, 6/28/17]

April 2016: Poliquin Said “Tough Love” Was “Part Of The Equation” For Helping Mainers Struggling With Addiction Who Told Him They Needed More Access To Post-Treatment Counselling

April 2016: Poliquin Held A Round Table Discussion At Good Will-Hinckley, Which Provided An Outpatient Program For Young People Struggling With Drug Addiction. “Hendrickson hasn't been home for eight months. Now he's one-third of the way through a six-month program at Day One, which has three Maine residential centers and provides outpatient services and counseling to young people who are mostly battling drug abuse. Hendrickson, 18, said he likes the structure and strict program at the home near the Good Will-Hinckley campus. ‘I don't want to get back into my old ways,’ he said. Hendrickson spoke Tuesday as U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-2nd District, visited the program at Good Will-Hinckley. Poliquin, who is a member of the Congressional Bipartisan Task Force to Combat the Heroin Epidemic, toured the Day One program as part of a swing through central Maine. Poliquin also held a roundtable discussion and did a ride-along Tuesday afternoon with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office to get an idea of what people on the ground are facing in the drug crisis.” [Portland Press Herald, 4/5/16]

When Poliquin Asked Patients What They Needed To Recover After Leaving Good Will-Hinckley’s Program, They Said Increased Access To Post-Treatment Counselling. “When asked by Poliquin what could
make it easier for them, both said that having more post-treatment counseling available near their homes would help a lot in terms of keeping them sober and healthy. Day One has only one outpatient location, in South Portland, a hard place to visit for someone who doesn’t have a permanent place to live or a car.” [Portland Press Herald, 4/5/16]

After Leaving Good Will-Hinckley, Poliquin Told Reporters That “Tough Love” Was “Part Of The Equation” For Helping The Patients After They Left The Program. “Poliquin, in an interview after the meeting, said the issues highlighted by Grant and residents at Day One were troubling. ‘How do you hold people accountable when they leave here?’ Poliquin said. Part of the equation was making sure people could find a job and make a living when they leave the program, he said, but another part was ‘tough love.’ ‘When they get out, make sure there are programs to hold them accountable for staying healthy,’ he said.” [Portland Press Herald, 4/5/16]

**January 2018: Poliquin Blamed The Opioid Crisis On Lack Of Border Security**

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2018: Poliquin Campaign Website: “I Lost A Brother Who I Loved Due To Substance Abuse. Substance Abuse, And Especially The Opioid Crisis, Is Impacting Nearly Every Citizen In The State Of Maine.” “I lost a brother who I loved due to substance abuse. Substance abuse, and especially the opioid crisis, is impacting nearly every citizen in the State of Maine. […] As someone who’s family has been directly impacted by the death of a loved one due to substance abuse I will not give up on this fight. We can’t give up.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/5/18]

**May 2016: Poliquin Co-Sponsored A Bill To Study Responses To Fetal Opioid Exposure**

May 2016: Poliquin Co-Sponsored A Bill To Study Responses To Fetal Opioid Exposure, Which He Said Would Gather Information “Such That We Can Fill In The Gap With Medicaid Funding.” “One bill, co-sponsored by U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, a Republican who represents Maine's 2nd District, would launch a study by the Government Accountability Office to report on how to better treat newborns suffering from fetal opioid exposure. The House passed the bill Thursday. It ‘makes sure that we get the information we need as to how hospitals and other medical facilities are currently treating these addicted babies such that we can fill in the gap with Medicaid funding,’ said Poliquin Wednesday on the House floor.” [Bangor Daily News, 5/13/16]
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September 2017: Poliquin Opposed Maine’s Medicaid Expansion Referendum. “The parties on both sides of the debate over expanding Medicaid eligibility in Maine dug new trench lines Wednesday, as the state careens toward a referendum in November that some see as a potential national barometer on health care and conservative principles. The question of whether to expand the taxpayer-funded health care system here comes to the Nov. 7 ballot by citizen initiative after at least six legislative expansion attempts under Republican Gov. Paul LePage have failed. [...] Countering expansion proponents will be many Maine Republicans, most notably LePage, U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin of the 2nd Congressional District, and Brent Littlefield, a behind-the-scenes political strategist who has long worked for LePage and Poliquin.” [Bangor Daily News, 9/7/17]

July 2017: Poliquin Made “Hasty Retreat” From An Event At A Senior Living Facility After A Mainer Whose Child Had Disabilities Asked About His Support For Cutting Medicaid

July 2017: Poliquin Made A “Hasty Retreat” From Event At A Senior Living Facility After A Mainer Whose Child Had Disabilities Asked About His Support For Cutting Medicaid. “Rep. Bruce Poliquin (R-ME) was forced to make a hasty retreat from a senior living facility when he was confronted by citizens about his vote for the Republican health care repeal bill. Poliquin told attendees that he would answer questions after his press conference, but as soon as the reporters turned their cameras off, he ignored their shouted questions and left the building. Video of the encounter recorded by Maine People's Alliance shows Valerie Walker attempting to ask Poliquin how she will address the health concerns of her son, who has a disability, if the cuts to Medicaid he voted for become law. Instead of responding to her, Poliquin complained about her presence, asking, ‘If you’re not a resident — I think this is just for residents, isn’t that correct?’ And a woman accompanying him actually tried to physically block the camera recording the exchange, when Poliquin was told that the room is a public space and Walker was free to be there. So he simply walked away from her to give his presentation to the broadcast cameras.” [American Independent, 7/13/17] (VIDEO) :00

- Poliquin Stated He Would Stay For Questions From Mainers After Speaking To The Press But “Instead, He Headed For The Nearest Exit.” “After Poliquin gave his speech and spoke to the press, he was pressed to ‘keep his promise’ and answer Walker's questions. Instead, he headed for the nearest exit, disregarding the voices of his constituents. Kathy Record, also in attendance, told the Beacon, ‘He was ignoring those questions, he wasn’t even responding to them. Hundreds of thousands of people are going to be affected by this if it goes through. He’s really screwing people over and it’s not right.’” [American Independent, 7/13/17]

May 2017: Poliquin Supported The “Welfare Agenda” Of A Trump Budget That Cut Medicaid, Citing Unfairness To “Middle-Class Taxpayers”

May 2017: Poliquin Supported The “Welfare Agenda” Of A Trump Budget That Cut Medicaid By Nearly Half Over 10 Years, Citing Unfairness To “Middle-Class Taxpayers.” “About 265,000 Mainers have Medicaid, and thousands would be at risk of having their services reduced or eliminated if the cutsbacks that Trump proposed are approved. Medicaid funding would be scaled back by nearly 50 percent at the end of the 10 years. [...] But Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-2nd District, supported Trump's welfare reform agenda, but opposed cuts to heating assistance and environmental programs. ‘It is unfair for middle-class taxpayers to be burdened with funding for able-bodied adults when there are so many others at risk who could be receiving this important support instead,’ Poliquin said in a statement. ‘Simply put, we should use our tax dollars to help those who need the support most, like the elderly and disabled, and not to those who are capable of working, joining a job training program, or doing community service.’” [Portland Press Herald, 5/23/17]

May 2017: Poliquin Supported Allowing States To Impose Work Requirements On Medicaid

May 2017: Poliquin: "We Want To Save Medicaid For Those Who Are Blind, Disabled, Elderly, Sick. We Need To Give The States The Options Of Having A Work Requirement." “During the interview Friday,
Poliquin defended a provision that would require able-bodied people without children on Medicaid to work, participate in job training or do community service in exchange for the public benefit. ‘We have a limited amount of money,’ he said. ‘We want to save Medicaid for those who are blind, disabled, elderly, sick. We need to give the states the options of having a work requirement.’” [Portland Press Herald, 5/12/17]

March 2017: Poliquin Said He Met With Trump To Push For Medicaid Block Grants And Work Requirements For Non-Disabled Medicaid Recipients Without Children

March 2017: Poliquin Said He Met With Trump To Push For Medicaid Block Grants And Work Requirements For Non-Disabled Medicaid Recipients Without Children. “BREAKING NEWS: Welfare reform and Meeting with the President - - Congressman Poliquin met with the President at the White House today to urge changes to the healthcare bill to improve provisions for those nearing retirement, ages 50-64, and for those living in rural areas. Also he expressed support for new changes to protect states like Maine who had not expanded Medicaid to non-disabled people without kids, by giving block grants so states could help the most needy. Finally Bruce noted Maine's welfare reforms are working and pushed support for welfare Medicaid changes so states could have flexibility to impose work requirements for those who are not disabled and don't have children. Requirements would include working, job training, or a volunteer provision if able to work.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 3/21/17]

Note: For information on Poliquin’s record voting for Republican budgets that cut Medicaid funding, see Budget Issues section.

2016: Poliquin Called MaineCare “A Glaring Example Of Maine’s Misguided Welfare System”

2016: Poliquin’s Campaign Website Called Mainecare “A Glaring Example Of Maine’s Misguided Welfare System” That “Eroded Our Proud History Of Self-Reliance And Discouraged Work.” “A glaring example of Maine’s misguided welfare system is our Medicaid program, called MaineCare. This program, funded by 62% federal and 38% state taxes, was originally designed to provide health care services to our most vulnerable fellow Mainers – the disabled, elderly sick, and poor. However, over the past fifteen years, career politicians have expanded enrollment to include able-bodied single adults and middle income families capable of working and providing for themselves. This deliberate increase in government dependency, during both weak and strong economies, has eroded our proud history of self-reliance and discouraged work.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/29/16]

2010: Poliquin Promised To Cut MaineCare Benefits

2010: Poliquin Said He Would Cut MaineCare Benefits To Match The National Average For State Medicaid Programs. POLIQUIN: “There is no residency requirement. People can arrive on Monday in the state of Maine, get their driver’s license on Tuesday, and be in the MaineCare program and other programs on Wednesday. So we
need to make sure we’re not making it too easy for folks to come from other states to Maine and take advantage of taxpayers here in the state because we have no more money. So it would be very important to me on day one to make sure that these big parts of our budget in social services, as you were alluding to, that our benefit levels are no more generous than the national averages. We could save an enormous amount of money if we were able to do that.” [YouTube, Bruce for Maine, In and Around Augusta Interview Part 2, 2/4/10] (VIDEO) 3:02

2010: Poliquin Said He Would Cut MaineCare Benefits. POLIQUIN: “Clearly, we need to have the resources to take care of those who truly can’t provide for themselves. But we can no longer afford to offer benefits in that program that are two and three times as generous as what other states are offering. We can’t afford it anymore. It’s not fair to the taxpayers who are trying to foot the bill. It is not fair to the folks that can provide for themselves but choose not to. These are social service programs and welfare programs are to give folks a leg up, to help them become independent and take care of themselves and not permanently impoverished as wards of the state.” [YouTube, Bruce for Maine, Youth in Politics Interview Part 3, 4/19/10] (VIDEO) 4:16

2010: Poliquin Called MaineCare An Expensive, Mismanaged Program That Offered Overly Generous Benefits That Were Not Targeted Only To “The Most Needy Among Us”

2010: Poliquin Criticized MaineCare For Being An Expensive, Mismanaged Program That Offered Overly Generous Benefits That Were Not Targeted Only To “The Most Needy Among Us.” HOST: “How do we get our spending under control?” POLIQUIN: “We need someone who’s been in the private sector who knows how to say no. One example of the fiscal mismanagement we’ve had in the state for a very long period of time is for example in our social programs. 30 percent of our budget deals with a whole network of social programs, the largest of which is our Medicaid program, called MaineCare. Now one of the problems we have in that program is that it was originally designed to care for those who were truly the most needy among us. But today, the benefits offered are so generous compared to other states and there’s no residency requirement so folks can come to Maine on Monday, get their driver’s license on Tuesday, and be in that program on Wednesday. And we can no longer afford that. It’s an example of gross mismanagement at the state level. If we can reform that program as an example, we’ll be able to save a boatload of money.” [YouTube, Bruce for Maine, Youth in Politics Interview Part 1, 4/19/10] (VIDEO) 2:21

2010: Poliquin Criticized MaineCare As A “Very Large And Consuming Taxpayer-Funded Healthcare Program” With Overly Generous Benefits. POLIQUIN: “30 percent of our budget, Connie, is spent on social services, the biggest component thereof is healthcare. We have a very large and consuming healthcare, taxpayer-funded healthcare program called MaineCare. It’s our Medicaid program. It was originally designed as a safety net for those that are elderly, disabled, and poor. It has now grown into a program that now has 275,000 of our citizens enrolled in it, and we just can’t afford it anymore. So one of the reasons for that is the benefits we provide in that program are way above the national averages.” [YouTube, Bruce for Maine, In and Around Augusta Interview Part 2, 2/4/10] (VIDEO) 2:20

CHIP

May 2018: Poliquin Co-Sponsored A Measure To Rescind $7 Billion From CHIP, Which He Defended As A Move “To Save For Our Taxpayers”

May 2018: Poliquin Co-Sponsored A Measure To Rescind $7 Billion From CHIP. “Just a few months after approving a six-year extension of the Child Health Insurance Program that serves about 23,000 Maine minors, Congress may strip $7 billion from funds it already approved for the program. U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, a Republican from Maine’s 2nd District, is among the co-sponsors of a measure that would rescind the funding as part of a $15 billion plan that supporters said would reduce federal spending.” [Portland Press Herald, 5/15/18]

• Critics Of The Move Said It Would Amount To An “Accounting Shuffle” But Would “Send A Disturbing Message About The Nation’s Priorities.” “Critics said it wouldn’t actually save much money –
the move would amount mostly to an accounting shuffle – and would send a disturbing message about the nation’s priorities. Joan Alker, executive director of the Center for Children and Families at Georgetown University’s Health Policy Institute, said the president’s proposal ‘undermines the bipartisan (Children’s Health Insurance Program) agreement and removes reassurances states need that funding will be available to keep kids covered’ simply ‘to score political points’ with the Republican base.” [Portland Press Herald, 5/15/18]

- **Poliquin: “Only In Washington, D.C., Would You Find Criticism That $15 Billion Is Not A Lot Of Money To Save For Our Taxpayers, Especially Considering These Dollars […] Would Otherwise Be Wasted.”** “Poliquin defended his position as a necessary check on a soaring deficit. ‘Washington’s spending is out of control and, as an original co-sponsor and strong supporter of a balanced budget amendment to our Constitution, I’ve long called for changes to our processes in Congress to make sure we can get our spending under control regardless of which party is in power or political pressures,’ he said in a prepared statement. ‘Only in Washington, D.C., would you find criticism that $15 billion is not a lot of money to save for our taxpayers, especially considering these dollars are unspent or expired, would have no impact on any beneficiary of CHIP, and would otherwise be wasted,’ Poliquin said.” [Portland Press Herald, 5/15/18]

Note: For Poliquin’s record on funding CHIP during budget debates, see Budget Issues section.

### Medicare-For-All

**August 2020: Poliquin Claimed Democrats Supported Medicare-For-All, Which He Said Would Increase Premiums And Hurt Access To Care**

“August 2020: Poliquin Claimed Democrats Supported Eliminating Employer-Provided Health Care In Favor Of Medicare-For-All, Which He Said Would Increase Premiums And Hurt Access To Care. “I don’t see them convincing anybody in the state of Maine, for example, that if you take away the health care that you get at work, that it’s going to make your life better. But that’s their plan, that if you’re a schoolteacher in Maine or a nurse or if you work at BIW or one of our paper mills, and part of your contract is the health insurance that you get at work, well, the Democrats take that away and you’re pushed into the Medicare program. Now, we already have 44 million people in the Medicare program, you’re not going to push half of the country, another 60 or so million people into that program, you know, premiums will go through the roof and you’ll have a problem getting a doctor’s appointment.”’ [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 8/28/20] (AUDIO) 5:16

**October 2018: Poliquin Claimed Golden Supported Medicare-For-All, Which He Called A “Radical, Risky Scheme”**

“October 2018: At A Candidate Debate, Poliquin “Flash[ed] His Mother’s Medicare Card” And Called Golden’s Support For Medicare-For-All A “Radical, Risky Scheme.” “Poliquin, flashing his mother’s Medicare card, said that Golden’s call for Medicare-For-All – beginning with a policy of letting those 55 and older buy into Medicare – is ‘a radical, risky scheme.’”’ [Portland Press Herald, 10/9/18]

“October 2018: Poliquin Said Golden Wanted “To End Medicare As We Know It.” “In his first campaign advertisement back in August, Poliquin zinged Golden with the charge that the Democrat wants ‘to end Medicare as we know it,’ though the Democrat wants to add more people to Medicare’s rolls without changing coverage.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 10/6/18]

### Employer-Provided Health Insurance

**August 2021: Poliquin Claimed Golden Voted To Eliminate Employer-Provided Health Insurance**

Poliquin appeared on WGAN Radio, where he launched his campaign and stated, “One of [Golden’s] first votes in Congress a couple years ago, Matt, was to take away private health insurance plans you get from work. Let me repeat that. If you work at Bath Iron Works, if you're a school teacher, if you're a nurse Jared Golden voted to take away your private health care plan that you like and you negotiated for in your contract and push you into the Medicare program. Wow.” [Bruce Poliquin, Interview with Matt Gagnon on WGAN Radio, Audio, 8/4/21]

**April 2019: Poliquin: “Destroying Employer-Provided Healthcare Insurance Would Harm Workers Who Wish To Keep Their Coverage”**

April 2019: Poliquin: “Destroying Employer-Provided Healthcare Insurance Would Harm Workers Who Wish To Keep Their Coverage.” “It is very disturbing that some politicians want to OUTLAW HEALTHCARE INSURANCE people receive at work. I believe strongly this is the wrong way to go. Jared Golden has-cosponsored and is supporting this failed idea. Destroying employer-provided healthcare insurance would harm workers who wish to keep their coverage. https://www.foxnews.com/politics/new-medicare-for-all-bill-would-largely-outlaw-private-insurance”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 4/1/19]

**2014: Poliquin Said He Supported Allowing A Person Who Was Changing Jobs To Take Their Employer-Based Healthcare Plan With Them**

2014: Poliquin Said He Supported Allowing A Person Who Was Changing Jobs To Take Their Employer-Based Healthcare Plan With Them. POLIQUIN: “Now there are a couple things that in the in the in Obamacare that are certainly worth holding on to, for example, preexisting conditions, my son, who's now 23 is asthmatic. We have to make sure when Sammy gets a health care plan down the road that he's able to insure himself for that. Also portability. If Sam wants to change jobs, he ought to be able to take that that health care plan with him.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter GOP Primary Debate, 5/28/14] (VIDEO) 13:00
October 2018: Central Maine Medical Center Called For Poliquin To Take Down An Ad On Poliquin’s Health Care Record Featuring Its Logo Without Its Permission

October 2018: Poliquin’s Campaign Ran An Ad “Touting” His Health Care Record Featuring The Endorsement Of A Central Maine Medical Center Doctor

October 2018: Poliquin’s Campaign Ran An Ad “Touting” His Health Care Record Featuring The Endorsement Of A Central Maine Medical Center Doctor. “A new political advertisement from U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin’s congressional campaign features a politics-heavy gathering at a Lewiston hot dog stand that includes a local doctor touting the two-term Republican’s health care record. At one point in the 30-second spot, the camera zooms in for a close-up of the physician’s name embroidered on his white coat. It clearly identifies him as Dr. Thomas E. Page and his affiliation with Central Maine Medical Center.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 10/26/18]

Central Maine Medical Center Called On Poliquin To Take Down The Ad, Which Used Its Logo Without Its Permission

Central Maine Medical Center Called On Poliquin To Take Down The Ad “Immediately” Since It Featured Its Logo Without Its Permission And “Falsely Implies The Nonprofit Medical Provider Endorses Poliquin.” “That’s a problem, said Kate Carlisle, the director of public relations and community affairs for Central Maine Healthcare. The hospital said Friday the commercial ‘should be taken down immediately’ by the Poliquin campaign because it falsely implies the nonprofit medical provider endorses Poliquin. It said it never gave permission for the campaign to use its logo and it doesn’t get involved in politics. It also said that the problem could be resolved by amending the ad.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 10/26/18]

Poliquin’s Campaign Responded Only By Saying It Was “Happy [The Reporter Was] Interested In Writing About Dr. Page’s Endorsement” Of Poliquin. “The only response from Poliquin’s campaign to the flap was to point out it is ‘happy you are interested in writing about Dr. Page’s endorsement’ of Poliquin.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 10/26/18]
Housing Issues

**Significant Findings**

- Poliquin repeatedly voted to weaken protections against housing discrimination.
- Poliquin voted to prevent the Department of Justice from enforcing disparate impact claims under the Fair Housing Act.
- Poliquin voted to bar funding for a Fair Housing Initiatives Program initiative to enforce the Fair Housing Act and implementation of the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule.
- Poliquin opposed the elimination of private activity bonds in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which the House version of the bill eliminated but the final version of the bill preserved.
- The elimination of private activity bonds was projected to reduce Maine’s affordable housing stock by 50 percent.

**Discrimination**

**Poliquin Voted For Preventing The Department Of Justice From Enforcing Disparate Impact Claims Under The Fair Housing Act**

2015: Poliquin Voted For An Amendment That Prevented The Department Of Justice From Enforcing Disparate Impact Claims Under The Fair Housing Act. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for: an amendment that prevented the Department of Justice from enforcing disparate impact claims under the Fair Housing Act. “Housing discrimination claims: The House has passed an amendment sponsored by Rep. Scott Garrett, R-N.J., to the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (H.R. 2578). The amendment would bar funding for Justice Department enforcement actions under the Fair Housing Act that rely on the theory of disparate impact to allege racial and other forms of discrimination by mortgage lenders, landlords, and home insurers. Garrett said the threat of prosecution for treating various classes of homeowners and renters differently, based on their economic status, would impede the ability ‘for lenders to make rational economic decisions about risk’ rather than based on the possibility that the Justice Department will consider their actions discriminatory.” The amendment passed 232 to 196. [HR 2578, Vote #287, 6/3/15; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 6/3/15; Citizen-Times, 6/5/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Barring Funding For The “Critical” Private Enforcement Initiative Of The Fair Housing Initiatives Program**

2015: Poliquin Voted For An Amendment That Barred Funding For The Private Enforcement Initiative Of The Fair Housing Initiatives Program. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for: an amendment to the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 that would “bar funds from being used for the Private Enforcement Initiative of the Fair Housing Initiatives Program.” The amendment passed 224 to 198. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/4/15; HR 2577, Vote #307, 6/4/15]

- National Council On Independent Living: PEI Grantees Are “Critical” To Enforcement Of The Fair Housing Act. “PEI grants support local, private fair housing groups’ testing, complaint intake, and investigation efforts. PEI grantees are critical to enforcement efforts for the Fair Housing Act. Disability-related complaints is the largest category of Fair Housing complaints. To remove funding for the PEI program would
damage Fair Housing enforcement in many communities. This harms people with disabilities when fair housing enforcement is not readily available in communities.” [NCIL, 6/5/15]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment Barring Implementation Of A Housing Rule Meant To Combat Housing Segregation

2015: Poliquin Voted For An Amendment Barring The Implementation Of The Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for: an amendment to the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 that would “bar funding for HUD to implement, enforce or administer the proposed Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule.” The amendment passed 229 to 193. [HR 2577, Vote #311, 6/9/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/9/15]

- The Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule Self Purports To Combat Segregation. According to the Federal Register, the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule “[e]stablish[es] an approach to affirmatively furthering fair housing that calls for coordinated efforts to combat illegal housing discrimination, so that individuals and families can make decisions about where to live, free from discrimination, with necessary information regarding housing options, and with adequate support to make their choices viable.” [Federal Register, 7/19/13]

Poliquin Voted For Weakening Housing Discrimination Protections

2015: Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Bar Housing And Urban Development From Enforcing Regulation Combating Discrimination In the Housing Market. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for: an amendment to the FY16 Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill that would bar funds from being used by HUD to administer a federal regulation that dictates, “If the policies of governmental agencies, banks or private real estate companies unjustifiably perpetuate segregation, regardless of their intent, they could be found in violation of the Fair Housing Act.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 231-195. [HR 2577, Vote #323, 6/9/15; ProPublica, 1/21/15]

Affordable Housing

Poliquin Opposed The Elimination Of Private Activity Bonds In The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act, Which Was Projected To Reduce Maine’s New Affordable Housing Stock By 50 Percent

Maine Affordable Housing Advocates Estimated Maine’s New Affordable Housing Stock Could Decrease By 50 Percent Without Private Activity Bonds, Which Were Originally Slated To Be Eliminated By The TCJA

The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Eliminated Private Activity Bonds, Which Funded Maine Affordable Housing Projects. “A provision in the House Republican tax bill could eliminate funding for hundreds of new low-income apartments and home loans in Maine and could increase construction costs substantially for hospitals, colleges and other institutions. Maine's congressional delegation is rallying to save an obscure program called private activity bonds that was eliminated in the House version of a tax bill pending in Congress. Private activity bonds allow private, nonprofit institutions to sell bonds, with tax-free interest, to pay for capital improvements like new buildings and infrastructure and to fund other programs such as student loans. But the loss of private activity bonds would hit affordable housing the hardest, according to Maine advocates.” [Portland Press Herald, 1/6/17]

Without Private Activity Bonds, Maine Affordable Housing Advocates Estimated Maine’s New Affordable Housing Stock Could Decrease By 50 Percent, Or 1,730 Fewer Homes. “But the loss of private activity bonds would hit affordable housing the hardest, according to Maine advocates. They say losing the bond program, combined with the loss of other incentives in the House bill such as historic tax credits and lowering the value for low-income housing tax credits, could reduce the number of new affordable housing in Maine by almost 50 percent. That's in part because the tax-exempt bonds are tied to a 4 percent tax credit that helps pay for new low-
income housing, explained Greg Payne, director of the Maine Affordable Housing Coalition. About 1,730 fewer low-income homes would be built in Maine over the next decade if the bonds are eliminated, according to the coalition.” [Portland Press Herald, 1/6/17]

November 28, 2017: Poliquin Co-Signed A Letter Opposing The Elimination Of The Private Activity Bonds In The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act

11/28/17: Poliquin Co-Signed A Letter Opposing The Elimination Of The Private Activity Bonds In The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. Poliquin and 20 other House members signed a letter to congressional Republican leaders that stated, “Dear Leader McConnell, Speaker Ryan, Chairman Hatch, and Chairman Brady, We the undersigned strongly object to the proposed elimination of tax exempt private activity bonds and advanced refunding bonds in the current Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (HR 1). This change in policy contradicts the growing need of the Federal Government to rely more, not less, on states and municipalities, as well as the private sector, to help to finance needed infrastructure in a market driven and cost effective manner.” [Letter to Mitch McConnell, Orrin Hatch, Paul Ryan, and Kevin Brady, via Illinois Finance Authority, 11/28/17]

The Final House Version Of The TCJA Preserved Private Activity Bonds

The Final House Version Of The TCJA Preserved Private Activity Bonds. “[HEADLINE:] Republicans have a final deal on their tax bill — here's what's in it […] Keeps a slew of popular tax breaks. According to The Wall Street Journal, the bill would preserve deductions for medical expenses and student loan interest, as well as tax-free private-activity bonds used by local governments to build things like hospitals.” [Business Insider, 12/14/17]
**Immigration & Border Issues**

**Significant Findings**

- In June 2018, Poliquin voted for both the Republican “compromise” on immigration, which offered a pathway to citizenship for only a limited number of DREAMers, and a hardline bill that criminalized undocumented people, citing the need for action against “an influx of deadly drugs.”

- Poliquin voted to block the DREAM Act 21 times.
  - Poliquin voted to restart deportations of DREAMers in 2015.
  - Poliquin said he opposed deporting DREAMers in 2017 but also said he opposed “special amnesty citizenship” for them in January 2018.

- In 2014, Poliquin referred to DREAMers as “students who are here illegally” in an attack on his opponent’s support for the DREAM Act.

- Poliquin embraced Trump’s extreme immigration agenda.
  - Poliquin voted to block consideration of a bill prohibiting the DHS from separating migrant families, even though he said he opposed family separation.

- The Muslim ban “drew praise” from Poliquin, who said it was designed to improve “efforts to protect the homeland;” a Portland Press Herald editorial stated he responded “as if a federal government that threatened to break up families was of no concern.”

- Poliquin refused to comment on Trump’s proposal to revoke birthright citizenship.

- Poliquin supported investing $25 billion in the construction of a southern border wall.

- In 2021, Poliquin embraced the rhetoric of replacement theory by stating Democrats encouraged illegal immigration and were allowing massive numbers of people to cross the border with Mexico to grow their voter base.

- Poliquin supported measures to loosen hiring requirements for CBP agents on the northern border, and increasing temporary work visas to fill seasonal jobs in Maine.

**DACA, DAPA, & The DREAM Act**

**Poliquin Voted For The Republican Immigration “Compromise” With A Path To Citizenship For A Limited Number Of DREAMers And $25 Billion For A Border Wall And Against An Amendment To Prevent Family Separation**

Poliquin Voted For The Border Security and Immigration Reform Act of 2018, Which Would Appropriate Funds To Build A Border Wall With Mexico, Renew DACA For 6 Years, End The Diversity Visa Program, And Require That Undocumented Immigrants Be Detained With Their Children. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would appropriate $23.4 billion for various border security activities. Included would be $16.6 billion for a ‘border wall system,’ which would be available from fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2027,
and $6.8 billion for border security investments, which would be available from fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2023. It would provide those with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status a six-year renewable contingent non-immigrant legal status and would allow them to apply for a green card after five years, providing a path to citizenship. It would modify legal immigration by ending the diversity visa program and reallocating those visas to other classifications. The bill would require that undocumented immigrants who are charged with a misdemeanor offense for improper entry into the United States be detained with their minor children.” The bill failed 121-301. [HR 6136, Vote #297, 6/27/18; CQ, 6/27/18]

- **The Bill, Known As “Goodlatte 2,” Was The Republicans’ Attempt At An Immigration Compromise.** “House Republicans’ legislative attempt to find consensus within their own party on the divisive issue of immigration failed on the floor Wednesday, with the chamber overwhelmingly rejecting their so-called compromise bill, 121-301.” [Roll Call, 6/27/18]

- **The Bill Would Have Allowed Dreamers To Apply For A “Merit-Based” Visa With A Path To Citizenship.** “It would have provided DACA recipients the opportunity to obtain an indefinitely renewable three-year non-immigrant legal status. Goodlatte 2 included the same provision but made it last for six years and expanded its eligibility beyond current DACA recipients to those who would qualify but had not applied. Under the compromise bill, Dreamers could also apply for a new merit-based visa and eventually citizenship, something some conservatives felt amounted to amnesty.” [Roll Call, 6/27/18]

- **The Bill Added Restrictions To DACA Eligibility; The Bill Would Likely Provide A Pathway To Citizenship To Only 18 Percent Of Dreamers.** “These restrictions were also in DACA, but the new bill would go even further to restrict eligibility. […] In the best case scenario, the House GOP plan would likely provide a pathway to citizenship to fewer than 630,000 Dreamers—barely a third of the president’s promise in January and just 18 percent of the entire Dreamer population. Moreover, only an estimated 421,000 immigrants are likely to become citizens.” [CATO Institute, 6/19/18]

- **The Bill Would Have Required Families Who Illegally Crossed The Border To Be Housed Together, Rather Than In Criminal Custody, But Eliminated The 20 Day Cap On Administrative Custody For Accompanied Children.** “The compromise bill also included language intended to prevent children from being separated from their parents when detained at the border. It would have required the Department of Homeland Security to house families together while the parents are going through criminal proceedings for the misdemeanor of first-time illegal border crossing, instead of in criminal custody, and would have eliminated the 20-day cap on administrative custody for accompanied children.” [Roll Call, 6/27/18]

- **The Bill Granted $25 Billion In Funds For A Southern Border Wall.** “The bill also called for granting $25 billion in funds for a southern border wall, making it more difficult for migrants to seek asylum, and allowing families to be detained indefinitely at the border in response to the Trump administration’s ‘zero-tolerance’ family separation policy. It also included provisions that would have significantly cut legal immigration levels.” [Vox, 6/27/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Amending The Border Security And Immigration Reform Act Of 2018 To Prohibit Law Enforcement From Detaining Any Individual Accused Of Entering The U.S. Illegally Separately From Their Child. In June 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Espaillat, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit law enforcement from detaining, separately from their child, any individual accused of illegally entering the United States with a child, in cases in which the child is under the age of 18.” The motion failed, 190-230. [H.R. 6136, Vote #296, 6/27/18; CQ, 6/27/18]
Poliquin Voted For The Securing America’s Future Act, Which Wouldn’t Offer DREAMers A Pathway To Citizenship While Cracking Down On Asylum Seekers And Funding Trump’s Border Wall. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “bill that would authorize $24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022 for various border security activities, including $9.3 billion for a border wall and other physical barriers and would provide individuals registered under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program with a three-year, renewable contingent non-immigrant legal status but with no special path to citizenship. It would modify legal immigration by ending the diversity visa program and restricting most family-based immigration to allow only spouses and minor children of legal permanent residents to receive green cards. It would increase enforcement of immigration laws within the United States, including by requiring all employers to verify the immigration status and eligibility of individuals seeking jobs in the United States.” The bill failed 193 to 231. [HR 4760, Vote #282, 6/21/18; CQ, 6/21/18]

- **HEADLINE**: “The Conservative Alternative: No Chance For Citizenship For Legalized Immigrants, Deeper Cuts To Legal Immigration” [Vox, 6/18/18]

- **Securing America’s Future Act Offered Only Limited Protections For Current DREAMers, And Put DREAMers Who Did Not Apply Before Trump Ended The Program At Risk.** “[T]he Securing America’s Future Act provides only a potentially renewable three-year reprieve from deportation to current DACA recipients. […] Rep. Goodlatte’s bill offers only a tenuous second-class status to a small subset of people. Left out of the measure, for example, are people such as the 120,000 young Dreamers who never had the opportunity to apply for protection because of the Trump administration’s decision to end the initiative. For these individuals—and for hundreds of thousands of other Dreamers—the Goodlatte bill offers the same peril it offers to all other undocumented immigrants: the threat of criminal prosecution, imprisonment, and deportation.” [Center for American Progress, 6/7/18]

- **Securing America’s Future Act Would “Make It Easier To Deport Asylum Seekers, Including Unaccompanied Children.”** Securing America’s Future Act would “make it easier to deport asylum seekers, including unaccompanied children, without providing basic due process protections. […] Instead of recognizing the unique vulnerability of people fleeing violence and persecution, the bill would make it far more likely that asylum seekers and unaccompanied children will be quickly deported back to their countries of origin, potentially being returned to harm or even death.” [Center for American Progress, 6/7/18]

- **Securing America’s Future Act Would Criminalize All Undocumented Immigrants.** “Under long-standing immigration law, being in the country without status is a civil—not criminal—violation. The Goodlatte bill would change the law and make unlawful presence a crime, turning the 11 million undocumented immigrants in the country today into criminals overnight.” [Center for American Progress, 6/7/18]

- **Securing America’s Future Act Provided $9.3 Billion For Trump’s Border Wall.** The Securing America’s Future Act would “authorize $24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022 for various border security activities, including $9.3 billion for a border wall and other physical barriers” [CQ, 6/21/18]

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Poliquin Said He Supported The Securing America's Future Act And Border Security And Immigration Reform Act Because “We Cannot Just Keep Doing Nothing” To Combat “An Influx Of Deadly Drugs.”

“Today, Congressman Bruce Poliquin (ME-02) released the following statement regarding two separate bills that are expected to be voted on in the U.S. House of Representatives today and tomorrow dealing with immigration reform—H.R. 4760, the Securing America's Future Act, and H.R. 6136, Border Security and Immigration Reform...
Act: ‘In Maine, our communities and families are being devastated by the horrible opioid and heroin crises, as the supply of cheap and deadly drugs has flowed into our State,’ said Congressman Poliquin. ‘With more than 80 percent of the cheap heroin that finds its way into the United States crossing the Mexican border, I am determined to do what I can to secure our borders and help stop this deadly poison from so easily reaching our towns and communities in Maine. While I am the first to say neither of these two bills are perfect, meaningful immigration reform is decades overdue and has been neglected by Congresses and White Houses under the control of Democrats and Republicans over the last 30 years, resulting in inadequate border security, outdated immigration policies, and an influx of deadly drugs through our southern border. We cannot just keep doing nothing.’ [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 6/21/18]

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May 2019: Poliquin Advocated For “Dust[ing] Off” The Goodlatte Bills To “Fix This Border Security Issue.” “Let’s let Congress do what they should do, let’s spend a couple hours, the work is already done, let’s lock the door for a couple hours and fix the border security and immigration problem. […] Why don’t we just dust off what we did a couple of years ago, fix this border security issue, and that’ll help fix the drug problem in the state of Maine and around the rest of the country. […] There were two bills, John, in 2017 or 2018, I think it was 18 and I voted for both of them, the Goodlatte one and Goodlatte two bills. It allocated $25 billion over five years for border security, drones, feet on the street, cameras, the whole thing, and a wall where it makes sense. It got rid of the lottery and a lot of people who got into the country based on merit, it tightened the chain migration issue effectively, truncated most of that, and it dealt with this amnesty issue, which is a real problem, how people are legally entering into this county. It fixed the problem. I voted for both of those bills. You could dust those off, and it would fix the problem.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 5/7/19] (AUDIO) 7:53

June 2018: Poliquin Voted For Killing An Attempt To Bring The DREAM Act And Bipartisan Immigration Bill To A Vote

Poliquin Voted For Bringing The Securing America’s Future Act Of 2018 To The Floor For A Vote. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 954) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 4760) that would authorize $24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022 for various border security activities and would provide individuals registered under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program with a three-year, renewable contingent non-immigrant legal status but with no special path to citizenship. Adoption of the rule would provide for the automatic adoption of an amendment that would modify funds authorized for border activities under the bill; authorizing $24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022, instead of authorizing $24.8 billion annually for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022.” The resolution passed 226 to 195. [H Res 954, Vote #280, 6/21/18; CQ, 6/21/18]

- Moderate Republicans Agreed To A Process To Vote On Republican-Only Immigration Bills, Even Though It “Would Effectively Kill Their Discharge Petition” To Bring A Bipartisan Immigration Fix To The Floor. “They agreed to a process that night that would effectively kill their discharge petition. With no agreement in sight, Ryan proposed two immigration votes: One on a conservative DACA bill, the other on ‘compromise’ legislation they’d continue trying to negotiate. Sensing the wind was against them, moderates reluctantly agreed.” [Político, 6/27/17]

- Los Angeles Times: The Vote “Meant Defeat” For The Discharge Petition Effort. “An effort by moderate Republicans to force votes on a bipartisan immigration bill failed in the House on Tuesday, with members agreeing instead to vote on legislation that would guarantee funds for President Trump’s proposed border wall. The agreement meant defeat, at least for now, for an effort led by Rep. Jeff Denham of Turlock and other GOP moderates to use a rare parliamentary maneuver known as a discharge petition to force the House to vote on the bipartisan immigration plan, and three other bills, over the objections of party leaders. […] Defeat of the effort greatly reduces the chances — already slim — that Congress could pass any form of Dreamer legislation before this year’s midterm election.” [Los Angeles Times, 6/12/18]
- Ryan “Acknowledged That One Of The Main Goals Of These Votes Was To Forestall” The Discharge Petition. “At Thursday’s weekly news conference, Ryan acknowledged that one of the main goals of these votes was to forestall a renegade group of Republicans from working with Democrats to pass a more liberal overhaul of immigration laws. ‘Our goal was to prevent a discharge petition from reaching the floor, because a discharge petition would have brought legislation to the floor that the president would have surely vetoed,’ Ryan said. ‘It would have been an exercise in futility.’ So instead, he set up this tortured series of votes.” [Washington Post, 6/21/18]

- New York Magazine: “The Only Real Purpose Of This Exercise Was To Preempt A Discharge Petition” That Would Have Brought A Bipartisan Immigration Bill To The Floor. “Indeed, the only real purpose of this exercise was to preempt a discharge petition that House Democrats and some politically vulnerable House Republicans had signed that might have brought a Democratic immigration bill — indeed, the original DREAM Act — to the floor under conditions where it might have actually passed. So for all the endless and interminable and redundant House GOP talk about wanting to take action on immigration, when votes were finally held it was really about preventing action on immigration.” [New York Magazine, 6/21/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Replacing The Text Of The Goodlatte Bill With The Text Of The DREAM Act. In June 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Lujan Grisham, D-N.M., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would replace the bill’s provisions with a system that would provide a pathway to citizenship for recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the motion “would strike the text in the underlying bill and replace it with the text of Rep. Roybal-Allard’s bill H.R. 3440 – Dream Act of 2017.” The motion failed 191 to 234. [HR 4760, Vote #281, 6/21/18; CQ, 6/21/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 6/21/18]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Amendment To The Rule To Bring Up The Four Bills From The Discharge Petition – Two Republican Bills, The DREAM Act, And A Bipartisan Bill – Under A Queen Of The Hill Rule. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would would [sic] provide for consideration of H.R. 4760 – Securing America’s Future Act, and will make in order four substitute amendments to that bill, drafted at the discretion of the authors so long as they are germane to the underlying bill. H.Res. 774 allows for the amendment that receives the most votes (and at least a simple majority) to pass the House under a rule known as “queen-of-the-hill.” The four amendments that H.Res. 774 allows for are: an amendment offered by Rep. Goodlatte, which could be similar to H.R. 4760, an amendment offered by Rep. Roybal-Allard, which could be similar to a clean DREAM Act an amendment offered by Speaker Ryan an amendment offered by Rep. Denham, which could be similar to the bipartisan bill H.R. 4796 – USA Act. If the underlying Rule passes, it will turn off the discharge petition, and allow the House GOP to bring up anti-immigrant legislation that does not solve the DACA crisis.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment. The motion was agreed to 232-190. [H Res 954, Vote #279, 6/21/18; CQ, 6/21/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 6/21/18]

Poliquin Did Not Sign The Discharge Petition That Would Have Brought Four Immigration Bills To The Floor For A Vote. [Discharge Petition No. 10, accessed 10/25/21]

- The Discharge Petition Would Bring The Conservative Goodlatte Bill, The Democratic DREAM Act, A Republican Leadership Sponsored Bill, And A Bipartisan Immigration Compromise To The Floor Under A “Queen Of The Hill” Rule. “The proposals in Denham’s Queen of the Hill rule are a conservative bill proposed by Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.) that would grant temporary status to so-called Dreamers while imposing a series of restrictive measures on legal and illegal immigration; the Dream Act, which would grant a path to citizenship to at least 1.8 million Dreamers; the USA Act, a bipartisan compromise that would pair Dream Act-like measures with $25 billion in border security; and an open slot for Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) to propose an immigration bill of his choosing.” [The Hill, 5/17/18]
January 2018: Poliquin Said He Supported “Allowing [DREAMers] To Stay [In The U.S.] If They Meet Certain Requirements” But Opposed “Special Amnesty Citizenship” For Them. “As Americans, our long-held beliefs include that kids should not be held accountable for their parents’ actions. They also include upholding the rule of law. A bipartisan agreement must include a compassionate solution to help these individuals who had no say in their parents’ unlawful actions. While I do not believe any deal should include special amnesty citizenship for DACA individuals—because it would invite and encourage more illegal entry and further risk the lives of additional children—I do support finding bipartisan agreement by clarifying their immigration status and allowing them to stay if they meet certain requirements, including being productive members of our communities and good stewards of our laws.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 1/16/18]

**Poliquin Said He Opposed Deporting DREAMers In 2017, But Voted Twice To Restart Deportations Of DREAMers In 2015**

September 2017: Poliquin Said He Opposed Deporting DREAMers While “Work[ing] To End Illegal Immigration.” “There are nearly 800,000 people in the current DACA program, including 35,000 in New England. Some of these individuals grew up believing they were Americans with no knowledge of their parents’ actions. I believe if these people have been fully law-abiding members of our society, they should be protected from deportation through legislative action by Congress. At the same time, we need to continue to secure and control our borders. We need to continue our work to end illegal immigration.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 9/5/17]

January 2015: Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Halt Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals. On January 24, 2015, Poliquin voted for: “Blackburn, R-Tenn., amendment that would bar the use of any funds after Jan. 9, 2015, to consider new, renewal or previously denied applications under the president’s 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, or under any other succeeding executive policy. The prohibition would apply to any funds or fees collected or otherwise made available to the Homeland Security Department, or to any other federal agency, by any bill for any fiscal year.” According to The Hill, “A second amendment would halt the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program (DACA), which lifts deportation for some illegal immigrants who came to the United States as children.” The amendment was adopted 218 to 209. [HR 240, Vote #30, 1/14/15; CQ, 1/14/15; The Hill 1/14/15]

January 2015: Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Prevent Funding To Implement Obama Administration Immigration Policies, Including The November 2014 Immigration Executive Actions. On January 14, 2015, Poliquin voted for: “Aderholt, R-Ala., amendment that would bar the use of funds in the bill to implement the administration’s immigration policies or to grant any federal benefit to any illegal immigrant as a result of those policies. The amendment would bar funding for the implementation of the executive actions announced in November 2014, four of the so-called ‘Morton memos’ from 2011 and 2012 focusing on prosecutorial discretion and changes to immigration enforcement priorities and any substantially similar policies issued after Jan. 9, 2015.” The amendment was adopted 237 to 190. [HR 240, Vote #29, 1/14/15; CQ, 1/14/15]

- Obama’s November 2014 Executive Actions Allowed Unauthorized Immigrants Who Were Parents Of United States Citizens To Be Eligible For Work Permits And Expanded DACA To 300,000 More Young Immigrants. “It would create a new program of deferrals for approximately 4 million undocumented parents of American citizens or legal permanent residents who have been in the country for at least five years. Deferrals would include authorization to work and would be granted for three years at a time. It would also expand a program created by the administration in 2012 called Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, which allows young people who were brought into the country as children to apply for deportation deferrals and work permits. […] About 1.2 million young immigrants are currently eligible, and the new plan would expand eligibility to approximately 300,000 more.” [New York Times, 11/20/14]
SUMMARY: Poliquin Voted 21 Times To Block The DREAM Act

- Poliquin Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. [H Res 796, Vote #123, 3/22/18; CQ, 3/22/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 3/22/18]
- Poliquin Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. [H Res 787, Vote #117, 3/20/18; CQ, 3/20/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 3/20/18]
- Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act. [H Res 773, Vote #104, 3/14/18; CQ, 3/14/18; Congressional Record, 3/14/18]
- Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act. [H Res 762, Vote #96, 3/7/18; CQ, 3/7/18; Congressional Record, 3/7/18]
- Poliquin Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. [H Res.748, Vote #84, 2/27/18; CQ, 2/27/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 2/27/18]
- Poliquin Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. [H Res. 736, Vote #72, 2/14/18; CQ, 2/14/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 2/14/18]
- Poliquin Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. [H Res. 734, Vote #67, 2/9/18; CQ, 2/9/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 2/9/18]
- Poliquin Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. [H Res. 727, Vote #58, 2/6/18; CQ, 2/6/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 2/6/18]
- Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act. [H.R. 695, Vote #47, 1/30/18; Congressional Record, page H694, 1/30/18; CQ, 1/30/18]
- Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act. [HR 2954, Vote #20, 1/17/18; CQ, 1/17/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, archived, accessed 1/17/19]
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- Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act. [HR 2936, Vote #592, 11/1/17; CQ, 11/1/17; Congressional Record, 11/1/17]
- Poliquin Voted For Blocking The Dream Act. [HRes 577, Vote #572, 11/9/17; CQ, 10/24/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, accessed 11/3/17]
- Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act. [H Res 562, Vote #560, 10/11/17; CQ, 10/11/17; Congress.gov, 10/11/17]
- Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act. [HR 36, Vote #546, 10/3/17; CQ, 10/3/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, 10/3/17]
- Poliquin Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. [H RES 538, Vote #538, 9/27/17; CQ, 9/27/17]
- Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. [H RES 533, Vote #532, 9/26/17; Congressional Record, H7503, 9/26/17; CQ, 9/26/17]
- Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. [H RES 504, Vote #457, 9/7/17; CQ, 9/7/17; DemocraticLeader.Gov, 9/7/17]

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Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act. In March 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 773).” According to Rep. Polis, “if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the Dream Act. The previous question carried, 234-187. [H Res 773, Vote #104, 3/14/18; CQ, 3/14/18; Congressional Record, 3/14/18]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act. In March 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 762).” According to Rep. Hastings, “Democrats have offered to bring the Dream Act to the floor now 24 times. We are going to give them one more chance. We have done it 23, and every single time this effort has been blocked by the majority. To address my friend who correctly cited that we were bringing this up: [...] We on this side of the aisle clearly want to fix this problem. So let’s do it now. Mr. Speaker, I urge a ‘no’ vote on the rule, on the previous question, and on the underlying bills.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the Dream Act. The previous question carried, 229-183. [H Res 762, Vote #96, 3/7/18; CQ, 3/7/18; Congressional Record, 3/7/18]

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Contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act. The motion was agreed to 235-189. [H. Res. 727, Vote #58, 2/6/18; CQ, 2/6/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 2/6/18]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In January 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” A vote for the motion was a vote to block Democrats from bringing the DREAM Act to a vote, according to a floor speech by Democratic Rep. Jim McGovern: “Mr. Speaker, I am going to urge that my colleagues vote to defeat the previous question, and I will give a little explanation why. Mr. Speaker, this past weekend, President Trump tweeted that he wants to show that ‘Democrats do not want to solve DACA, only use it.’ Well, I would beg to differ. This is the 19th time that we have attempted to bring the bipartisan bill, H.R. 3440, the Dream Act, for a vote on the House floor, and, if we defeat the previous question, we will bring that bill up. Motion agreed to by a vote of 232-187. [H.R. 695, Vote #47, 1/30/18; Congressional Record, page H694, 1/30/18; CQ, 1/30/18]

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Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way except on paper.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act. The motion was agreed to 234-189. [HR 2874, Vote #626, 11/14/17; CQ, 11/14/17; Congressional Record, 11/14/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” In a speech on the House floor, Rep. Tom Emmer (D-MN) said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way except on paper.” A vote for the amendment was a vote to block the DREAM Act. The motion was agreed to 224-190. [HRes 609, Vote #616, 11/8/17; CQ, 11/8/17, Congressional Record, 11/8/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “If we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way except on paper.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act. The motion was agreed to 232-184. [HR 2936, Vote #592, 11/1/17; CQ, 11/1/17; Congressional Record, 11/1/17]
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Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H RES 548).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the motion prohibited “consideration of the bill (H.R. 3440) to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain individuals who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children and for other purposes.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block consideration of HR 3440. The previous question carried, 233-184. [HR 36, Vote #546, 10/3/17; CQ, 10/3/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, 10/3/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H RES 538).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block consideration of HR 3440. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 223-187. [H RES 538, Vote #538, 9/27/17; CQ, 9/27/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 533).” According to Democratic Rep. Alcee Hastings, “If we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way except on paper.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block the DREAM Act. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 230-189. [H RES 533, Vote #532, 9/26/17; Congressional Record, H7503, 9/26/17; CQ, 9/26/17]

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**Family Separation**

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Prohibiting The Department Of Homeland Security From Separating Immigrant Families**

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Prohibiting The Department Of Homeland Security From Separating Immigrant Families. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 953) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 6136) that would appropriate $23.4 billion for various border security activities.” According to the Congressional Record, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Ranking Member Nadler’s bill, H.R. 6135, the Keep Families Together Act, which I am proud to cosponsor. This thoughtful proposal would prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from separating children from their parents, of course, except in extraordinary circumstances, and limit the criminal prosecution of asylum seekers.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill prohibiting immigrant family separations. The motion was agreed to 233-191. [HR 6136, Vote #285, 6/21/18; CQ, 6/21/18; Congressional Record, 6/21/18]

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**Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of Privatized For-Profit Immigration Detention Facilities**

Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of Privatized For-Profit Immigration Detention Facilities. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Castro, D-Texas, amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated to the Department of Homeland Security to be used to enter into contracts with privatized immigration detention facilities.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 183-230. [H R 3354, Vote #465, 9/7/17; CQ, 9/7/17]

Pulled into the ongoing controversy about President Donald Trump’s zero-tolerance policy of immigrants crossing the border, Poliquin made the impromptu comments when confronted by a Maine woman, identified as Marcella Makinen, at an airport. As Poliquin tried to walk away, she recorded the exchange on video, which was then shared Tuesday on Facebook by the advocacy group Mainers for Accountable Leadership. ‘[:00] I wanted to ask you —’ starts Makinen. ‘When you put a camera in someone’s nose, that’s not a way to say hello,’ Poliquin says. ‘If you want to say it, tell me what your issue is.’ Makinen: ‘I’m really concerned about the children that are being separated from their parents.’ Poliquin: ‘Yeah, so am I. So am I.’ Makinen: ‘And I wondered if you have any plans with talking with [Attorney General] Sessions.’ Poliquin: ‘We’re talking tonight at 5:30 on it.’ Makinen: ‘Really, and what’s your position on it?’ Poliquin: ‘[:39] We want to make sure that kids stay with their parents. I’m a father. The kids stay with their parents. You can turn that off. You don’t have to put that in my face. That’s very rude. That’s very rude.’” [Bangor Daily News, 6/19/18] (VIDEO)

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“As I’ve stated, I’m opposed to the policy of separating families at the border,” said Congressman Poliquin. ‘While I’m pleased the Administration has taken action to address this policy, I understand there is more work to be done to ensure families remain together going forward and to reunify those families who have already been separated.’” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 6/22/18]

Replacement Theory

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Poliquin Said Democrats Were Allowing Massive Amounts Of People To Cross The Southern Border With Mexico As A Way Of Growing Their Voting Base. POLIQUIN: “[10:32] At the same time the administration keeps the border with Mexico wide open so we have 170, 175,000 people per month illegally coming over the border with Mexico because they are from Central America, everything is free they get. And I believe, I hate to say this, the administration thinks they are possibly new voters. The Cubans who have lived through socialism for sixty years, they vote Republican. […] They vote Republican. And these other folks that are coming in, they want everything free, I think they think they are new voters. It is wrong. It is really scary.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 7/15/21] (AUDIO)

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May 2021: Poliquin Claimed Golden And Pingree Wanted To Grant Driver’s Licenses To Undocumented Immigrants “So They Can Vote Democrat.” “MAKE IT EASY TO VOTE BUT HARD TO CHEAT! On May 1, New Jersey became the 15th state to issue driver’s licenses to individuals who live in the United States illegally. That official government ID makes it easier for illegal immigrants to apply for a host of welfare benefits. It also
makes it easier for non-citizens to vote illegally. Maine’s two liberal U.S. Reps. Jared Golden and Chellie Pingree must be pleased. A couple months ago, they voted yes and helped pass the House’s top priority H.R. 1 legislation. […] Maine’s two extreme representatives apparently feel differently. They voted to take away our ability to secure voting within the Pine Tree State and hand it over to Washington power brokers, like Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California. I wonder why Golden and Pingree have remained silent while the surge of illegal aliens continues across our southwest border? Maybe it’s because they hope more states will start issuing them driver's licenses, so they can vote Democrat!


March 2021: Poliquin On “Uncontrolled Illegal Immigration”: Democrats “Believe More People Dependent On Government For ‘Free’ Healthcare, Housing And Cash Assistance Means More Democrat Voters.” “I have a simple question for President Biden and his far left supporters: when is enough illegal immigration enough?
We’re on pace for more than 1 million additional illegals during 2021. Is that enough, or should we welcome another 2 or 3 million illegals this year? Here’s something else to think about... It’s estimated that 2.6 million illegal immigrants today have Social Security numbers. That means they could receive stimulus checks from the $1.9 trillion ‘COVID relief’ bill passed by Democrats three weeks ago - up to $4.4 billion of your hard-earned tax dollars. Is that fair? It’s clear that Biden and the Democrats want unlimited illegal immigration. They have no plan to stop the surge of illegal entry. They believe more people dependent on government for ‘free’ healthcare, housing and cash assistance means more Democrat voters. We’ll see if they’re able to convince enough American citizens when we go to the polls next year.”[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 3/30/21]

August 2019: Poliquin Was Criticized For Amplifying Trump’s Racism By Warning Of An “Invasion” And Using Dehumanizing Language Against Immigrants After The El Paso Shooting; Poliquin Called The Accusations “Unfair And Untruthful”


- 8/4/19: In An Announcement That He Would Not Run In 2020, Poliquin Stated, “I’m Eager To Help The President Secure Our Borders And Stop The Invasion Of Illegals [Sic] Aliens.” “I’m itching to run again to right the rank voting scam which gave my win - our win - on Election Day to the candidate who came in second place. I’m eager to help the President secure our borders and stop the invasion of illegals aliens. I want to keep working to lower health care and prescription drug costs. I’m committed to helping our small businesses build the strongest Maine economy in fifty years.”
Kennebec Journal Editorial Board: Poliquin Used Dehumanizing Language Against Immigrants After The El Paso Shooting, Which “Makes Life Easier” For Members Of A “Terrorist Movement.” “Former Republican U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin chimed in with a social media post Sunday, after the motive for the El Paso shooting was known. Poliquin announced he would not run for his old seat, expressing disappointment that he would not be there to ‘stop the invasion of illegals (sic) aliens.’ The man likely to take his place on the ballot, former Republican state Sen. Eric Brakey, has tweeted about a socialist plot of ‘mass importation of new voters to transform our political culture.’ Just saying these things doesn’t make these politicians part of a terrorist movement, but it certainly makes life easier for those who are. Dehumanizing rhetoric – describing human beings as ‘pawns,’ or ‘illegals’ who don’t move unless there’s an ‘invasion’ or they’ve been ‘imported’
– reaches a much bigger audience when it is amplified by mainstream politicians.” [Kennebec Journal, Editorial Board, 8/6/19]


- **Poliquin Op-Ed: Poliquin Called The Editorial “Ridiculous” Because He “Couldn’t Care Less About The Color Of Someone’s Skin.”** “While Maine families were enjoying our glorious August weather, the Morning Sentinel published an unfair and untruthful editorial claiming public officials, including me, who believe immigration should be legal, support some international ‘White Genocide’ movement (‘Our View: Trump amplifies ‘white power’ message,’ Aug. 6). Speaking for myself, that’s ridiculous. To be clear, I support strong border enforcement and legal immigration. I oppose open borders and sanctuary cities/states for illegal entrants. This common-sense position is embraced by the majority of Maine and American families. I couldn’t care less about the color of someone’s skin, whether he or she wants to be part of America or not. I simply ask they follow our laws, including where and when to cross our borders and how to apply for citizenship and other protections.” [Kennebec Journal, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 10/7/19]

- **Poliquin Op-Ed: Poliquin On “Free Housing, Health Care, Food, And So On” For Undocumented Immigrants: “Our Elected Officials Have Their Priorities Backwards. They Should Take Care Of Maine Citizens First.”** “This summer, about 450 African migrants entered the country illegally across our border with Mexico and claimed asylum after being caught by the Border Patrol. Then, they asked to be sent to Portland because some Maine politicians are publicly welcoming anyone who enters illegally, rewarding them with free housing, health care, food, and so on. During a radio interview with Howie Carr this summer, Maine’s Chief Border Patrol Agent Jason Owens got it exactly right: ‘Word of mouth has spread that it’s a good place to live and they’re being treated well, so it’s attracting more people.’ Our elected officials have their priorities backwards. They should take care of Maine citizens first. It’s shameful when they move homeless veterans, disabled children, and at-risk seniors to the end of the line.” [Kennebec Journal, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 10/7/19]

September 2018: Poliquin Voted For A Resolution Stating That Allowing “Illegal Immigrants” To Vote Diminishes The Voting Power Of U.S. Citizens

Poliquin Voted For Considering Legislation To Fund The Department Of Defense And A Resolution Stating That Allowing “Illegal Immigrants” To Vote Diminishes The Voting Power Of U.S. Citizens. In September 2018, Poliquin voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1077) that would provide for House floor consideration of the conference report to accompany the Defense and Labor-HHS-Education and continuing appropriations package (HR 6157), providing for a resolution (H Res 1071) related to voting by ‘illegal immigrants,’ and providing for motions to suspend the rules.” The resolution was adopted 230-188. [H Res 1077, Vote #403, 9/26/18; CQ, 9/26/18]

Refugees

March 2020: Poliquin Supported The Remain In Mexico Policy Because “So Many Asylum Claims Are Illegitimate”

3/13/20: Poliquin Supported The Remain In Mexico Policy Because “So Many Asylum Claims Are Illegitimate.” “So many asylum claims are illegitimate. Glad to see SCOTUS allowing President Trump's migrant protection protocols to stay in effect for now. https://t.co/082VXinWXD?amp=1”
2015 – 2016: Poliquin Was A Vocal Opponent Of The Refugee Resettlement Program And Called To Stop Federal Funding Used to Admit Syrian Refugees To The U.S.

August 2016: Poliquin Said He Opposed “The Misguided Refugee Resettlement Program” Which “Bring[s] Tens Of Thousands Of Unknown Individuals Into The United States Without Proper Safeguards In Place.” “Poliquin added: ‘In Congress, I have repeatedly voted against the misguided refugee resettlement program which aims to bring tens of thousands of unknown individuals into the United States without proper safeguards in place. I am committed to ensuring that American families and communities are safe and that our national security is a priority for our federal government.’” [Portland Press Herald, 8/17/16]

January 2016: Poliquin Op-Ed: Poliquin Touted His Support For The Bill As A Way To “Stand Up For National Security” “Before Thanksgiving, I joined a bipartisan veto-proof House majority to freeze the Syrian and Iraqi refugee resettlement program until we’re able to confirm those 10,000 individuals pose no threat to Americans. It’s time for the Senate and president to act and stand up for national security. This is our country. We should control who comes here. Recently, I co-sponsored a bill that tightens visa travel to America for unknown foreigners. I was pleasantly surprised when the president followed its passage by Congress and signed the bill into law.” [Bangor Daily News, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 1/10/16]

November 2015: Poliquin Called To “Stop This Administration’s Dangerous Refugee Resettlement Program Until We Can Ensure, For Certain, That Exhaustive Measures Are In Place To Keep Our Families And Communities Safe.” “With the serious threats that America faces today, it is vital that we push to stop this administration’s dangerous refugee resettlement program until we can ensure, for certain, that exhaustive measures are in place to keep our families and communities safe,’ Poliquin said in a prepared statement after the vote.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/20/15]
November 2015: Poliquin: “The President’s Radical Refugee Resettlement Initiative Leaves America Significantly More Vulnerable To A Potential Attack On Our Home Soil.” “I’m also extremely concerned with the Administration’s unilateral decision to accept thousands of refugees in its resettlement programs, particularly in light of these horrific terrorist attacks. The President’s radical refugee resettlement initiative leaves America significantly more vulnerable to a potential attack on our home soil. This is especially concerning after learning the details of how a refugee, who arrived in Europe through resettlement, was among the terrorists who launched the appalling and cowardly attacks in Paris this past weekend.” [Maine Wire, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 11/17/15]

November 2015: Poliquin Op-Ed: Poliquin Demanded That Federal Funds Not Be Used To Admit Syrian Refugees Into The U.S. “That’s why I am joining with my colleagues in demanding that federal funds are not used to admit refugees from Syria into the United States until our national security agencies put in place effective processes to ensure that no suspected or potential terrorists are allowed to cross our borders.” [Maine Wire, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 11/17/15]

November 2015: Poliquin Wanted Stiffer Screenings For Syrian Refugees. “U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin went on ‘The Howie Carr Show’ on Monday to talk about the Syrian refugee situation and criticize President Barack Obama’s foreign policy. The Republican from Maine’s 2nd District has voted against continuing President Barack Obama’s plan of resettling 10,000 refugees from Syria, which is in the midst of a civil war complicated by the rise of the terrorist Islamic State. Pressure on Obama’s plan has ramped up after the terrorist attacks in Paris claimed by the Islamic State earlier this month. While, none of the attackers have been identified as refugees so far, but one of them had a passport (which may well have been fake) in the name of a man who entered Greece with refugees. Poliquin and many Republicans argue that until the Obama administration can ensure a stiffer screening process, the Syrian immigration program should be halted. However, others have said the screening process, which can take up to two years, is a high hurdle.” [Sun Journal, 11/25/15]

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Unaccompanied Child Migrants

2014: Poliquin Supported Deporting Unaccompanied Child Migrants To Central America

July 2014: Poliquin Supported Deporting Unaccompanied Child Migrants Back To Central America. “The Republican running for Maine’s 2nd Congressional District says migrant children pouring illegally over America’s southern border should be returned home, while the Democrat says the problem demands a broad legislative approach. … Poliquin wants the U.S. to return the children home, blaming the crisis on weak border enforcement by the administration of Democratic President Barack Obama.” [Portland Press Herald, 7/28/14]

• From October 2013 To June 2014, 58,000 Unaccompanied Minors From Central America Were Apprehended By U.S. Border Officials. “For months, the U.S. border with Mexico has seen a crush of unaccompanied minors and families from El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala entering the country illegally, often to flee their home countries because of violence or to join family already here. In the nine months from October to June’s end, nearly 58,000 unaccompanied minors were apprehended by U.S. border officials. Also,
55,000 families were apprehended in those six months, six times the total of the year before. By September’s end, the government says 90,000 unaccompanied children could be caught entering the U.S. compared with just 28,000 the year before.” [Portland Press Herald, 7/28/14]

- **Eight Of These Migrant Children Were Placed In Maine Between January 2014 To June 2014.** “This week, LePage’s office said that eight children from the border were placed in the state between January and June. Like many governors in non-border states, LePage, a Republican running for re-election against Democrat U.S. Rep. Mike Michaud and independent Eliot Cutler, was miffed that the federal government placed border children in the state without first notifying him.” [Portland Press Herald, 7/28/14]

### Muslim Ban

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**My statement on the White House’s executive travel order**

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> "As a Nation of immigrants, we must also always uphold our core American values of inclusion through legal and secure immigration processes. I am pleased to see there is a system in place to deal with case by case waivers so there is a process allowing those to enter who should pose no threat. I look forward to working with my Republican and Democratic colleagues in Congress and with the White House in putting the safety and security of America's homeland and Mainers at the forefront of national security."

January 2017: Poliquin “Did Not Reply To Specific Questions About Trump’s Executive Order” To Ban Refugees From Muslim-Majority Countries. “President Trump’s ban on refugees entering the United States drew sharp reactions Saturday from three members of Maine’s congressional delegation – and from a Portland specialist in immigration law, who called the move ‘cruel.’ […] Republican Rep. Bruce Poliquin, who represents the 2nd District, did not reply to specific questions about Trump’s executive order, but his spokesman, Brendan Conley, said Poliquin’s policy in Congress ‘has been to increase border security, end sanctuary cities and stop Syrian refugee admissions until national security agencies put in place effective processes to ensure that no suspected or potential terrorists are allowed to cross our borders.’” [Portland Press Herald, 1/28/17]

January 2017: Poliquin Said The Muslim Ban “Is An Executive Branch Issue And Not A Congressional Issue, My Voting Record On Keeping Our Families Safe Is Very Clear.” “A temporary U.S. ban on immigrants from seven Islamic countries continues to trigger protests and outrage at home and abroad against President Donald Trump. Republican U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin of Maine’s 2nd District says confusion over the president’s executive order will subside when people realize that the restrictions are not directed at any particular religion. ‘I don’t think there should be any litmus test on religion and certainly anybody that’s served in the military that’s trying to keep us safe, they shouldn’t have any problem when it comes to these travel issues,’ he says. ‘But they’ll work it out. This is an executive branch issue and not a congressional issue, my voting record on keeping our families safe is very clear.’” [Maine Public, 1/30/17]


- Portland Press Herald Editorial Board: Poliquin Gave “A General, Bland Statement That Provides Him Cover Whatever The Prevailing Conditions When He Has To Run For Office Again In Two Years.” “His policy in Congress has been to increase border security, end sanctuary cities and stop Syrian refugee admissions until national security agencies put in place effective processes to ensure that no suspected or potential terrorists are allowed to cross our borders,’ [Poliquin’s] spokesman said. […] Regardless of where one stands politically, the order arguably is damaging to the security of the United States and its standing in the world, and undoubtedly harmful to individuals here and in the affected countries. It deserves a response. Instead, Poliquin’s constituents, some of whom are directly affected by the order, got a general, bland statement that provides him cover whatever the prevailing conditions when he has to run for office again in two years, whether that’s for Congress or the Blaine House. By design, it leaves a lot of questions.” [Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 1/31/17]

- Portland Press Herald Editorial Board: Trump’s Presidency, Beginning With His “Immoral And Self-Defeating” Executive Order, Was “No Time For Fence-Sitting.” “The executive order on immigration is, in our view, immoral and self-defeating. It has disrupted lives and ruined hopes. It is a signal that our relationship with the world is changing, and that Trump plans on following through on his most reactionary campaign promises. What happens when he decides to address the ‘carnage’ in America’s cities? However one views the Trump administration, tremendous change is stirring. When that change infringes on valued rights, people who, like Poliquin, hold influence and power must tell us where they stand. It is no time for fence-sitting.” [Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 1/31/17]

February 2017: Portland Press Herald Editorial Board: Poliquin Responded To Muslim Ban “As If A Federal Government Action That Threatened To Break Up Families Was Of No Concern.” “Poliquin is not talking. If this sounds familiar, it should. When Trump issued what was found to be an illegal executive order banning travel from seven Muslim-majority nations, Poliquin had nothing to say. ‘The congressman will not be
voting on these executive orders,” explained spokesman Brendan Conley, as if a federal government action that threatened to break up families was of no concern to a member of Congress.” [Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 2/27/17]

**Northern Border Security**

June 2017: Poliquin Celebrated The House Passage Of A Bill To Hire CBP Agents Without Polygraph Tests For Streamlining The Hiring Of Northern Border CBP Agents

June 2017: Poliquin Celebrated The House Passage Of A Bill To Hire CBP Agents Without Polygraph Tests Under Certain Circumstances For Streamlining The Hiring Of Northern Border CBP Agents. “Today, Congressman Bruce Poliquin (ME-02), a member of the Congressional Norther Border Caucus, voted in favor of bipartisan legislation that will help Customs and Border Protection (CBP) more easily hire highly-qualified and thoroughly vetted customs officers and border patrol agents to fill essential positions to keep secure the 611-mile long Maine-Canada border. The Anti-Border Corruption Reauthorization Act (H.R. 2213) passed the House in a bipartisan 282-137 vote. This bill will allow CBP to waive pre-employment polygraphs in specific cases for candidates who have already been thoroughly vetted—such as those already possessing top security clearance—while maintaining stringent screening and background research processes.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 6/7/17]

August 2016: Poliquin Urged Balance Between Northern Border Security And The Everyday Needs Of Local Families And Businesses

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**Southern Border Security & Border Wall**

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October 2021: Poliquin Called For An End To Border “Shenanigans” And Claimed Detained Immigrants Were “Released Under A Biden Policy Where They Are Simply Asked To Report To Court At A Later Date.” “While Biden's team tried to claim they were using deportations to solve the illegal crossing bridge crisis, the truth is that the vast majority of these illegal immigrants were released under a Biden policy where they are simply asked to report to court at a later date. But we know from history that most illegal immigrants never show up for their court dates. […] And, while Biden pushes mandates on average Mainers and Americans, the Post stated Biden doesn't seem to be too concerned about illegal immigrant's impact. They noted: ‘while Biden's CDC moves to re-mask America, his administration is releasing tens of thousands of unvaccinated migrants across the country...’ It is time to stop the shenanigans. It is time for Members of Congress who will stand up for what is right and not look the other way. We must enforce our borders. We need border security to protect our nation. Only then can we can look at long term solutions which do not reward illegal activity.” Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 10/1/21

March – August 2021: Poliquin Claimed Democrats’ “Open Border Policy Caused The Uncontrolled Surge Of Migrants At Our Border” Who He Alleged Spread COVID-19
August 2021: Poliquin Campaign Website: “Our Nation Is Struggling To Control A New Delta Variant But We Have Illegals Testing Positive And Being Bused All Over Country.” “We have our borders being overrun by tens of thousands of illegal immigrants. It is almost as if the borders our troops fought for, the nation our Veterans fought to maintain, does not exist anymore. They are bringing COVID infections and illegal, deadly drugs across the border. Six months ago, Democrats opened our border with Mexico. Since then hundreds of thousands have crossed the border. We are on pace for millions of illegal immigrants this year along. Our nation is struggling to control a new Delta variant but we have illegals testing positive and being bused all over country. On top of this, Maine has set records for overdose deaths mostly from fentanyl which mostly comes across the southwest border! This doesn’t make sense.” [Poliquin for Congress, accessed 8/5/21]

4/1/21: Poliquin Op-Ed: Biden’s Border Policies “[Open] The Border To Migrants, Many Of Whom Are Coming Here Illegally And With Unknown Health Histories, Including COVID-19.” “During February alone, 100,000 individuals poured across the border. We’re on pace for the highest level of illegal entry in more than 20 years, and they’re still coming. President Biden and the Democrats worsened this public health and national security mess by stopping reconstruction of the border barriers and ending the deportation of immigrants waiting for asylum hearings — reversing highly effective security measures by the Trump Administration. It puts U.S. families at risk by opening the border to migrants, many of whom are coming here illegally and with unknown health histories, including COVID-19, and releasing them into the heartland. Forcing struggling taxpayers to foot the bill for healthcare, housing and education is just not fair. It’s also not fair to put up illegal entrants in hotel rooms when there are more than 550,000 homeless Americans, including veterans, living on the streets.” [Bangor Daily News, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 4/1/21]

4/8/21: Poliquin: “Another Record-Breaking 171,000 Illegal Crossings During March, With Many Testing Positive For COVID. Biden Admin Is Directly Responsible For The Chaos At Our Border.” “Another record-breaking 171,000 illegal crossings during March, with many testing positive for COVID. Biden admin is directly responsible for the chaos at our border, and they’re not serious about doing anything to stop it. Putting politics before safety. https://t.co/lznPNRa0oq?amp=1”
3/23/21: Poliquin Shared Project Veritas Content: “Our Border With Mexico Is Wide Open Because President Biden And His Radical Democrat Supporters Believe National Borders Are A Nuisance To Be Violated.” “That’s ridiculous and everybody knows it. Our border with Mexico is wide open because President Biden and his radical Democrat supporters believe national borders are a nuisance to be violated. That invitation draws desperate migrants to risk their lives during the treacherous 1,600-mile journey from Guatemala to the Texas Border, including inhumane treatment by smugglers. In eight short weeks, Biden created this growing national security, public health and humanitarian crisis. Sadly, all of this could have been avoided with a little common sense instead of political gamesmanship.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 3/23/21]

3/11/21: Poliquin Claimed Democrats’ “Open Border Policy Caused The Uncontrolled Surge Of Migrants At Our Border.” “Biden & Dems claim there’s no border crisis. Before the election, they foolishly announced they would not enforce immigration and border security laws if elected. Their reckless open border policy caused the uncontrolled surge of migrants at our border.”
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December 2020: Poliquin Claimed Biden’s Victory Encouraged Migrant Caravans

December 2020: Poliquin: “IS A LIKELY BIDEN PRESIDENCY ENCOURAGING THE RESTART OF MIGRANT CARAVANS?” “IS A LIKELY BIDEN PRESIDENCY ENCOURAGING THE RESTART OF MIGRANT CARAVANS? For the first time since 2018, approximately 2,000 Honduran migrants are organizing in two separate caravans planning to head north toward the U.S. border with Mexico. One is expected to leave momentarily and the other during mid-January. The human caravans must pass through Guatemala and then continue north through Mexico to reach the California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas borders. The Trump Administration successfully stopped most illegal immigration across our southwest border by, in part, requiring asylum seekers to remain in Mexico while their applications were being considered. Previous administrations allowed illegal entrants to disperse throughout our country while awaiting their immigration hearings, many of whom never showed up. Presumptive President-elect Joe Biden and his supporters have committed to end the deportation of illegal aliens, support sanctuary cities, and provide taxpayer funded health care to noncitizens.”

March 2020: Poliquin Claimed Coronavirus Would Spread In The U.S. Because Democrats Refused To “Help President Trump And Republicans Protect The Border”

3/3/20: Poliquin: “Democrats’ Refusal To Help President Trump And Republicans Protect The Border Increases The Risk Of Unidentified And Untreated Coronavirus Carriers Spreading The Disease Throughout The U.S.” “NOW WILL DEMOCRATS HELP PRESIDENT TRUMP AND REPUBLICANS SECURE OUR SOUTHWEST BORDER? The first coronavirus infections in Mexico were reported last Friday. […] Now, with the coronavirus having reached Mexico, I wonder: Will the Trump-haters in Washington will change their minds, do what’s right and help secure our southwest border? It’s impossible to check if someone’s
infected if he/she enters illegally between ports of entry and then disappears in our population. Democrats’ refusal to help President Trump and Republicans protect the border increases the risk of unidentified and untreated coronavirus carriers spreading the disease throughout the U.S.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 3/3/20]

**December 2020: Poliquin Claimed Trump “Successfully Stopped Most Illegal Immigration,” But Claimed The Border Was In Crisis In 2019**

12/11/20: Poliquin Claimed Trump “Successfully Stopped Most Illegal Immigration” While Biden Fostered The Creation Of Migrant Caravans. “Migrant caravans forming again under prospect of Biden presidency. Trump admin successfully stopped most illegal immigration during his tenure. Open borders, ending deportations and supporting sanctuary cities won't keep our families safe!”

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[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 12/11/20]

**April 2019: Poliquin: “ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IS A MESS And It Is A CRISIS.” “TODAY I was in Bangor at the WVOM FM Voice of Maine radio studio with George Hale and Ric Tyler. My message: ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IS A MESS and it is a CRISIS. People are rushing the border to get in our country, many illegally. 100,000 in one month, more than 3x the size of Bangor. Again, it is a crisis. We need to end chain migration. We need to control our border. Want to listen? https://www.wvomfm.com/episode/ghrt-rewind-04-09-poliquin-immigration-non-citizen-vote-1400/”**

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[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 4/9/19]

**2018: Poliquin Voted To Authorize Billions In Funding For Trump’s Border Wall, Which Risked $200 Million For Vital Improvement Projects At Maine’s Portsmouth Naval Shipyard And A Government Shutdown**
Poliquin Voted For Funding The Government Through Feb. 2019 And Authorizing $5.7 Billion For Construction Of A Border Wall On The U.S.-Mexico Border. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill, with a further House amendment. The bill is the legislative vehicle for a short-term continuing resolution that would fund the government through Feb. 8, 2019. It would also authorize $5.7 billion for construction of a border wall on the U.S.-Mexico border, as well as an estimated $7.8 billion in emergency disaster relief funding.” The bill passed by a vote of 217 – 185. [H.R. 695, Vote #472, 12/20/18; CQ Floor Votes, 12/20/18]

- Headline: CNBC: House Passes Spending Bill With Border Wall Money — Setting Up Shutdown Stalemate With Senate. [CNBC, 12/20/18]

- Eight Republicans Joined All 177 Voting Democrats To Oppose The Measure. “The House of Representatives Thursday approved a bill that would fund most of the federal government through early February -- and provides $5.7 billion for President Trump's long-promised border wall, increasing the chances of a partial government shutdown later this week. Eight Republicans joined all 177 voting Democrats to oppose the measure, which passed 217-185. The bill now goes to the Senate, where it is certain to fall short of the 60 votes needed for passage since the chamber's 49 Democrats are against funding the wall.” [Fox News, 12/20/18]

- Voting Yes On Wall Funding, Which Was “Certain To Fall Short” Of Senate Passage, Made It More Likely That A Partial Government Shutdown Would Occur. “The bill now goes to the Senate, where it is certain to fall short of the 60 votes needed for passage since the chamber's 49 Democrats are against funding the wall. That, in turn, makes it more likely that parts of the federal government, including nine of 15 Cabinet-level departments and dozens of agencies, will cease operations at midnight Friday.” [Fox News, 12/20/18]

Poliquin Called Trump’s Border Wall “The Greatest Christmas Gift For America.” “In his last days in the U.S. House, U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin has been pressing to help President Donald Trump get the wall he wants along the country’s border with Mexico. ‘The greatest Christmas gift for America is securing our borders,’ the two-term, lame duck lawmaker said. He insisted that drugs coming across the border are hurting rural Maine, though experts have said most of the opioids that have been the focus of attention are coming from China. ‘We have one heck of a problem on our southwest border with Mexico: in California, New Mexico, and Arizona,’ Poliquin said. ‘We have a very dangerous and very unhealthy situation just on the other side of the fence, in particular now, with Mexico.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 12/21/18]

- Poliquin: “My Heart Goes Out To These Folks Who Have Made Their Way From Central America […] Wanting To Come In Here. But We Don’t Know Who They Are.” “It is the responsibility of the United States House of Representatives, this body, and also the United States Senate, to protect our families,” Poliquin said. ‘There is nothing more important as dictated by the United States Constitution, than to protect our families.’ Poliquin said he doesn't know ‘why it is so hard to make a distinction between what is legal and what is illegal entry.’ ‘I come from Maine. We have a 600-mile border with Canada. They are great neighbors,’ he said, ‘but I feel for the people down in the southwest part of our country.’ Poliquin said it is ‘common sense to secure our borders, know who is entering our country. I will tell you, my heart goes out to these folks who have made their way from Central America to the other side of the border fence with Texas, in Mexico, wanting to come in here. But we don't know who they are.”’ [Lewiston Sun Journal, 12/21/18]

December 2018: Poliquin Urged Trump And House Republicans Not To “Negotiate For Peanuts” Amid Looming Shutdown Over Trump’s Border Wall Proposal. “Trump said on Twitter on Friday that a shutdown could last ‘for a very long time’ if Congress doesn’t cough up the cash for the wall he has promised since he began running for president, though in those days he always said Mexico would pay for it. […] Poliquin, defeated in last month’s election by Democrat Jared Golden, warned Trump that he must act now. ‘It is not too late, but it is getting too late,’ Poliquin said. ‘After the Democrats take control of this body’ on Jan. 3, Poliquin warned, ‘they have told us what they will bring or try to bring to the president's desk. It will not be what the president wants. It will not be what America wants. It will be some form of open border, sanctuary cities, and amnesty.’ Poliquin said this is the last chance to push through ‘a real strong border security and immigration bill.’ He cautioned Trump and the GOP not to settle for less. ‘Why would we want to negotiate for peanuts when we can get the whole ball of wax?’ Poliquin said. Poliquin asked the president to push for a measure that failed earlier in the session that called for $25 billion for border security measures, including a wall.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 12/21/18]

December 2018: Poliquin Asked Trump To Push For A $25 Billion Border Security Package That Included Funding For A Border Wall And Measures To Make The Asylum Process More Difficult. “Poliquin asked the president to push for a measure that failed earlier in the session that called for $25 billion for border security measures, including a wall. It also sought to end visa lotteries for would-be Americans, rein in so-called ‘chain migration’ that gives family members of Americans greater priority for visas and ‘reforms the asylum process’ to make it more difficult for refugees claiming asylum. ‘We have the votes to do this,’ Poliquin said, and Republicans ought to pursue it.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 12/21/18]

March 2019: The Department Of Defense Put $200 Million For Improvement Projects At Maine’s Portsmouth Naval Shipyard On The Chopping Block To Fund Trump’s Border Wall

February 2019: Trump Declared A National Emergency At The Southern Border, Which Allowed Him To Allocate $3.6 Billion From Military Construction Projects To Construct A Border Wall. “Trump declared a national emergency at the Mexican boundary last month after Congress limited him to just under $1.4 billion to build border barriers. That could allow him to siphon $3.6 billion from military construction projects to fulfill his 2016 campaign promise for a border wall. The 21-page Defense Department list released Monday targets projects around the world.” [Concord Monitor, 3/19/19]

March 2019: The Department Of Defense Released A List Of Projects That Could Be Cut To Fund Trump’s Border Wall, Including $200 Million For Projects To Improve Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. “The Defense Department’s list of projects that could be cut to fund President Donald Trump’s wall at the southern border includes more than $200 million of projects that are aimed at making Portsmouth Naval Shipyard more efficient in refueling and overhauling nuclear-powered submarines. Projects that could be slashed include $110 million for dry dock improvements; $62 million for a paint, blast and rubber facility; and $40 million for an extended crane rail.” [Concord Monitor, 3/19/19]

- **The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Was Located In The Piscataqua River Between Maine And New Hampshire.** “The shipyard, which opened in 1800, is located on Seavey Island in the Piscataqua River, which separates Maine and New Hampshire.” [Concord Monitor, 3/19/19]

$110 Million For A Dry Dock, Which Would Allow The Shipyard To Accept Newer Submarines After Old Models Were Scheduled To Be Phased Out, Was On The Chopping Block For Trump’s Border Wall. “Critical work on Dry Dock 1 at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard could be on the chopping block along with several other projects at the yard in order to pay for President Donald Trump’s border wall, according to a new list compiled by the Department of Defense. Funding could be slashed for the $110 million superflood basin for Dry Dock 1; a $62 million paint, blast and rubber facility; $42 million for an extended portal crane rail; and a $12 million warehouse. According to the DOD list, some $6.8 billion in projects already approved by Congress in fiscal year 2019 alone are also in jeopardy. […] The upgrades to Dry Dock 1 are crucial in order for the shipyard to meet future demands, shipyard commander Capt. David Hunt told the Herald in a 2018 interview. The work will allow the dry dock to accept the newer Virginia Class submarines. Currently, it can only accept the older Los Angeles
Class subs, which will be phased out by 2029. Design work for the superflood basin is underway, preparing for the $109 million basin project.” [Seacoast Online, 3/18/19]

- Chair Of The Seacoast Shipyard Association JJ Joyal Said Funding For A Dry Dock At Portsmouth Naval Shipyard “Will Enable The Shipyard To Continue For The Next 100 Years.” “Critical work on Dry Dock 1 at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard could be on the chopping block along with several other projects at the yard in order to pay for President Donald Trump’s border wall, according to a new list compiled by the Department of Defense. […]This most recent list of the DOD now puts that superflood basin in question. And that is ‘unfortunate,’ said JJ Joyal, a retired longtime shipyard worker and now chair of the Seacoast Shipyard Association. ‘That dry dock is critical. It will enable the shipyard to continue for the next 100 years,’ he said. ‘And this money has already been allocated by the US Congress. They’re moving full steam ahead with the construction on that dry dock. To derail something like this is tinkering with national security.”’ [Seacoast Online, 3/18/19]

September 2019: Sen. Collins Announced Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Would Not Be Affected By Border Wall Funding

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- The Department Of Defense “Put 127 Military Construction Projects On Hold” To Provide $3.6 Billion In Funding For The Border Wall. “Defense Department officials said on Tuesday that 127 military construction projects were being put on hold in order to use the $3.6 billion to fund building 175 miles of southern border wall.” [WMTW, 9/5/19]

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November 2019: Poliquin Said It Was “Shameful” That Democrats Refused To Include Border Wall Funding In Stopgap Measure To Keep The Government Open. “In passing stop-gap funding to keep the federal government open through December 20, open border Democrats, again, refused to include money to secure our border with Mexico. It’s shameful they continue to refuse to work with President Trump and Republicans to control who is entering our country. During the 12 months ending September 30, Homeland Security apprehended 851,000 individuals who crossed our southwest border illegally, including several hundred who arrived in Portland earlier this year. https://www.wsj.com/articles/senate-approves-spending-bill-to-avoid-government-shutdown-11574359183”
Pathway To Citizenship

2016: Poliquin Opposed A Pathway To Citizenship For Any Undocumented People

2016: Poliquin Campaign Website: “Those Here Illegally Should Not Be Given Unfair Advantage Above Those Who Are Following The Legal Path To Citizenship.” “I do not support amnesty for the 11 million illegal immigrants living in America. The 1986 Immigration and Control Act proved that amnesty for 3 million illegal immigrants encourages further such violation of the law. Those here illegally should not be given unfair advantage above those who are following the legal path to citizenship.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/29/16]

2018: Poliquin’s Campaign Website Stated He “Opposes Amnesty For Adults Who Illegally Crossed America’s Border.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/5/18]

Birthright Citizenship

October 2018: Poliquin Declined To Condemn Trump’s Potential Executive Order Revoking Birthright Citizenship For Children Born To Undocumented Parents In The U.S.

October 2018: Poliquin “Declined To Comment” On Trump’s Potential Executive Order Revoking Birthright Citizenship For Children Born To Undocumented Parents In The U.S.: “I Didn’t See That.” “Both of Maine’s U.S. senators said Tuesday that they strongly oppose President Trump’s plan to issue an executive order revoking birthright citizenship for the children of noncitizens and unauthorized immigrants born in the U.S. […] Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-2nd District, also was at Tuesday's event at the shoe factory and initially said he was not aware of the issue and declined to comment. ‘I didn't see that,’ Poliquin said. ‘I'm focused on the 900 jobs here at New Balance. For me, it's all about jobs in Maine, keeping our families safe and making sure we have opportunities. We are here to celebrate this win at New Balance.’” [Kennebec Journal, 10/30/18]
Later That Day, A Poliquin Spokesperson Said Of The Executive Order “We Must Be Strong On Border Security” And Added “Any Executive Order Or Law Must Pass Constitutional Muster.” “Later in the afternoon, a spokesman for Poliquin issued a statement from the congressman that still did not take a position on the president's executive order, but rather said, ‘We must be strong on border security, we must make sure those who enter our country do so legally, and we must know who is here in our country.’ He added, ‘Certainly any executive order or law must pass Constitutional muster.’” [Kennebec Journal, 10/30/18]

**Sanctuary Cities**

**December 2018: Poliquin Claimed Democrats Would Institute “Some Form Of Open Border, Sanctuary Cities And Amnesty”**

12/21/18: Poliquin Claimed Democrats Would Institute “Some Form Of Open Border, Sanctuary Cities And Amnesty” In The House Majority. “Poliquin, who was defeated in last month's election by Democrat Jared Golden, warned Trump that he must act now. ‘It is not too late, but it is getting too late,’ Poliquin said. ‘After the Democrats take control of this body’ on Jan. 3, Poliquin warned members of the House this week, ‘they have told us what they will bring or try to bring to the president’s desk. It will not be what the president wants. It will not be what America wants. It will be some form of open border, sanctuary cities and amnesty.’” [Portland Press Herald, 12/21/18]

**September 2018: Poliquin: “No Elected Official Or Candidate With America’s Best Interest In Mind Should Ever Support Sanctuary Cities”**

September 2018: Poliquin: “No Elected Official Or Candidate With America’s Best Interest In Mind Should Ever Support Sanctuary Cities.” “Bruce is continuing to stay focused on solving problems, despite all the noise and distractions of DC. We must solve our Border Security & Immigration issue. No policy or law is going to be perfect, but that doesn't mean we don't move forward and solve the portions we can agree upon. Most Mainers would agree that there can be no Amnesty for people purposely breaking the law. Also, we should never encourage people or cities to break our laws, meaning no elected official or candidate with America's best interest in mind should ever support sanctuary cities. Please Share.”
June 2017: Poliquin Voted For A Bill To Ban Sanctuary Cities, Which The National Fraternal Order Of The Police And The ACLU Opposed

Poliquin Voted For A Bill To Ban Sanctuary Cities. In June 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit federal, state and local governments from restricting any federal, state, or local government entity or official from complying with immigration laws or from assisting federal law enforcement entities or officials in their enforcement of such laws. The bill would allow the Homeland Security Department to issue detainers for arrests of individuals in violation of "any criminal or motor vehicle law" in cases where there is probable cause to believe such individual is an "inadmissible or deportable alien," and would revoke eligibility for certain federal law enforcement grants for states and cities found not to be in compliance with the bill’s provisions.” The bill passed 228-195. [HR 3003, Vote #342, 6/29/17; CQ, 6/29/17]

- **New York Times:** The No Sanctuary For Criminals Act “Broadens The Pool Of Money That Cities Could Lose For Not Cooperating With Federal Immigration Officials.” “One of the House bills, known as the No Sanctuary for Criminals Act, potentially broadens the pool of money that cities could lose for not cooperating with federal immigration officials. It also seeks to indemnify local law enforcement officials who detain immigrants on behalf of the federal authorities from lawsuits, making the federal government the defendant in such cases. The bill passed 228 to 195.” [New York Times, 6/29/17]

- **The National Fraternal Order Of Police Opposed The No Sanctuary For Criminals Act.** “Some law enforcement officials have also expressed concerns with the legislation. The National Fraternal Order of Police came out against the sanctuary cities bill this week. In a letter to House leadership, the group’s national president, Chuck Canterbury, said, ‘Law enforcement officers do not get to pick and choose which laws to enforce, and must carry out lawful orders at the direction of their commanders and the civilian government that employs them.’” [New York Times, 6/29/17]

- **ACLU:** HR 3003 Would Violate 4th Amendment Protections Against Detention Without Due Process Or Probable Cause. “And the American Civil Liberties Union said the sanctuary cities bill violates the Fourth
Amendment by requiring local law enforcement to hold people without due process or probable cause when requested by immigration agents.” [New York Times, 6/29/17]

**Temporary Guest Worker Visa**

*2018: Poliquin Said He Was “Committed To Help Fix The Temporary Guest Worker Visa Program” To Help Maine Industries With Seasonal Employees*

January 2018: Poliquin Op-Ed: Poliquin Said He Was “Committed To Help Fix The Temporary Guest Worker Visa Program” To Help Maine Industries With Seasonal Employees. “Fifth, we should fix the problems with our temporary guest worker visa program. The largest industry in Maine is tourism which has an economic impact to our state of nearly $9 billion annually. It directly employs 106,000 workers at restaurants, hotels, car rental businesses, amusement parks, and the like. Many such small seasonal businesses, especially in coastal Hancock County, have been forced to close early or reduce hours of operation because they lack workers. This threatens the success of those businesses and the local economies. To solve this problem, I’m committed to help fix the temporary guest worker visa program to ensure that these businesses can hire the temporary staff they need while also protecting American jobs.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 1/16/18]

*July 2017: Poliquin Applauded The Increased H2-B Visa Cap, Which Allowed For More Temporary Guest Worker Visas*

July 2017: Poliquin Applauded The Increased H2-B Visa Cap, Which Allowed For More Temporary Guest Worker Visas. “Today, Congressman Bruce Poliquin (ME-02) applauded the announcement by the U.S. Departments of Homeland Security (DHS) and Labor (DOL) to issue up to 15,000 additional temporary workers under the H-2B program, a big win for Maine’s economy, which is largely made up of local tourism businesses that need to fill temporary jobs for the massive upcoming August tourism season. The need is greater this year as Maine is experiencing the lowest level of unemployment since World War II.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 7/17/17]

**Diversity Visa**

*2018: Poliquin Supported Ending The Diversity Visa*

2018: Poliquin Said America Needed To End The Visa Lottery And That Immigrants Should Be Allowed Into The Country “Based On Their Merit, Skills, And Ability To Care For Themselves.” POLIQUIN: “[20:00] We need to end the visa lottery. We need to make sure folks come into our country based on their merit, skills and ability to care for themselves and we need to be secure on the borders. When it comes to seasonal workers, to help our businesses along the coast, and our agricultural workers in central Maine and mostly in Aroostok County, I'm all for it. We have been working hard to make sure we can have seasonal workers here, temporary workers that don't take away from American jobs.” [C-SPAN, 2018 ME-02 General Election Debate, 10/16/18] (VIDEO)

January 2018: Poliquin Op-Ed: “We Must Protect Maine Families By Insisting On Ending The Random Visa Lottery Where Anyone Can Win And Enter Our Country Without Merit.” “Third, we must protect Maine families by insisting on ending the random visa lottery where anyone can win and enter our country without merit. Last fall, a terrorist, who entered our Homeland through this meritless system, rented a truck and maliciously ran down joggers and bicyclists in New York City. Eight innocent people were killed and another dozen were wounded because of the immigration lottery.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 1/16/18]

*2018: Poliquin’s Campaign Website Stated He “Supports Ending The Visa Lottery.”* [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/5/18]
Family-Based Immigration

Poliquin Supported Ending Family-Based Immigration

January 2018: Poliquin Op-Ed: “We Must End Chain Migration, Where One Immigrant Can Pull In Dozens Of Distant Relatives, Regardless Of Their Abilities To Support Themselves.” “Fourth, we must end chain migration, where one immigrant can pull in dozens of distant relatives, regardless of their abilities to support themselves, and then take federal resources away from our most vulnerable and needy Americans. Instead, we should switch to a merit based system like our neighbor Canada uses.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 1/16/18]

Kate’s Law

January 2018: Poliquin Pledged To Push For Kate’s Law In Any Immigration Package

January 2018: Poliquin Op-Ed: Poliquin Pledged To Push For Kate’s Law In Any Immigration Package. “In addition, I will be pushing for ‘Kate’s Law’ to be part of any deal. In 2015, a 32-year-old Californian named Kate Steinle was murdered in San Francisco by an illegal immigrant that had seven felony convictions, and after having been picked up for drug charges, was released by the San Francisco Sheriff’s Department because of its sanctuary city status. Kate’s Law would ensure that illegal immigrants convicted of U.S. crimes are kept behind bars, not released to harm and kill Americans. Last year, the U.S. House passed bipartisan bills to defund sanctuary cities and enact Kate’s Law. I hope the Senate will support these common sense public safety measures.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 1/16/18]

• Poliquin Op-Ed: “Kate’s Law Would Ensure That Illegal Immigrants Convicted Of U.S. Crimes Are Kept Behind Bars, Not Released To Harm And Kill Americans.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 1/16/18]

October 2018: Poliquin Touted His Vote For Kate’s Law: “I Supported Kate’s Law, Ending Sanctuary Cities, And Providing Additional Resources To Keep Our Schools Safe.” “Please Share: I’m proud of my record working with law enforcement to keep our communities and our kids safe. I supported Kate’s Law, ending sanctuary cities, and providing additional resources to keep our schools safe. In contrast, Jared Golden took the radical position of voting to not allow our local Maine police to communicate with US Immigration officers, the officers charged with keeping our country safe and protecting our borders.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 10/22/18]
Poliquin Voted For Kate’s Law, Which Civil Rights Groups Opposed And Described As “Shortsighted And Ill-Conceived”

Poliquin Voted For “Kate’s Law” – A Bill To “Establish Specific Possible Fines And Prison Sentences For Undocumented Immigrants Convicted Of Certain Criminal Offenses.” In June 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would establish specific possible fines and prison sentences for undocumented immigrants convicted of certain criminal offenses and who illegally return to the United States despite having been previously deported or otherwise excluded from the country. The bill would establish maximum sentences for such individuals with varying criminal histories, including a 10-year maximum sentence for illegal immigrants who reattempt to enter the country after three or more deportations, even if such individuals have not been convicted of any other crimes.” The bill Passed by a vote of 257-167. [H R 3004, Vote #344, 6/29/17; CQ, 6/29/17]

• Washington Post: “Kate’s Law” “Would Enhance Penalties For Convicted And Deported Criminals Who Reenter The United States Illegally.” “On Thursday, just two days before the second-year anniversary of Steinle’s shooting, the House of Representatives passed a bill known as “Kate’s Law,” which would enhance penalties for convicted and deported criminals who reenter the United States illegally. It was first introduced in 2015, but it failed to advance in the Senate.” [Washington Post, 6/29/17]

• Washington Post: “Civil Rights Groups… Strongly Opposed Kate’s Law,” Described It As “Shortsighted And Ill-Conceived.” “Civil rights groups, including the American Civil Liberties Union, have strongly opposed Kate’s Law, calling it a ‘shortsighted and ill-conceived response’” to the young woman’s slaying. They argue that it is blanket legislation that would penalize even those who come to the United States to escape persecution. Opponents also say that the bill perpetuates the false notion that undocumented immigrants are inherently criminals.” [Washington Post, 6/29/17]

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June 2018: Poliquin Warned That “Numerous Democrat Candidates Are Advocating That America’s Immigration & Customs Enforcement Agency Be Abolished.” “Please Share: Numerous Democrat candidates are advocating that America’s Immigration & Customs Enforcement Agency be abolished. Our U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) enforces federal laws governing border control, customs, trade and immigration to promote homeland security and public safety. We are a nation of immigrants, including my own Franco-American heritage, simultaneously, we are a nation of compassion and laws. This notion of weakening our borders doesn't make us more safe, just the opposite, it would only serve to make America weaker and less compassionate.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 6/29/18]
April 2021: Poliquin Claimed That The Biden Administration Granted “Free Healthcare For Illegal Immigrants While Many American Families Can’t Afford Their Own Health Insurance”

April 2021: Poliquin Claimed That The Biden Administration Granted “Free Healthcare For Illegal Immigrants While Many American Families Can’t Afford Their Own Health Insurance.” “UNFAIRNESS OF DEMOCRAT BORDER CRISIS As compassionate and law-abiding Americans, did you sign up for this Democrat border nightmare? *President Joe Biden and his liberal supporters giving incentives for Central American parents to separate from their young children, sending them unaccompanied on the dangerous 1,600-mile journey to our border with Mexico and putting them at the mercy of sex traffickers and drug lords. *Another record-breaking 171,000 illegal crossings during March with 10% of the entrants testing positive for COVID-19. *4,000 illegal minors packed like sardines into the Donna, Texas detention facility designed to hold a few hundred. *$350 per night hotel rooms for illegal migrants sent on their way into the American heartland while 550,000 homeless citizens, including Veterans, sleep on our streets. *Full-time in-person teaching for illegal minors while tens of millions of our own children are shut out of their closed government schools. *Free healthcare for illegal immigrants while many American families can’t afford their own health insurance.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 4/8/21]

January 2020: Poliquin Wrote An Op-Ed Opposing Social Services For Immigrants

January 2020: Poliquin Op-Ed: “I Don’t Think It’s Fair To Prioritize Non-Citizens Over Mainers With Our Limited Public Assistance Dollars.” “In that positive spirit of helping the less fortunate, I’d like to offer two suggestions to our public officials here in Maine: prioritize Mainers over non-citizens, and require work from able-bodied adult welfare recipients. […] I don’t think it’s fair to prioritize non-citizens over Mainers with our limited public assistance dollars. Veterans who fought for our freedoms are living on the street. Seniors with disabilities aren’t receiving adequate care because nursing homes are underfunded or have closed.” [Bangor Daily News, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 1/28/20]
Infrastructure & Transportation Issues

**Significant Findings**

- In May 2021, Poliquin called the American Jobs Act, Biden’s proposed $2.3 trillion infrastructure package, “a $2+ trillion Green New Deal spending boondoggle.”

- In April 2017, Poliquin declined to comment on Trump’s proposed elimination of the Essential Air Service, which funded four airports in Maine; Poliquin later voted against decreasing its funding in September 2017.

- In February 2017, Poliquin introduced a bill to ease deed restrictions on Old Town Municipal Airport, which became law in March 2018; Poliquin said the law would create jobs in Old Town.

- In January 2020, Poliquin criticized Gov. Mills’ gas tax for funding electrical vehicle charging stations and public buses, instead of road and bridge repairs, for benefiting “special interests.”

**Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework**

**July 2021: Poliquin Claimed That “Only About A Third” Of The Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework “Deals With True Infrastructure”**

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**American Jobs Act**

**May 2021: Poliquin Called The American Jobs Act “A $2+ Trillion Green New Deal Spending Boondoggle”**

5/7/21: Poliquin Called Infrastructure Deal “A $2+ Trillion Green New Deal Spending Boondoggle.” “If you put lipstick on a pig, it's still a pig. Biden and his allies are pitching a $2+ trillion Green New Deal spending boondoggle claiming it’s an infrastructure package. It’s not. It's all borrowed money and very little of it would actually be used to fix real infrastructure.”

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**5/6/21: Biden Said He Was “Ready To Compromise” To Pass $2.3 Trillion Infrastructure-Focused American Jobs Act.** “Standing before an aging bridge in Lake Charles, Louisiana, Thursday afternoon, President Joe Biden once again said he’s ready to work across the aisle with Republicans to pass his $2.3 trillion infrastructure-focused American Jobs Plan. ‘I’m willing to hear ideas from both sides,’ Biden said. ‘I’m ready to compromise. What I’m not ready to do, I’m not ready to do nothing. I’m not ready to have another period where America has another infrastructure month and doesn’t change a damn thing.’” [ABC News, 5/6/21]

**McConnell: The Biden Administration “Will Probably Think Of [Pushing For A Separate $2.3 Trillion Infrastructure Bill] As Plan B” If They Are Unable To Pass A $4.1 Trillion Reconciliation Package.** “I think the administration will probably think of this as plan B,” McConnell said, adding that he thinks Democrats will consider the proposal only if their attempts at using reconciliation to pass the larger package fail. ‘I’m hoping that if the Democrats are unable to pass this new $4.1 trillion dollar bill they’ll sit down with us and talk about passing an infrastructure bill,’ he said. ‘If they aren’t able to get everybody behind this massive proposal than I think we’ve got a real chance to do something important on a bipartisan basis.’” [ABC News, 5/6/21]

**Air Travel**

**2017: Poliquin Declined To Comment On Trump’s Proposal To Eliminate The Essential Air Service Program, Which Funded Four Maine Airports, Then Voted Against Decreasing Its Funding**

The Essential Air Service Program Subsidized Air Travel In Remote Areas And Was “Essential To Four Airports In Maine.” “Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Maine’s 2nd District Congressman, declined to comment on the Trump Administration's proposal to eliminate the Essential Air Service program, which subsidizes air service in smaller communities such as Presque Isle. […] The EAS program is essential to four airports in Maine, including the Northern Maine Regional Airport in Presque Isle. Of the annual $200 million spent on EAS, roughly $5 million goes to Pen Air’s daily Presque Isle-Boston route. For County-based business owners who rely on regular air travel, the next closest airports are more than two hours away in Bangor and Fredericton, New Brunswick.” [The County, 4/18/17]


**Poliquin Declined To Comment On Trump’s Proposal To Eliminate The EAS Program.** “Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Maine's 2nd District Congressman, declined to comment on the Trump Administration's proposal to eliminate the Essential Air Service program, which subsidizes air service in smaller communities such as Presque Isle. Poliquin, who made an appearance in Caribou on April 15 to endorse the grand opening of a homeless veterans shelter, instead shifted the focus to matters pertaining to veterans in need. ‘I want to talk just about this issue (veterans' shelter, veteran health care, and the ARCH program) so I'm really not going to be discussing anything else,’ Poliquin said on Saturday.” [The County, 4/18/17]

**Poliquin “Did Not Take A Stance” On EAS And Said Congress Was Focused On “Fixing This Health Insurance Problem” And “Moving Into A Tax Reform Package.”** “Poliquin did not take a stance either for or against the potential elimination of EAS, saying that Congress is currently addressing a number of other issues, and won’t be concentrating on the budget until they’ve focused on ‘fixing this health insurance problem’ and ‘moving into a tax reform package.’ The Congressman said ‘thank you’ and walked away rather than providing specific comments regarding the EAS program.” [The County, 4/18/17]
September 2017: Poliquin Voted Against Decreasing Funding To The Essential Air Service Program In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “McClintock, R-Calif., amendment that would decrease funding to the Essential Air Service program by $150 million and would transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 140-280. [H R 3354, Vote #447, 9/6/17; CQ, 9/6/17]

June 2015: Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Eliminating Discretionary Funding For The Essential Air Service Program

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Eliminating Discretionary Funding For The Essential Air Service Program. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would eliminate discretionary funding for the Essential Air Service (EAS) program and increase the spending reduction account by $155 million, the amount that the underlying bill would provide in discretionary funding for the EAS program. The amendment, failed 166 to 255. [HR 2577, Amendment #8, Vote #298, 6/4/15; CQ, 6/4/15]

February 2017: Poliquin Introduced A Bill To Ease Deed Restrictions On Old Town Municipal Airport

February 2017: Poliquin Introduced A Bill To Ease Deed Restrictions On Old Town Municipal Airport That Prevented Development Of Its Land For Anything Besides An Airport. “New business could be touching down soon at Old Town Municipal Airport. But to make that happen, community leaders are asking Republican 2nd District Rep. Bruce Poliquin to strip off some deed restrictions from 15 acres of former federal property that was acquired by the facility 30 years ago. Poliquin says he plans on submitting legislation immediately to assist the airport. ‘There is restriction on the deed that's held by the United States Forest Service that prevents this land from being used for anything but an airport, so we got involved very aggressively,’ Poliquin said. ‘Government's job is to help our families live better lives and more jobs and more opportunity and more freedom - not get in the way, but to help.’” [Maine Public, 2/6/17]

March 2018: Poliquin's Bill Was Signed Into Law, Allowing The Land To Be Used For Economic Development Projects. “President Donald Trump on Monday signed a bill sponsored by Republican U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin that allows the city of Old Town to develop land near its airport for economic development projects. Poliquin, who represents Maine's 2nd District, has been working with Old Town officials to make the change since at least 2017, when he introduced the bill. The new law overturns a 1980s-era deed restriction on the property that says the land can only be used for airport purposes. It will allow the town to make the land available for the development of new businesses.” [Bangor Daily News, 3/28/18]

- Poliquin: “This New Law Means More Jobs And More Economic Growth For Our Communities In Maine.” “Congressman Bruce Poliquin’s bill to help spur economic growth and job creation in Old Town has been signed into law by President Donald Trump. ‘This new law means more jobs and more economic growth for our communities in Maine,’ said Poliquin in a press release. ‘This law is the product of months of hard work and close coordination between town officials and local leaders in Old Town and leadership in the House and Senate. Nothing is easy to get done in Washington and I’m extremely pleased that, through hard work, we pushed this across the finish line.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 3/30/18]

Maine Transportation Infrastructure

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January 2020: Poliquin Criticized Gov. Mills’ Gas Tax For Funding Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations And Public Buses, Which He Said Benefited “Special Interests.” “ARE YOU READY FOR A GAS TAX
That doesn’t help fix our roads? It looks like Governor Janet Mills wants to force you to drive less. The scheme is to coerce you to use public transportation or buy an expensive electric vehicle, even if you can’t afford it. […] Here’s the worst part: The money collected each year from struggling Mainers will NOT be used to repair crumbling roads and bridges! Instead, the windfall will be used by special interests to install expensive electric vehicle charging stations, buy public buses and vans, and issue credits to purchase electric vehicles.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 1/23/20]
Judicial Issues

**Significant Findings**

✓ In April 2021, Poliquin claimed Democrats sought to expand the Supreme Court in a “destructive power grab.”

✓ Poliquin praised the nomination and confirmation of Amy Coney Barrett and Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court.

✓ The day after Christine Blasey Ford testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Poliquin said it was “unfortunate that hearings of this importance have become so politicized.”

✓ Poliquin refused to comment on Merrick Garland’s nomination to the Supreme Court in 2016.

**Court Expansion**

**April 2021: Poliquin Claimed Democrats Sought To Expand The Supreme Court**

April 2021: Poliquin Claimed Democrats Wanted To Expand The Supreme Court: “Shame On The Democrats’ Destructive Power Grab.” “At a press conference this afternoon, U.S. House Democrats unveiled an unthinkable bill to expand the number of Supreme Court justices from nine to thirteen, giving fellow Democrat President Joe Biden four new liberal picks to fill the created vacancies. That would conveniently shift the highest court in the land to lean left 7-6 justices vs. the current lean right 6-3 justices. […] Now, the far left Democrats who control Congress are trying to change the rules to transform America into a socialist utopia with open borders, unlimited welfare, uncontrolled spending, smothering debt and sky high taxes. They need a liberal Supreme Court to help that vision become reality. Packing the bench will turn this U.S. pillar of ‘Equal Justice Under Law’ into a targeted political body pulled and pushed at the whims of the majority party. Shame on the Democrats’ destructive power grab.”
October 2020: Poliquin Criticized Biden For Not Saying Whether Or Not He Supported Expanding The Supreme Court

October 2020: Poliquin: “JOE BIDEN SAYS VOTERS DON’T DESERVE TO KNOW IF HE WOULD PACK THE SUPREME COURT.”
Poliquin Called Amy Coney Barrett “Terrific” And A “Great Pick” For The Supreme Court. POLIQUIN: “She’s terrific. A great nomination, Brett. She is highly qualified and not only is she a great jurist, but she’s a working mom. She has seven kids, two of whom are black, one is special needs. She is a great role model for women in this country, and thank gosh the president again nominated an individual who is highly qualified and who will interpret the laws written by the legislative branch, by Congress, not say, ‘Well, I don’t like this law so I’ll put my own personal opinion here on which way it should go, and I’ll rule the case that way.’ That is wrong. That’s what we’ve seen for 20 or 30 years with these liberal judges. It’s a great pick. She will be seated.” [WVOM, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 10/19/20] (AUDIO) 8:36

Poliquin Said Amy Coney Barrett Would Do A Great Job On The Supreme Court. POLIQUIN: “I think they went very well for Barrett and for the Republicans in the Senate, less well for the Democrats although the Democrats held a lot of their fire. They didn’t turn it into a circus like they did with Kavanaugh. But this woman who is a working mom with seven kids, two of whom are black and one of whom is special needs, she is a real pro. She is going to do a heck of a job on the Supreme Court. She is going to interpret the laws created by the legislative branch and not impose her opinions on what the law should be. That’s exactly what a justice should do. She’ll do a great job.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 10/16/20] (AUDIO) 3:49

Brett Kavanaugh

October 2018: Poliquin Praised Susan Collins’ Reasoning For Supporting Kavanaugh’s

2020: Poliquin Praised Amy Coney Barrett’s Nomination To The Supreme Court

Amy Coney Barrett
Nomination To The Supreme Court

October 2018: Poliquin Praised Susan Collins’ Reasoning For Supporting Kavanaugh’s Nomination To The Supreme Court And Lamented “Cheap Politics.”

September 2018: Poliquin Denounced “The Ongoing Behavior And Actions Of Radical Liberals Attacking Senator Susan Collins And Her Staff During This Confirmation Process Of Judge Kavanaugh.”

“Unacceptable: The ongoing behavior and actions of radical liberals attacking Senator Susan Collins and her staff during this confirmation process of Judge Kavanaugh is unacceptable. In Maine we value independence and hard work, doing your homework and making the best decision possible. I trust that Senator Collins is doing just that, and there is no place for her staff to receive threatening calls or to be smeared by these outside groups that simple do not tell the truth. We understand fully, as like-minded Nancy Pelosi is spending millions attacking our campaign and propping up radical Jared Golden in an attempt to smear. This demeaning behavior has no place in Maine and should be rejected. Please Share if You Agree.”

September 2018: Poliquin Lamented The “Politici[zation]” Of Kavanaugh’s Nomination Amid
Christine Blasey Ford’s Testimony

9/27/18: Christine Blasey Ford Testified Before The Senate Judiciary Committee. “As Christine Blasey Ford testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday, people across the U.S. tuned in to watch her tell the emotional story of her alleged sexual assault by Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh more than 30 years ago.” [NPR, 9/27/18]

9/28/18: Poliquin Said It Was “Unfortunate That Hearings Of This Importance Have Become So Politicized.” “Three of the four contenders for Maine’s 2nd District seat in the Nov. 6 election responded to a request for comment about the explosive Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Capitol Hill on Thursday that featured testimony from Christine Blasey Ford and Kavanaugh, whom Ford accused of attempted rape when they were both in high school. [...] ‘It’s unfortunate that hearings of this importance have become so politicized,’ Poliquin said. He said he trusts senators ‘will take today’s testimony from the witnesses into account, and, importantly, the written testimony from those said to be present regarding these allegations, as they make their decision.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 9/28/18]

July 2018: Poliquin Praised Kavanaugh’s “Impressive Tenure Of Service”

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Merrick Garland Supreme Court Nomination

March 2016: Poliquin Refused To Comment On Merrick Garland’s Supreme Court Nomination.

“[HEADLINE] Maine’s Congressional Delegation Reacts to Supreme Court Nominee [...] Second District Republican Congressman Bruce Poliquin did not return calls for this story, nor did he directly address Garland’s
selection. He issued a statement that outlines the nomination process, including the fact that the House does not have any direct say in the appointment.” [Maine Public, 3/16/16]
Labor & Working Families Issues

**Significant Findings**

- Poliquin opposed raising the minimum wage by as little as $1.69/hour, claimed a minimum wage increase would “destroy local businesses” and was unnecessary because “the poor are aided by a broad taxpayer-funded safety net.”

- Poliquin voted to let private sector employees swap overtime pay for “comp time,” undermining protections for workers and allowing employers to delay compensating workers for extra hours worked.

- Poliquin voted to block an amendment to allow Americans to earn paid sick leave.

- Poliquin called for Maine to opt out of federal unemployment insurance as early as July 2020; Poliquin claimed unemployment insurance drove inflation and caused a worker shortage.

- Poliquin said free childcare was unfair to people who did not have children.

- Poliquin voted four times to defund enforcement of Davis-Bacon Act wage protections, which ensure fair wages for government contractors.

- In 2017, Poliquin introduced a bill to allow 16- and 17-year-olds to work in mechanized logging operations with parental supervision.

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**Minimum Wage**

**2017: Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bill To Increase The Minimum Wage To $15 Per Hour Within Seven Years**

Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bill To Increase The Minimum Wage To $15 Per Hour Within Seven Years. In June 2017, Poliquin voted for: a motion to order the previous question. A yes vote would block consideration of “H.R. 15, The Raise The Wage Act,, which would give workers the raise they deserve, and increase the federal minimum wage to $15 an hour within 7 years.” The bill passed 235-190. [HR 3003, Vote #331, 6/28/17; CQ, 6/28/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, accessed 9/12/17]

**2013 – 2020: Poliquin Opposed Raising Maine’s Minimum Wage**

April 2013: Poliquin Opposed Raising Maine’s Minimum Wage From $7.50 To $9.19 Because “The Poor Are Aided By A Broad Taxpayer-Funded Safety Net.” “In 2009, the federal minimum wage was set at $7.25 per hour. The same year, the Maine Legislature raised it to $7.50 for jobs within our state. Some Maine lawmakers now want to raise it to $9 an hour over the next three years, a 20 percent increase. Today, that would be the second highest state minimum wage after Washington’s $9.19 per hour. […] Over the years, studies have confirmed that raising the minimum wage does not reduce poverty. That’s primarily because the poor are aided by a broad taxpayer-funded safety net which includes food, housing, heating, health care, and cash assistance.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 4/7/13]

12/4/20: Poliquin: “Portland’s New Minimum Wage Is Going To Destroy Local Businesses.” “Portland's new minimum wage is going to destroy local businesses. The new emergency min wage is higher than the min wage in NYC, DC and San Fran. How will struggling businesses respond? Temporary closures, layoffs, reduced benefits,
etc. Be careful what you wish for, Portland!”

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[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 12/4/20]

- 12/6/20: Poliquin: “New Min Wage Ordinance Will Drive Business Out Of The City And Kill Jobs.” “So sad what’s happening to Portland. I know what they’re trying to do -- get more money in the hands of frontline workers. This is the wrong way to do it. Instead, new min wage ordinance will drive business out of the city and kill jobs. #mepolitics https://t.co/4LSvmuQP7K?amp=1”

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[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 12/6/20]

2014: Poliquin Would Not Say Whether He Thought Congress Should Raise The Minimum Wage

2014: Poliquin Would Not Give A “Yes” Or “No” Answer When Asked If Congress Should Raise The Minimum Wage. HOST: “Should Congress raise the federal minimum wage?” […] POLIQUIN: “We need to make sure we create better-paying jobs. Everyone wants higher jobs. Senator Collins is coming out to --” HOST: “We’re trying for yes or no here.” POLIQUIN: “Senator Collins is coming out with a compromise. I want to see what that compromise looks like. I will support, I won’t support anything that hurts our economy and kills jobs.”

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Poliquin Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Allow Americans To Earn Paid Sick Leave

Poliquin Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Allow Americans To Earn Paid Sick Leave. In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the previous question would allow for “consideration of the bill (H.R. 1516) to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the amendment for paid sick leave. The previous question carried, 231-188. [H Res 352, Vote #275, 5/24/17; CQ, 5/24/17]

2017: Poliquin Voted For Undermining Worker Protections By Allowing Private Sector Employees To Swap Overtime Pay For “Comp Time”

Poliquin Voted For The Working Families Flexibility Act, Allowing Private Sector Employees To Swap Overtime Pay For “Comp Time.” In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would allow private-sector employers to provide non-exempt employees compensatory time off at a rate of 1.5 hours per hour of overtime work. To be eligible, employees would be required to have worked at least 1,000 hours in a 12-month period. Employees would be limited to 160 hours of compensatory time and employers would be required to provide monetary compensation by Jan. 31, for any unused compensatory time accrued during the preceding year. The bill’s provisions would sunset five years after enactment.” The bill was passed by a vote of 229-197. [HR 1180, Vote #244, 5/2/17; CQ, 5/2/17]

- NBC News: Democrats Opposed The Bill, Saying It Weakened Worker Protections And Could Allow Employers, Who Would Have Final Say On Scheduled Comp Time, To “Kick The Can Down The Road On Money You Earned Putting In Extra Hours.” “The House of Representatives passed a bill Tuesday that would allow employees to swap overtime pay for ‘comp time,’ a rules change congressional Republicans have tried to push through for more than two decades. […] Where do the Democrats stand? They really don’t like this bill. Many progressives in the House argue that the proposal would chip away at protections for hardworking Americans and undermine the Fair Labor Standards Act. The measure, among other rules, would give employers the final say on when comp time can be used. In other words, House Dems fear, your boss could conceivably kick the can down the road on money you earned putting in extra hours. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a fierce advocate for workers’ rights, blasted the bill as a ‘disgrace.’” [NBC News, 5/3/17]

- Poliquin Voted Against Blocking Protections From The Bill For Employees Who Received Seven Or More Sick Days From Their Employers, Which Can Be Used To Seek Care For Pre-Existing Medical Conditions. In May 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Scott, D-Va., motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and the Workforce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill’s provisions employees who receive seven or more sick days from their employer.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 192-234. [HR 1180, Vote #243, 5/2/17; CQ, 5/2/17]

- Poliquin Voted To Waive Certain Rules Making It Easier For The House To Pass A Bill To Allow Employees To Trade Overtime Pay For Comp Time. In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 299) that would allow private-sector employers to provide non-exempt employees compensatory time off at a rate of 1.5 hours per hour of overtime work. It would waive, through the legislative day of May 5, 2017, the two-thirds vote requirement to consider legislation on the same day it is reported from the House Rules Committee. It also would provide for consideration of measures under suspension of the rules on the legislative days of May 4 and May 5, 2017.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 230-193. [HR 1180 (HRes 299), Vote #241, 5/2/17; CQ, 5/2/17]
Unemployment Insurance

February – July 2021: Maine Had An Unemployment Rate Of 4.8 Percent, With More Than 32,000 Mainers Collecting Unemployment Insurance

February – July 2021: Maine Had An Unemployment Rate Of 4.8 Percent, With More than 32,000 Mainers Collecting Unemployment Insurance. “Maine has had a 4.8% unemployment rate for the past five months, with 32,500 people collecting state unemployment. Participation in the labor force is down more than 3% from a pre-pandemic high, but those people who are not counted as participating are not collecting any state or federal unemployment.” [Kennebec Journal, 7/19/21]

July 2020 – June 2021: Poliquin Called For Maine To Opt Out Of Federal Unemployment Insurance

June 2021: Poliquin Called Maine Not Opting Out Of Federal Unemployment Insurance “An Embarrassment.” “It’s a continued shame to pay capable workers to stay home instead of encouraging them to further their careers and grab one of the tens of thousands of available jobs across the Pine Tree State. It’s also an embarrassment for Maine not to opt out of this federal program paying an extra $300 per week of unemployment in addition to the roughly $450 per week state benefit. The governors of 26 states have ended this unfair and wasteful program, but not ours, of course!”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 7/13/21]

7/17/21: Poliquin On Federal Unemployment Insurance: “Time To Suspend These Benefits And Get Mainers Back To Work!” “I can’t imagine @GovJanetMills ‘Back to Work’ program will make any difference in the unemployment numbers when we’re still participating in $300/week additional unemployment. Time to suspend these benefits and get Mainers back to work!”
5/21/21: Poliquin: “New Hampshire Did The Right Thing Earlier This Week In Backing Out Of Enhanced Federal Unemployment Assistance. It’s Time For Maine To Do The Same.” “New Hampshire did the right thing earlier this week in backing out of enhanced federal unemployment assistance. It’s time for Maine to do the same. Will @GovJanetMills become the first Democrat chief executive to stop paying workers to stay home? Don’t hold your breath!”

July 2020: Poliquin On Federal Unemployment Insurance: “IT DOESN’T MAKE SENSE TO PAY WORKERS TO STAY HOME.” On July 31, the federal emergency program which adds $600 per week to every unemployment check will expire. Democrats want to extend those payments until the end of the year. Starting three months ago, the extra $600 per week targeted families who lost jobs because of the coronavirus shutdown. The money was intended to help pay for expenses like groceries and rent. Now, many reopening businesses are having a hard time convincing former employees to return to work because they’re taking home more money than when on the job. It was right to help families who lost jobs because the government forced their employers to close. But, it’s not fair to force taxpayers to pay workers to stay home if their jobs are now available.”

September 2020: Poliquin Criticized Maine Unemployment Insurance For Benefiting Inmates
August 2020: Poliquin: “Using Hard-Earned Taxpayer Dollars To Pay Inmates Who Lost Their Jobs Is Just About As Batty As Spending Tax Dollars To Buy Cars For Welfare Recipients.” “YOUR TAX DOLLARS PAID UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TO MAINE INMATES The Mills Administration is trying to recover more than $200,000 in unemployment checks paid to 53 prisoners laid off from their work release jobs because of COVID-19. Good luck getting our money back. Everyone deserves a second chance, but prisoners already receive taxpayer-funded room and board, healthcare, food, utilities and clothing. It doesn’t make sense to also give them unemployment benefits for work performed as part of repaying their debt to society and learning a job skill to help them when they get released. Using hard-earned taxpayer dollars to pay inmates who lost their jobs is just about as batty as spending tax dollars to buy cars for welfare recipients.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 9/3/20]

**Poliquin Claimed Unemployment Insurance Caused A Labor Shortage**

October 2021: Poliquin Pledged To “Take Care Of People Who Really Need Help” But Added, “Don’t Make It Easier For [People] To Stay Home And Not Work Than Go Back To Their Job.” “Poliquin said when he’s back in Congress, and the Republicans are in control of the House, they will make sure to ‘take care of people who really need help and maybe have disabilities or have elderly parents at home. I get all that, but my goodness gracious, don’t make it easier for them to stay home and not work than go back to their job. It’s just not fair, and it’s not right.’” [Breitbart, 10/10/21]

7/6/20: Poliquin: “It No Longer Makes Sense To Pay Workers To Stay Home. [...] Many Are Struggling To Convince Employees To Return To Work.” “It no longer makes sense to pay workers to stay home. It was right
to help families who lost jobs because the govt forced their employers to close, but now with businesses reopening, many are struggling to convince employees to return to work. Unemployment system too lucrative.”

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[Poliquin for Congress, accessed 10/14/21]

Poliquin Claimed Unemployment Insurance Drove Inflation

Poliquin Campaign Website: “We Have Rising Inflation And Small Businesses Struggling” Because Democrats “Are Attempting To Artificially Control Our Economy” Through Unemployment Insurance. “We have rising inflation and small businesses struggling to survive because Democrats running Washington are attempting to artificially control our economy with free government cash through unemployment benefits which never seem to end. Paying people stay home while thousands of jobs available throughout Maine is wrong.”

[Poliquin for Congress, accessed 8/5/21]

August 2021: Poliquin Campaign Website: “Paying People Stay Home While Thousands Of Jobs Available Throughout Maine Is Wrong” And Drives Inflation. “We have rising inflation and small businesses struggling to survive because Democrats running Washington are attempting to artificially control our economy with free government cash through unemployment benefits which never seem to end. Paying people stay home while thousands of jobs available throughout Maine is wrong.”

[Poliquin for Congress, accessed 8/5/21]

6/3/21: Poliquin: “Democrat Chief Executives […] Pay People To Stay Home When They’re Perfectly Capable Of Working, And When There Are Tens Of Thousands Of Available Jobs.” “9 of 10 employers say a severe worker shortage is hurting their local economy. How much longer are Democrat chief executives (like @GovJanetMills ) going to pay people to stay home when they're perfectly capable of working, and when there are tens of thousands of available jobs?”
April – May 2020: Poliquin Urged An “All-Hands-On-Deck” Approach To Handling Maine’s Unemployment Claims

April 2020: Poliquin Urged An “All-Hands-On-Deck” Approach To Handling Maine’s Unemployment Claims. “Until recently, the Maine DOL's phones were covered only from 8 a.m. to noon, even though Governor Mills has directed most state employees to work from home. Don't their phones work in the afternoon? This harmful situation is unacceptable. 90,000 Mainers have filed for unemployment benefits over the last month. These are our friends, neighbors and family members who got pushed out of their jobs by no fault of their own. State government's phone lines should be open 24/7 to help them. This is about feeding hungry kids and paying the mortgage. Anything less than all-hands-on-deck will not work!”
5/1/20: Poliquin Op-Ed Called For “All Hands On Deck At The Maine Department Of Labor To Process The Unemployment Claims For Thousands Of Self-Employed Workers And Independent Contractors.” “First, all hands on deck at the Maine Department of Labor to process the unemployment claims for thousands of self-employed workers and independent contractors. These fellow Mainers haven’t had paychecks for six weeks. This is unacceptable. How do they buy groceries and pay the mortgage? Be creative: Redirect enough of the at-home 13,000 state employees to sit at temporary desks 10 feet apart at, say, the Augusta Civic Center and manually process the claims and write the checks for their fellow Mainers in distress. Get it done with no excuses.” [Portland Press Herald, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 5/1/20]

Childcare


Davis-Bacon Wage Protections

Poliquin Voted To Roll Back Davis-Bacon Wage Protections Four Times

Poliquin Voted Against Defunding Enforcement Of The Davis-Bacon Act, Which Ensures Fair Wages In Government Contracts For Construction And Repair Of Public Buildings And Public Works. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would prohibit funds made available in the bill from being used to implement, administer or enforce prevailing wage requirements associated with the Davis-Bacon Act,
which specify the basis for wages paid to employees by companies under contract with the federal government.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 178-249. [H R 3219, Vote #419, 7/26/17; CQ, 7/26/17]

Poliquin Voted For Defunding Enforcement Of The Davis-Bacon Act, Which Ensures Fair Wages In Government Contracts For Construction And Repair Of Public Buildings And Public Works. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would prohibit funds made available in the bill for the Agriculture Department and related agencies from being used to implement, administer or enforce Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 176-241. [H R 3354, Vote #445, 9/6/17; CQ, 9/6/17]

Poliquin Voted For Defunding Enforcement Of The Davis-Bacon Act, Which Ensures Fair Wages In Government Contracts For Construction And Repair Of Public Buildings And Public Works. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment, as modified, that would prohibit funding made available in the bill for the Department of Homeland Security and related agencies from being used to implement, administer or enforce the Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirement.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 180-241. [H R 3354, Vote #464, 9/7/17; CQ, 9/7/17]

Workplace Safety

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March 2017: Poliquin Introduced A Bill To Allow 16- And 17-Year-Olds To Work In Mechanized Logging Operations With Parental Supervision. “Rep. Raúl Labrador (ID-01), member of the House Natural Resources Committee, and Rep. Bruce Poliquin (ME-02) today announced the reintroduction of the Future Logging Careers Act. The Future Logging Careers Act would amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to allow 16 and 17 year olds to work in mechanized logging operations under parental supervision. […] ‘Major advances have been made in Maine’s logging industry in recent years that have drastically improved worker safety,’ said Rep. Poliquin. ‘Unfortunately, outdated regulations from Washington haven’t kept up, preventing young Mainers from pursuing careers in the trade in Maine, which largely consists of family-run businesses that have operated for generations in our State.’” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 3/10/17]

State Employment Programs

July 2020: Poliquin Criticized A Maine Program To Provide Low-Income Mainers With Cars To Commute To Work

7/29/20: Poliquin: Gov. Mills “Found $6 Million To Buy Cars For Welfare Recipients. […] There Are More Efficient Ways To Give People A Ride To Work.” “Despite projected $625 million shortfall, Gov. Mills has found $6 million to buy cars for welfare recipients. We want to help people improve their lives by working if able, but there are more efficient ways to give people a ride to work. Give me a break! #mepolitics”
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[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 7/29/20]
LGBT Issues

**Significant Findings**

- From 2010 to 2014, Poliquin openly opposed marriage equality, said he believed in “traditional marriage,” and said states should determine their own marriage laws.

- Poliquin’s chief of staff and campaign manager led a campaign against marriage equality in Maine in 2012.

- In May 2016, Poliquin was one of seven Republicans who switched their votes to kill an amendment to bar federal contractors from discriminating against LGBT employees.
  - Republican leadership held the vote open while pressuring Poliquin and others to change their votes.
  - The Kennebec Journal Editorial Board wrote that Poliquin “caved” instead of “speaking out in favor equal treatment under the law and standing firm on an important vote.”
  - Within a week, Poliquin voted for the same amendment on a different bill, but denied that he flip-flopped or faced pressure from party leadership to change his vote.

- As of November 2021, Poliquin was scheduled to train candidates with a group that “remains deeply opposed to the legalization of gay marriage;” Poliquin’s campaign donated $5,000 to the group in 2018.

- Poliquin refused to condemn Trump’s transgender military ban and voted to prohibit the Department of Defense from funding medical treatment related to gender-affirming procedures.

**Marriage Equality**

**2010 – 2014: Poliquin Opposed Marriage Equality**

**2014: Poliquin Said He Believed In “Traditional Marriage.”** POLIQUIN: (8:34) “I’m a conservative when it comes to traditional family values. I believe in traditional marriage.” [YouTube, Maine 02 RawFootage, WAGM Raye Poliquin Primary Debate, 5/30/14] (VIDEO)

**2012: Poliquin: “I’m A Pro-Life, Traditional Marriage Catholic. That’s What I Believe.”** REPRESENTATIVE, CHRISTIAN CIVIC LEAGUE: (6:18) “I’d like to know what your position is in regard to upholding the Defense of Marriage Act. […] I’d like to know what you will do specifically in regard to this or any aspect of the law that was not being executed by our government and by our Attorney General specifically in regard to DOMA and specifically in regard to any other law that deals with same-sex marriage or the attempted redefinition of marriage.” […] POLIQUIN: “I’m a pro-life, traditional marriage, Catholic. That’s what I believe.” [YouTube, Dirigo Blue, ME-Sen Values Forum: Defense of Marriage Act, 4/25/12] (VIDEO)

**2012: When Asked If He Supported “DOMA Or Legislation To Allow Civil Unions Or Gay Marriage,”** Poliquin Said, “I’m Catholic And Believe In Traditional Marriage. States Should Decide These Laws.” “[Bangor Daily News:] In Congress, would you support DOMA or legislation to allow civil unions or gay marriage? [Poliquin:] I’m Catholic and believe in traditional marriage. States should decide these laws. The federal government should not infringe on this right of states.” [Bangor Daily News, 10/10/12]
May 2010: When Asked If He Supported Marriage Equality, Poliquin Answered “No.” “[Lewiston Sun Journal:] Do you support gay marriage? Abbott: I would oppose a same-sex marriage law and I would support a civil union or domestic partnership law that gives a same-sex couple the same rights and responsibilities that a married couple has. Beardsley: I support traditional marriage. Jacobson: It seems to me, my church ought to decide who gets married and my state should decide who gets taxed. Not gay marriage, but we’ve got to find a way for gay couples to have the same legal rights as everyone else. LePage: No. Advertisement Mills: I’m personally supportive, but I believe it should be voted on by the people. Otten: No. Poliquin: No.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 5/16/10]


2012: Poliquin Said He Believed In “Traditional Marriage” But Felt The Federal Government Had No Role In Defining Marriage. POLIQUIN: (0:51) “The federal government does not belong in that decision. [INAUDIBLE]. We in Maine are about to decide that issue again in November, make sure the law [UNINTELLIGIBLE]. I believe in traditional marriage.” [YouTube, Toby Hoxie, GOP Senate candidates Homosexual Marriage, 5/23/12] (VIDEO)

2012: Poliquin Said States Had The Right To Define Marriage. REPRESENTATIVE, CHRISTIAN CIVIC LEAGUE: (0:25) “I’d like to know what your position is in regard to upholding the Defense of Marriage Act. […] I’d like to know what you will do specifically in regard to this or any aspect of the law that was not being executed by our government and by our Attorney General specifically in regard to DOMA and specifically in regard to any other law that deals with same-sex marriage or the attempted redefinition of marriage.” […] POLIQUIN: “I’m a pro-life, traditional marriage, Catholic. That’s what I believe. I also believe in the Constitution and I also realize that the root of many of our problems is that our federal government is too big, too expensive, and too intrusive. The states have always determined the definition of marriage. We have done that several times, as was just mentioned here, in the state of Maine. And we have an opportunity again to do it this November. If I have the opportunity to serve as the next United States Senator, I will believe what I believe, which I just alluded to, but I will also uphold the Constitution. I do not believe the federal government should be involved in defining marriage. That should be something reserved for the states which in my mind is very clear in the 10th Amendment.” [YouTube, Dirigo Blue, ME-Sen Values Forum: Defense of Marriage Act, 4/25/12] (VIDEO)

2018 – 2021: Poliquin Donated To And Planned To Train Candidates With A Group That “Remains Deeply Opposed To The Legalization Of Gay Marriage”

Lewiston Sun Journal: The Christian Civic League Of Maine “Remains Deeply Opposed To The Legalization Of Gay Marriage” And Criticized The RNC’s Creation Of A Pride Coalition. “Democrats took aim Thursday at Republican congressional hopeful Bruce Poliquin for his ‘tacit endorsement’ of a conservative Christian political group that remains deeply opposed to the legalization of gay marriage almost a decade ago. Poliquin is slated to help with a December candidate training session, put together by the Christian Civic League of Maine, a politically active group that declared the Republican National Committee’s recent decision to form a new RNC Pride Coalition, ‘threatens to undermine the GOP’s pro-faith and pro-family values.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/18/21]

- November 2021: Christian Civic League Of Maine Reiterated Its Opposition To Marriage Equality And Called The “LGBT Agenda” A “Serious Threat To Parental Rights And Religious Freedom.” “Maine’s Christian Civic League, though, makes no secret of its opposition to gay rights. The group said in its Nov. 18 newsletter, ‘We believe that the biblical definition of marriage is the only valid definition — and it is the definition provided by God.’ It terms the ‘LGBTQ agenda’ a ‘serious threat to parental rights and religious freedom.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/18/21]

As Of November 2021, Poliquin Was Scheduled To Train Candidates With The Christian Civic League Of Maine To Be “Local Christian Leaders In Politics Who Will Advocate For God’s Truth.” “Poliquin is slated
to help with a December candidate training session, put together by the Christian Civic League of Maine, a politically active group that declared the Republican National Committee’s recent decision to form a new RNC Pride Coalition, ‘threatens to undermine the GOP’s pro-faith and pro-family values.’ In its latest newsletter, the group said the national party’s ‘incredibly disappointing’ move ‘shows why the GOP is not one-and-the-same with Christian advocacy organizations.’ In the same newsletter, the group announced that former U.S. Rep. Poliquin, the best-known of four Republicans jostling to become the party’s 2nd District congressional candidate next year, will help train candidates to be ‘local Christian leaders in politics who will advocate for God’s truth.’ Poliquin, who could not be reached for comment, is scheduled to participate in a Dec. 10 panel discussion during the training with Heather Pouliot, a city councilor in Augusta.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 11/18/21]
12/30/18: Poliquin’s Campaign Donated $5,000 To Christian Civic League Of Maine. [FEC, Committee Disbursements Search, 12/30/18]

| Poliquin’s Campaign Manager And Chief Of Staff During Both Of His Terms Led A Campaign Against Marriage Equality In Maine As The Director Of “Protect Marriage Maine” In 2012 |

2012 – 2018: Matt Hutson Managed Poliquin’s 2012 And 2014 Campaigns, Consulted On His 2016 And 2018 Campaigns, And Was Poliquin’s Chief Of Staff During Both Congressional Terms

2012: Hutson Managed Poliquin’s U.S. Senate Campaign. “Matt Hutson, who was campaign manager for state Treasurer Bruce Poliquin's U.S. Senate run, has been hired as campaign director by Protect Marriage Maine.” [Kennebec Journal, 8/15/12]

August 2013: Hutson Began Managing Poliquin’s 2014 House Campaign. [Matt Hutson LinkedIn, accessed 9/10/21]


2012: Hutson Led A Campaign Against Marriage Equality In Maine As The Director Of “Protect Marriage Maine”

August 2012: Matt Hutson Became Director Of Protect Marriage Maine, A Campaign In Opposition To Maine’s Marriage Equality Referendum. “Opponents of the November same-sex marriage referendum have hired a husband-and-wife team to help run the campaign. Matt Hutson, who was campaign manager for state Treasurer Bruce Poliquin's U.S. Senate run, has been hired as campaign director by Protect Marriage Maine.” [Kennebec Journal, 8/15/12]

- Matt Hutson: “I Believe Strongly In The Sanctity Of Marriage And Are Thrilled To Work With Protect Marriage Maine.” “Matt Hutson has also worked as state director for Republican Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, and was the central region director for Rick Santorum for president. ‘Megan and I believe strongly in the sanctity of marriage and are thrilled to work with Protect Marriage Maine,’ Matt Hutson said in a prepared statement. ‘If the initiative on the November ballot passes, marriage will be redefined for everyone and will be the only legal definition of marriage for anyone in Maine.’” [Kennebec Journal, 8/15/12]

November 2012: Maine’s Marriage Equality Referendum Passed With 51.5 Percent Of The Vote. [Maine Secretary of State, Election Results, 11/6/12]


June 2015: Poliquin Declined To Comment On The Ruling In Obergefell V. Hodges
June 2015: Poliquin Declined To Comment On The Ruling In Obergefell V. Hodges. “[HEADLINE:] Maine reacts to Supreme Court ruling affirming same-sex marriage in all states […] U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, who represents Maine’s 2nd Congressional District, did not return a phone call or email requesting comment.” [Portland Press Herald, 6/26/15]

Anti-Discrimination Protections

May 2016: Poliquin Switched His Vote To Kill An Amendment Barring Federal Contractors From Discriminating Against LGBT Employees Under Party Leadership Pressure, Then Voted For It A Week Later And Denied That He Had Flip-Flopped

5/19/16: Poliquin Switched His Vote Under GOP Leadership Pressure To Kill An Amendment Prohibiting Federal Contractors From Discriminating Against LGBT Employees

5/19/16: Poliquin Changed His Vote From Yes To No On An Amendment To Nullify A Measure Allowing Federal Contractors To Discriminate Against LGBT Employees After The Clock For Voting Expired.

“Initially, it appeared Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney's (D-N.Y.) amendment had passed, as 217 ‘yes’ votes piled up over 206 ‘no’ votes when the clock ran out. The measure needed 213 votes to pass. But it eventually failed, 212-213, after a number of Republican lawmakers changed their votes from ‘yes’ to ‘no’ after the clock had expired. […] According to the office of House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer (D-Md.), at least seven Republicans changed their votes, including Reps. Jeff Denham (Calif.), Darrell Issa (Calif.), Bruce Poliquin (Maine), David Valadao (Calif.), Greg Walden (Ore.), Mimi Walters (Calif.) and David Young (Iowa). […] The failed amendment would have effectively nullified a provision in the defense authorization that the House passed late Wednesday night. The language embedded in the defense bill states that religious corporations, associations and institutions that receive federal contracts can't be discriminated against on the basis of religion. Democrats warn that such a provision could potentially allow discrimination against the LGBT community in the name of religious freedom.” [The Hill, 5/19/16]

• The Seven Switched Votes Killed The Amendment. “‘Initially, it appeared Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney's (D-N.Y.) amendment had passed, as 217 ‘yes’ votes piled up over 206 ‘no’ votes when the clock ran out. The measure needed 213 votes to pass. But it eventually failed, 212-213, after a number of Republican lawmakers changed their votes from ‘yes’ to ‘no’ after the clock had expired.’” [The Hill, 5/19/16]

• The Hill: “GOP Leaders Held The Vote Open As They Pressured Members To Change Sides.” “GOP leaders held the vote open as they pressured members to change sides. Infuriating Democrats, they let lawmakers switch their votes without walking to the well at the front of the chamber.” [The Hill, 5/19/16]

• Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney Said “Easily A Dozen” Republicans Approached Him On The Floor “And Expressed Disgust For What Happened Today.” “Rep. Mark Takano (D-Calif.), who like Maloney is a member of the Congressional LGBT Caucus, said he saw Rep. Robert Dold (R-Ill.), who supported the amendment, approach Maloney on the floor and lambast his own GOP leadership team for their handling of the vote. ‘This is bulls---,’ Dold told Maloney, according to Takano. Maloney declined to weigh in on that exchange specifically. But he said ‘easily a dozen’ Republicans approached him on the floor ‘and expressed disgust for what happened today.’ ‘If you look at the people who had the guts to vote yes, you'll get an idea of who that was,’ he added.” [The Hill, 5/19/16]


them a hand. The 2nd District congressman was one of seven Republicans who changed their votes at the last minute in the face of ferocious whipping by Republican leadership, allowing a bipartisan nondiscrimination amendment to fail by a single vote. […] In his news release, Poliquin said that he ‘abhor(s) discrimination in any form and at any place,’ but that was not how he acted when he had a chance to do something about it in the House last week. Instead of speaking out in favor of equal treatment under the law and standing firm on an important vote, Poliquin caved.” [Kennebec Journal, Editorial Board, 5/24/16]

Owen Minott Jr Op-Ed: “By Caving In To The Pressure From His Republican Peers, Poliquin Has Let Down All Of The LGBT Mainers From His District Once Again.” “U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin was one of seven House members to switch their vote at the last minute to save an amendment legalizing discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender workers by government contractors. By caving in to the pressure from his Republican peers, Poliquin has let down all of the LGBT Mainers from his district once again.” [Portland Press Herald, Owen Minott Jr Op-Ed, 5/26/16]


**Poliquin Denied That Party Leadership Pressured Him To Change His Vote On The Amendment**

Poliquin Denied That He Was Pressured To Change His Vote: “I Am Outraged That Political Opponents Or Members Of The Press Would Claim Or Insinuate That I Cast A Vote Due To Pressure Or Party Politics.” “Poliquin denied opposing the amendment due to pressure from GOP leaders. ‘I am outraged that political opponents or members of the press would claim or insinuate that I cast a vote due to pressure or party politics. No one controls my vote,’ he said in a statement, adding, ‘I abhor discrimination in any form and at any place.’” [The Hill, 5/19/16]

- Poliquin: “There Are Reports That My Arm Was Twisted To Vote A Certain Way, Which Is Absolutely False.” “It was defeated by one vote after House GOP leaders controversially extended the amount of time allowed for the vote during which seven Republican lawmakers, including Poliquin, changed their votes. Democrats loudly protested, saying the seven GOP legislators had been arm-twisted into changing their votes. ‘There are reports that my arm was twisted to vote a certain way, which is absolutely false,’ Poliquin said. ‘I was there; nobody approached me. Absolutely nobody tried to influence my vote.’ […] ‘There was a lot of confusion on the floor, but I voted exactly the way I intended to vote,’ Poliquin said Thursday.” [Kennebec Journal, 5/26/16]

5/25/16: Poliquin Voted For The Anti-Discrimination Amendment On A Different Bill, Which Passed

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment Prohibiting Federal Contractors From Discriminating On The Basis Of Sexual Orientation Or Gender Identity. In May 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment that would “bar federal contractors from government work if they discriminate against the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole, 223-195. [HR 5055, Vote #258, 5/25/16; Reuters, 5/25/16]

- Politico Headline: “Ban On LGBT Discrimination Finally Clears House.” “The House late Wednesday night passed a spending bill amendment that would ban federal contractors who discriminate against lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender people, putting into law a 2014 executive order. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney (D-N.Y.) had attempted to attach a similar amendment to a Veterans Affairs appropriations bill last week, but House Republican leaders held the vote open and persuaded enough members to change their votes to defeat the measure. But on Wednesday, Maloney's measure passed in a 223-195 vote as an amendment to an energy and water spending bill. [Politico, 5/26/16]
Discriminating Against LGBT Workers

**5/25/16: Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Exempt Religious Institutions From Discriminating Against LGBT Workers.** In May 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment that would prohibit use of funds made available by the bill in contravention of a law that prohibits the government from substantially burdening the free exercise of religion, an executive order related to faith based organizations, or certain provisions of the Civil Rights Act or the American Disabilities Act related to religious groups. The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 233-186. [HR 5055, Vote #259, 5/25/16; CQ Floor Votes, 5/25/16]

- Poliquin: “You Don’t Discriminate Against Men, Women, Whatever Sexual Preferences You Have […] However, If You Are A Religious Organization, You Have An Exception.” “Maloney told The Washington Post that he did not see his amendment as being in conflict with rights of religious organizations. ‘That's his opinion. He's wrong,’ Poliquin said of Maloney. ‘If you look at the anti-discrimination laws that we have, they're very clear. You don't discriminate against men, women, what sexual preferences you have, what ethnicity you have and so forth. However, if you are a religious organization, you have an exception.’” [Kennebec Journal, 5/26/16]

**5/26/16: Poliquin Denied That His Votes Were Inconsistent And Said That Religious Organizations Should Be Exempt From Anti-Discrimination Laws**

Poliquin said he changed his vote on the measure because the second vote incorporated language protecting religious organizations; the language was not included until after the vote. “Poliquin said that his reason for supporting Maloney's measure the second time around was because it was changed to include language that would also ensure religious organizations were not discriminated against, even though that language was not adopted until after the vote on the Maloney amendment. Poliquin also voted in support of a separate amendment to the same bill, introduced by Rep. Bradley Byrne, R-Alabama, stipulating that government not discriminate against religious organizations or Americans with disabilities.” [Kennebec Journal, 5/26/16]

**5/26/16: Poliquin Denied That His Votes Were Inconsistent: “I’ve Always Been Against Discrimination Against Anybody, At Any Place And Any Time.”** “Poliquin, in an interview Thursday, pushed back against the criticism and said he's been consistent on the issue ‘since day one.’ ‘I've always been against discrimination against anybody, at any place and any time,’ Poliquin said.” [Kennebec Journal, 5/26/16]

**2015 – 2016: Poliquin Voted To Weaken Anti-Discrimination Protections For LGBTQ+ Mainers**

**January 2016: Poliquin Voted Against Preventing Discrimination Based On Sexual Orientation Or Gender Identity.** In January 2016, Poliquin voted against a motion that would “exempt from the bill's provisions any rule that prohibits discrimination by federal contractors or subcontractors on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity.” The motion to recommit failed, 178-239. [HR 1155, Vote #19, 1/07/16; CQ Floor Votes, 1/8/15]

**June 2015: Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Ensure Enforcement Of LGBT Discrimination Protections In Federal Contracts.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the FY16 Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill that would bar funds from being used in contravention of an executive order prohibiting federal contractors from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity against their employees or those seeking employment. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 241-184. [HR 2577, Vote #326, 6/09/15; Congressional Record, 6/9/15]

**Transgender Military Ban**

**July 2017: Poliquin Declined To Condemn Trump’s Ban On Transgender People Serving In The Military**

“President Donald Trump's tweets on Wednesday announcing a ban on transgender people serving in the U.S. military evoked a strong response in Maine. […] Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-2nd District, issued a statement that shed no light on whether he supported Trump's position. His spokesman declined to clarify. ‘Mainers have a long and proud tradition of serving in our nation's military. We also have a proud history of supporting those who serve, their families, and our veterans. I will always stand behind those who serve in some capacity in the Department of Defense,’ Poliquin said in his statement.” [Portland Press Herald, 7/26/17]

July 2017: Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Department Of Defense Funds From Being Used For Medical Treatment Related To Gender-Affirming Procedures

**Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Department Of Defense Funds From Being Used For Medical Treatment Related To Gender-Affirming Procedures.** In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Hartzler, R-Mo., amendment that would prohibit the use of Defense Department funds to provide medical treatment (other than mental health treatment) related to gender transition to a person entitled to military medical care under current law.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 209-214. [H R 2810, Vote #369, 7/13/17; CQ, 7/13/17]
National Defense & Security Issues

**Significant Findings**


✓ In June 2018, Poliquin and Pingree “helped thwart” an amendment to the fiscal year 2019 NDAA that would have cut funding for a Bath Iron Works contract.

✓ In July 2017, Poliquin and Pingree sponsored an amendment to the fiscal year 2018 NDAA to exempt Bath Iron Works from costly requirements in constructing Navy destroyers.

✓ In 2015, Poliquin voted against ensuring military personnel were paid in the event of a government shutdown.

✓ In 2015, Poliquin voted four times to block a clean Homeland Security appropriations bill that did not defund Obama’s DACA and DAPA executive orders protecting certain undocumented immigrants from deportation.

✓ In 2018, Poliquin voted to reauthorize the Foreign Intelligence Security Act, and voted against requiring the government to obtain a warrant to search surveillance collected through FISA.

✓ In 2016, Poliquin called for an investigation of the NSA’s programs that surveilled Americans.

**Funding**


Poliquin Voted For Agreeing To The Conference Report For The National Defense Authorization Act FY 2019. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for: “adoption of the conference report on the bill that would authorize $708.1 billion for defense-related programs, with $639.1 billion for the Defense Department’s base budget, and $69 billion for overseas contingency operations. Specifically, it would authorize $65 million for the development of low-yield nuclear weapons. It would also authorize $18.8 billion for Navy aircraft procurement, $16.5 billion for Air Force aircraft, and 24.1 billion for Navy shipbuilding. It would prohibit any U.S. government agency from using technology produced by the Chinese companies ZTE or Huawei, but would not reimpose a ban on U.S. exports to ZTE.” The report was agreed to, 359-54. [HR 5515, Vote #379, 7/26/18; CQ, 7/26/18]

Poliquin Voted For Passage Of FY2019 Bill Providing Appropriations To The Department Of Defense For Military Activities. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would make a total of $674.6 billion in discretionary defense spending for fiscal 2019, which would include $605.5 billion in discretionary spending subject to spending caps for fiscal 2019 and $68.1 billion in uncapped Overseas Contingency Operations funding.” The bill passed, 359-49. [HR 6157, Vote #313, 6/28/18; CQ, 6/28/18]
Bill Amounted To A 15,600 Troop Increase Across The Military And 2.6 Percent Pay Raise For Service Members. “The House’s budget amount includes a 15,600 troop increase across the military, and a 2.6 percent pay raise for service members beginning in January.” [The Hill, 6/28/18]

Bill Included $9.4 Billion For 93 F-35s – 16 More Than The Trump Administration Requested – And $22.7 Billion For 12 New Navy Ships. “In addition, the bill would provide $9.4 billion for 93 F-35 fighter jets - 16 more jets than the administration requested and four more than Senate appropriators want – as well as $22.7 billion for 12 new Navy ships, and $145.7 billion for equipment purchases and upgrades. House lawmakers had inserted several amendments into the bill leading up to the vote, including a provision to add $10 million to aid in bringing Korea War remains from North Korea to the United States, and a proposal to block the Pentagon from business with Chinese telecom companies ZTE and Huawei.” [The Hill, 6/28/18]

June 2018: Poliquin And Pingree “Helped Thwart” An Amendment To Provide Additional Funding For Virginia-Class Submarines At The Cost Of A Bath Iron Works (BIW) Contract

Poliquin Voted Against Amending Defense Appropriations Bill To Provide Additional Funding For Long Lead Time Materials To Construct Virginia-Class Submarines. In June 2018, Poliquin voted against “Courtney, D-Conn., amendment that would decrease funding for several programs and would provide funding for long lead time materials needed to construct additional Virginia-class submarines.” The amendment failed 144-267. [H.Amdt. 841, Vote #311, 6/28/18; CQ, 6/28/18]

Lewiston Sun Journal: Poliquin And Pingree “Helped Thwart” The Amendment, Which Would Have Reduced Funding For A $250 Million Bath Iron Works (BIW) Contract. “U.S. Reps. Chellie Pingree and Bruce Poliquin helped thwart a bid Thursday to require the construction of three extra Virginia-class subs by reducing funding for other military hardware, including $250 million earmarked for Bath Iron Works’ destroyer program. A bipartisan vote of 267-144 shot down the amendment sought by U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney, D-Conn., and U.S. Rep. Rob Whitman, R-Va., whose districts include companies that build submarines. ‘In blocking this initiative, we’ve helped to ensure that the best shipbuilders in the world, the hardworking men and women of BIW, will continue to do this important work here in Maine,’ Pingree and Poliquin, Maine’s representatives from the 1st and 2nd Congressional Districts, respectively, said in a joint news release.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 6/28/18]

6/30/18: Poliquin: “This Week Bruce Worked With His Democrat Colleague, Chellie Pingree, To Help Defeat A Bill That Would Have Been Harmful To BIW And Our 6,000 Maine Shipbuilders.” “This week Bruce worked with his Democrat colleague, Chellie Pingree, to help defeat a bill that would have been harmful to BIW and our 6,000 Maine shipbuilders. Bruce and Chellie don't always agree on national issues, but Maine jobs should never be political. Paychecks don't care if you are a Republican, Independent, or a Democrat.”

FY 2018 National Defense Authorization Act

Poliquin Voted For The National Defense Authorization Act Of 2018 That Authorized $692.1 Billion For Defense And Prohibited Closing Guantanamo Bay. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would authorize $692.1 billion for defense programs in fiscal 2018, including $65.7 billion for overseas operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria, and for the general war on terror. It would authorize $241.2 billion for operations and maintenance; $146.2 billion for military personnel; 10.7 billion for military construction and family housing; $15 billion for ballistic-missile defense; and $33.9 billion for defense health care programs, including $396 million from the overseas operations account. It would prohibit the use of funds for a new round of base closures. It would authorize $8 billion for various cybersecurity programs, would require the president to develop a national policy for the United States related to cybersecurity and would withhold certain funds made available for White House staff until the president would submit such national policy to Congress. The bill would authorize a 2.4 percent pay raise for military personnel. It would prohibit detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, from being transferred to U.S. soil, and would prohibit the closing of the main base and detention facility at Guantanamo. It would extend, through 2018, the authority for several bonus and special payments for military members.” The conference report was adopted 356-70. [HR 2810, Vote #631, 11/14/17; CQ, 11/14/17]

- President Trump Signed The Bill Into Law On December 12, 2017. [HR 2810, latest action 12/12/17]

Poliquin Voted For Authorization FY 2018 Discretionary Funding For Defense Programs. In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would authorize $688.3 billion in discretionary funding for defense programs in fiscal 2018. The total would include $74.6 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations funds, of which $10 billion would be used for non-war, base defense budget needs; $239.7 billion for operations and maintenance; $10.2 billion for military construction; $142.9 billion for military personnel; and $33.9 billion for defense health care programs. It would authorize $12.5 billion for procurement of F-35 planes, research and development, as well as modifications to existing aircraft, and would prohibit the retirement of the A-10 bomber fleet. The bill would require the Defense Department to submit to Congress a report on vulnerabilities to military installations resulting from climate change over the next 20 years, and would express the sense of Congress that climate change is a “direct threat” to U.S. national security. The bill would also require the Air Force to establish, by 2019, the Space Corps, a fighting force to improve the U.S. military’s ability to address threats in space.” The bill passed by a vote of 344-81. [H R 2810, Vote #378, 7/14/17; CQ, 7/14/17]

July 2017: Poliquin And Pingree Sponsored An Amendment To Shield Bath Iron Works From Requirements To Incorporate Expensive Radar In Two Destroyers

July 2017: Poliquin And Pingree Sponsored An Amendment To Shield Bath Iron Works From Requirements To Incorporate Expensive Radar In Two Destroyers. “Maine Reps. Bruce Poliquin and Chellie Pingree sponsored an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act in response to concerns about language requiring BIW to equip two destroyers previously authorized by Congress with a new, more advanced radar system. The new radar is expected to significantly improve the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer’s ability to detect and destroy enemy targets, including ballistic missiles. But Maine delegation members as well as officials from General Dynamics-owned BIW worry that integrating the complex new radar system into the ships could prove more costly than anticipated because the significant design changes are not yet complete. And under the fixed-price contracts insisted upon by the Navy, the Bath shipyard could be forced to absorb any additional costs.” [Portland Press Herald, 7/13/17]

- The Amendment Passed. “The amendment approved Thursday would block what Pingree and Poliquin said were ‘retroactive changes’ to the authorized ships. It would allow BIW to build the first of the two destroyers around the existing radar system, known as a Flight IIA design. The second ship would include the new radar system – or Flight III design – but the Navy and shipyard would share the financial risk of cost overruns connected with the redesign.” [Portland Press Herald, 7/13/17]

Poliquin Voted For FY 2017 National Defense Authorization Act. In December 2016, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would authorize $611.2 billion for defense programs in fiscal 2017, including $59.5 billion for overseas operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria. It would authorize $222.4 billion for operations and maintenance; $139.6 billion for military personnel; $7.9 billion for military construction and family housing; $10 billion for ballistic-missile defense; and $33.5 billion for defense health care programs, including $374 million from the overseas operations account. It would prohibit the use of funds for a new round of base closures. The bill would authorize a 2.1 percent pay raise for military personnel. It would elevate U.S. Cyber Command to an independent major command within the Defense Department. It would prohibit detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, from being transferred to U.S. soil, and would prohibit the closing of the main base and detention facility at Guantanamo. It would extend, through 2017, the authority for several bonus and special payments for military members.” The bill passed 375 to 34. [S. 2943, Vote #600, 12/2/16; CQ, 12/2/16]

- President Obama Signed The Bill Into Law On December 23, 2016. [S 2943, latest action 12/23/16]

Poliquin Voted For FY 2017 National Defense Authorization Act That President Obama Threatened To Veto

2016: Poliquin Voted For FY 2017 National Defense Authorization Act. In May 2016, Poliquin voted for: the FY2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), “that would authorize $602.2 billion in discretionary funding for defense programs in fiscal 2017. The total would include $58.8 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations funding, of which $23.1 billion of would be used for non-war, base defense budget needs. As amended, the bill would require the president to seek Senate confirmation of his national security adviser if the staff of the National Security Council exceeds 100 employees.” The bill passed, 277-147. [HR 4909, Vote #216, 5/18/16; CQ, 5/18/16]

- President Obama Threatened To Veto The Bill; Bill Would Have Shrunk The National Security Council And Stymied Obama Administration Directives On Climate Change And Protections For LGBT Federal Contractors. “The House passed a defense bill laden with several controversial policy changes Wednesday evening, serving up a $610 billion measure that dips into wartime funds, shrinks the National Security Council, and stymies presidential directives on climate change and protections for LGBT federal contractors. The White House has already threatened to veto the bill, which passed 277 to 147, just 13 votes shy of a veto-proof majority. A few dozen Democrats backed the measure, while a handful of Republicans voted against the bill.” [Washington Post, 5/19/16]

- Bill Was Not Taken Up By The Senate. [HR 4909, latest action 5/26/16]

FY 2016 National Defense Authorization Act


FY 2016 NDAA Included $715 Million For Iraqi Forces Fighting ISIS. “Fiscal 2016 Defense Authorization — Passage…It also would authorize $715 million for security assistance to Iraqi forces fighting the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).” [CQ, accessed 1/7/16]

FY 2016 NDAA Included $599 Billion In Discretionary Funding For Defense Programs. “Fiscal 2016 Defense Authorization — Passage… the bill that, as amended, would authorize $599 billion in discretionary funding for defense programs in fiscal 2016.” [CQ, accessed 1/7/16]

FY 2016 NDAA Included Provisions Restricting The Ability Of The President To Transfer Prisoners From Guantanamo Bay Detention Center To Third Party Countries. “Fiscal 2016 Defense Authorization — Passage… The measure would place new restrictions on the ability of the president to transfer prisoners from the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, detention center to third-party countries.” [CQ, accessed 1/7/16]

Poliquin Voted For FY 2016 National Defense Authorization Act That Was Vetoed By President Obama

Poliquin Voted For Agreeing To The Conference Report Of The FY16 National Defense Authorization Act. In October 2015, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of a conference report to accompany the National Defense Authorization Act (HR 1735) that would authorize $604.2 billion for discretionary defense spending, including $515 billion for discretionary spending subject to sequester-reduced spending caps for FY 2016 for the base defense budget and $89.2 billion for the Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO).” The conference report was adopted, 270-156. [HR 1735, Vote #532, 10/1/15; CQ, 10/1/15]

President Obama Vetoed The Bill Because It Sidestepped Budget Limitations And Restricted Transfer Of Detainees Held At Guantanamo Bay. “President Obama exercised his veto power Thursday for just the fifth time in his presidency, rejecting a defense authorization bill because of the way it would sidestep budget limitations for the military and because it would restrict the transfer of detainees being held at Guantanamo Bay. The White House said that the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) would tap an overseas contingency operations account designed for emergencies and war costs and use it as a ‘slush fund’ to avoid budget restrictions. Those restrictions — known as sequestration — would impose offsetting across-the-board cuts if spending passed certain levels.” [Washington Post, 10/22/15]

He also voted for the following:

Bill Allowed Concealed Carry Of Firearms On Military Installations. “The U.S. House passed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for the 2016 fiscal year on Friday, including an amendment that would allow military base commanders to authorize the concealed carry of firearms on military installations.” [KVUE, 5/15/15]

Bill Placed Restrictions On President To Transfer Prisoners From Guantanamo Bay. “The measure would place new restrictions on the ability of the president to transfer prisoners from the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, detention center to third-party countries and would continue existing prohibitions against transferring such detainees to the United States or its territories.” [CQ Floor Votes, 5/15/15]

Poliquin Voted For House Version Of FY 2016 Defense Appropriations Bill

Poliquin Voted For The House Version Of The Fiscal Year 2016 $578.6 Billion Defense Appropriations Bill. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for: legislation to “provide $578.6 billion in discretionary funding for the Defense department in fiscal 2016. The total would include $490.2 billion in base Defense department funds and $88.4 billion for the Overseas Contingency Operations account, and would provide that $37.5 billion in OCO funding be used in support of base budget requirements. The bill would provide roughly $218.8 billion for operations and
maintenance, approximately $116.7 billion for procurement, approximately $67.9 billion for research and development and $133.2 billion for military personnel, including a 2.3 percent pay raise. It also would provide roughly $31.7 billion for the Defense Health Program. The measure would provide $715 million for security assistance to Iraqi forces fighting the Islamic State and at least $600 million to aid Jordan in its fight against that group. It also would provide $600 million to continue training and equipping moderate Syrian opposition forces and would appropriate $200 million for lethal weapons for Ukraine. As amended, the bill would bar use of funds by the National Security Agency or the Central Intelligence Agency to mandate that a company alter products or services to permit electronic surveillance of users, except for mandates or requests authorized under the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act.” The bill passed 278-149. [HR 2685, Vote #358, 6/11/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/11/15]

- **Bill Added $38 Billion Above The Budget Caps Created By The Sequester.** “The House on Thursday approved this year’s spending bill for the Pentagon in a 278-149 vote. Passage of the $579 billion bill came after the White House threatened a veto of the legislation over insufficient funding levels and controversial policy riders that would prohibit funds from being used to transfer detainees imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay to the United States. It also passed despite heavy opposition among Democrats and some conservatives over the use of a war fund to boost defense spending next year. Republicans added $38 billion to the war fund to give the Pentagon spending above the budget caps created by the sequester, but they left the limits in place for nondefense spending. Democrats and the White House want the sequester lifted in full.” [The Hill, 6/11/15]

### Military Personnel

**May 2015: Poliquin Voted Against Ensuring A Pay Raise For Servicemembers And To Ensure They Were Paid In Event Of Government Shutdown**

May 2015: Poliquin Voted Against Ensuring A Pay Raise For Servicemembers And To Ensure They Were Paid In Event Of Government Shutdown. In May 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion to recommit that would ensure a 2.3% pay increase for fiscal year 2016 for servicemembers and would ensure that servicemembers are paid in the event of a government shutdown. [HR 1735, Vote #238, 5/15/15]

### Department Of Homeland Security

**Poliquin Voted Four Times Against A Clean Department Of Homeland Security Funding Bill That Did Not Include Efforts To Defund Obama’s Immigration Executive Orders**

2015: House Republicans Tried Repeatedly To Vote On Funding For The Department Of Homeland Security Without Added Provisions To End Obama’s Immigration Executive Orders. “The House of Representatives approved a bill the Senate passed last week. It funds the department without any added conditions, like requiring the Obama administration to end its executive actions to protect millions of unauthorized immigrants from deportation. In other words, Democrats won. House conservatives lost. For weeks, Speaker of the House John Boehner, had refused to allow a vote on a ‘clean’ bill that funds DHS without controversial riders. But now he has caved, passing a clean bill with Democratic and some Republican support.” [Vox, 3/5/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Clean, Long-Term Department Of Homeland Security Funding Bill. In February 2015, Poliquin voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “the Democratic Previous Question would force a vote on legislation to provide long-term funding for Homeland Security, without radical, anti-immigrant riders. This is the fifth opportunity for House Republicans to vote for a clean DHS funding bill.” A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. The previous question was agreed to 240 to 183. [H Res 129, Vote #100, 2/27/15; CQ, 2/27/15; Democratic Leader, 2/27/15]
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Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Clean DHS Funding Bill. In February 2015, Poliquin voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to Rep. Roybal-Allard: “I urge my colleagues to put the safety of our country first and defeat the previous question to make in order the consideration of H.R. 861, the clean Homeland Security funding bill.” A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. The previous question was agreed to 232 to 164. [H Res 101, Vote #77, 2/12/15; CQ, 2/12/15; Congressional Records, 2/12/15]

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Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act Reauthorization

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Would Require The Government To Obtain A Warrant Before Searching Surveillance Data Collected Through Section 702

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Would Require The Government To Obtain A Warrant Before Searching Surveillance Data Collected Through Section 702. In January 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Amash R-Mich., amendment that would end NSA collection of communications data that is neither to nor from an approved foreign target, but rather communications "about" a foreign target entirely between American citizens. It would prohibit the FBI and intelligence agencies from searching the Section 702 database for information on U.S. citizens without first obtaining a warrant, except in certain circumstances. The amendment would end the so-called ‘reverse targeting’ practice, in which an American communicating with a foreign target is also subject to surveillance, and would modify oversight of and appointments to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.” The amendment failed 183 to 233. [S 139, Vote #14, 1/11/18; CQ, 1/11/18]

- Detroit News: The Amendment Would Have “Required Officials To Get Warrants In Most Cases Before Intercepting And Reading Emails And More Of U.S. Citizens.” “Before approving a six-year extension of the law, the House voted 233 to 183 to kill an amendment designed to protect Americans civil liberties. This amendment would have required officials to get warrants in most cases before intercepting and reading emails and more of U.S. citizens. This amendment was proposed by Rep. Justin Amash (R-Mich). The vote was a victory for Republican establishment. House Speaker Paul D. Ryan had blocked the House from considering a compromise bill.” [Forbes, 1/11/18]

- New York Times: The Amendment Would Have Provided “A Series Of New Safeguards” On Officials That Conduct Surveillance On Foreign Communications. “Before voting to extend the law, known as Section 702 of the FISA Amendments Act, the House rejected an amendment that would have imposed a series of new safeguards. That proposal included a requirement that officials obtain warrants in most cases before hunting for, and reading, emails and other messages of Americans that were swept up under the surveillance.” [New York Times, 1/11/18]
Poliquin Voted Against Including Additional Requirements To Obtaining Warrants For Surveillance Through FISA

Poliquin Voted Against Including Additional Requirements To Obtaining Warrants For Surveillance Through FISA. In January 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Himes D-Conn., motion to recommit the bill to the House Intelligence Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would include additional requirements related to obtaining warrants in order to query information incidentally collected on U.S. citizens.” The motion failed 189 to 227. [S 139, Vote #15, 1/11/18; CQ, 1/11/18]

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Poliquin Voted For Reauthorizing The Foreign Intelligence Security Act (FISA), Including Section 702, Which Conducts Surveillance On Foreign Targets’ Communications. In January 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would reauthorize for six years, through 2023, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which governs electronic surveillance of foreign terrorism suspects. The bill would reauthorize Section 702 surveillance authorities on foreign targets, and would require the development of procedures for searching the Section 702 database that would protect the Fourth Amendment rights of U.S. citizens. The bill would prohibit the FBI from accessing information without an order from the secret FISA court in certain cases. The measure would increase penalties for the unauthorized removal of classified documents or information.” The bill passed 256 to 164. [S 139, Vote #16, 1/11/18; CQ, 1/11/18]


- New York Times: Section 702 Permitted The Government To Conduct Warrantless Surveillance On Communications Of Foreigners Abroad, “Even When They Are Talking To Americans.” “A yearslong debate over National Security Agency surveillance and protections for Americans’ privacy rights will reach a climactic moment on Thursday as the House of Representatives takes up legislation to extend a program of warrantless spying on internet and phone networks that traces back to the Sept. 11 attacks. There is little doubt that Congress will extend an expiring statute, known as Section 702 of the FISA Amendments Act, that permits the government to collect without a warrant from American firms, like Google and AT&T, the emails and other communications of foreigners abroad — even when they are talking to Americans.” [New York Times, 1/10/18]

- Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of Reauthorizing The Foreign Intelligence Security Act (FISA), Including Section 702. In January 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 682) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (S 139) that would reauthorize Title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act through Dec. 31, 2023, and would require the development of procedures for searching the Section 702 database that protect the Fourth Amendment rights of U.S. citizens.” [H Res 682, Vote #8, 1/8/18; CQ, 1/10/18]

2016: Poliquin Said The NSA Should Be Investigated For Its Surveillance Of Americans And That “Our Laws Tightened To Prevent Further Such Constitutional Violations”

2016: Poliquin Campaign Website Said The NSA Should Be Investigated For Its Surveillance Of Americans And That “Our Laws Tightened To Prevent Further Such Constitutional Violations.” “ACTION ITEMS: President must secure Congressional approval before going to war Ensure IRS does not violate 1st Amendment right of free speech Protect our 2nd Amendment right Investigate NSA surveillance for 4th Amendment violations […] For years, the National Security Agency has systematically tracked and collected our emails, phone calls, and other communications. Notwithstanding the counter-terrorism purpose and provisions of the Patriot Act, this surveillance activity of Americans might be in violation of our Fourth Amendment protection against ‘unreasonable
searches and seizures.’ If so, these activities should stop and our laws tightened to prevent further such Constitutional violations.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/29/16]

Guantanamo Bay

February 2016: Poliquin Opposed Closing The Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility

February 2016: Poliquin On Obama’s Proposal To Close The Detention Facility At Guantanamo Bay: “Not Only Is The President's Plan Dangerous And Senseless, But It Is Indisputably Illegal.” “President Obama's proposal to close the Guantanamo Bay detention facility received a mixed response Tuesday from Maine's congressional delegation. […] safety. ‘The transfer of dangerous, radicalized terrorists to American soil threatens the safety of citizens across our country,’ Poliquin said in a statement. ‘Not only is the president's plan dangerous and senseless, but it is indisputably illegal. President Obama himself signed into law the National Defense Authorization Act of 2016 (NDAA), which specifically restricts any transfer of detainees from Guantanamo Bay prison.’” [Kennebec Journal, 2/23/16]
Policing & Public Safety Issues

Significant Findings

✓ Poliquin claimed Democrats’ support for defunding the police increased crime and caused law enforcement to resign.

✓ Poliquin was the only representative from New England who did not co-sponsor a bill to extend benefits to 9/11 first responders.

✓ Poliquin voted against increasing FBI funding in June 2015.

✓ In 2018, Poliquin voted to block consideration of funding and reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act twice.

✓ As of September 2021, Poliquin called local police to watch his multi-million dollar mansion more than 20 times and to report “unfounded” suspicions of a vehicle near his house, a periwinkle harvester, and kids whom officers described as “causing no problems.”

✓ In 2014, Poliquin said marijuana legalization was a state issue, but also that he opposed legalization even if Mainers voted for it.

Police Funding

2020 – 2021: Poliquin Claimed Democrats’ Support For Defunding The Police Increased Crime And Caused Law Enforcement Officers To Resign

November 2021: Poliquin Said Voters Wanted To Support “Someone Who Really Wants To Make Sure We Support Our Law Enforcement. Not Defund Our Policemen.” “Someone who knows that low taxes and less red tape grows the economy and creates more jobs with bigger paychecks. And someone who really wants to make sure we support our law enforcement. Not defund our policemen, but support our law enforcement, and also make sure we secure our border,’ Poliquin said when discussing why people should vote for him.” [News Center Maine, 11/3/21]

5/27/21: Poliquin On Increasing Crime: “Looks Like Defunding The Police Wasn’t A Very Wise Decision After All, Huh? Democrats Can’t Be Trusted With Your Tax Dollars.” “Looks like defunding the police wasn't a very wise decision after all, huh? Democrats can't be trusted with your tax dollars, and they definitely can't be trusted to keep Americans safe. https://t.co/rwIvbSneW3?amp=1”
Looks like defunding the police wasn't a very wise decision after all, huh? Democrats can't be trusted with your tax dollars, and they definitely can't be trusted to keep Americans safe.

[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 5/27/21]

Poliquin Campaign Website: “We Have Liberals Pushing An Agenda Of Defunding Law Enforcement.” “Then we have liberals pushing an agenda of defunding law enforcement, of opposing our police who put their lives on the line to protect us everyday.” [Poliquin for Congress, accessed 10/14/21]

August 2020: Poliquin: “DEMOCRATS’ PUSH TO DEFUND POLICE CAUSING OFFICERS TO RESIGN.”
September 2020: Poliquin Claimed Biden And Harris Supported Defunding The Police. “A rallying cry for liberal political activists is ‘Defund the Police!’ Mr. Biden and his far-left running mate, Sen. Kamala Harris, support transferring tax dollars from police departments to ‘social justice’ programs — defunding the police. Sympathetic elected officials in Maine have started the defunding process by cutting school resource officers from our public schools. These individuals are professionally trained to keep students and teachers safe during high-risk confrontations. They also build lasting relationships with communities and students, encouraging them to shun bullying, drugs and gangs. Make sure you vote on or before November 3. When you do, remember which candidates for federal, state and local offices have stood with our brave law enforcement officers since day one. Nothing else really matters if you’re not safe in your own community.”
GRUESOME PHOTO OF CONTINUED VIOLENCE AGAINST POLICE

Last Saturday in broad daylight in Los Angeles, a person approached a parked police vehicle and shot two young officers in the head and arm. While struggling for their lives, protesters gathered at the hospital and blocked the Emergency Room entrance while chanting “We hope they die!”

Keeping families safe has become a major issue in political campaigns this fall. President Trump and Republicans have consistently backed local cops, border patrol agents, immigration police, and county sheriffs in their work to arrest and prosecute violent criminals. On Monday, President Trump said convicted cop killers should face the death penalty.

Soft-on-crime Democrats were silent all summer until polls showed them losing ground among common sense voters wanting to be safe in their homes and communities. It took three months for Democrat presidential candidate Joe Biden to speak out against the violence, destruction and looting seen on TV every night across the country.

During a large Black Lives Matter protest in June right here in Portland, Maine, 32 individuals were arrested for refusing to disperse. On August 28, Cumberland County District Attorney Jonathan Sahrbeck decided not to prosecute the individuals for allegedly throwing strategically placed rocks, bricks and bottles at police during the demonstration because of “insufficient evidence” of the alleged crimes.

A rallying cry for liberal political activists is “Defund the Police!” Mr. Biden and his far-left running mate, Sen. Kamala Harris, support transferring tax dollars from police departments to “social justice” programs -- defunding the police. Sympathetic elected officials in Maine have started the defunding process by cutting school resource officers from our public schools. These individuals are professionally trained to keep students and teachers safe during high-risk confrontations. They also build lasting relationships with communities and students, encouraging them to shun bullying, drugs and gangs.

Make sure you vote on or before November 3. When you do, remember which candidates for federal, state and local offices have stood with our brave law enforcement officers since day one. Nothing else really matters if you’re not safe in your own community.

... But Poliquin Was The Only Representative From New England Who Did Not Co-Sponsor A Bill To Extend Benefits To 9/11 First Responders
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- **Poliquin Was The Only Representative From New England Who Did Not Co-Sponsor The Bill, Which Extended Benefits To 9/11 First Responders.** “The ad, released Saturday in markets across the state, features three Maine firefighters criticizing Poliquin for being the only representative from New York or New England not to co-sponsor the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act, which was proposed to extend health care benefits for 9/11 first responders and survivors who were in the New York City disaster area.” [Kennebec Journal, 10/26/16]

December 2015: Poliquin Voted For Appropriations Package That Included Victim Compensation Programs For 9/11 First Responders. In December 2015, Poliquin voted for the omnibus spending package. “The House on Friday overwhelmingly approved a $1.1 trillion spending package that includes the first major change approved by Congress to ObamaCare, and keeps the government open through September 2016 … In the end, there was no drama in the 316-113 vote … Only 18 Democrats voted against the spending bill, while 166 supported it.” According to Congressional Quarterly, “The measure would end the U.S. ban on crude oil exports and would reauthorize health care and victim compensation programs for 9/11 first-responders.” [HR 2029, Vote #705, 12/18/15; The Hill, 12/18/15; CQ, 12/18/15]

Cain Criticized Poliquin For Not Pushing For A Separate Bill, Which Could Have Funded The Program For 9/11 First Responders Before Its Expiration. “A news release from Poliquin's campaign this week said the ad misleads voters about his voting record. There was never a vote on the reauthorization act, and he did vote for it as part of a larger appropriations bill; but a release from Cain’s campaign said more support from representatives such as Poliquin could have brought the act to its own vote before the law expired. […] The original law expired in September 2015 before being reauthorized as part of the appropriations bill in December.” [Kennebec Journal, 10/26/16]

- **Professional Firefighters Of Maine President John Martell: “Poliquin Failed Us When The Bill Was In Jeopardy, And Tried To Take Credit After It Was A Sure Thing.”** “John Martell, president of the Professional Firefighters of Maine, also criticized Poliquin in a news release from Cain’s campaign, saying, ‘Poliquin failed us when the bill was in jeopardy, and tried to take credit after it was a sure thing.’” [Kennebec Journal, 10/26/16]

- **Poliquin’s Campaign Website: “Extreme Emily Cain Continues To Mislead Mainers On Congressman Poliquin’s Voting Record.”** “Last December, Congressman Bruce Poliquin voted in support of the omnibus funding bill, which included the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act. When the Omnibus passed Congressman Poliquin specifically and publicly noted that one of the reasons he supported the funding bill was the inclusion of this program. However, extreme Emily Cain continues to mislead Mainers on Congressman Poliquin’s voting record. This bill included funding for a new DDG-51 destroyer for Bath Iron Works, extended the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, and a five-year extension of the 9/11 Victim’s Compensation Fund. Congressman Poliquin’s support for the omnibus funding bill helps ensure that all 9/11 first-responders, such as firefighters, will receive the healthcare they greatly deserve.” [Poliquin for Congress, 10/24/16]

... And Voted Against Increasing Funding For FBI Salaries And Expenses

June 2015: Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Increasing Funding For FBI Salaries And Expenses By $25 Million. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment increasing funding intended for FBI salaries and expenses by $25 million in the FY 2016. “House Vote 275 Fiscal 2016 Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations — FBI, Pittenger, R-N.C., amendment that would increase by $25 million the amount that would be provided for FBI salaries and expenses, and would be offset by an equal reduction to the Legal Services Corporation.” The amendment failed 163 to 263. [HR 275, Pittenger Amendment, Vote #275, 6/3/15; CQ Bill Tracker, 6/3/15]
July 2018: Poliquin Claimed Golden Supporters Organized A Protest To Abolish The Police. “It was nearly shocking, and very disappointing, that extreme liberal activists at a protest in Portland began yelling at law enforcement officers – some using megaphones – repeatedly to ‘ABOLISH ALL POLICE.’ The event was partially organized by some who are actively working to support my political opponent in this year’s election. Our police officers should be honored and respected, not ridiculed for working to keep us all safe. Please Share if you agree and remember to thank your local officers, its important they know these extremists don't represent the overwhelming majority of Mainers.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 7/14/18]

Violence Against Women

September – December 2018: Poliquin Voted Against Consideration Of Legislation To Fund And Reauthorize The Violence Against Women Act Twice

December 2018: Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Legislation To Fund The Remainder Of The Government And Extend The National Flood Insurance Program And Violence Against Women Act. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 1176) that would provide for House floor consideration of the conference report to accompany the Farm Bill (HR 2), that would reauthorize and extend federal farm and nutrition programs through fiscal 2023, and would waive section 7 of the War Powers Resolution for a concurrent resolution related to hostilities in Yemen.” According to the Congressional Record “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 7264, a continuing resolution to fund the remainder of the government and extend the National Flood Insurance Program, the Violence Against Women Act, and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Act until September 30.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of an amendment to bring up a bill funding the remainder of the government and extending the National Flood Insurance Program and Violence Against Women Act. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 220-191. [CQ, 12/12/18; HR 2, Vote #431, 12/12/18; Congressional Record, 12/12/18]
September 2018: Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Reauthorize The Violence Against Women Act. In September 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “We must oppose this rule and defeat the previous question. The reason for such is not because we do not support the troops or our children but because defeating the previous question will enable this House to consider and pass H.R. 6545, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2018.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. The motion was agreed to 230-188. [HR 6157; Vote #402; 9/26/18; CQ, 9/26/18; Congressional Record, 9/26/18]

The Violence Against Women Act Helped Decrease The Rate Of Intimate Partner Violence, And Improved The Reporting Process For Sexual Assault Victims

In The 15 Years After VAWA Passed, The Rate Of Serious Intimate Partner Violence Nationally Declined 72 Percent. “Between 1994 and 2011, the rate of serious intimate partner violence against women declined 72 percent, from 5.9 to 1.6 victimizations per 1,000 women. The annual rate of rape and sexual assault perpetrated against girls and women older than age 11 declined nearly 60 percent from 1995 to 2010. While these declines are likely the product of multiple causes, evidence tells us that declines in rape and sexual assault are linked to VAWA. A study examining rape and aggravated assault data from over 10,000 jurisdictions over a seven-year period found that VAWA funding, specifically those funds most likely to support local law enforcement, was associated with reductions in these violent crimes, even after controlling for general decreasing crime rates and other justice-related funding.” [Urban Institute, 2/9/17]

VAWA Funding Prevents Sexual Assault Victims From Having To Pay For Their Forensic Exams. “If a person seeks medical attention within four days of an assault, they may also undergo a sexual assault medical forensic exam (SAMFE). This exam collects and preserves important evidence—like DNA—that could identify a suspect and provide invaluable corroborating evidence to support the victim’s account of the crime. Before VAWA, victims could be billed by the health care provider that conducted their exam. No victim of any other crime is expected to pay for the collection and preservation of evidence. VAWA has supported programs in every state to end this practice. Our research shows that these programs have nearly reversed the billing of victims for collecting forensic evidence from their own bodies.” [Urban Institute, 2/9/17]

VAWA Funding Helps Train Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, Who Improve Both Quality Of Health Care For Survivors And The Change Of A Successful Conviction. “Sexual assault nurse examiners (SANEs) are specially trained medical personnel who conduct the SAMFE, providing care and treatment for victims of sexual assault and rigorously collecting evidence for use during investigation and prosecution. VAWA resources support many state and local SANE programs. Exams conducted by SANEs are associated with increases in successful prosecution, even when compared with exams conducted by traditional emergency room personnel. The SANE training equips providers with the skills to create a more thorough record of all medical forensic evidence and to preserve crucial, fragile DNA evidence. Studies show that SANE programs improve the quality of health care delivered to survivors, the quality of forensic evidence, and the chances of obtaining a conviction. Eliminating VAWA would almost certainly reduce the number of SANEs available to treat sexual assault survivors, limiting important victim services and the availability of quality evidence to convict those who commit these crimes.” [Urban Institute, 2/9/17]

May 2018: Poliquin Pushed For The Inclusion Of The Rural Development Housing Voucher As An Approved Housing Option Under The Violence Against Women Act

May 2018: Poliquin Pushed For The Inclusion Of The Rural Development Housing Voucher As An Approved Housing Option Under The Violence Against Women Act. “Two U.S. House members — a Maine Republican and a Texas Democrat — are teaming up to push a new measure that would make it easier for some women in rural areas who are victims of domestic violence to access safe housing. U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, who represents Maine’s 2nd District, said adding the rural development housing voucher program to approved housing
options under the 1994 Violence Against Women Act is a crucial step toward helping victims of domestic violence avoid homelessness.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 5/3/18]

- Poliquin: “Violence Does Not Discriminate Between Those In Rural And Urban Settings, And It’s Important That Victims Can Access The Same Protections And Support No Matter Where They Live.”
  “Among the alternatives that are covered by the law are all of the other rural housing programs, the Department of Housing and Urban Development rental assistance programs and the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program. Poliquin said that ‘abuse and violence does not discriminate between those in rural and urban settings, and it’s important that victims can access the same protections and support no matter where they live.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 5/3/18]

February 2021: Poliquin Tweeted That Rush Limbaugh, Who Mocked The Concept Of Sexual Consent, Reprsentated “Patriotic Americans With Common Sense Right-Of-Center Beliefs”

2/17/21: Poliquin Tweeted Rush Limbaugh Represented “Patriotic Americans With Common Sense Right-Of-Center Beliefs.” “This morning, millions of patriotic Americans with common sense right-of-center beliefs lost part of their voice with the passing of talk radio giant Rush Limbaugh. May he Rest In Peace.”

[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 2/17/21]

- 2016: Limbaugh Mocked The Concept Of Sexual Consent: “If The Left Ever Senses And Smells That There’s No Consent In Part Of The Equation Then Here Come The Rape Police.” “Rush Limbaugh dismissed the concept of sexual consent on Wednesday, and mocked what he called the ‘rape police.’ ‘You can do anything, the left will promote and understand and tolerate anything, as long as there is one element,’ the conservative talk show host said in comments posted online by Media Matters. ‘Do you know what it is? Consent.’ He continued: ‘If there is consent on both or all three or all four, however many are involved in the sex act, it’s perfectly fine, whatever it is. But if the left ever senses and smells that there’s no consent in part of the equation then here come the rape police. But consent is the magic key to the left.’” [HuffPost, 10/31/16]

September 2018: Poliquin Lamented The “Politiciza[tion]” Of Kavanaugh’s Nomination Amid Christine Blasey Ford’s Testimony

September 2018: Poliquin Said It Was “Unfortunate That Hearings Of This Importance Have Become So Politicized” Amid Christine Blasey Ford’s Testimony. “Three of the four contenders for Maine’s 2nd District seat in the Nov. 6 election responded to a request for comment about the explosive Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Capitol Hill on Thursday that featured testimony from Christine Blasey Ford and Kavanaugh, whom Ford accused of attempted rape when they were both in high school. […] ‘It’s unfortunate that hearings of this importance have become so politicized,’ Poliquin said. He said he trusts senators ‘will take today’s testimony from the witnesses into account, and, importantly, the written testimony from those said to be present regarding these allegations, as they make their decision.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 9/28/18]

June 2015: Poliquin Voted Against Motion That Provided Additional Funding For Programs That Supported Survivors Of Sexual Assault, Violence Against Women, And Child Exploitation

Poliquin Voted Against Motion That Provided Additional Funding For Programs That Supported Survivors Of Sexual Assault, Violence Against Women, And Child Exploitation. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against motion that would provide an additional $3 million for sexual assault victims assistance within the Violence
Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs account and an additional $3 million for missing and exploited children programs in the Juvenile Justice Programs account. It would decrease funding for the Justice Information Technology Account by $6 million. The amendment failed, 190 to 232. [HR 2578, Vote #296, 6/3/15; CQ, 6/3/15]

### Policing Reforms

#### June 2020: Poliquin Called For Information On Police Misconduct To Be Shared Across Police Departments

“[4:38] For example, if you have find that there are some police officers who are not being fair in their treatment of folks who are being apprehended, and they have a history of this, that information, Matt, should be shared with other police departments in the event that this individual moves from one PD to another. Share that information.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 6/17/20] (AUDIO)


“[5:02] Second of all, the union that represents our police officers, I know they do good stuff and I appreciate all that, but they should not protect police officers who are not treating the public well. That is really important.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 6/17/20] (AUDIO)

### As Of September 2021, Poliquin Called Local Police To Watch His Multi-Million Dollar Mansion More Than 30 Times And To Report “Suspicions” That Had No Effect On Public Safety

#### As Of September 2021, Poliquin Has Been A Complainant For Police To Check On His Mansion In Georgetown, Maine Or 183 Acre Subdivision 38 Times, Including Five Times In 2021

Poliquin Has Been A Complainant For Police To Check On His Property In Georgetown, Maine 22 Times, Including Five Times In 2021, And To Check On His Subdivision In Phippsburg, Maine 16 Times.

### Sagadahoc County Property Watches In Which Poliquin Was A Complainant

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“On 4/22/08 at 1414 hours I stopped in to check the premises of the Popham Woods Subdivision. I patrolled through the construction area and found only legitimate workers present. I cleared with no further action taken or required at this time.”

“On 4/03/08 at 1626 hours I stopped into check the Popham Woods Subdivision on Popham Road. I patrolled through the area and found no cars or persons present.”

“On 12/13/07 at 1114 hours I stopped in to check on the Popham Woods Subdivision during my patrol. I found no one present and cleared with no further action taken.”

“On 11/21/07 at 1220 hours I stopped in to check on the Popham Woods Subdivision at the request of the owner BRUCE POLIQUIN. I found no one on the work site and cleared.”

“On 11/16/07 at 953 hours I stopped in to check the Popham Woods Subdivision for any trespassing hunters per the request of the owner Bruce Poliquin. I found no vehicles or persons on the property.”

“On 11/15/07 at 1601 hours I stopped in to check the Popham Woods Subdivision for any hunters who were trespassing. I found no persons or vehicles on the property and cleared.”

[Sagadahoc County Sheriff’s Office, received 11/2/21; Phippsburg Police, received 11/17/21]

**Poliquin’s Property Located At 186 Ledgemere Road, Georgetown, Maine Had An Assessed Value Of $3.4 Million.** [Georgetown Tax Assessor, Property Tax Data 2021 Tax Year, accessed 10/6/21]

**Poliquin’s Popham Woods Condominiums Subdivision At Sagamore Drive Spanned 183.6 Acres.** A plan dated April 18, 2007 and recorded by the Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds on April 26, 2007, demonstrated Poliquin’s plans to develop condos and roads throughout his combined 183.6 acres of property in Phippsburg, Maine. Phase I of the project involved the construction of units 1 – 12 in a cul de sac on Sagamore Drive. The total five phases, all of which besides the first were marked as “need not be built,” involved the construction of 69 houses, most of which were along Sagamore Drive. [Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds, Plan, Instrument # 0043-0057, dated 4/18/07, recorded 4/26/07, accessed 9/30/21]

Poliquin Called The Police Over “Unfounded” Suspicions Of A Car Near His House, A Periwinkle Harvester, Kids Who Officers Described As “Causing No Problems,” And Other Cars Speeding

## School Resource Officers

### June 2020: Poliquin Called The Removal Of School Resource Officers In Portland “A Crazy And Dangerous First Step Towards Defunding The #Police”

#### 6/2/20: Poliquin Called The Removal Of School Resource Officers In Portland “A Crazy And Dangerous First Step Towards Defunding The #Police.” “This is a crazy and dangerous first step towards defunding the #police in #Maine. We should thank the brave and skilled police officers who stand between our safety and mob violence. Hopefully this doesn't spread beyond Portland. #mepolitics https://t.co/OEk5kpTKUu?amp=1”
Marijuana

2018: Poliquin Said Recreational Marijuana Legalization Should Be Determined At The State Level

October 2018: When Asked If Recreational Marijuana Should Be Federally Legalized, Poliquin Stated, “States Should Have The Authority To Determine The Status Of These Substances.” “[Maine Public:] Recreational use of marijuana is now legal in Maine. Do you support Congress legalizing recreational use nationally, and why or why not? […] [Poliquin:] States should have the authority to determine the status of these substances.” [Maine Public, 10/26/18]

October 2014: Poliquin Said The Legalization And Regulation Of Marijuana Was A State Issue

Poliquin Said He Believed The Legalization And Regulation Of Marijuana Was A State Issue. HOST: “[1:38] Should the federal government legalize and regulate marijuana like alcohol?” […] POLIQUIN: “No, it should be the states.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter General Election Debate, 10/14/14] (VIDEO)

May 2014: Poliquin Said He Would Oppose The Legalization Of Recreational Marijuana Even If Mainers Voted In Favor Of Legalization

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to give our kids another way to do unhealthy things.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter GOP Primary Debate, 5/28/14] (VIDEO)

**May 2012: Poliquin Said He Opposed Legalizing Marijuana Because His Brother Died Of Substance Abuse Which Poliquin Said Started With Smoking Marijuana**

**Poliquin Said He Opposed Legalizing Marijuana Because His Brother Died Of Substance Abuse Which Started With Smoking Marijuana.** POLIQUIN: “[1:01] I am dead against legalizing marijuana. I’m going to tell you why. I had one sibling, Jim. […] He got involved in drugs and drinking at about 14 or 15 years old. We shared the same bedroom in our youthful years. He started on marijuana and grew from there. Got involved with alcohol, wine was cheaper than anything else and that’s what he bought. Jim died a very, very slow and painful death in a nursing home in Rockland, just absolutely tore apart my family. My only sibling.” [YouTube, Toby Hoxie, Senate candidates on Marijuana, 5/10/12] (VIDEO)
Racial Justice Issues

**Significant Findings**

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- Poliquin voted to prohibit displays of the Confederate flag at VA cemeteries and schools with ROTC programs, of which he said, “We are all Americans, and we have one flag that we all honor.”
- Poliquin promoted New Balance on social media after Nike hired Colin Kaepernick for an ad campaign and changed the flag design on its shoes.

**Black Lives Matter**

**June 2021: Poliquin Called Black Lives Matter “A Radical Political Organization Which Hates America And Believes It’s Racist To The Core”**

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July 2020: Poliquin Criticized The MLB For Allowing “BLM” To Be Painted On A Pitcher’s Mound: “Watch The Audience Numbers Plummef If This Continues.” “MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL NOW PUSHING POLITICS Take a look at the Black Lives Matter - BLM - logo painted on the pitcher’s mound at Nationals Park during the New York Yankees vs. Washington Nationals games last week. Too bad our national pastime is now selling politics as well as hot dogs and beer. Americans want to get back to living their normal lives. For generations, sporting events at all levels have been the great American escape from the stress of work, family and politics. Throwing politics up on the TV screen during a baseball game is a sure way to turn off fans. Watch the audience numbers plummet if this continues.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 7/30/20]

Charlottesville

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Confederate Flags And Symbols

2016: Poliquin Voted To Prohibit Displays Of Confederate Flags And Symbols At VA Cemeteries And Schools With ROTC Programs
Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Display Of Confederate Flag Imagery in VA Cemeteries. In May 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment “that would prohibit the use of appropriated funds to display Confederate flag imagery in Veterans Administration cemeteries.” The amendment passed, 265-159. [HR 4974, Vote #223, 5/19/16]

- Poliquin: “We Are All Americans, And We Have One Flag That We All Honor.” “Today, Maine’s 2nd District Congressman, Bruce Poliquin, released the following statement after voting in favor of an amendment to the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2017 that would eliminate the allowance of the Confederate flag in cemeteries run by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA): ‘As a representative of the State of Joshua Chamberlain and Hannibal Hamlin, I believe that it is time for our country to move on,’ said Congressman Poliquin. ‘We are all Americans, and we have one flag that we all honor.’” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 5/20/16]

Protests Against Statues

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July 2019: Poliquin Promoted New Balance On Social Media After Nike Changed The Flag Design On Its Shoes. “AMERICA, HERE’S AN IDEA. Since Nike, who makes their shoes out of the country, just BANNED a new ‘Betsy Ross’ sneaker because of a claim the colonial flag from our nation's founding is now controversial; why not buy American? This shoe for instance, made by New Balance which employs hundreds of our fellow U.S. Citizens, right in the great state of Maine. As we are celebrating our nation's independence what better time than to buy American?”
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[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 7/2/19]

**Poliquin Promoted New Balance, Which Produced Shoes In Maine, On Social Media After Nike Hired Colin Kaepernick For An Ad Campaign**

September 2018: Poliquin: “With Nike Hiring Colin Kaepernick [...] There Has Never Been A Better Time To Show Off Your Maine-Made New Balance Shoes!” “With Nike hiring Colin Kaepernick, the San Francisco 49ers famed kneeling quarterback, who protest during our national anthem, there has never been a better time to show off your Maine-Made New Balance shoes! There are hundreds of your fellow Mainers who make these shoes that no doubt agree. Share if you agree too.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, September 6, 2018]
## Seniors’ Issues

### Significant Findings

- Poliquin voted for the FY 2016 and 2018 Republican budgets, which proposed turning Medicare into a voucher-like program, and supported Paul Ryan’s FY 2015 budget, which would have cut Medicare funding by $356 billion.
- In January 2017, Poliquin voted to block an amendment that would lower out-of-pocket prescription drug costs for seniors under Medicare Part D.
- Poliquin voted six times to repeal the Affordable Care Act, which saved seniors thousands in out-of-pocket prescription drug costs by closing the Medicare donut hole.
- In 2012 and 2014, Poliquin repeatedly said he supported raising the retirement age.
- Poliquin supported means-testing Social Security.
- In 2017, Poliquin voted to nullify an exemption from federal pension regulations for state retirement plans issued in less-populated municipalities, taking power away from states helping residents prepare for retirement.

### Medicare

#### 2020: 65,958 Residents Of Maine’s 2nd District Received Medicare Benefits

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### Poliquin Repeatedly Voted For Republican Budgets That Would Gut Medicare By Turning It Into A Voucher-Like Program, Then Denied He Supported Those Proposals

- Poliquin Voted For FY18 House Republican Budget Resolution. [H Con Res 71, Vote #557, 10/5/17; CQ, 10/5/17]
- AP: House Budget “Reprises A Controversial Plan To Turn Medicare Into A Voucher-Like Program.” “The House on Thursday passed a $4.1 trillion budget plan that promises deep cuts to social programs while paving the way for Republicans to rewrite the tax code later this year. The 2018 House GOP budget reprises a controversial plan to turn Medicare into a voucher-like program for future retirees as well as the party’s efforts to repeal the "Obamacare" health law. Republicans controlling Congress have no plans to actually implement those cuts while they pursue their tax overhaul.” [Associated Press, 10/5/17]

- National Committee To Preserve Social Security & Medicare: 2015 House GOP Budget Would Leave “Seniors And The Disabled – Some Of Our Most Vulnerable Americans – Hostage To The Whims Of Private Insurance Companies.” “Once again, the House GOP’s budget would privatize Medicare with a
voucher plan, leaving seniors and the disabled – some of our most vulnerable Americans – hostage to the whims of private insurance companies. Over time, this will end traditional Medicare and make it harder for seniors to choose their own doctor. Vouchers will not keep up with the increasing cost of health insurance…that is why seniors will pay more.” [National Committee to Preserve Social Security & Medicare, 3/17/15]

- **New York Times: 2015 House GOP Budget Would Turn Medicare Into A “Voucherlike” Program.** “House Budget Committee members previewed their plans in an unusual, campaign-style video on Monday. The plan envisions a remaking of the federal government. Future recipients of Medicare would be offered voucherlike ‘premium support’ to pay for private insurance rather than government-provided health care. Spending on Medicaid would be cut substantially over 10 years, with the money turned into block grants to state governments, which in turn would have much more flexibility in deciding how it is allocated.” [New York Times, 3/17/15]

**2016: Poliquin Denied He Supported Proposals To Turn Medicare Into A Voucher-Like Program**

**October 2016: Poliquin Campaign Website:** “If Emily Cain And Her Extreme Liberal Allies Would Actually Read The Budget Proposal, They Would See That It Clearly States Medicare Would Be Protected.” “Emily Cain and her extreme liberal allies continue to make false attacks on Congressman Bruce Poliquin’s record in Congress. Don’t believe them. Congressman Poliquin has voted to protect and strengthen Social Security and Medicare. His parents are in their 80s and rely on these important programs. He would never vote to cut them. If Emily Cain and her extreme liberal allies would actually read the budget proposal, they would see that it clearly states Medicare would be protected.” [Poliquin for Congress, 10/12/16]

**August 2016: Poliquin Campaign Website:** “Congressman Bruce Poliquin Has Never, Ever, Voted In Support Of A Medicare Voucher Program.” “On falsely accusing Congressman Poliquin of supporting a Medicare voucher scheme: Congressman Bruce Poliquin has never, ever, voted in support of a Medicare voucher program. He supported, and strongly urged, language to be included that will help protect Medicare for seniors at or near retirement. The plan Congressman Poliquin voted for would strengthen Medicare by offering future seniors guaranteed-coverage options – including traditional Medicare – regardless of pre-existing conditions or health history. All Maine seniors will have the resources they need to get the healthcare they deserve.” [Poliquin for Congress, 8/24/16]

**2014: Poliquin Supported Ryan’s FY 2015 Budget, Which Would Have Made Medicare “Unrecognizable” And Cut Its Funding By $356 Billion**

**July 2014: Bangor Daily News Editorial Headline:** “Bruce Poliquin Supports The Paul Ryan Budget. But What’s Actually In It?” “Poliquin, the Republican former state treasurer, says he supports the Ryan plan. He told the BDN editorial board in May that he would like to see the plan balance the federal budget more quickly.” [Bangor Daily News, Editorial, 7/25/14]

**National Journal:** “For Those Younger Than Age 55, Medicare Could Look Unrecognizable” If Ryan Budget Were Implemented. “And, for those younger than age 55, Medicare could look unrecognizable: People receive a fixed sum of money from the federal government to buy health insurance in their old age, regardless of the way inflation has caused health care costs to increase.” [National Journal, 3/10/13]

- **CBPP: Ryan Budget Would Cut Medicare Spending by a Total of $356 Billion.”** According to an analysis of the Ryan budget conducted by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities: “Over the 2013 to 2023 period, the Ryan budget would cut Medicare spending by a total of $356 billion. His budget would save $129 billion compared to current law from limiting medical malpractice awards, increasing income-tested premiums, and repealing the Medicare benefit improvements in health reform, including closure of the prescription drug ‘donut hole.’ Ryan’s baseline includes $138 billion in scheduled cuts from Medicare’s sustainable growth rate
formula for physicians and $89 billion in Medicare cuts from sequestration, bringing his total Medicare reductions to the aforementioned $356 billion.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 3/12/13]

### Medicare Part D

#### 2017: Poliquin Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment Lowering Out-Of-Pocket Drug Costs For Seniors

**Poliquin Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment Lowering Out-Of-Pocket Drug Costs For Seniors Under Medicare Part D.** In January 2017, Poliquin voted against: the “Demings, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would exempt regulations that significantly lower seniors’ out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs under Medicare Part D. It would remove the bill’s provision that would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to an agency’s interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering challenges to agency rules.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-233. [HR 5, Vote #44, 1/11/17; CQ, 1/11/17]

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The Affordable Care Act, AKA Obamacare, Would Eventually Close Medicare’s Prescription-Drug Program Coverage Gap. “Over time, Obamacare closes the coverage gap, informally referred to as the donut hole, in Medicare’s prescription-drug program (Part D). As originally designed, once Part D beneficiaries reached their (relatively low) deductible, they had to pay 25 percent of their drug costs up to a certain dollar amount; once beneficiaries’ drug costs reached that limit, they then had to pay all of their drug costs. Then, if their total out-of-pocket costs reached an even higher level (called the catastrophic coverage limit, which is currently set at $4,750), then they only had to pay 5 percent of drug costs above that limit. By the year 2020, though, there will no longer be a donut hole. From the moment beneficiaries’ drug costs reach their deductibles until they reach the catastrophic coverage limit, they will only pay 25 percent of their total drug costs.” [National Review, 11/26/13]

### Social Security

#### As Of 2020, 179,279 Residents Of Maine’s Second Congressional District Were Social Security Beneficiaries

According to the Social Security Administration, 179,279 of residents of Maine’s Second Congressional District were Social Security beneficiaries. Of those beneficiaries, 121,461 were retirees, 30,468 were disabled workers, 9,944 were widows, widowers, and parents, 5,219 were parents, and 12,187 were children. [Social Security Administration, December 2020]

#### July 2018: Poliquin Sent Franked Mail That Touted An Award He Received From An Organization That Supported Privatizing Social Security And Turning Medicare Into A Voucher-Like System

July 2018: Poliquin Sent A Piece Of Franked Mail That Touted The Guardian Of Seniors’ Rights Award He Received. “To that end, I was honored to be selected to receive the Guardian of Senior Rights’ award for 2018. This selective award is given to Members of Congress who vote to protect Medicare and Social Security and are outspoken advocates for programs that help our Senior Citizens. Please know that I am working hard to Preserve and Protect these important programs.”
Columnist Amy Fried Wrote That The Letter Was Postmarked July 12, 2018. “I haven’t seen any publicity about this from Poliquin’s campaign or congressional office, but two days ago my household received a letter dated July 12 from the latter saying the congressman ‘was honored to receive the Guardian of Seniors’ Rights award for 2018.’ You can see the letter below and can see the portion quoted just below the envelope.” [Amy Fried Column, 7/23/18]

The Koch Brothers Funded The 60 Plus Association, Which Was Founded As A Conservative Alternative To AARP. “The ad was put out last month by the 60 Plus Association, a Koch–funded 501(c)(4) group founded in 1992 by a Republican Senate staffer as a conservative alternative to AARP.” [The Intercept, 10/15/21]

The 60 Plus Association Supported Republicans’ Proposals To Privatize Social Security And Turn Medicare Into A Voucher-Like System. “Despite its televised claims to want to defend Medicare, the 60 Plus Association backed former Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan’s 2011 plan to end the program and turn it into a capped voucher system, as well as former President George W. Bush’s push to privatize Social Security.” [The Intercept, 10/15/21]

Note: This letter was not available in the Clerk of the House of Representalve’s Franking Commission Advisory Opinion Public Disclosure archive of Poliquin’s mass communications from 2018.

May 2017: Poliquin Voted For Blocking Legislation That Would Prevent The House From Cutting Social Security, Medicare, Or Medicaid

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Legislation That Would Prevent The House From Cutting Social Security, Medicare, Or Medicaid. In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the motion blocked legislation to “restrict consideration of any bill, joint resolution, motion, amendment, or conference report that: (1) cuts social security benefits, (2) raises the retirement age for social security, (3) privatizes social security, (4) cuts guaranteed medicare benefits, or (5) results in cuts to state medicaid plan benefits or eligibility.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the legislation prohibiting the House from cutting these programs. The previous question carried, 229-191. [H Res 348, Vote #271, 5/23/17; CQ, 5/23/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, 5/23/17]

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May 2017: Poliquin Supported The “Welfare Agenda” Of A Trump Budget That Cut Social Security Disability Insurance By $72 Billion, Citing Unfairness To “Middle-Class Taxpayers.” “President Trump’s budget proposal would affect thousands of Mainers by slashing spending for health and safety net programs, including Medicaid, food stamps and Social Security disability. […] But Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-2nd District, supported Trump’s welfare reform agenda, but opposed cuts to heating assistance and environmental programs. ‘It is unfair for middle-class taxpayers to be burdened with funding for able-bodied adults when there are so many others at risk who could be receiving this important support instead,’ Poliquin said in a statement. ‘Simply put, we should use our tax dollars to help those who need the support most, like the elderly and disabled, and not to those who are capable of working, joining a job training program, or doing community service.’ […] The Trump budget also slashes $72 billion over 10 years from Social Security Disability Insurance, a 4 percent cut, and $193 billion over the same period from SNAP, also known as food stamps, a roughly 25 percent drop.” [Portland Press Herald, 5/23/17]

July 2017: Poliquin Introduced The Guaranteed COLA Act To Include A 1.5 Percent Cost Of Living Adjustments In Seniors And Veteran’s Social Security In 2018

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**January 2016: Poliquin Supported Eliminating Social Security Offsets For Recipients Of State Pensions.**

“U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin of Maine's 2nd District says he is seeking support for his proposal to do away with the Social Security offset for those getting many government pensions. ‘My goal,’ he says, ‘is to try to fix this problem such that our teachers and firefighters and police officers in the state of Maine are not penalized.’ At issue is a provision of the Social Security law that reduces the amount of a person's Social Security benefit if they are also receiving a government pension. Poliquin says the provision affects 14 states, so he's hopeful it will get fixed this year. ‘If you are a teacher, for example, and you have worked in a job outside of teaching, because you are a part of the Maine State Retirement System you get a discount, or you get dinged, or get penalized and don’t get your full Social Security benefit,’ he says.” [Maine Public, 1/7/16]

- **Poliquin: “This Is Absolutely Unfair And It's Got To Be Fixed.”** “How unfair it has been to them, to work very diligently in serving our communities and also during their working years, working in the private sector and paying in to the Social Security system and doing this diligently and paying the taxes they’re supposed to pay and all of a sudden, when they retire, they realize sometimes for the first time, that they won’t get their full Social Security benefits,’ Poliquin says. ‘This is absolutely unfair and it’s got to be fixed.’” [Maine Public, 9/19/16]

**2012 – 2014: Poliquin Supported Raising The Retirement Age**

**April 2012: Poliquin Said He Supported Raising The Retirement Age.** “I’m very encouraged by and impressed with Congressman Ryan,’ Poliquin says. ‘The part I like about his budget is that he’s dead serious about cutting all of government spending. I don’t think he cuts enough soon enough, but he also is very serious about paying down our debt.’ Poliquin has a plan of his own for saving Social Security: ‘The way to do it is raise the retirement age for new entrants and also slow down the rate of growth of benefits.”’ [National Review, 4/30/12]

**October 2012: Poliquin Said He Supported “Raising Age To Receive Benefits For Younger Workers.”** “[Bangor Daily News:] What steps do you support to reform Social Security and Medicare? [Poliquin:] Save programs by raising age to receive benefits for younger workers. Less generous benefits for wealthy. No changes for current or near-retirees.” [Bangor Daily News, 10/10/12]

**Poliquin Said He Supported Saving Social Security For “Seniors Who Have Paid Into The System Who Are Counting On That Program,” But Raise The Retirement Age For Younger Workers.** POLIQUIN: “Now, the social security plan is a very large $15 trillion unfunded defined benefit pension plan. It's the same problem we had here at the state level that I helped solve, we need to make sure we save that plan for our seniors who have paid into the system who are counting on that program. And then for individuals that are much younger, like my son, Sam who is 23, we have to be very honest with Sam, say, Sam, you're living longer, you're gonna have to retire at a later age before you get a retirement check. If you're a high wage earner, your your pension check might be a little bit less than someone who's really struggling. This is a math problem.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter GOP Primary Debate, 5/28/14] (VIDEO) 17:36

- **Poliquin On The Future Of Social Security: “For Individuals That Are Much Younger, Like My Son, Sam Who Is 23, We Have To Be Very Honest With Sam, Say, ‘You're Living Longer, You're Going To Have To Retire At A Later Age Before You Get A Retirement Check.”** POLIQUIN: “Now, the social security plan is a very large $15 trillion unfunded defined benefit pension plan. It's the same problem we had here at the state level that I helped solve, we need to make sure we save that plan for our seniors who have paid into the system who are counting on that program. And then for individuals that are much younger, like my son, Sam who is 23, we have to be very honest with Sam, say, Sam, you're living longer, you're gonna have to retire at a later age before you get a retirement check. If you're a high wage earner, your your pension check might be
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2014: Poliquin Called Cuts To Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid “Absolutely Fundamental”

Poliquin Said It Was “Absolutely Fundamental” To Make Cuts To Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid So Associated Spending Made Up Less Of Our Federal Budget. POLIQUIN: “I'm really glad the viewer asked this question because 43 percent of all federal government spending is in three very large programs, one of which is Social Security. The other two are Medicare and Medicaid. 43 percent of all spending. So unless we address this problem, we will never get our fiscal house in order and our economy will never be strong enough to generate the good-paying jobs that we need. It is absolutely fundamental. I understand this issue very well.” [YouTube, Maine 02 RawFootage, WAGM Raye Poliquin Primary Debate, 5/30/14] (VIDEO) 38:09

Poliquin Called On The Federal Government To Address “Problems” With Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid, Which Were “On Autopilot” And “Consumed” 43 Percent Of Our Federal Budget. POLIQUIN: “About 43 percent of our budget is consumed by three huge government programs: Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. Now unless we address those problems – because those programs are on autopilot – we're never going to create or rather address this fiscal black cloud that's, that's hovering above our economy, that's preventing business owners from investing in their companies, hiring more people and creating jobs. Now we have to make sure that for our seniors or those that are close to being retirees or close to being seniors, if you will, they've paid into our Social Security, for example…” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter GOP Primary Debate, 5/28/14] (VIDEO) 9:51

2014: Poliquin Supported Means-Testing Social Security

Poliquin Supported Means-Testing Social Security Benefits For Higher Earners. “Another thing we might have to do is a means test,” Poliquin said. ‘So if you are a high earner, maybe your retirement check isn’t as generous as someone who is earning less.” [MPBN, 5/1/14]

Poliquin On The Future Of Retirement Benefits: “If You’re A High Wage Earner, Your Pension Check Might Be A Little Less Than Someone Who’s Really Struggling.” POLIQUIN: “Now, the social security plan is a very large $15 trillion unfunded defined benefit pension plan. It's the same problem we had here at the state level that I helped solve, we need to make sure we save that plan for our seniors who have paid into the system who are counting on that program. And then for individuals that are much younger, like my son, Sam who is 23, we have to be very honest with Sam, say, Sam, you're living longer, you're gonna have to retire at a later age before you get a retirement check. If you're a high wage earner, your your pension check might be a little bit less than someone who's really struggling. This is a math problem.” [ME-02 Voice of the Voter GOP Primary Debate, 5/28/14] (VIDEO) 17:36

2018: Poliquin Said He Understood Issues Seniors Faced “As The Son Of Senior Citizens”
2018: Poliquin’s Campaign Website: “As The Son Of Senior Citizens, I See Firsthand The Challenges And Issues Our Senior Citizens Face.” “My parents are both in the 80s. As their only living child, I know firsthand the challenges seniors face because I am involved with their care. […] As the son of Senior Citizens, I see firsthand the challenges and issues our Senior Citizens face. I will always be a voice in Congress for Maine’s Senior Citizens.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/5/18]

October 2018: Poliquin: “Bruce Has Always Stood Up For Our Seniors, Protecting And Preserving Social Security & Medicare. His Own Parents Rely On These Programs.” “Please Share: Bruce has always stood up for our Seniors, Protecting and Preserving Social Security & Medicare. His own parents rely on these programs. Don't believe the lies from the 12 out of state partisan groups propping up his opponent and misleading Mainers. We can trust Bruce, he has our back.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 10/24/18]

**State-Run Retirement Plans**

- **Poliquin Voted For Nullifying A Department Of Labor Rule Exempting Certain Government-Administered State Retirement Savings Plans From Select Federal Regulations**

Poliquin Voted To Nullify An Exemption For State Retirement Plans Issued In Less-Populated Municipalities From Federal Regulations Of Pension Plans, Taking Power Away From States Helping Residents Prepare For Retirement. In February 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Labor Department rule that exempts certain local government-administered retirement savings plans for non-government employees from select federal regulations governing pension plans. Under the rule, a city or county must have a population at least as large as the least populated state in the nation, and must administer a retirement plan for its own employees for the program to qualify for the exemption.” The
resolution was passed by a vote of 234-191. [HJRes 67, Vote #95, 2/15/17; CQ, 2/15/17]

**Fraud Aimed At Seniors**

**September 2017: Poliquin Reintroduced The Senior Safe Act To Incentivize Reporting Of Fraud Attempts Aimed At Seniors**

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May 2018: Poliquin: “Bruce Continues To Deliver. Working With U.S. Senator Susan Collins, Together They Are Pushing The Senior Safe Act To Fight Against Elder Financial Abuse.” “Bruce continues to deliver. Working with U.S. Senator Susan Collins, together they are pushing the Senior Safe Act to fight against elder financial abuse. Almost every week a new story emerges of scammers attempting to rip off people, especially our elderly population. This legislation will help curb those despicable efforts and stop them before they happen. Criminals that prey on the elderly are disgusting and Bruce will continue to work to thwart their efforts. [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 5/15/18]
**Tax Issues**

### Significant Findings

- Poliquin voted for the Republican tax scam bill despite Maine publications’ warnings that it would hurt his middle-class constituents.

- The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) slashed taxes for corporations and the wealthiest Americans while ultimately increasing taxes on middle class families.

- Poliquin was among the U.S. Representatives to benefit the most from the TCJA, which cut taxes on income from the estimated $7 million worth of real estate assets he owned in 2017.

- The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act grew the national debt, which Poliquin previously called a threat “to our freedoms and way of life,” by nearly $2 trillion.

- Poliquin pledged to maintain the top tax rate for millionaires before voting for the TCJA, which gave millionaires like himself more than $60 billion in tax cuts.

- Poliquin claimed a corporate tax hike would hurt middle class families and voted to block consideration of a bill to prevent American companies from moving overseas to dodge taxes.

- Poliquin attacked the expanded child tax credit in the American Rescue Plan as an “entitlement,” but praised the child tax credit under the TCJA.

- In 2014, Poliquin pledged not to raise taxes.

### Tax Cuts And Jobs Act

#### Poliquin Voted For Final Passage Of The Republican Tax Scam Bill

**Poliquin Voted For Adopting The Conference Report Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act.** In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “adoption of the conference report on the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to $10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to $2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for "pass-through" business income through 2025.” The conference report was adopted 227-203. [HR 1, Vote #692, 12/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, 12/19/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Final Passage Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act By Concurring With A Senate Amendment.** In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Brady, R-Texas, motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the tax overhaul that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to $10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing
U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to $2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for "pass-through" business income through 2025. It would effectively eliminate the penalty for not purchasing health insurance under the 2010 health care overhaul law in 2019. It would also open portions of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling.” The motion was passed 224-201. [HR 1, Vote #699, 12/20/17; CQ Floor Votes, 12/20/17]

• The House Was Forced To Vote For A Second Time On The Final Bill After Small Changes Were Made To Comply With Senate Budget Rules. “The House, forced to vote a second time on the $1.5 trillion tax bill, moved swiftly to pass the final version on Wednesday, clearing the way for President Trump to sign into law the most sweeping tax overhaul in decades. House lawmakers approved the tax bill 224 to 201 on Wednesday, after being forced to vote on the bill again after last-minute revisions were made to it in the Senate, which passed the measure 51 to 48 early Wednesday morning. The final House vote was essentially a formality, as the changes, which were made to comply with Senate budget rules, did not significantly alter the overall bill.” [New York Times, 12/20/17]

The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Increase Incentives To Move Jobs Overseas

Tax Experts Said The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased Incentives For Companies To Move Jobs Overseas. “What happened to the workers in Clinton, tax experts say, will probably happen to more Americans if the Republican tax overhaul becomes law. The legislation fails to eliminate long-standing incentives for companies to move overseas and, in some cases, may even increase them, they say. 'This bill is potentially more dangerous than our current system,' said Stephen Shay, a senior lecturer at Harvard Law School and former Treasury Department international tax expert in the Obama administration. ‘It creates a real incentive to shift real activity offshore.’” [Washington Post, 12/15/17]

The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Lead To More Expensive Health Insurance And 13 Million More Americans Uninsured

The Final Tax Bill Eliminated The Central Affordable Care Act Provision, Leading To 13 Million Fewer Americans With Insurance. “The individual mandate is part of the Affordable Care Act, and removing it was a top priority for Trump and congressional Republicans. The Congressional Budget Office projects the change will increase insurance premiums and lead to 13 million fewer Americans with insurance in a decade, while also cutting government spending by more than $300 billion over that period.” [Washington Post, 12/15/17]

The GOP Tax Bill Would Cause Health Insurance Premiums To Rise, And Could Lead Insurers To Drop Out Of Regional Markets. “The final GOP plan will repeal the Affordable Care Act’s individual insurance mandate, which would allow young and healthy people to leave the insurance pool, forcing insurers to compensate by raising prices due to the higher costs of insuring only less-healthy people. Not only would premiums likely rise, but many insurers could drop out of regional markets.” [Newsweek, 12/18/17]

• HEADLINE: Republican Tax Plan Will Make Health Insurance More Expensive. [Newsweek, 12/18/17]

Poliquin Voted For Moving The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act To Conference

Poliquin Voted For Moving The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act To Conference Committee. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Brady, R-Texas, motion that the House disagree with the Senate amendment and request a conference with the Senate on the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by lowering individual and corporate tax rates, repealing various deductions through 2025.” The motion to go to conference passed 222-192. [HR 1, Vote #653, 12/4/17; CQ Floor Votes, 12/4/17]
Poliquin Voted Against Sending The Tax Bill Back To Conference And Instructing Conferees To Oppose Repeal Of The Individual Mandate And To Disagree With Provisions Related To The SALT Deduction. In December 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Neal, D-Mass., motion to recommit the bill to the Committee of Conference with instructions to the managers on the part of the House that they disagree with provisions related to state and local tax deductions, and related to the bill’s language that would effectively repeal the individual health care mandate established by the 2010 health care overhaul.” The motion to recommit the conference report failed 191-236. [HR 1, Vote #691, 12/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, 12/19/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Instructing Conferees On The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act To Oppose Repeal Of The Individual Mandate And To Recede From The House Bill’s Provisions To Eliminate The SALT Deduction. In December 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Neal, D-Mass., motion to instruct conferees to disagree with the Senate amendment that would repeal the individual health insurance mandate, and to recede from the section House bill that would eliminate the deduction for state and local income taxes through 2025.” The motion to instruct conferees failed 186-233. [HR 1, Vote #654, 12/4/17; CQ Floor Votes, 12/4/17]

Poliquin Voted For House Passage Of The Republican Tax Scam Bill

Poliquin Voted For Passage Of The House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “passage of the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering individual and corporate tax rates; consolidating the current seven tax income rates into four rates; eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes; limiting certain deductions for property taxes and home mortgages; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would eliminate personal exemptions and would nearly double the standard deduction. It would raise the child tax credit through 2022, repeal the alternative minimum tax, repeal the estate tax in 2025 and reduce the gift tax rate in 2025. It would establish a new top tax rate for pass-through business income and would modify tax credits related to energy production.” The bill passed 227-205. [HR 1, Vote #637, 11/16/17; CQ Floor Votes, 11/16/17]

Poliquin Voted For Considering The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 619) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1) that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering individual and corporate tax rates; consolidating the current seven tax income rates into four rates; eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes; limiting certain deductions for property taxes and home mortgages; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries.” The rule was adopted 235-191. [HRes 619, Vote #633, 11/15/17; CQ, 11/15/17]

House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Raise Taxes On Millions

PolitiFact Found In 2018, Roughly 14 Million American Households Would See A Tax Increase, And The Number Would Grow Over Time, Increasing To 40 Million Americans By 2027. “In other words, while most Americans would indeed see a tax cut or a minor increase in the first year, 8 percent, or roughly 14 million American households, would see an increase of at least $100. (We approximated the raw number using Tax Policy Center data.) Meanwhile, the number of Americans facing a tax increase would grow over time. By 2027, 46 percent would see a decrease and 34 percent would see a change of less than $100, but 20 percent would see a tax increase. That could mean close to 40 million Americans would pay higher taxes in 2027 than they would under today’s tax laws.” [PolitiFact, 11/9/17]

House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Benefit Wealthy Americans And Corporations

Washington Post Fact Checker: “No Matter How You Slice It, The Superwealthy Do Rather Well Under The House GOP Proposal.” “Contrary to the president’s claim, the tax plan is not ‘so bad’ for the wealthy. In fact, no
matter how you slice it, the superwealthy do rather well under the House GOP proposal. As we have said, that’s because they already pay a large chuck of income taxes already. Trump could actually make the distribution tables look better if he pushed to keep the AMT in place for incomes above $1 million and the estate tax in place for estates larger than $11 million. The failure to do so underscores the fact that this tax plan is not only for the middle class.” [Washington Post, 11/9/17]

House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Repealed Medical Expense Deduction - Hurting Americans Who Need Long Term Care, Like Seniors With Alzheimer’s And Children With Chronic Illnesses

Medical Expenses Deduction Helped Older Americans With Long Term Care Costs, And Younger Families Struggling To Care For Children With Chronic Conditions And Disabilities. “According to an analysis in January from the Joint Committee on Taxation, most taxpayers who claim the deduction have incomes below $100,000, with about 40 percent below $75,000. More than half of those who claim it are older than 65, according to AARP, the lobby for older Americans. They often face staggering medical and long-term care costs. The deduction also helps younger families struggling to pay the enormous cost of caring for children with chronic conditions or disabilities, and couples going through costly fertility treatments like in vitro fertilization.” [New York Times, 11/8/17]

New York Times: “Eliminating The Medical-Expense Deduction Would Hit The Middle Class Squarely, Eliminating A Source Of Relief That Has Helped Millions Of People Cope With Steep Medical Costs.” “But while the party has framed its tax plan as a boon for the middle class, eliminating the medical-expense deduction would hit the middle class squarely, eliminating a source of relief that has helped millions of people cope with steep medical costs in a country without comprehensive, universal health coverage.” [New York Times, 11/8/17]

Poliquin Supported Deductions For Medical Expenses In The Final Version Of The TCJA

Poliquin Said He Hoped A Final Version Of The TCJA Would Make Medical Expenses And Student Loan Interest Deductible. “Poliquin said there are provisions in the Senate measure that he hopes wind up in the final bill, including the ability to deduct medical expenses and student loan interest, but approving the House proposal is a necessary first step.” [Portland Press Herald, 11/14/17]

December 2017: Poliquin “Strongly Supported” Senate Changes To The TCJA, Including Deductions For Medical Expenses. “A comprehensive tax reform proposal, which will double the standard deduction for the average Maine family and retain the highest tax rate for top earners, had improvements made to it by Senator Susan Collins (ME) and others that Congressman Bruce Poliquin (ME-02) strongly supports. Congressman Poliquin released the following statement: […] ‘My colleague Senator Collins helped to make improvements to this proposal that I strongly support and that will benefit Maine families and small businesses, such as retaining the medical expense deduction and improving the provision dealing with historic tax credits.’” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 12/1/17]

House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would End Tax Breaks For Teachers, Student Loans, Graduate Tuition

The Republican Tax Bill Cut A Deduction For Teachers Who Spend Their Own Money On School Supplies, As They Are Regularly Expected To Do. “For now, teachers can get a small tax break — deducting up to $250 from their taxes — for what they spend on supplies. But under the GOP tax reform bill, that deduction would go away for teachers and other categories of workers, including certain state and local officials and performing artists. […] Unlike other professionals, teachers are regularly expected to furnish their own supplies. They are often filling in gaps where students are unable to afford supplies — and where districts are unable to furnish them. Teachers in the United States are not paid as well as other similarly educated professionals, studies have found.” [Washington Post, 11/2/17]
Washington Post: “The GOP Plan Would No Longer Allow People Repaying Their Student Loans To Reduce Their Tax Burden By Up To $2,500.” “The GOP plan would no longer allow people repaying their student loans to reduce their tax burden by up to $2,500. People whose employers cover a portion of their college costs would also see the money become taxable income. The plan would also do away with a tuition tax break for university employees and their families. As it stands, tuition discounts provided to that group are excluded from income, under what are known as qualified tuition reductions. Republicans estimate that doing away with all of those deductions and tax breaks will increase government revenue by $47.5 billion over the next decade.” [Washington Post, 11/2/17]

Under The Republican Tax Bill, A Large Percentage Of Undergraduate And Graduate Students Would See Increases In Their Tax Bills, Some Dramatically. “To help pay for the $1.5 trillion tax cut, lawmakers eliminated many individual tax breaks, arguing the overall plan would compensate for any lost benefits. The result: while many families and businesses would see tax cuts, a large percentage of undergraduates and graduate students would see their tax bills increase, some dramatically.” [New York Times, 11/15/17]

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Poliquin Claimed The TCJA Would Help Middle Class Families And Small Businesses; It Really Gave Significant Tax Breaks For The Wealthy And Corporations, Grew The Deficit, And Ultimately Raised Taxes On Middle Class Families

November 2017 – October 2018: Poliquin Claimed The TCJA Would Help Middle Class Families And Small Businesses

October 2018: Poliquin Called The TCJA “A Huge Boost To Our Hardworking Families” And Said Maine Families Will Finally Be Able To Keep More Of The Money That They Work Hard To Earn.” “Poliquin called the tax cut ‘a huge boost to our hardworking families. Maine families will finally be able to keep more of the money that they work hard to earn.’ He said that ‘for decades, Washington has continued to add to a maze of loopholes and separate deductions that have advantaged the few while making the entire system more complex for ordinary taxpayers.’ ‘I am committed to simplify our tax system so ordinary Mainers and Americans — not just the wealthy and well-connected — can keep more of their own money,’ Poliquin said.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 10/6/18]

December 2017: Poliquin Claimed The Tax Bill Would Give “Our Small Businesses, The Backbone Of Maine’s Economy, Relief So They Can Grow And Create More Jobs For Our Fellow Mainers.” “I look forward to continuing our work this week to get this landmark tax reform proposal across the finish line to help our Maine families keep more of their hard-earned money and to giving our small businesses, the backbone of Maine’s economy, relief so they can grow and create more jobs for our fellow Mainers,’ Poliquin said in a statement.” [Portland Press Herald, 12/18/17]

November 2017: Poliquin Called The TCJA “Very Pro-Family.” “Citing a desire to help families and spur growth, U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-2nd District, said Tuesday he plans to vote in favor of a Republican tax bill Thursday that critics say favors the wealthiest Americans. Poliquin said he’s worked hard to make the measure ‘very pro-family.’ The idea, he said, ‘is to put more money back in the pockets’ of working people and to lower the tax burden on businesses so they can invest more. The plan would reduce corporate taxes from 35 percent to 20 percent and eliminate the estate tax in six years.” [Portland Press Herald, 11/14/17]
Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Included Reduced Taxes For Dozens Of Members Of Congress – With Poliquin As One Of The Largest Beneficiaries, Despite His Claims To Support Maintaining Top Tax Rates For Millionaires

HEADLINE: “Dozens Of Lawmakers Stand To Reap A Tax Windfall Due To A GOP Loophole.” [CNBC, 12/20/17]

- Four Dozen Members Of Congress Stood To Benefit From A Change In Tax Treatment Of Real Estate Income Under The Republican Tax Scam Bill. “The provision, which gives favorable tax treatment to a common form of real estate income, would also create generous tax saving for President Donald Trump, who derives much of his personal fortune from real estate. The measure — added late Friday to the $1.5 trillion package of tax cuts — reduces the tax rate on ‘pass-through’ income derived from real estate. Owners of such businesses are allowed to ‘pass through’ the profits from these enterprises to their individual tax returns, which lowers the amount of tax they owe. Those benefits will now go to roughly four dozen Republican House and Senate members who voted for the bill, according to an analysis of personal financial disclosures for CNBC by the Center for Responsive Politics.” [CNBC, 12/20/17]

- The Pass Through Tax Cut Gave An Estimated $60.3 Billion Tax Cut To Americans Making Over $1 Million Between 2018 And 2024. “The wealthiest Americans will benefit the most from President Donald Trump's tax deduction for owners of ‘pass-through’ businesses, according to a congressional report released Monday. […] In 2018, the lion's share of the benefit — $17.4 billion, or 44.3 percent of the total — will go to roughly 200,000 Americans making $1 million or more who claim the pass-through deduction, the committee said. Another $3.6 billion, or 8.9 percent, will go to a similar number of taxpayers who earn $500,000 to $1 million. By 2024, the tax deductions will amount to $60.3 billion, and those making $1 million or more will account for $31.6 billion (52.4 percent) of that.” [NBC News, 4/24/18]

- CNBC: Poliquin Had Up To $7 Million In Real Estate Assets, The Eighth Most In The House. [CNBC, 12/20/17]


November 2017: Poliquin: “I Support Maintaining A Progressive Tax Code And Therefore I Support Maintaining The Current Top Rate For Million Dollar Plus Earners.” “As the Tax Foundation noted, the top 1% of earners reported just over 20% of total income but paid nearly 40% of the total income taxes collected in the nation. So the top 1% paid 39.5% of all income taxes collected in the country. In their last study year, 2014, the Tax Foundation reported that the upper 50% of all earners in the United States paid over 97% of all income taxes in the nation. This means that the bottom 50% of income tax payers paid less than 3% of all taxes. I support maintaining a progressive tax code and therefore I support maintaining the current top rate for million dollar plus earners. Our primary focus must be how we help our Maine small businesses grow and create more jobs. Our focus needs to be on Maine.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 11/2/17]

Portland Press Herald: “Poliquin Voted To Give Away Trillions Of Dollars To Extremely Wealthy Individuals And Corporations” While Cutting “Programs That [His] Middle-Class Constituents Rely On”

Portland Press Herald Editorial Board: Poliquin Should Have “Had The Guts To Stand Up For Their Constituents And Vote Against” The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. “This isn’t tax reform – it’s a publicly funded reward for the handful of wealthy donors who have bankrolled the Republican takeover of Congress. Still, 13 Republican House members had the guts to stand up for their constituents and vote against the bill last week. Maine’s Poliquin should have been one of them.” [Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 11/19/17]
Editorial Board: “Poliquin Voted To Give Away Trillions Of Dollars To Extremely Wealthy Individuals And Corporations” While Cutting “Programs That [His] Middle-Class Constituents Rely On.” “Rep. Bruce Poliquin had a big week. The representative for Maine’s 2nd District voted to bankrupt graduate students, add $1.7 trillion to the federal deficit and cut $25 billion out of next year’s Medicare budget. And he did it all with a single push of a button. […] Poliquin voted to give away trillions of dollars to extremely wealthy individuals and corporations. The cuts would be partially offset by the elimination of most tax deductions, and what that wouldn’t cover would be added to the deficit ($1.7 trillion), triggering cuts to the programs that Poliquin’s middle-class constituents rely on, including Medicare, Social Security and financial aid for students.” [Portland Press Herald, Editorial Board, 11/19/17]

The TCJA Gave Significant Tax Breaks For The Wealthy And Corporations While Increasing The Deficit And Taxes On Middle Class Families

Washington Post: Final Tax Bill Included A “Significant Tax Break For The Very Wealthy” And “A Massive Tax Cut For Corporations.” “A new tax cut for the rich: The final plan lowers the top tax rate for top earners. Under current law, the highest rate is 39.6 percent for married couples earning over $470,700. The GOP bill would drop that to 37 percent and raise the threshold at which that top rate kicks in, to $500,000 for individuals and $600,000 for married couples. This amounts to a significant tax break for the very wealthy, a departure from repeated claims by Trump and his top officials that the bill would not benefit the rich. […] A massive tax cut for corporations “A massive tax cut for corporations: Starting on Jan. 1, 2018, big businesses' tax rate would fall from 35 percent to just 21 percent, the largest one-time rate cut in U.S. history for the nation's largest companies.” [Washington Post, 12/15/17]

New York Times: “Financial Institutions Are Among The Biggest Winners So Far, Reaping Benefits From A Lower Corporate Rate And More Preferable Tax Treatment For So-Called Pass-Through Companies.” “The nation’s banks are finding a lot to love about the Trump administration’s tax cuts. The $1.5 trillion tax overhaul signed into law late last year provided deep and lasting tax cuts to all types of businesses, but financial institutions are among the biggest winners so far, reaping benefits from a lower corporate rate and more preferable tax treatment for so-called pass-through companies, which include many small banks. While some of the biggest banks are reporting fourth-quarter earnings hits stemming from the new tax law, they see rich benefits over the long term, including effective tax rates that are even lower than the new 21 percent corporate rate.” [New York Times, 1/16/18]

PolitiFact: GOP Tax Bill Would Raise Taxes For The Middle Class After Individual Tax Cut Provisions Expired In 2025. “Gillibrand said the Republican 'tax [plan] raises middle-class taxes.' That's not true during the first years of the new tax provisions. If not for the sunset for the tax changes for individuals, we likely would have rated Gillibrand's statement False or perhaps Mostly False. Middle-income taxpayers will either benefit or see no change in their tax liability through 2025. But her claim could hold up after the bill’s individual provisions expire that year. There's no guarantee a future Congress will extend those parts of the bill.” [PolitiFact, 12/22/17]

Poliquin Previously Called National Debt “A Fiscal Black Cloud Hanging Above Our Economy,” But Defended His Vote For TCJA To Increase The Deficit By $1.9 Trillion

2016: Poliquin Called National Debt “A Fiscal Black Cloud Hanging Above Our Economy” And A Threat “To Our Freedoms And Way Of Life”

2016: The Poliquin Campaign Website Called National Debt “A Fiscal Black Cloud Hanging Above Our Economy.” “The reckless overspending and surging debt create a fiscal black cloud hanging above our economy. Business owners don’t have the confidence to expand their companies and hire more workers. Consumers with part-time or no jobs don’t have the money to buy more than the bare family essentials, further slowing economic and job growth.” [Poliquin for Congress, captured 10/29/16]
February 2016: Poliquin Led A Group That Called On Republican Presidential Candidates To Support A Balanced Budget Amendment. “A group of freshmen Republicans in Congress is calling on the party’s presidential candidates to focus less on bickering and more on the national debt in advance of the South Carolina primary. Maine Rep. Bruce Poliquin is leading the group, which is sending a letter to the candidates Wednesday. Poliquin and the lawmakers want Republican candidates to put aside personal jabs and show support for a balanced budget amendment. The letter says candidates need to back spending restraints and show debt is one of the ‘primary threats to our freedoms.’ The signers are from more than a dozen states and many haven’t endorsed a candidate for president.” [Seacoast Online, 2/17/16]

- Letter From Poliquin And Other Republican Freshmen To Republican Presidential Candidates Called “The Smothering $19 Trillion National Debt” A Threat “To Our Freedoms And Way Of Life.” “In a letter first obtained by Roll Call that will be sent to the presidential candidates Wednesday, the group of first-term members, led by Maine Rep. Bruce Poliquin, asks the candidates to publicly commit to supporting a balanced budget amendment. To those who have previously supported such an amendment, the group is asking them to recommit. Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, former Ohio Gov. John Kasich, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson have all supported a balanced budget amendment. ‘One of the primary threats to our freedoms and way of life is the smothering $19 trillion national debt,’ the group wrote in its letter. ‘Washington desperately needs fiscal disciplines not only in Congress but also in the White House.’” [Roll Call, 2/16/16]

November 2017: Poliquin Defended His Vote For The TCJA, Which Was Projected To Increase The Deficit By $1.9 Trillion

Poliquin On TCJA: “I’m Very Concerned About [The Debt], But I’m Also Very Concerned About Our Families Who Haven’t Had A Pay Raise In 10 Years.” “Republicans argue that economic growth could offset debt impacts. The right-leaning Tax Foundation has said the House plan could lead to $1 trillion in growth over a decade. Poliquin, who has campaigned for his seat twice on reducing the national debt, held that line Tuesday. ‘I’m very concerned about [the debt], but I’m also very concerned about our families who haven't had a pay raise in 10 years,’ he said.” [Bangor Daily News, 11/14/17]

The CBO Estimated The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Increase The Deficit By $1.9 Trillion Over 10 Years. “The GOP's signature tax law is projected to increase the national debt by $1.9 trillion between 2018 and 2028, according to a new report by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). According to the report, the tax law would cost the government $2.3 trillion in revenues, but economic growth would offset that figure by about $461 billion.” [The Hill, 4/9/18]

Republicans Planned To Pay For TCJA’s Increases To The National Debt With Cuts To Medicare And Social Security

Official CBO Estimate Found Final Tax Bill Would Increase The Federal Deficit By $1.9 Trillion. “The GOP’s signature tax law is projected to increase the national debt by $1.9 trillion between 2018 and 2028, according to a new report by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). According to the report, the tax law would cost the government $2.3 trillion in revenues, but economic growth would offset that figure by about $461 billion.” [The Hill, 4/9/18]

After Passing A Tax Bill That Added Trillions To The Deficit, Speaker Ryan Said Medicare And Medicaid Would Need To Be “Reformed” In Order To Decrease The Deficit. “With his dream of tax reform now realized, Ryan is hoping to make progress on two other issues he’s targeted during his two-decade career in Washington: entitlement and welfare reform. ‘We’re going to have to get back next year at entitlement reform, which is how you tackle the debt and the deficit,’ Ryan, a former Budget Committee chairman, said in a recent interview this month on the Ross Kaminsky radio talk show. Medicare and Medicaid are the ‘big drivers of debt,’ Ryan said, suggesting Republicans could once again use the budget reconciliation process to avoid a Democratic filibuster. Medicare is the ‘biggest entitlement that’s got to have reform,’ Ryan added.” [The Hill, 12/27/17]
• HEADLINE: After Tax Overhaul, GOP Sets Sights On Medicare, Social Security [US News, 12/7/17]

• HEADLINE: Ryan Says Republicans To Target Welfare, Medicare, Medicaid Spending In 2018. [Washington Post, 12/6/17]


AP: “A Wide Range Of Economists And Nonpartisan Analysts Have Warned That The Bill Will Likely Escalate Federal Debt, Intensify Pressure To Cut Spending On Social Programs And Further Widen America’s Troubling Income Inequality.” “The tax overhaul of 2017 amounts to a high-stakes gamble by Republicans in Congress: That slashing taxes for corporations and wealthy individuals will accelerate growth and assure greater prosperity for Americans for years to come. The risks are considerable. A wide range of economists and nonpartisan analysts have warned that the bill will likely escalate federal debt, intensify pressure to cut spending on social programs and further widen America’s troubling income inequality.” [Associated Press, 12/17/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Prohibit The Repeal Of The State And Local Tax Deduction**

Poliquin Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Prohibit The Repeal Of The State And Local Tax Deduction. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” In a speech on the House floor, Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL) said, “if we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment that will prohibit any legislation from limiting or repealing the State and local tax deduction, which prevents millions of families from being taxed twice on the same income.” A vote for the amendment is a vote to block protecting the state and local tax deduction. The motion was agreed to 234-193. [HRes 619, Vote #632, 11/15/17; CQ, 11/15/17, Congressional Record, 11/15/17]

**January 2018: Poliquin Criticized Pelosi For Calling $1,000 Bonuses That Walmart Gave To Its Employees “Crumbs”**

January 2018: Poliquin Criticized Pelosi For Calling $1,000 Bonuses Walmart Gave To Its Employees “Crumbs”: “Maybe To A San Francisco Wealthly [Sic] Liberal Politician It Is Crumbs.” “Crumbs!” Nancy Pelosi called hard working folks getting a $1,000 bonus from Walmart ‘crumbs.’ We have several thousand fellow Mainers who would beg to differ. Walmart has joined numerous other companies in giving bonuses or pay increases as a result of the historic tax cut. This cut also helps our struggling Maine small businesses and our Maine job creators. Maybe to a San Francisco wealthy liberal politician it is crumbs. For job creators and workers who will see larger paychecks this February it is helpful.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 1/16/18]
Poliquin Voted To Eliminate The Historic Preservation Tax Credit, Which He Supported, By Voting For The House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. “A tax credit program that has funneled millions of dollars into Maine's economy faces an uncertain future in the congressional bills that are aimed at fundamentally reshaping American tax policy. While the Senate Finance Committee reinstated a version of the federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit - it had been scaled back by half initially - the tax credit, which became part of the federal tax code three decades ago, is among the tax credits and deductions that have been eliminated in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that the House of Representatives approved 227-205, mostly along party lines, last week. […] Rep. Bruce Poliquin, who represents Maine's 2nd District, has supported it in the past, but when he cast his vote on the tax bill last week, he voted with his party.” [Kennebec Journal, 11/19/17]

• Poliquin’s Spokesperson Said He Would Advocate Against The Credit’s Elimination In Reconciliation. “Rep. Bruce Poliquin, who represents Maine's 2nd District, has supported it in the past, but when he cast his vote on the tax bill last week, he voted with his party. Following that vote, Brendan Conley, his press secretary, said Poliquin will be pushing for the credit to be included in the final proposal.” [Kennebec Journal, 11/19/17]

• Maine Advocates For Historic Preservation Called The Credit “An Economic Development Boon” And “Very Important To Preserving The Physical Historic Record Of The State.” “The landscape of central Maine is dotted with projects - in all, more than a dozen - that were completed using the tax credits. They include the Cony Flatiron project in Augusta, the Granite Works Office in Hallowell, the Music Hall Block in Farmington and the Milliken Block in Waterville. The buildings have either been certified historic and are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or they are deemed to be architecturally contributing to a National Register district. ‘It's been an economic development boon to our cities and to buildings that need an infusion of help,’ said Greg Paxton, executive director of Maine Preservation. Maine Preservation's mission is to promote and preserve historic buildings and places in the state. ‘This has been very important to preserving the physical historic record of the state,’ said Michael Johnson, rehabilitation tax incentives coordinator for the Maine Historic Preservation Commission.” [Kennebec Journal, 11/19/17]

The TCJA Ultimately Reduced But Retained The Historic Preservation Tax Credit. “The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, signed December 22, 2017, affects the rehabilitation credit for amounts that taxpayers pay or incur for qualified expenditures after December 31, 2017. The credit is a percentage of expenditures for the rehabilitation of qualifying buildings in the year the property is placed in service. The legislation: Requires taxpayers take the 20-percent credit ratably over five years instead of in the year they placed the building into service Eliminates the 10 percent rehabilitation credit for the pre-1936 buildings” [IRS, accessed 9/27/21]

• December 2017: Poliquin “Strongly Supported” Senate Changes To The TCJA, Including “The Provision Dealing With Historic Tax Credits.” “A comprehensive tax reform proposal, which will double the standard deduction for the average Maine family and retain the highest tax rate for top earners, had improvements made to it by Senator Susan Collins (ME) and others that Congressman Bruce Poliquin (ME-02) strongly supports. Congressman Poliquin released the following statement: […] ‘My colleague Senator Collins helped to make improvements to this proposal that I strongly support and that will benefit Maine families and small businesses, such as retaining the medical expense deduction and improving the provision dealing with historic tax credits.’” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 12/1/17]
permanent include: reduced tax rates and modified tax bracket breakpoints for the seven tax brackets, the standard deduction amount, the elimination of personal exemptions for each taxpayer and dependent, and the increased child tax credit.” The bill passed 220-191. [HR 6760, Vote #414, 9/28/18; CQ, 9/28/18]

- The Bill Would Make Permanent Lower Tax Rates On Individuals And “Pass-Through” Businesses That Were Set To Expire In 2026, Unlike Corporate Tax Cuts Enacted Permanently Under TCJA. “While the new law slashed the corporate tax rate permanently from 35 percent to 21 percent, its tax cuts for individuals and the millions of U.S. ‘pass-through’ businesses expire in eight years. The ‘pass-through’ businesses funnel their income to owners and other individuals, who then pay personal income tax on those earnings, not the corporate rate. They are allowed under the new law to deduct 20 percent of the first $315,000 of their earnings. The legislation clearing the House on Friday would make the cuts for individuals and pass-through businesses permanent.” [Associated Press, 9/28/18]

- The Bill Would Add $545 Billion To The Deficit On Top Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. “The sweeping rewrite of the tax code that Republicans hustled through Congress late last year, signed into law by Trump as his signature legislative achievement, is expected to add about $1.5 trillion to the deficit over 10 years. The bill approved Friday would add another $545 billion through 2028, according to an estimate by Congress’ bipartisan Joint Committee on Taxation.” [Associated Press, 9/28/18]

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**Corporate Tax**

**2021: Poliquin Claimed Corporate Tax Increases Would Cost Individuals And The Middle Class**

4/29/21: Poliquin: Corporate Tax “Increases Will Come Back To Bite Middle Class America.” “Without investment, there is no growing economy. Biden must be careful with his corporate and capital gains tax proposals. Many left of center outlets are noting his numbers just don't add up, and the increases will come back to bite middle class America. https://t.co/sfuMdA18Du?amp=1.”

[Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 4/29/21]

Poliquin Said Democrats’ Plans To Tax Corporations Would Actually Result In Tax Increases On Individuals Because Corporations Only Make Up 7 Percent Of America’s Total Federal Tax Revenues. POLIQUIN: “$3 trillion taken from – excuse me, Matt – individuals, small businesses, larger businesses during a time where we’re recovering from a recovery, it’s just a really bad idea. And when the Democrats say, ‘Well, we’re
just going to soak these corporations, they’re going to pay for it,’ that’s just not true. If you look at all the tax revenues collected each year in this country at the federal level, seven percent – only seven percent – from corps, 50 percent from individuals and then another 36 percent from payroll taxes which you get when you have a job.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 4/9/21] (AUDIO) 9:05

Poliquin Voted Against Preventing Tax Deductions For Executive Bonuses Exceeding $1 Million

2015: Poliquin Voted Against Preventing Tax Deductions For Executive Bonuses Exceeding $1 Million. In January 2015, Poliquin voted against: a “Van Hollen, D-Md., motion to commit the resolution to a select committee comprised of the House majority and minority leaders and report it back immediately with an amendment that would prevent companies that don’t give their employees annual raises to keep pace with increases in costs of living and labor productivity from claiming tax deductions for chief executive officer bonuses or other compensation exceeding $1 million for other highly-paid executives or employees.” The motion failed, 168-243. [H Res 5, Vote #5, 1/6/15; CQ, 1/6/15]

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Estate Tax

2018: Poliquin Claimed The Estate Tax Hurt “Maine Small Businesses And Especially Our Farms”


Poliquin Supported Repealing The Estate Tax

October 2016: Poliquin Supported Repealing The Estate Tax. “Poliquin argued that energy costs and taxes are the two biggest factors holding back rural Maine’s economy. ‘The cost of energy has to go down, and taxes need to go lower,’ he said, adding that he supports repealing the estate tax.” [Bangor Daily News, 10/19/16]

April 2015: Poliquin Voted For Repealing The Estate Tax, Which Benefitted Multi-Millionaires Like Himself

Poliquin Voted For Repealing The Estate Tax. In April 2015, Poliquin voted for repealing the estate tax. “The measure also would repeal the generation-skipping transfer tax and reduce the top marginal rate for the federal gift tax from 40 percent to 35 percent.” The bill passed, 240-179. [HR 1105, Vote #161, 4/16/15; CQ News, 4/16/15]

• USA Today: “Repealing Estate Tax Would Reward .2%” Who Leave Their Heirs At Least $5.4 Million. “[HEADLINE:] Repealing estate tax would reward 0.2%: Our view […] Vote to repeal the estate tax, which affects an estimated 5,400 well-off Americans every year. We say ‘well off’ because you need to leave your
heirs at least $5.4 million ($10.8 million for a couple) to have to pay any federal estate taxes at all. Of the nearly 3 million Americans who die every year, only about two-tenths of 1% have enough assets to qualify. It's a rather exclusive group. This isn't to disparage people who worked hard enough (or, in some cases, were lucky enough) to have estates that big. It's just that, at a time when income inequality is one of the nation's most vexing problems, the 0.2% hardly need extra help from Congress.” [Editorial, USA Today, 4/16/15]


- **CBPP: “Roughly 2 Of Every 1,000 Estates Face The Estate Tax.”** “Today, 99.8 percent of estates owe no estate tax at all, according to the Joint Committee on Taxation.[3] Only the estates of the wealthiest 0.2 percent of Americans -- roughly 2 out of every 1,000 people who die -- owe any estate tax. (See Figure 1.) This is because of the tax's high exemption amount, which has jumped from $650,000 per person in 2001 to $5.43 million per person in 2015.” [CBPP, “10 Facts You Should Know About The Federal Estate Tax,” 3/23/15]

- **The Bill Impacted Fewer Than 6,000 Families Per Year.** “This tax is levied on the portion of estates exceeding $5.43 million per person or $10.86 million per married couple, and because of those exemption levels, it affects less than 1 percent of estates, or fewer than 6,000 families in 2014.” [Philadelphia Inquirer, 4/19/15]

- **The Bill Would Add $269 Billion To The National Debt.** “Voting 240 for and 179 against, the House on April 16 passed a GOP-sponsored bill (HR 1105) that would permanently repeal the federal estate tax in a way that would add $269 billion to national debt through fiscal 2025.” [Albuquerque Journal, 4/19/15]

- **PolitiFact: False – “Estate Tax ‘In Many Cases’ Forces Family Farmers And Small Business Owners To Sell Their Holdings.”** “The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates only 6 tenths of 1 percent of estates with farms qualified for the tax in 2013. The nonpartisan Tax Policy Center estimates that there were 20 small, closely held farms and businesses that were subject to the tax that year. It’s unknown how many of them, if any at all, were sold to pay the levy. So Hurt’s statement comes up empty. We rate it False.” [PolitiFact, 5/3/15]

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[Rep. Bruce Poliquin Twitter, 12/19/17]

Votes On Tax Loopholes And Delinquency

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April 2015: Poliquin Voted For Making Individuals With Severely Delinquent Tax Debt Ineligible For Federal Employment

Poliquin Voted For Making Individuals With Severely Delinquent Tax Debt Ineligible For Federal Employment. In April 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill that would make individuals with “seriously delinquent tax debt” ineligible for federal employment, and would include existing federal employees. The bill failed, 266-160. A two thirds majority was required to pass the bill, under suspension of the rules. [HR 1563, Vote #157, 4/15/15; CQ News, 4/15/15]

- Bill Opponents Noted That The Tax Compliance Rate Was 97 Percent For Civil Servants. “Opponents noted in debate that the tax compliance rate for civil servants was 97 percent in 2014, compared to 95 percent for House members and their staffs and 91 percent for the public at large. Civil servants owed $1.14 billion in delinquent taxes last year.” [Bakersfield Californian, 4/18/15]

Maine State And Municipal Taxes

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mostly by wealthy vacationers, but that’s not true. About 70% of meal and 30% of lodging sales in Maine are paid by Mainers. This bad idea will hurt Maine’s poor more than anyone. And, can you imagine the town-to-town tax grab battle?! How would the owners of a diner or bed and breakfast decide where to locate? It would also put Maine further at a disadvantage to New Hampshire, which imposes no sales tax. What a confusing mess this would be. I’ve got a better idea. State and local elected officials should find ways to be more efficient in delivering government services so they can reduce spending. Then they can lower property and other taxes so hard-working families can live better lives. Pretty straightforward!” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 12/10/19]

### Pledge Against Raising Taxes

#### 2014: Poliquin Pledged Not To Raise Taxes

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### IRS

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## Trade, Outsourcing, & Manufacturing Issues

**Significant Findings**

- In August 2020, Poliquin praised Trump’s trade war against China, which he previously warned could “jeopardize” the lobster industry.

- In 2018, weeks before China imposed retaliatory tariffs on American lobster exports, Poliquin wrote in a letter with Maine’s congressional delegation that tariffs could “jeopardize” the lobster industry.

- Between 2018 and 2020, Maine’s lobster industry lost $85 million in sales; Quartz reported that the “culprit” was Trump’s trade war.

- In August 2020, Poliquin said of the trade war, “Trump has been the only guy in a very long time with the guts to stand up to China.”

- Poliquin announced his opposition to the Trans-Pacific Partnership after weeks of refusing to say his stance on the trade deal, which New Balance opposed.

- Two Maine state senators wrote that Poliquin stayed “undecided” “for as long as possible while he raked in campaign contributions from his friends at the big companies that will benefit from it.”

- Poliquin accepted more than $82,000 from corporate and industry-backed PACs in the month before he announced his opposition to TPP.

- Poliquin criticized and voted to block reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank for months before ultimately voting for it.

- The Bangor Daily News Editorial Board wrote that Poliquin “ultimately voted the right way – after risking Ex-Im Bank’s future.”

- In September 2018, Poliquin’s congressional office sent a letter to constituents touting his efforts to keep the Madison Paper Industries mill open; the mill closed in 2016 and laid off more than 200 Mainers.

- Poliquin’s spokesperson said the letter was sent accidentally.

- Poliquin accepted $27,000 from Koch Industries, Inc. PAC; a Koch Industries subsidiary closed Old Town Mill, putting 459 Maine out of work.

- Poliquin said he pushed to require the Department of Defense to buy American-made shoes, resulting in a $17 million contract for New Balance.

- The Bangor Daily News reported that Poliquin’s predecessor “did most of the work on the Berry Amendment, which required the military to buy American products, behind the scenes.”

- In October 2016, a New Balance employee said he lost his job after he did not shake Poliquin’s hand while he visited a New Balance factory, which Poliquin’s campaign denied.
Lobster Exports & Trade War

Poliquin Praised Trump In 2020 For Tariffs That Hurt Maine’s Lobster Industry Even After He Expressed Concern About How They Would “Jeopardize” The Industry In 2018


June 2018: Poliquin Issued A Joint Statement With The Maine Congressional Delegation That Expressed Concern That China’s Retaliatory Tariffs Would “Jeopardize” Maine’s Lobster Industry. “Tonight, U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King and Representatives Chellie Pingree and Bruce Poliquin released the following joint statement in response to China’s retaliatory tariffs on American Lobster: ‘Maine’s lobster industry is an irreplaceable piece of our state’s economy that supports thousands of jobs and entire coastal communities. Just two weeks ago, the Maine delegation heard directly from our state’s lobster industry about the economic hardship a trade war with China would cause them. We will be outlining our concerns with the USTR about how these new tariffs will jeopardize this industry.’” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 6/15/18]

July 2018: China Announced Retaliatory Tariffs On The U.S., Including A 25 Percent Tariff On Lobster Imports, Beginning A Roughly $85 Million Loss To The Industry Over Two Years

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Lobster Sales To China Declined By 64 Percent During The First Month Of Trump’s Tariffs. “LePage and Poliquin also pushed back on criticism of Trump’s trade war with China, which also hurt Maine’s lobster industry when China placed 25% retaliatory tariffs on U.S. seafood imports. Lobster sales to China, which had been a growing market, declined by 64% during the first month the tariffs were in place.” [Portland Press Herald, 8/27/20]


Quartz On Maine Lobster Industry’s Declining Value: “The Culprit Is The US-China Trade War.” “As of last year, Maine’s catch was still near all-time high. But the state’s lobster and fishing industry is not ‘bigger and better than anyone ever thought possible,’ as US president Donald Trump claimed yesterday. Under the Trump administration, the value of Maine’s lobster harvest has actually declined. The culprit is the US-China trade war.” [Quartz, 6/25/20]

June 2020: Trump Announced Maine Lobstermen Would Be Eligible For Financial Assistance To Offset Lost Income From The Trade War, Which Maine’s Congressional Delegation Pushed For In June 2019. “President Donald Trump directed his administration on Wednesday to provide lobstermen with financial assistance to make up for lost income from Chinese tariffs in a move that one of Maine’s senators praised and said ‘came out of the blue.’ White House trade adviser Peter Navarro said Trump signed a memorandum Wednesday calling on the U.S. Department of Agriculture to make available to the lobster industry subsidies like those given to soybean and other agricultural growers. Maine accounts for 80 percent of the U.S. lobster haul. The state’s congressional delegation lobbied for such a move in a June 2019 letter.” [Bangor Daily News, 6/24/20]

August 2020: Poliquin Praised Trump For Having “The Guts To Stand Up To China” In The Trade War
8/28/20: Poliquin On Trump’s Trade War Against China: “Trump Has Been The Only Guy In A Very Long Time With The Guts To Stand Up To China.” “LePage and Poliquin also pushed back on criticism of Trump’s trade war with China, which also hurt Maine’s lobster industry when China placed 25% retaliatory tariffs on U.S. seafood imports. Lobster sales to China, which had been a growing market, declined by 64% during the first month the tariffs were in place. Poliquin and LePage said China had taken advantage of the U.S. for years and that while some industries were hurt by the trade standoff, there were other gains made. ‘Trump has been the only guy in a very long time with the guts to stand up to China,’ Poliquin said.” [Portland Press Herald, 8/27/20]

- Poliquin: “Trump Was The First President In Modern History Who Took This Chinese Threat Seriously, And It Was Getting To Be Quite Effective.” “Trump was the first president in modern history who took this Chinese threat seriously, and it was getting to be quite effective. They look at Biden and Mr. Obama with his administration, where Biden of course was the vice president for eight years, and they see weakness and appeasement.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 3/22/21] (AUDIO) 5:55

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to label Maine's iconic crustacean an invasive species. Although they still hope to avoid a continent-wide ban of live American lobster imports to the European Union with science, claiming the discovery of 32 American lobsters in the North Atlantic over the last decade doesn't constitute an invasion, the North American countries are asking Italy, Spain and France to lobby against the proposed ban, too. […] More than 10,000 Mainers, from lobster boat captains and sternmen down the supply chain to drivers and processors, as well as bait dealers and boat builders, work in the lobster industry, 2nd District Rep. Bruce Poliquin said. The congressman advised those who want to ban American lobster imports to ‘buckle up’ because Mainers will fight ‘with the last breath in our bodies’ for lobster. ‘Maine is lobster,’ Poliquin said. ‘Maine is Moose. Maine is blueberry pie. Maine is Moxie. Maine is lobster. This is our brand. This is who we are … we're dead serious about this.’” [Portland Press Herald, 9/16/16]

Trans-Pacific Partnership

| Poliquin Voted Against Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) Twice |

2015: Poliquin Voted Against Trade Promotion Authority. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against: a “Ryan, R-Wis., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (HR 2146) to allow public safety workers over the age of 50 to make penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans, with an amendment that would grant Trade Promotion Authority, under which implementing legislation for trade agreements negotiated by the administration would be considered by Congress under expedited procedures and could not be amended.” The motion passed 218 to 208. [HR 2146, Vote #374, 6/18/15; CQ, 6/18/15]

• Trade Promotion Authority Allowed Obama Administration To “Fast-Track” Trans-Pacific Trade Deal.
  “The House on Thursday took the first step toward resuscitating the White House’s trade agenda by passing legislation granting President Obama fast-track authority. […] The House vote was 218-208, with 28 Democrats voting for it. This is the second time in a week the House has voted to approve the controversial fast-track bill. On Friday, the House voted 219-211 in favor of fast-track, which would make it easier for Obama to complete a sweeping trans-Pacific trade deal.” [The Hill, 6/18/15]

2015: Poliquin Voted Against Trade Promotion Authority. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against: a “Division III of the Ryan, R-Wis., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would provide Trade Promotion Authority for trade agreements negotiated by the administration, under which they would be considered by Congress under expedited procedures without amendment, and would extend Trade Adjustment Assistance programs to help displaced U.S. workers. The portion of the Senate amendment covered by the division would authorize special ‘trade promotion authority’ for congressional consideration of legislation to implement U.S. trade agreements, under which such agreements would be considered in Congress under an expedited process and would be subject to simple up-or-down votes so they could not be amended. The expedited authority would apply to trade agreements entered into before July 1, 2018, although the bill would allow for extensions.” The motion was agreed to 219 to 211. [HR 1314, Vote #362; CQ, 6/12/15]

March – April 2016: Poliquin Refused To Say Whether He Planned To Support TPP For Weeks, Even After He Recognized Its Potential Damage To Major Maine Employers

March 2016: Poliquin Refused To Say Whether He Planned To Support TPP

3/23/16: When Then-Attorney General Janet Mills Asked If He Supported TPP, Poliquin “Demurred And Later Called Her Question ‘Political.’” “The Republican from Maine’s 2nd District was put on the spot about the Trans-Pacific Partnership by Attorney General Janet Mills at a dinner held by the Maine Fair Trade Campaign, a coalition of labor, environmental and other groups that opposes the deal. […] Mills pressed him on that issue when she spoke later, asking him if he supported the deal or not. He demurred and later called her question ‘political.’” [Bangor Daily News, 3/23/16]

• Poliquin Said He Was “Poring Through” The Details Of TPP. “In Wednesday's speech, Poliquin said his
staff is still ‘poring through’ the lengthy agreement and he'll vote on it based on the answer to one question: ‘Does it help us or not?’ ‘Then, it becomes a pretty easy decision,’ he said. ‘That's what we're looking at right now.’” [Bangor Daily News, 3/23/16]

April 12, 2016: New Balance Announced Its Opposition To TPP

4/12/16: New Balance Announced Its Opposition To TPP Because It Was Not “Confident That Our Government Will Take The Steps To Ensure Our Continued Domestic Operations.” “The New Balance Athletic Shoe Co. is taking off the gloves with the Obama administration for its support of a 12-nation Asian trade agreement and for what the company says is its failure to keep a Department of Defense promise to buy American-made footwear for the military. […] [New Balance Vice President of Public Affairs Matt] LeBretton said New Balance is ‘coming out against TPP after remaining neutral and quiet for about a year on the issue. This administration has failed to provide a pathway that allows us to be confident that our government will take the steps to ensure our continued domestic operations and the growth in those operations.’” [Kennebec Journal, 4/12/16]

- 4/12/16: Poliquin’s Spokesperson: Poliquin Voted Against Fast-Tracking TPP Because “The Secretive Process Of Negotiating Major Deals Is Not Fair To […] Businesses Like New Balance.” “Poliquin also voted in June, along with Rep. Chellie Pingree, D-1st District, against fast-track legislation for the trade pact, which would make it easier for Obama to negotiate the deal. Collins and King also voted against it. ‘The congressman has often said that the secretive process of negotiating major deals is not fair to the American people and businesses like New Balance,’ Conley said. ‘That's why he voted, twice, against granting fast track to the president.’ He added that Poliquin ‘believes we need to protect and grow our Second District jobs by making sure our businesses and employers like New Balance are able to compete on a level playing field in the global market place. This fast-track trade legislation did not achieve that goal.’” [Kennebec Journal, 4/12/16]

April 26, 2016: Poliquin Announced He Would Vote Against TPP

4/26/16: Poliquin Announced He Would Vote Against TPP “After Months Of Careful And Thorough Analysis.” “Republican Rep. Bruce Poliquin announced Wednesday he will vote against President Barack Obama's Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement, further solidifying the Maine congressional delegation's opposition to the measure. Poliquin joins Democratic Rep. Chellie Pingree against the trade deal. Independent Sen. Angus King and Republican Sen. Susan Collins have not taken a firm stance for or against the measure but have voiced serious reservations. ‘After months of careful and thorough analysis, I've concluded that the proposed TPP international trade agreement is not in the best interest of our workers and their families,’ said Poliquin in a video released Wednesday. ‘I don't believe this deal gives us a fair shot and as a result I do not support it.’” [Maine Public, 4/20/16]

May 2016: Maine Democrats Criticized Poliquin For “Trying To Score Political Points After Failing To Present Any Meaningful Opposition To The Proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership”

May 2016: Maine State Sens. John Patrick And Troy Jackson Op-Ed: Poliquin “Is Trying To Score Political Points After Failing To Present Any Meaningful Opposition To The Proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership.” “As the former co-chairs of Maine’s Citizens Trade Policy Commission, we have heard heartbreaking hours of testimony from Maine people whose lives were torn apart by trade deals negotiated in Washington. Now, yet another trade deal is on the verge of approval and, once again, its language was written — in secret — by multinational companies, lobbyists and big-money special interests. We are appalled that Congressman Bruce Poliquin, who represents Maine’s 2nd District, is trying to score political points after failing to present any meaningful opposition to the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, John Patrick and Troy Jackson Op-Ed, 5/8/16]

- Patrick And Jackson Op-Ed: Poliquin Stayed “Undecided” “For As Long As Possible While He Raked In Campaign Contributions From His Friends At The Big Companies That Will Benefit From It.” “In
this case, Maine people have been pleading for years with their representatives to protect Maine interests, not corporate profits. But it took Poliquin until just two weeks ago to come out against the deal. A full year ago, New Balance told Poliquin that TPP might force them to move jobs out of Maine and overseas. Poliquin responded that he was ‘undecided.’ He says that he made his decision after he ‘pored through’ the deal. This is absurd. Anyone who has ever seen a few lines of a trade agreement knows that they are nearly-unintelligible legalese, understandable by only a handful of highly trained lawyers. The truth is, Poliquin needed to stay neutral on the deal for as long as possible while he raked in campaign contributions from his friends at the big companies that will benefit from it. Now that it is election season, Poliquin is singing a different tune.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, John Patrick and Troy Jackson Op-Ed, 5/8/16]

- **3/25/16 – 4/25/16: Poliquin Accepted At Least $83,658 From Corporate And Industry-Backed PACs.**

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Maine House Majority Leader Jeff McCabe: “The Day Madison Paper Industries Closed, That Would Have Been A Great Day For Bruce To Come Out And Say He Opposed The Trans Pacific Partnership.” “Maine House Majority Leader Jeff McCabe, a Skowhegan Democrat who has endorsed Cain, said he was disappointed in Poliquin’s response when Madison Paper Industries closed in May, one of several paper mills that in the 2nd District that has struggled or closed. ‘To me, the day Madison Paper Industries closed, that would have been a great day for Bruce to come out and say he opposed the Trans Pacific Partnership,’ McCabe said. The proposed international trade agreement would lower tariffs and other barriers to international trade, hurting U.S. businesses like New Balance. ‘Living in the (2nd District), I think right out of the gate, that's something you should oppose. I think we need someone that's willing to make the decision that's best for the district, not hemming and hawing and not committing.’” [Kennebec Journal, 6/25/16]

- **4/12/16: Poliquin Announced Trade Adjustment Assistance For Madison Paper Industries Employees Who “Lost Their Jobs As A Result Of Foreign -- And Often Unfair -- Competition.”** “Collins, King and Poliquin said in a joint statement Tuesday that the foreign competition played a large role in last month’s announcement that the mill will close, putting about 215 employees out of work. ‘This announcement is welcome news for the more than 200 hardworking men and women at Madison Paper Industries who are being displaced,’ the delegation said. ‘TAA plays an essential role in helping Americans across our country who, through no fault of their own, have lost their jobs as a result of foreign -- and often unfair -- competition.’” [Kennebec Journal, 4/12/16]
McCabe: Poliquin’s Lobbying For Tariffs On Imported Paper Was “Too Late,” Since It Came After Madison Paper Industries Closed. “Poliquin, along with the rest of Maine's congressional delegation, successfully lobbied for high tariffs on imported Canadian paper, but ‘it was too late,’ McCabe said, and the mill announced in March it would close, citing foreign competition as one factor leading to the shutdown.” [Kennebec Journal, 6/25/16]

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June 2016: Poliquin Claimed He “Came Out Very Clear” Against TPP. “At the end of April, Poliquin announced his opposition to the trade agreement, saying it took him time to go through its 1,100 pages and come to a conclusion. ‘This is a huge agreement -- about 1,100 pages -- and we determined it would not be helpful for our district,’ Poliquin said. ‘When that's the case, I came out very clear. If it comes to the floor, I will not vote for it.’” [Kennebec Journal, 6/25/16]

August 2016: Poliquin On TPP: “As I Have Said Time And Time Again, This Massive And Secretive Trade Deal Is Bad For Maine Workers And I Cannot And Will Not Support It.” “Maine's 2nd District Congressman, Bruce Poliquin, released the following statement in response to the Obama Administration’s announcement today signaling its intention to force the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) international trade deal through Congress during the lame-duck period: ‘As I have said time and time again, this massive and secretive trade deal is bad for Maine workers and I cannot and will not support it,’ said Congressman Poliquin. ‘Once again, powerful Washington special interest groups, party elites, and the Obama Administration are attempting to push this secretive deal through Congress, but that doesn’t matter to me.’” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 8/12/16]

November 2016: Poliquin Touted His Opposition To The TPP In A Campaign Press Release: “I Stand With Maine’s Families, Voting Twice Against Granting The President ‘Fast-Track’ And Opposing The TPP.” “Congressman Poliquin stands up for Maine’s families and job creators and opposes massive, unfair and bureaucratic trade deals—like the TPP—that are harmful to Maine. Congressman Poliquin bucked the Republican establishment and voted, twice, against granting President Obama ‘fast-track’ trade authority. The Congressman also defied the powerful Washington establishment and lobbying interests and firmly opposes the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) international trade agreement, a massive trade deal brokered behind closed doors by Washington political elites. ‘I don’t work for the Republican Party and I certainly don’t work for Washington lobbyists,’ said Congressman Poliquin. ‘I work for the families of our 2nd District. ‘We need fair trade, not enormous, secret trade deals that hurt Maine workers, job creators and families. That is why I stand with Maine’s families, voting twice against granting the President ‘fast-track’ and opposing the TPP.”” [Poliquin for Congress, Press Release, 11/10/16]

April 2018: Poliquin Said He Would “Continue To Study Any Agreement” After Trump Considered Rejoining The TPP. “Congressman Bruce Poliquin (ME-02) released the following statement today after reports that
President Donald Trump is considering taking action for the United States to reenter the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) international trade deal: ‘I’ve expressed my strong concern that a trade deal like the TPP could harm Maine, especially our job creators like our mills and New Balance, which employs hundreds of Mainers at multiple locations around our State,’ said Congressman Poliquin. ‘I don’t care if this is being proposed by a President Obama, as he did during his term, or now potentially by a President Trump. I will continue to study any agreement to ensure that Maine jobs, our workers, and our families are not harmed. I will oppose any foreign trade deal which, on balance, harms Maine workers.’” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 4/12/18]

**Export-Import Bank**

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<td><strong>June 2015: Poliquin Wrote The Export-Import Bank’s Reauthorization Depended On “The Facts” Which Had “Thus Far Not Been Impressive,” Citing A “Never-Ending List Of Fraud And Corruption Charges.”</strong> “Recently, there was a bank employee, Johnny Gutierrez, who accepted tens of thousands of dollars in exchange for the bank’s assistance. In addition, there is a Congressman from Louisiana who is in jail, right now, on bribery charges. Authorities found $90,000 of cash in his freezer that was associated with lending practices at the Bank. These are just a few of the never-ending list of fraud and corruption charges that surround the Export-Import Bank. With the only way to hold the Export-Import Bank accountable is by the power to re-authorize their charter, we must have all the facts. The facts thus far have not been impressive.” [Maine Wire, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 6/9/15]</td>
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<td><strong>September 2015: Poliquin Called The Export-Import Bank A Hotbed For Fraud And “Corporate Welfare.”</strong> “Poliquin fired back, labeling the bank a hotbed for fraud and ‘corporate welfare.’ He noted in a statement that he had not voted to defund the Export-Import Bank and that he would consider reauthorizing federal funding for the bank ‘once corruption has been rooted out.’” [Bangor Daily News, 9/15/15]</td>
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Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Renewing The Export-Import Bank. [H Res 388, Vote #483, 7/29/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 7/29/15]


Poliquin Voted Against Bringing A Bill To Reauthorize The Export-Import Bank To The Floor. In October 2015, Poliquin voted against a “motion to discharge from the House Rules Committee and bring to the House floor the rule (H Res 450) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 597) that would reauthorize the Export-Import Bank through fiscal 2019.” The motion carried 246-177. [HR 597, Vote #569, 10/23/15; CQ 10/23/15]

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business this summer after its charter expired. GOP leaders bottled up legislation that would have reauthorized the agency’s charter with some changes.” The bill passed 313 – 118. [HR 597, Vote #576, 10/27/15; Wall Street Journal, 10/27/15]

- Poliquin Stated He Voted For Export-Import Bank Because Reauthorization Contained “Much Needed Reforms.” “As I have often said, I will do anything and everything to gain and secure jobs. … That’s why I voted to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank, with much needed reforms, so we can continue to attract and secure jobs. These reforms include establishing an Office of Ethics, an increase in loss reserves so that taxpayers are less on the hook, an independent audit of the Bank’s portfolio and more.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin Official Press Release, 10/27/15]

**Bangor Daily News Wrote That “Poliquin Ultimately Voted The Right Way – After Risking Ex-Im Bank’s Future,” Which Poliquin Denied**

**November 2015: Bangor Daily News Editorial Board: Poliquin Ultimately Voted The Right Way – After Risking Ex-Im Bank’s Future”**

Bangor Daily News Editorial Headline: “Poliquin Ultimately Voted The Right Way – After Risking Ex-Im Bank’s Future.” “Poliquin ultimately voted the right way, but he was a willing participant in Republican efforts to undermine the Ex-Im Bank’s credibility and make its normally apolitical reauthorization a political spectacle. Such efforts have put the bank’s future — and by extension, its ability to help U.S. exporters of all sizes — in doubt.” [Bangor Daily News, Editorial Board, 11/1/15]

Bangor Daily News Editorial Board: Poliquin Had “The Chance To Advocate For A Simple Policy Measure Directly Connected To” His District’s Job Creation “And He Blew It.” “It’s not every day a congressman has the chance to advocate for a simple policy measure directly connected to something important to any congressman: the preservation of jobs in his district. But U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin had that chance, and he blew it. On Tuesday night, the House voted overwhelmingly in favor of renewing the expired charter of the Export-Import Bank, the country’s official export credit agency, until 2019. Poliquin joined a majority of his fellow House Republicans and all but one Democrat in voting for the charter’s renewal. But the path Poliquin took to that final ‘yes’ vote is a puzzling one that highlights a dangerous balancing act between his commitment to a conservative Republican agenda and the needs of his own district.” [Bangor Daily News, Editorial Board, 11/1/15]

**November 2015: Poliquin Called The Bangor Daily News’ Editorial “Outrageous,” And Said He “Successfully Pushed For New Reforms At The Bank, And Then Voted To Reauthorize It”**

**November 2015: In An Op-Ed, Poliquin Called The Bangor Daily News’ Editorial “Untrue And Outrageous.”** “Recently, the editorial board of this newspaper falsely insinuated that I, as one of 435 members of Congress, risked the entire future of the federal government’s Export-Import Bank. This is untrue and outrageous.” [Bangor Daily News, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 11/3/15]

Poliquin Claimed He “Help[ed] End The Long-Time Fraud, Corruption And Inside Dealings At The Export-Import Bank […] Successfully Pushed For New Reforms At The Bank, And Then Voted To Reauthorize It.” “In Congress, I have stepped up to hold bureaucrats and their departments and agencies accountable. That includes calling out and helping end the long-time fraud, corruption and inside dealings at the Export-Import Bank. Government can create the environment for a stronger economy and more jobs here in Maine and across America without tolerating corruption at taxpayer expense. That’s why I successfully pushed for new reforms at the bank, and then voted to reauthorize it. Going forward, the bank will be stronger and operate with more integrity and less risk to taxpayers.” [Bangor Daily News, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 11/3/15]

**Minutes From A March 2015 New England Council Meeting Indicated Poliquin Was A “Lean No” On Export-Import Bank Reauthorization; The Notes Were Removed From The Council's Website**
March 2015: New England Council Meeting Minutes Indicated Poliquin Was A “Lean No” On Export-Import Bank Reauthorization. “But the setting -- in the parking lot of the General Electric plant in Bangor -- is notable, because that plant was at the heart of a debate over reauthorization of the federal Export-Import Bank. […] Poliquin had been talking tough on the bank before that. In July 2015, MPBN reported that he was the only member of Maine’s congressional delegation to oppose reauthorization. Notes from a March meeting with the New England Council said he was a ‘lean no’ on reauthorization.” [Bangor Daily News, 8/10/16]

Poliquin’s Spokesperson Denied That The Meeting Notes, Which Were Later Deleted From New England Council’s Website, Reflected Poliquin’s Position. “(Later, Poliquin's spokesman denied that those items reflected his stance, and the meeting notes disappeared from the New England Council's website.)” [Bangor Daily News, 8/10/16]

### Paper Mills & Forestry Products

**Poliquin Touted His Purported Success In Keeping The Madison Paper Industries Mill Open In A 2018 Letter Sent To Constituents, But The Mill Closed In 2016, Costing More Than 200 Jobs**

9/20/18: Poliquin Spent Taxpayer Funds To Send A Letter To Hundreds Of Constituents Touting His Contributions To Keeping Madison Paper Industries Mill Open. “The congressional office of U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin erroneously sent a letter last month to hundreds of constituents in Maine’s 2nd District implying that the now-shuttered Madison Paper Industries mill is still open and was helped by a 2015 trade decision the Republican congressman supported. The taxpayer-funded letter, dated Sept. 20 of this year, cited an International Trade Commission ruling in 2015 allowing for continued duties on Canadian paper imports as key in ‘saving more than 200 jobs at Madison Paper and keeping the facility operating and producing their quality product.’” [Portland Press Herald, 10/12/18]

Madison Paper Industries Mill Closed In May 2016, Laying Off More Than 200 People. “In fact, the Somerset County mill closed in May 2016, laying off about 215 people, increasing property taxes in Madison and adding to the loss of paper industry jobs in Maine. The letter, which is signed by Poliquin and comes weeks before he is up for re-election, makes no mention of the mill closure or the job losses.” [Portland Press Herald, 10/12/18]

Poliquin’s Spokesperson Stated The Letter Was Sent Accidentally. “‘This constituent mailing was in fact sent in error,’ said Brendan Conley, a spokesman for Poliquin, in an email. ‘Congressman Poliquin and our staff have done a substantial amount of work to help the mill in both 2015 — including winning the ITC case at the time — and after the mill closed that year and since to assist former workers with TAA benefits and other casework as needed. We apologize for this error.’” [Portland Press Herald, 10/12/18]

Golden: Poliquin “Used Taxpayer Dollars To Send Out A Poorly Disguised Campaign Mail Piece” And Was “Wrong To Brag About Helping Save Jobs At A Mill That Closed Under His Watch.” “Golden, the Democrat running against Poliquin, said in a statement Wednesday that it appeared his rival ‘has used taxpayer dollars to send out a poorly disguised campaign mail piece.’ ‘More significantly, Poliquin takes credit for saving jobs at the Madison mill, which closed more than two years ago,’ Golden said. ‘Bruce Poliquin is wrong to brag about helping save jobs at a mill that closed under his watch. It’s of little comfort to the workers who lost their jobs, the people of the 2nd District, and is just more evidence the Congressman is completely out of touch with our community.’” [Portland Press Herald, 10/12/18]

**Poliquin Accepted $27,000 From Koch Industries; A Koch Industries Subsidiary Closed Old Town Mill In Maine, Putting 459 People Out Of Work In March 2006**

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Koch Industries Subsidiary Georgia-Pacific Closed Old Town Mill In Maine In March 2006, Putting 459 People Out Of Work

Georgia-Pacific Closed Old Town Mill In Maine In March 2006 After Koch Industries Purchased Company In December 2005. “Potential buyers of the Georgia-Pacific Corp. mill are expected to meet today with state officials in an attempt to save more than 400 jobs at the facility, which is facing permanent closure once again. The Old Town pulp and tissue mill ceased production Thursday, and employees began the shutdown process. G-P officials told employees Thursday morning that the pulp and tissue paper manufacturing and associated tissue shipping operations would stop immediately…. This is the first pulp and paper facility that G-P has closed since it began evaluating its assets when the company was sold in December 2005 to Koch Industries Inc. of Wichita, Kan., for $21 billion.” [Bangor Daily News, 9/29/15]


- **Old Town Mill Closure Put 459 People Out Of Work.** “November 2005: Koch Industries Inc., nation’s second-biggest private company, announces plans to buy G-P for more than $13 billion. G-P officials in Old Town say it’s ‘business as usual’ until they’re told otherwise. March 16, 2006: G-P announces it’s closing the Old Town mill and associated chip mills in Milo, Costigan, Portage and Houlton. The closure put 459 people out of work.” [Bangor Daily News, 8/14/14]

- **After It Closed Old Mill, Georgia Pacific “Dismantled And Removed The Tissue Machinery From The Mill’s Campus.”** “Up until a decade ago, the Old Town mill produced both pulp and paper, specifically tissue, under the ownership of paper giant Georgia Pacific. But in 2006, Georgia Pacific said that “the mill’s tissue and
pulp manufacturing assets [were] no longer required to service our customer base,” and shuttered the mill. After it closed the mill, Georgia Pacific dismantled and removed the tissue machinery from the mill’s campus. Later that year, when it sold the mill to Red Shield Environmental, it came with the provision that for at least five years there would be no tissue production.” [Bangor Daily News, 10/15/15]

Georgia-Pacific Claimed Previous Layoff Of 50 Employees Was Not Related To Its Sale To Koch Industries. “More recently, 50 employees were laid off at the mill, but that move wasn’t related to the Koch sale, according to G-P officials. Despite rumors last week and a public comment made by first lady Karen Baldacci that the mill was going to close, Gov. Baldacci stated numerous times that he wasn’t aware of such a decision.” [Bangor Daily News, 3/17/06]

Poliquin Sent A Letter To Obama Regarding The Closure Of Maine Paper Mills, Including The Old Town Mill

Poliquin Sent Letter To Obama Regarding The Closure Of Maine Paper Mills, Including The Old Town Mill. “In a letter today, Congressman Bruce Poliquin urged the President to help support our hard-working paper mills by getting more natural gas and heating oil to Maine, especially the Second District. Congressman Poliquin expressed that many of our paper mills, such as Bucksport, Old Town and Millinocket, have shut down due to high energy prices. Furthermore, he mentioned that Madison Paper Industries just recently reopened their doors after having to curtail production and temporarily lay off most non-salaried employees because, in part, of the high cost of energy.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 2/13/15]

- Poliquin Blamed Old Mills’ Closures On High Energy Prices And Urged The Construction Of The Keystone Pipeline. “Last year, three other paper mills in our Second Congressional District permanently shut down, primarily for the same reason. Another 1,000 hard-working families lost their incomes in one of the most rural Districts in America. To save our mills, factories and jobs, government should do everything possible to lower the costs to run our businesses. Falling gasoline, diesel, and heating oil prices will also help our hurting families fill their vehicles, heat their homes, and pay the monthly electric bills. For this reason, I respectfully ask that you please sign the forthcoming legislation passed by both the U.S. House and Senate to allow the construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline. Doing so will increase the production and environmentally safe transportation of American and Canadian oil to help fuel our economy and create more jobs.” [Poliquin Letter to Obama via Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 2/13/15]

October 2018: Poliquin Credited “Lower Taxes And Less Red Tape” For The Reopening Of Old Town Mill

October 2018: Poliquin Credited “Lower Taxes And Less Red Tape” For The Reopening Of Old Town Mill And Announced It Would Reopen In 2019. “ND Paper LLC (‘ND Paper’), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nine Dragons Paper (Holdings) Limited (the ‘Company’ or ‘Nine Dragons’), announced that it has entered into a definitive asset purchase agreement (the ‘Agreement’) with OTM Holdings, LLC (the ‘Seller’), a subsidiary of CVG, Inc, pursuant to which ND Paper will acquire the Seller's bleached kraft pulp mill, plus approximately 100 acres of real property, located in Old Town, Maine (the ‘Old Town Mill’ or the ‘Mill’) for an undisclosed sum, payable in cash. […] After a series of phased capital investments, ND Paper expects the Mill will restart in the first quarter of 2019 and ultimately produce 275,000 admnt annually of unbleached kraft pulp.” [ND Paper LLC, Press Release, 10/10/18]

October 2018: Poliquin Credited “Lower Taxes And Less Red Tape” For The Reopening Of Old Town Mill After Its Acquisition By ND Paper. “In another big win for Maine’s forest products industry, Congressman Bruce Poliquin (ME-02) applauded the announcement of the purchase and reopening of the Old Town Mill by ND Paper. ND Paper estimates the reopened mill will create more than 100 jobs in the area. ND Paper recently purchased the Rumford Paper Mill and is investing and expanding the operations there. ‘With lower taxes and less red tape, Maine’s economy is continuing to grow, including today’s tremendous investment which will create more than 100 jobs in Penobscot County,’ said Congressman Poliquin. ‘I’m extremely excited about today’s news, one of many big wins for Maine’s economy and our forest products industry during the last few years. As our economy
continues to expand and the unemployment rate continues to drop, there will be more and more good opportunities and jobs for Maine workers. I look forward to continuing to work with ND Paper during this process and I thank them for continuing to invest in Maine.”” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 10/10/18]

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July 2018: Poliquin Testified At The International Trade Commission Against Tariffs Imposed On Newsprint With Sens. Collins And King, “U.S. Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Angus King (I-ME) and Representative Bruce Poliquin (R-ME) testified at an International Trade Commission (ITC) hearing this morning about the urgent crisis facing newspapers, book publishers, and commercial printers in Maine and across the United States. Today’s hearing was intended to help the ITC reach a final injury determination in regards to a new tariff imposed on Canadian uncoated groundwood paper – better known as ‘newsprint’—that was levied by the Department of Commerce on behalf of a single domestic paper mill. […] ‘One of my top priorities is doing everything I can to protect and grow jobs in Maine, including the thousands in our State’s wood products industry that are critical to Maine’s economy,’ said Congressman Poliquin.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 7/17/18]

August 2018: Poliquin, Collins, And King Applauded The ITC’s Injury Determination Regarding Tariffs Imposed On Newsprint. “Today, U.S. Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Angus King (I-ME) and Representative Bruce Poliquin applauded the International Trade Commission’s (ITC) final injury determination in regards to a tariff that was imposed on Canadian uncoated groundwood paper – better known as “newsprint”—that was levied by the Department of Commerce in January on behalf of a single domestic paper mill. The unanimous ruling ends import taxes once as high as 32 percent on newsprint, which negatively affected U.S. printers, book publishers, and newspapers that are already under economic stress.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 8/29/18]

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October 2017: Poliquin Testified To The International Trade Commission To Impose 225 Percent Duties On Chinese Hardwood Plywood Imports. “ITC TO HEAR FINAL ARGUMENTS IN CHINA PLYWOOD CASE TODAY: The U.S. International Trade Commission will hold a final hearing on a trade case that could end up hitting imports of Chinese hardwood plywood with combined anti-dumping and countervailing duties of more than 225 percent. A number of lawmakers are expected to provide testimony, including Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Reps. Rick Crawford (R-Ark.), Greg Walden (R-Ore.), Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.), Bruce Westerman (R-Ark.) and Bruce Poliquin (R-Maine).” [Politico, 10/26/17]

November 2016: Poliquin Attributed Paper Mill Job Losses To High Energy Costs And Unfair Trade Policies. “Poliquin, meanwhile, called the loss of jobs ‘horrible’ and said in a statement that Maine's paper mills have felt pressure for decades from high energy costs and unfair trade policies, and that those are the areas he would continue to focus on. [...] ‘Since my first day in Congress, less than two years ago,’ Poliquin said, ‘I have pushed hard and voted consistently to help lower energy costs for our businesses, reject unfair trade deals like the TPP and eliminate harmful regulations that are pushing job creators out of Maine.’” [Kennebec Journal, 11/1/16]

- September 2016: Poliquin Said The Woodland Pulp Mill Maine Should Have Its Dam Relicensed Without Additional Regulations To Avoid Higher Energy Costs. “Better still, just this year the mill has expanded, adding tissue production to its portfolio and 80 jobs with its new division, St. Croix Tissue, to its roster of employees. The mill's pulp production side, Woodland Pulp, employs 320 people. [...] Despite their enthusiasm, some officials, especially Gov. Paul LePage and U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, have raised concerns about what they say is the continuing high cost of electricity in the state and the impact it has on doing business in Maine. More specifically, LePage and Poliquin have said that the mill's dams should be able to be relicensed without facing additional regulations from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission which, according to Poliquin, could add approximately $1 million a year to the mill's expenses. ‘You don't have growth and you don't have jobs unless you have investment,’ Poliquin said at an opening ceremony at the mill earlier this week.” [Bangor Daily News, 9/5/16]

July 2016: Poliquin Attributed Paper Mill Job Losses To High Energy Costs And Unfair Trade Policies. “Poliquin also spoke about the challenges facing Maine's paper industry, including high energy costs and foreign
competition and said the state needs to make sure trade is fair. 'We need to make sure the playing field is level, and it has not always been that way for some of our mills,’ Poliquin said.” [Portland Press Herald, 7/29/16]

July 2016: Poliquin: “We Need To Do Everything Humanly Possible To Help These Mills Thrive.” “King, who also visited the Androscoggin Mill in Jay on Friday, joined Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, and Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-2nd District, at the Skowhegan mill, where they met with workers and officials and toured the plant. […] ‘There are still about 35,000 jobs in the woods products industry here in Maine -- sawmills, loggers, truckers, paper mills. We need to do everything humanly possible to help these mills thrive,’ Poliquin said.” [Portland Press Herald, 7/1/16]

June 2016: Poliquin Welcomed A Federal Economic Development Assessment Team To Boost Maine’s Forest Product Industry After Paper Mill Closures; LePage Refused To Work With The Team

May 2016: Sens. Angus King And Susan Collins Requested The Deployment Of An Economic Development Assessment Team To “Help [Maine’s] Forest Products Industry Develop A Long-Term Economic Plan.” “Maine’s House majority leader on Friday called on Gov. Paul LePage’s office to work with a federal team deployed to the state to help its forest products industry develop a long-term economic plan. […] The Economic Development Assessment Team was formed at the request of Sens. Angus King and Susan Collins after Madison Paper Industries shut down in May, becoming the state’s fifth paper mill to close in two years and casting doubt about the future of the state’s forest products industry.” [Portland Press Herald, 8/19/16]

June 2016: Poliquin, Along With The Rest Of Maine’s Congressional Delegation, Welcomed The Economic Development Assessment Team To Boost Maine’s Forest Product Industry After Paper Mill Closures. “The U.S. Department of Commerce will be sending an economic development assessment team to Maine next month following a request by members of Maine's congressional delegation to bring more federal resources to the state the day after Madison Paper announced in March that it would be closing. The new Economic Development Assessment Team will bring together federal agencies and business stakeholders to create economic development strategies and focus on job growth in the wake of several mill closures, according to a news release Thursday from the delegation. ‘The announcement is welcome news for Maine,’ said the joint statement from U.S. Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, U.S. Sen. Angus King, I-Maine, U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-2nd District, and U.S. Rep. Chellie Pingree, D-1st District. […] ‘An Economic Development Assessment Team will assist local public and private stakeholders in coordinating strategies so the industry can continue to be a source of good paying jobs for Mainers for generations to come.’” [Kennebec Journal, 6/30/16]

August 2016: LePage Had “No Plans” To Work With The Economic Development Assessment Team, Which He Called “Another Failed Stimulus Package" That Would Give "False Hope" To Maine’s Forest Industry. “When the team's formation was announced in July, LePage, in a letter to Pritzker, called the effort ‘another failed stimulus package’ that will only provide ‘false hope’ for the state's forest industry. He also said it will be impossible for the state to find common ground with the commerce department until it reconsiders tariffs that were put on Canadian paper imports in November. On Thursday, LePage's top forest products adviser, Rosaire Pelletier, said he wasn't aware of the goals and plans of the economic team and that he personally has no plans to work with the EDAT team, but would instead wait to see what it came up with.” [Portland Press Herald, 8/19/16]

February 2016: Poliquin Requested Expedited Commerce Department Review Of Duties On Canadian Paper Imports

February 2016: Poliquin Requested And Received Expedited Commerce Department Review Of Duties On Canadian Paper Imports. “U.S. trade officials have agreed to give an expedited review to duties on Canadian paper imports that were imposed at the request of UPM Madison and Verso Paper. U.S. Sens. Angus King and Susan Collins said the Commerce Department plans to put that review on an expedited schedule. U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin and Gov. Paul LePage also wrote to the department requesting that quick review. […] The senators
reiterated Poliquin's and LePage's concerns, saying they support the tariffs to protect the UPM Madison mill but ‘believe it is unfair for the Department of Commerce to apply a tariff based on that case without determining whether or not Irving and Catalyst received subsidies.’” [Bangor Daily News, 2/9/16]

### New Balance & Berry Amendment

| 2016: Poliquin Said He Pushed To Require The Department Of Defense To Buy American-Made Shoes, Benefiting New Balance, But His Predecessor’s Chief Of Staff Denied That He Deserved Credit |

April – June 2016: Poliquin Supported Closing A Loophole In The NDAA That Allowed The Department Of Defense To Purchase Shoes Made Outside Of The U.S.

The Berry Amendment Required That The Department Of Defense Buy American Products When Possible, But Berry Amendment-Compliant Shoes Were Not Available Until 2015 When New Balance Created One. “Previous language in the act allowed the Department of Defense to bypass the Berry Amendment, which requires the military to buy uniforms, including shoes, from U.S. manufacturers. The department has said that no U.S.-made athletic shoes comply to Berry’s requirements, one of which is that all elements used in making the shoe are U.S. products. In 2014, the defense department promised to start providing athletic shoes as long as the shoes complied, and in 2015 New Balance said it had developed a shoe that did just that.” [Kennebec Journal, 4/28/16]

April 2016: Poliquin Worked To Incorporate An Amendment To The NDAA That Closed A Loophole In The Berry Amendment To Allow The DOD To Purchase Foreign Produced Uniforms Using Cash Vouchers. “Previous language in the act allowed the Department of Defense to bypass the Berry Amendment, which requires the military to buy uniforms, including shoes, from U.S. manufacturers. The department has said that no U.S.-made athletic shoes comply to Berry's requirements, one of which is that all elements used in making the shoe are U.S. products. In 2014, the defense department promised to start providing athletic shoes as long as the shoes complied, and in 2015 New Balance said it had developed a shoe that did just that. Poliquin, of Maine's 2nd District, where all three of Massachusetts-based New Balance's Maine factories are located, worked with Massachusetts Rep. Niki Tsongas on changing the legislation and co-sponsored the Stepping Up for American Workers and Troops Act, which requires the Department of Defense to follow the 2014 policy calling for the military to buy U.S.-made shoes. U.S. Rep. Chellie Pingree, of Maine's 1st district, also was a sponsor of the measure.” [Kennebec Journal, 4/28/16]

- **Poliquin Called The Amendment “A Victory In The Battle To Grow And Protect The 900 Jobs In Skowhegan, Norridgewock And Norway” Where New Balance Manufactured Shoes.** “U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin said in a news release Thursday that the amendment is ‘a victory in the battle to grow and protect the 900 jobs in Skowhegan, Norridgewock and Norway where hard-working Mainers manufacture the highest quality shoes in the world.’ ‘This is a win for the American taxpayer as well, because tax money should be spent with American workers and products, not foreign manufacturing, wherever possible,’ Poliquin said.” [Kennebec Journal, 4/28/16]

May 2016: Poliquin Called The Passage Of The NDAA With The Berry Amendment Loophole Closure A “Victory For Our American Manufacturers, For Our Military Recruits, And For Our Taxpayers.” “The Department of Defense budget passed in the House late Wednesday with language inserted by U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, of Maine. Poliquin, R-2nd District, pushed for language in the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017 that made certain the Berry Amendment -- which requires the military to buy U.S.-made apparel for recruits -- is fully implemented, according to a news release Thursday from the congressman. [...] Poliquin said in the release that he worked for months with colleagues from both parties, particularly Democratic Rep. Niki Tsongas, of Massachusetts, ‘tirelessly pushing the Pentagon to purchase American-made training shoes.’ ‘I am proud that this critical and bipartisan language has passed through the House to make sure the Berry Amendment is
fully implemented,’ he said. ‘This is a landmark victory for our American manufacturers, for our military recruits, and for our taxpayers.’” [Kennebec Journal, 5/19/16]

June 2016: Poliquin Called Senate Passage Of The NDAA With The Berry Amendment Loophole Closure “A Huge Step Forward For Hundreds Of Workers In Maine.” “A provision that would require the U.S. military to provide American-made athletic shoes to new recruits is one step closer to becoming law after the Senate on Tuesday passed the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2017. […] ‘This is a huge step forward for hundreds of workers in Maine,’ Poliquin said in a prepared statement Tuesday. ‘I commend Senators King and Collins for working to include this important language in the Senate's version of the defense bill in what we hope will prove to be a landmark victory for hundreds of jobs in Maine.’ All three of the Maine New Balance factories are in Poliquin's district.” [Kennebec Journal, 6/14/16]

June 2016: Poliquin Pushed Against An Amendment To Withhold Funding For The Berry Amendment And Provide Military Recruits With Vouchers For Athletic Shoes

June 2016: Poliquin Voted Against Amendment That Would Allow DOD To Provide New Military Recruits With Cash Voucher For Athletic Shoes. In June 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the FY17 Department of Defense Appropriations Act (HR 5293) that sought to “ensure that the Department of Defense retains its statutory authority to provide new military recruits a small cash voucher that they can use to purchase running shoes for training.” The amendment failed 155-265. [HR 5293, Vote #313, 6/16/16; Congress.gov, 6/16/16]

June 2016: Poliquin “Urged Colleagues On The House Floor To Vote Down” The Amendment, Which Allowed The DOD To Distribute Vouchers To Buy Shoes Rather Than Issuing American-Made Ones. “An amendment that would have stripped language that requires the military to buy U.S.-made athletic shoes from the Department of Defense budget was defeated Thursday in the U.S. House of Representatives. The amendment, proposed by Rep. Mark Sanford, R-S.C., would have withheld the money to make the requirement work from the National Defense Authorization Act of 2017. It failed, 155-265. U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-2nd District, urged colleagues on the House floor to vote down the amendment, according to a news release Thursday afternoon from his office. Poliquin, as well as Rep. Niki Tsongas, a Massachusetts Democrat, had pushed for language in the defense budget that requires the military to issue recruits U.S.-made running shoes rather than give them vouchers to buy their own shoes. The 1941 Berry Amendment requires the military to buy U.S.-made apparel for recruits, but the athletic shoe loophole allowed the vouchers because the military argued that no U.S.-made shoes conformed to the requirements of the amendment or the needs of troops.” [Kennebec Journal, 6/16/16]


- **Poliquin: “I Thank All Of My Colleagues In The House For Voting For American Jobs And American Workers, Despite Pressure From Powerful Special Interest Groups.”** “Poliquin, who wore his own American-made New Balance shoes onto the House Floor, according to the news release, said, ‘This is a milestone victory in the fight for 900 hardworking Mainers in Norway, Skowhegan and Norridgewock. I thank all of my colleagues in the House for voting for American jobs and American workers, despite pressure from powerful special interest groups. This critical language will make sure that our U.S. taxpayer dollars go to U.S. workers and families, not to manufacturers overseas. I will continue to fight tooth and nail through every process until this critical language is signed into law.’” [Kennebec Journal, 6/16/16]

March 2018: Maine’s Congressional Delegation Celebrated A $17 Million Contract The Department Of Defense Awarded To New Balance
March 2018: Maine’s Congressional Delegation Celebrated A $17 Million Contract The Department Of Defense Awarded To New Balance. “A $17.3 million U.S. Department of Defense contract with New Balance to provide U.S.-made athletic shoes to service members is getting cheers from lawmakers in Maine, where the company employs hundreds of people. Members of the delegation pushed for athletic footwear to be made subject to the Berry Amendment, which requires the defense department to give preference to homegrown products. Republican Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Republican Sen. Susan Collins and independent Sen. Angus King issued a joint statement on Thursday that the Pentagon is ‘rightly prioritizing American workers.’” [Associated Press, 3/16/18]

Poliquin Tried To Take Credit For “Requir[ing] The Pentagon To Buy American-Made Athletic Shoes,” But The Bangor Daily News Reported His Predecessor “Did Most Of The Work On The Berry Amendment Behind The Scenes”

September 2017: Poliquin Op-Ed: “Last Year, Against Resistance From Some In My Own Party, I Pushed A Bill Through The House To Require The Pentagon To Buy American-Made Athletic Shoes.” “Last year, against resistance from some in my own party, I pushed a bill through the House to require the Pentagon to buy American-made athletic shoes for new recruits entering basic training. This common-sense requirement had been discussed for years with no resolution. The Senate embraced similar language included in the defense funding bill, signed by Obama. Nine-hundred hard-working Mainers manufacture American-made athletic shoes at New Balance factories in Skowhegan, Norridgewock and Norway. This new law protects their jobs.” [Bangor Daily News, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 9/27/17]

Bangor Daily News: Mike Michaud, Poliquin’s Predecessor, Did “Most Of The Work On The Berry Amendment Behind The Scenes In Meetings, Keeping Pressure On The Obama Administration.” “Trade and veterans issues defined Michaud’s tenure in Congress. For years, he championed New Balance sneakers, famously giving President Barack Obama a pair when he visited Maine in 2012. Michaud proposed bills and helped keep the issue in the news, but most work on the Berry Amendment was done behind the scenes in meetings, keeping pressure on the Obama administration, said Peter Chandler, who was Michaud’s chief of staff stretching back to his legislative days.” [Bangor Daily News, 9/18/16]

Michaud’s Former Chief Of Staff On Poliquin: “If You Can Pass A Bill And Hold A Press Conference Or Put Out A Press Release On Claiming Victory On Something, That's Not The Same As Getting It Done.” “Chandler said he ‘chuckled’ when he saw news of Poliquin's ‘victory,’ particularly because a 2014 federal policy change said the government would assess Berry Amendment-compliant shoes. But nothing has changed, as a key testing program has been halted. ‘If you can pass a bill and hold a press conference or put out a press release on claiming victory on something, that's not the same as getting it done,’ he said.” [Bangor Daily News, 9/18/16]

October 2016: A New Balance Employee Blamed An Interaction With Poliquin For Losing His Job, Which Poliquin’s Campaign Denied

October 2016: New Balance Employee Josh Lebovitz Refused To Shake Poliquin’s Hand And Was Fired Later That Day In What He Said Was “Retaliation Because [He] Snubbed A Politician”

10/13/16: Temporary New Balance Employee Josh Lebovitz Refused To Shake Hands With Poliquin As He Visited The Factory Where He Worked. “Josh Lebovitz, a temporary employee working at the New Balance shoe factory, listened Thursday as a visiting congressman talked to a group of workers about protecting American jobs. […] When U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-Maine, finished talking about legislation he pushed to help the plant, employees going back to their duties walked up to the Republican lawmaker, most of them shaking hands on the way. Poliquin thanked them for their hard work. Lebovitz, who had been working at the factory for a month and a half, said he is ‘pretty much apolitical’ and didn’t want anything to do with the politician — especially when he noticed a photographer taking pictures of the scene. Forced to walk past, Lebovitz said he shunned Poliquin’s outstretched hand and muttered, ‘The definition of fascism is the merger of corporate and state.’ A nearby reporter
who witnessed the scene said that Lebovitz said no as the congressman extended his hand. Poliquin smiled in response and replied, ‘Okay then.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 10/14/16]

**Later That Day, Lebovitz Was Fired From New Balance.** “When he got home at the end of the day, his employer, Bonney Staffing Center, phoned him and asked if anything had gone wrong at the job. Lebovitz said no, then heard that New Balance didn’t want him to return.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 10/14/16]

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[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 7/23/18]
May 2018: Poliquin Voted Against Forcing The Trump Administration To Certify That Their Tariffs Would Not Harm Farmers And Ranchers

Poliquin Voted For Blocking An Effort To Force The Trump Administration To Certify That Their Tariffs Would Not Harm Farmers And Ranchers. In May 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would prohibit the Farm Bill from going into effect until the President certifies to Congress that none of the Administration’s recent actions related to trade and tariffs would cause harm to domestic farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural producers.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment. The motion was agreed to 228-189. [H Res 900, Vote #190, 5/17/18; CQ, 5/17/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 5/17/18]

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August 2016: Poliquin Said Duties On Specialty Fabrics Produced In Maine By Auburn Manufacturing Would Help Create “A Level Playing Field” With Subsidized Chinese Companies. “In a win for a local textile manufacturer, the federal government has approved preliminary duties on imports of a Chinese specialty fabric that allegedly have been dumped into the U.S. market, undercutting American-made products at places such as Auburn Manufacturing. […] Auburn Manufacturing bring its case to the Department of Commerce, said at the news conference that the preliminary ruling helps ‘create a level playing field’ for manufacturers. ‘When you have a government -- in this case, China -- that illegally subsidizes their manufacturing such that they’re able to sell their product over here and dump their product here, it hurts Auburn Manufacturing and other companies,’ Poliquin said. ‘The fact that these duties are so high shows you how much these Chinese companies and the Chinese government has violated international law.’” [Kennebec Journal, 8/30/16]

U.S.-Canada-Mexico Agreement


July 2020: Poliquin Said Golden “Kill[ed] More Maine Jobs” By Voting Against The U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement. POLIQUIN: “And he supports the president’s agenda, whereas Mr. Golden voted to impeach the president and voted against the new trade deal with Canada and Mexico, which means it kills more Maine jobs, when you vote that way. So I think Dale’s going to do really well.” [WGAN, Interview with Bruce Poliquin, 7/17/20] (AUDIO) 1:19

NAFTA

2014: When Asked About His Stance On NAFTA, Poliquin Replied, “Free Trade Is Good”

2014: When Asked About His Stance On NAFTA, Poliquin Replied, “Free Trade Is Good.” “HOST: Bruce, let me ask a follow up question. Mike Michaud, who you’re running to replace in Congress, has stated publicly and often that he believes NAFTA was not good for Maine’s economy and citing many of the industries that have since left the state, what is your view on NAFTA and its legacy? POLIQUIN: My view on trade in general, Jennifer, is free trade is good. Because we want folks in Canada or Singapore or in Australia to buy our blueberries, our lobsters, and our potatoes. But we need to make sure that these trade agreements are fair. And if they are fair, I support them. If they are not fair to our workers here in Maine and throughout America that I do not support them. [Maine Public Broadcasting Network, Your Vote Interview With Bruce Poliquin, 46:10, 10/6/14] (AUDIO) 45:50
Veterans & Military Family Issues

Significant Findings

- In May 2018, Poliquin praised the VA Choice Program, which helped rural Maine veterans get health care, then voted to leave it open to cuts weeks later.

- In May 2018, Poliquin said he was a “strong supporter of the VA MISSION Act, but voted to block a measure to make funding for it mandatory, leaving it open to cuts.

- In 2015, Poliquin voted for a MilCon-VA appropriations bill that underfunded the VA by more than $1 billion, then voted against an amendment to increase funding for veterans’ medical services by $15 million.

- In October 2017, Poliquin submitted an cabinet-level inquiry letter that a columnist called “ranging from the accusatory to the absurd” after a storm required the Togus, Maine VA campus to use a back-up generator.

- The Portland Press Herald’s Bill Nemitz called the inquiry an “example of why people view politicians in general, and Poliquin in particular, more as self-obsessed opportunists than actual problem solvers.”

Department Of Veterans’ Affairs Funding

June 2018: Poliquin Voted For A $146.5 Billion Appropriations Bill For Fiscal Year 2019, Which Left The VA Choice Program, Which He Praised Weeks Prior, Open To Cuts

May 2018: Poliquin Praised The VA Choice Program For Helping “Thousands Of Maine Veterans Who Live Long Distances From Togus And Other VA Facilities.” “Today, Congressman Bruce Poliquin (ME-02), a member of the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee, pushed for a bipartisan and bicameral bill to move forward in order to prevent any disruption in health care services for rural Maine Veterans through the Veterans Choice Program (VCP), which, without action from Congress, will run out of funding by May 31. […] ‘Thousands of Maine Veterans who live long distances from Togus and other VA facilities have used the Veterans Choice Program to help them receive health care services closer to home,’ said Congressman Poliquin. ‘Getting our Veterans the care they deserve is one of my top priorities and I’m pleased that our Committee today acted in moving this bipartisan, bicameral legislation forward so that we can ensure our Veterans don’t see any disruption in their health care services.’” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 5/8/18]

Poliquin Voted For A $146.5 Billion Energy-Water-Legislative Branch-Veterans Affairs Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2019. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide $146.5 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2019 to various departments, agencies and legislative operations, including $44.7 billion for the Energy Department, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Interior Department’s Bureau of Reclamation; $98 billion for military construction activities and for VA programs and activities; and $3.8 billion for operations of the House of Representatives, joint House-Senate items and legislative branch entities such as the Library of Congress, the Capitol Police, and the Government Accountability Office. It would provide $11.2 billion for programs that maintain and refurbish nuclear weapons in the United States’ stockpile. As amended, it would provide $1.1 billion in funding for the Veterans Community Care Program.” The bill passed by a vote of 235-179. [HR 5895, Vote #257, 6/8/18; CQ, 6/8/18]
• Rep Lowey: The Appropriations Bill Would Transition VA Choice Program From Mandatory To Discretionary Spending, Leaving It Open To Cuts. “While I support many of the increases within the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs bill, Republicans have created a dilemma by transitioning the VA Choice program from mandatory to discretionary funding in the middle of fiscal year 2019. Even worse, Republicans have blocked consideration of my amendment to solve this problem. That will mean a further squeeze, and perhaps even cuts, to programs that benefit the middle class.” [Rep. Lowey Floor Statement, 6/7/18]

May 2018: Poliquin Voted To Block A Measure To Make Funding For VA MISSION Act Mandatory, Rather Than Subject To Discretionary Spending Caps, Then Did Not Vote on It A Month Later

5/16/18: Poliquin Voted For Blocking Budget Change To Make Funding For The VA MISSION Act Mandatory, Rather Than Subject To Discretionary Spending Caps. In May 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would make a budgeting change necessary to implement the VA MISSION Act without subjecting its funding to the Budget Control Act’s current discretionary spending cap, thereby protecting other non-defense programs that benefit veterans.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment. The motion was agreed to 230-184. [H Res 891, Vote #185, 5/16/18; CQ, 5/16/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 5/16/18]

• 5/17/18: Poliquin Said He Was A “Strong Supporter Of The VA Mission Act.” “Bruce is a strong supporter of the VA Mission Act. This legislation protects our rural Veterans, providing them care they have earned closer to home. No Veteran should have to drive from The County or other long distances to TOGUS to get care, especially when already in pain, in the middle of winter, dodging snowstorms and moose! Additionally, our local hospitals will benefit as a result of the local Veterans visits, closer to home and where family can be more involved. This is common sense and great legislation for our Veterans.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 5/17/18]

June 2018: Poliquin Did Not Vote On Blocking A Budget Change To Make Funding For The VA MISSION Act Mandatory, Rather Than Subject To Discretionary Spending Caps. In June 2018, Poliquin did not vote on: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would make the budgeting change necessary to implement the VA MISSION Act without subjecting its funding to the Budget Control Act’s current discretionary spending cap, thereby protecting other non-defense programs that benefit veterans. The amendment would also include the additional funds that are being self-executed in H.R. 5698 to fund non-VA community care and family caregiver programs.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment. The motion was agreed to 227-185. [H Res 923, Vote #240, 6/7/18; CQ, 6/7/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 6/7/18]
October 2017: Poliquin Introduced A Bill To Require VA Employees To Report Misconduct To State Licensing Boards Following Revelations Of Malpractice At The VA In Togus, Maine

October 2017: Poliquin Introduced A Bill To Require VA Employees To Report Misconduct To State Licensing Boards Following Revelations Of Malpractice At The VA In Togus, Maine. “Congressman Bruce Poliquin (ME-02), along with House Conference Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-05) and House Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Phil Roe (TN-01), today introduced the Ethical Patient Care for Veterans Act of 2017. This legislation requires Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical professionals to report directly to state licensing boards if they witness unacceptable or unethical behavior from other medical professionals at the VA. The legislation is in response to the alarming USA Today article out yesterday that revealed the VA failed to disclose bad medical practitioners to the public, risking the public’s exposure to these bad actors. One of the most notorious offenders was Thomas Franchini, a practitioner at Togus who had committed malpractice in 88 separate cases, according to the VA’s conclusions.” [Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Press Release, 10/12/17]

Poliquin Voted To Increase Veterans Choice Fund Funding

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Poliquin Voted For Underfunding Veterans’ Affairs Programs

2015: Poliquin Voted For A MilCon-VA Appropriations Bill That Underfunded The VA By More Than $1 Billion. In April 2015, Poliquin voted against: a motion that would have added $15 million to VA funding for veterans medical services. The motion failed 181 to 236. [HR 2029, Vote #192, Motion to Recommit with Instructions, 4/30/15]

- The Hill: VA Secretary Robert McDonald Warned The Spending Bill Would “[Fall] Short” Of The Resources Needed For Veterans. “Addressing the Democrats at a closed-door caucus meeting in the Capitol Wednesday, VA Secretary Robert McDonald warned the lawmakers that the GOP’s $77 billion bill funding the department and military construction projects in fiscal 2016 falls short of the resources needed to provide health and other services to the nation’s veterans. Relaying McDonald’s message, Rep. Xavier Becerra (Calif.), chairman of the Democratic Caucus, said the GOP’s bill would scale back health benefits for roughly 70,000 veterans, while also denying funds for medical research, education and veterans’ cemeteries.” [The Hill, 4/29/15]

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September 2018: Poliquin Said He “Successfully Passed Bipartisan Legislation To Get Our Veterans Health Care Closer To Their Home.” “Bruce is a powerful voice for our Maine Veterans. He has successfully passed bipartisan legislation to get our Veterans health care closer to their home, worked to fix the VA staff shortages in Maine, held Togus VA Hospital accountable for medical errors, and worked to increase funding for the VA. We need to keep Bruce working for our Veterans, he gets results. Please Share.”

[Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 9/24/18]

**Department Of Veterans’ Affairs Administration**

2018: Poliquin Said He Was “Committed To Clearing The Bottleneck Of More Than $10 Million In VA Back Payments To Maine Hospitals” Under The VA Choice Program

March 2018: Poliquin Said He Was “Committed To Clearing The Bottleneck Of More Than $10 Million In VA Back Payments To Maine Hospitals” Under The VA Choice Program. “Rep. Bruce Poliquin, a Republican from Maine’s 2nd District, said he is committed to clearing the bottleneck of more than $10 million in VA back payments to Maine hospitals. ‘When you have a rural hospital that contracts with the VA to provide services for veterans, those hospitals need to get paid, and paid on time,’ Poliquin said. The VA is supposed to pay Maine’s hospitals that participate in the VA Choice program within 90 days. The program is an option that allows veterans to receive medical care closer to home instead of driving to the Togus facility in Augusta.’” [Bangor Daily News, 3/26/18]

August 2018: Poliquin Said He “Pushed For A Provision To Be Included” In The VA MISSION Act “That Will Make Reforms To The Payment Processes And Help Prevent These Backlogs From Occurring Again” “Uncle Sam owes millions of dollars to Maine hospitals and others around the nation that desperately need the funds as soon as possible, U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin (R-ME) told attendees on Aug. 17 during a roundtable event held at the Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor. ‘There is no excuse for our hospitals to bear the burden of millions of dollars of backlog that the federal government owes them for critical services to our veterans, which is why I’ve worked so hard to get that money paid back,’ Rep. Poliquin said. […] ‘On the Veterans Affairs Committee, I … pushed for a provision to be included in the landmark veterans bill that was made law earlier this year — the VA MISSION Act — that will make reforms to the payment processes and help prevent these backlogs from occurring again,’ he said.” [Ripon Advance, 8/21/18]

August 2018: Poliquin Said He Made “Sure The VA, Which Owed Millions Of Overdue Dollars To Maine Hospitals, Paid Their Bills.” “Bruce helped save Maine hospitals and healthcare jobs by applying pressure and making sure the VA, which owed millions of overdue dollars to Maine hospitals, paid their bills, allowing our local hospitals to stay open for Maine's Senior Citizens, Families, and our Veterans. This is why he is Our
October 2017: Poliquin Submitted An Inquiry Over A Maine VA Campus Requiring A Back-Up Generator That A Columnist Called “Ranging From The Accusatory To The Absurd”

10/30/17: A Storm Struck Togus, Maine And Required The Town’s VA Maine Health Care System To Employ Its Back-Up Generators Without Any Impact On Patient Care. “Here's what actually happened, as reported by Kennebec Journal Staff Writer Jessica Lowell: Early Monday morning, at the height of the storm that roared through Maine like a runaway freight train, the power went out at the sprawling VA Maine Healthcare System campus at Togus. The VA’s five backup generators kicked in, just like they’re supposed to. But about seven hours later, one of them began to malfunction. Not to worry - the VA has three mobile generators on site, one of which was quickly pressed into service to replace the one on the fritz. That left two spares. But, just to be safe, Togus officials contacted the Maine Emergency Management Agency to request a backup for the backups. That generator arrived around 3 p.m. Monday. Moments later, the power went back on and the MEMA generator, which had yet to even be offloaded from the truck, went back to MEMA. ‘There was no impact on patient care areas,’ Ryan Lilly, director of the VA facility, later said.” [Portland Press Herald, Bill Nemitz Column, 11/2/17]

10/31/17: Poliquin “Pounced” And “Rat-A-Tatted The VA Secretary With A List Of Questions [About The VA’s Request For A Back-Up Generator] Ranging From The Accusatory To The Absurd.” “Now, you'd think Poliquin, being a congressman and all, could have learned all of the above, in real time, with a simple phone call. Then again, you might think that with all of Maine still reeling from torrential rains and near-hurricane-force winds, Maine’s 2nd District representative might have limited his comments to ‘Anything you need, let me know,’ and waited for the skies to clear before stirring up a storm of his own. Instead, first thing Tuesday morning, Poliquin pounced. In both his letter to Shulkin and the news release, he rat-a-tatted the VA secretary with a list of questions ranging from the accusatory to the absurd: ‘Did Togus call for outside backup power yesterday? If so, was there a plan in place for emergency power on site, and if so, why did that plan not succeed? Does Togus have adequate backup power? Is that power functional? Was the backup power onsite properly fueled?’” [Portland Press Herald, Bill Nemitz Column, 11/2/17]

Bill Nemitz: “Rather Than Pick Up The Phone, Poliquin Opted For A Cabinet-Level Letter, Two News Releases And Enough Righteous Indignation To Cast A Cloud Over An Entire VA Medical Facility.” “On Wednesday, I emailed Poliquin spokesman Brendan Conley with a simple question. ‘Prior to sending the letter and, in short order, alerting the media, did the congressman or a member of his staff call or otherwise contact officials at Togus directly to determine the exact nature of the problem?’ I asked. ‘Put more simply, I'm wondering if all the fuss could have been avoided with a simple phone call.’ Conley immediately responded that any emergency request from Togus to the VA is ‘cause for concern,’ that no other hospital in Maine made a similar request, that the VA plans to replace the problem generator and that Poliquin ‘looks forward to supporting any request to have that generator, or any generator throwing a fault, replaced.’ What Conley failed to explain is why, rather than pick up the phone, Poliquin opted for a Cabinet-level letter, two news releases and enough righteous indignation to cast a cloud over an entire VA medical facility.” [Portland Press Herald, Bill Nemitz Column, 11/2/17]
- Nemitz Called The Incident “Another Example Of Why People View Politicians In General, And Poliquin In Particular, More As Self-Obsessed Opportunists Than Actual Problem Solvers.” [Portland Press Herald, Bill Nemitz Column, 11/2/17]

### Poliquin Voted For A Bill To Protect VA Whistleblowers

**Poliquin Voted For A Bill To Protect VA Whistleblowers.** In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would set specific penalties for federal supervisors who retaliate against an employee who discloses waste, fraud or abuse. It would require a supervisor to be suspended for at least three days for an initial offense, and would require a supervisor to be fired for a second offense. It would also require the VA to develop a plan to protect the medical records of employees and would prohibit VA employees from accessing medical files for demographic information when another non-medical database is available.” The bill passed, 420-0. [S 585, Vote #568, 10/12/17; CQ, 10/12/17]

- **Poliquin Voted For An Amendment That Would Extend The VA Whistleblower Protection Bill Provisions To Apply To Any Federal Employee Disclosure Regarding The Violation Of Any Law Or Regulation Related To Travel.** In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “O’Halleran, D-Ariz., motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would extend the bill’s provisions to apply to any federal employee disclosure regarding the violation of any law or regulation related to travel by the head of an agency or a political appointee.” The motion was rejected, 232-190. [S 585, Vote #567, 10/12/17; CQ, 10/12/17]

### Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting A VA Determination That An Individual Is Mentally Incompetent From Preventing The Individual From Buying A Gun, Which A Coalition Of Retired Generals Said Would Harm Veterans

**Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting A VA Determination That An Individual Is Mentally Incompetent From Preventing The Individual From Buying A Gun.** In March 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would prohibit a Veterans Affairs Department determination that an individual is mentally incompetent from being used as basis for that individual's inclusion in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, which would thereby prevent the individual from purchasing a gun. Under the measure, an individual could not be considered to be mentally defective without a judicial authority's finding that the individual poses a danger to himself or herself or others.” The bill passed by a vote of 240-175. [HR 1181, Vote #169, 3/16/17; CQ, 3/16/17]

- **Bill Would Prevent The VA From Submitting Records Of Veterans With Severe Mental Illnesses To The Federal Criminal Background Check System.** “The second measure — which passed 240-175 — would prohibit VA officials from submitting records of veterans with severe mental illnesses to the federal criminal background check system, thereby preventing them from purchasing firearms. Exceptions would be made for court orders mandating the conditions be reported.” [Military Times, 3/16/17]

- **The Bill Was Supported By The NRA, But Opposed By A Coalition Of Retired Generals, Who Said It Put Vulnerable Veterans In Harm’s Way.** “The National Rifle Association supports the change, while gun control activists have opposed it. […] Earlier in the week, a coalition led by retired Gens. Stanley McChrystal, David Petraeus, Peter Chiarelli, and Wesley Clark wrote a letter to lawmakers saying the proposal would ‘put America’s veterans who need our support the most in harm’s way, by providing them with easy access to firearms.’” [Military Times, 3/16/17]

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Welfare Issues

**Significant Findings**

- Poliquin has supported work requirements on state welfare programs as recently as May 2021.
- In 2010, Poliquin said he supported a lifetime limit on welfare benefits.
- In 2018, Poliquin repeatedly accused Golden of voting to allow TANF beneficiaries to purchase alcohol and tobacco, which PolitiFact rated as a “mostly false” claim.

**Work Requirements On Public Assistance**

**May 2021: Poliquin Called For Congress And The Maine State Legislature To “Reimplement The Work Requirements For Able-Bodied Adults To Receive Welfare”**

May 2021: Poliquin called for Congress and the Maine State Legislature to “reimplement the work requirements for able-bodied adults to receive welfare.” “Here’s a helpful idea for the liberal majorities in Congress and the Maine Legislature, who are running the show: stop paying workers more to stay home than what they can earn by grabbing one of the 9 million available jobs across the country. And while you’re at it, reimplement the work requirements for able-bodied adults to receive welfare, which Democrats eliminated when they won the governing majorities.” [Bruce Poliquin Facebook, 6/15/21]

**May 2015: Poliquin Supported Requirement That Welfare Recipients “Work A Minimum Number Of Hours Per Week, Or Receive Job Training, If They Wish To Stay On Benefits”**

May 2015: Poliquin op-ed: Poliquin supported requirement that welfare recipients “work a minimum number of hours per week, or receive job training, if they wish to stay on benefits.” “To ensure we provide encouragement for people to move from welfare-to-work, I have also supported changes which will stop the President from allowing states to simply skip the requirement that able-bodied welfare recipients work a minimum number of hours per week, or receive job training, if they wish to stay on benefits. Recently the Governor made this change on the state level. Now we must encourage all states to follow the same path. It has been the law of the land for some time, but some states sought waivers. It is time for those waivers to end.” [Maine Wire, Bruce Poliquin Op-Ed, 5/12/15]

**Poliquin: “The Best Way To Wean Someone Off Public Assistance Is To Make Sure They Have The Dignity Of A Job”**

Poliquin: “The best way to wean someone off public assistance is to make sure they have the dignity of a job.” POLIQUIN: (31:00) “I grew up in a very frugal family. I am proud of the hard work that I’ve been able to conduct throughout my life, but I also come from a very compassionate family. My dad is a retired schoolteacher for 25 years and my mother’s a retired nurse whose still with us. They’re doing fine. But we need to make sure we take care of those that are most in need. However, the best way to do that is to make sure they have opportunities for a good job. The best way to wean someone off public assistance is to make sure they have the dignity of a job. Then their kids see this, their grandkids see this, they feel better about being employed, and there’s less welfare and less despair and depression.” [YouTube, Maine 02 RawFootage, WAGM Raye Poliquin Primary Debate, 5/30/14] (VIDEO)
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<td>Poliquin Stated His Brother, Who Struggled With Substance Addiction, “Found A Way To Be Disabled” On Welfare Programs Without Work Requirements. “Bruce looked up to him, but he said during Jim’s teenage years he got involved in drugs and alcohol. Over the years, Poliquin said, his brother was in and out of rehab. Jim Poliquin applied for social assistance. ‘Eventually, he found a way not to work and take advantage of welfare programs,’ Bruce said. The programs were ‘well-meaning,’ he said, but he believes they contributed to his brother’s downward spiral because there was no work requirement. ‘He found a way to be disabled,’ Bruce said. ‘He just spiraled downhill from there.’” [Kennebec Journal, 5/24/12]</td>
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September 2018: Poliquin Criticized Golden For Voting To “Allow Welfare Dollars To Be Spent On Tobacco, Liquor, Gambling, And Tattoos.” “Too Radical: Jared Golden voted to allow welfare dollars to be spent on tobacco, liquor, gambling, and tattoos. Mainer work hard and have big hearts, always wanting to help those truly in need, but we have limited funds and they should not be diverted to purchase such items, especially when preventing more help to go to our seniors and the disabled, who are in true need. Please Share if you Agree.”

August 2018: Poliquin: “Golden Should Explain Why He Thinks It’s A Good Idea To Allow Welfare Dollars To Be Spent On Tobacco, Liquor, Gambling, Tattoos, And Bail Money For Jail.” “Instead of running from his radical, liberal record, Jared Golden should explain why he thinks it’s a good idea to allow welfare dollars to be spent on tobacco, liquor, gambling, tattoos, and bail money for jail… Jared Golden voted against banning taxpayer funded welfare dollars from being spent on these and other items. Congressman Poliquin has long supported welfare reform to protect taxpayers. Do you agree? If so, please share.”
PolitiFact Rated Poliquin’s Attack “Mostly False” After It Appeared In A Third-Party Ad Attacking Golden

PolitiFact Rated “Mostly False” The Claim That Golden’s Vote Against A Bill That Limited What TANF Beneficiaries Could Buy With EBT Was A Vote To Allow Them To Buy Tobacco, Alcohol, And Other Items.

“The super PAC’s claim refers to a state law passed in 2016 that limits people on Maine Temporary Assistance for Needy Families from using Electronic Benefits Transfer cards to purchase a laundry list of items, including tattoos, tobacco, alcohol and lottery tickets. This state law passed Maine’s House of Representatives 206-38 with bipartisan support. Golden was one of the 38 representatives who voted against the bill. […] Golden voted against a 2016 bill that limited EBT card purchases, saying federal law already covered the issue. Golden did not vote in favor of a measure that would expand EBT card use to those items. The statement has an element of truth but leaves out critical context that would give a different impression. We rate it Mostly False.” [PolitiFact, 9/7/18]
# Appendix I – Personal Financial Disclosures

## 2021 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

### Net Worth

**2021: Poliquin Reported An Estimated Net Worth Between $11,953,012 And $56,945,000**

Poliquin 2021 Public Financial Disclosure Report, Candidate Report, filed 10/22/21

### Earned Income

**2021: Poliquin Did Not Report Any Earned Income**

Poliquin 2021 Public Financial Disclosure Report, Candidate Report, filed 10/22/21

### Assets & Unearned Income

**2021: Poliquin Reported Between $11,953,012 And $56,945,000 In Assets And Between $40,206 And $131,200 In Unearned Income**

Poliquin 2021 Public Financial Disclosure Report, Candidate Report, filed 10/22/21

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- **Poliquin**: $50,001
- **Fair Market Value**: $100,000
- **Interest Received**: None
- **Gifts Received**: None
- **Cash Contributions Made**: None

Dirigo Holdings LLC Real Estate Development: Residential Lot 7, Phippsburg, ME

- **Poliquin**: $50,001
- **Fair Market Value**: $100,000
- **Interest Received**: None
- **Gifts Received**: None
- **Cash Contributions Made**: None

Dirigo Holdings LLC Real Estate Development: Residential Lot 8, Phippsburg, ME

- **Poliquin**: $50,001
- **Fair Market Value**: $100,000
- **Interest Received**: None
- **Gifts Received**: None
- **Cash Contributions Made**: None

Popham Beach Club LLC

- **Poliquin**: $1,000,001
- **Fair Market Value**: $5,000,000
- **Interest**: Mortgage
- **Gifts Received**: $15,001
- **Cash Contributions Made**: $50,000

Vanguard 500 Index Fund Admiral Shares

- **Poliquin**: $1,001
- **Fair Market Value**: $15,000
- **Interest**: Capital Gains, Dividends, Interest
- **Gifts Received**: $201
- **Cash Contributions Made**: $1,000

Vanguard Money Market Account

- **Poliquin**: $1,001
- **Fair Market Value**: $15,000
- **Interest**: None
- **Gifts Received**: $1
- **Cash Contributions Made**: $200

Vanguard Tax Exempt Money Market Fund

- **Poliquin**: $5,000,001
- **Fair Market Value**: $25,000,000
- **Interest**: None
- **Gifts Received**: $5,001
- **Cash Contributions Made**: $15,000

Vanguard Total Stock Market Index

- **Poliquin**: $5,000,001
- **Fair Market Value**: $25,000,000
- **Interest**: Capital Gains, Dividends, Interest
- **Gifts Received**: $15,001
- **Cash Contributions Made**: $50,000

Total: **$11,953,012**
Fair Market Value: **$56,945,000**

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2019 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Net Worth

2019: Poliquin Reported An Estimated Net Worth Between $5,417,014 And $23,030,000


Earned Income

2019: Poliquin Did Not Report Any Earned Income


Assets & Unearned Income

2019: Poliquin Reported Between $5,417,014 And $23,030,000 In Assets And Between $48,507 And $152,500 In Unearned Income


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| Total: | $5,417,014 | $23,030,000 | Total: | $48,507 | $152,500 |

Transactions

2019: Poliquin Did Not Disclose Any Transactions


Liabilities

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## 2018 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

### Net Worth

2018: Poliquin Reported He Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $5,417,014 And $23,030,000


### Earned Income

2018: Poliquin Did Not Report Any Earned Income


### Assets & Unearned Income

2018: Poliquin Reported Between $5,417,014 And $23,030,000 In Assets And Between $398,511 And $3,252,500 In Unearned Income


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**Total:** $5,417,014  $23,030,000  

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### Transactions

2018: Poliquin Reported Between $1,000,001 And $5,000,000 In Transactions Of Privately-Held Ganeden Biotech Stock
2018: Poliquin reported between $1,000,001 and $5,000,000 in transactions of privately-held common stock of Ganaden Biotech, Co on September 1, 2017. [Poliquin 2018 Public Financial Disclosure Report, Periodic Transaction Report, filed 5/15/18]

10/11/17: Kerry Group, Based in Tralee, Ireland, Confirmed It Would Acquire Ganeden Biotech. “Kerry Group P.L.C. on Oct. 11 confirmed its acquisition of Ganeden, Inc., which offers patented probiotic ingredients. The acquisition will fit into Kerry’s nutrition, wellness and functionality portfolio, said Edmond Scanlon, chief executive officer and executive director of Tralee-based Kerry Group, during the company’s capital markets day.” [Food Business News, 10/11/17]

- Ganeden Biotech Was Sold For “Nearly” 7.7 Times Its Revenue. “In 2017, Ganeden was sold to Ireland’s Kerry Group for nearly 24 times EBITDA and 7.7 times revenue, Lefkowitz says.” [Smart Business Dealmakers Cleveland, 8/8/19]

- 2017: Ganeden Had An Estimated Annual Revenue Of $25 Million. “At a capital markets day for the food and nutrition company, the acquisition of Ganeden was said to compliment the group’s acquisition of Wellmune in late 2015. The Cleveland, Ohio, based company has current year revenue of $25 million and more than 135 patents for technologies in the supplement, food, beverage, nutrition and personal care markets.” [Irish Times, 10/11/17]

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**2017 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure**

**Net Worth**

2017: Poliquin reported he had an estimated net worth between $5,051,015 and $19,315,000.

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Earned Income

2017: Poliquin Did Not Report Any Earned Income


Assets & Unearned Income

2017: Poliquin Reported Between $5,051,015 And $19,315,000 In Assets And Between $121,004 And $1,067,500 In Unearned Income

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2017: Poliquin Reported Between $1,000,001 And $5,000,000 In Transactions

2017: Poliquin Reported Between $1,000,001 And $5,000,000 In Transactions Of The Popham Beach Club On July 1, 2015. [Poliquin 2017 Public Financial Disclosure Report, Annual Report, filed 6/12/17]

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2016 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

### Net Worth

2016: Poliquin Reported He Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $4,701,014 And $18,565,000

2016: Poliquin Reported He Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $4,701,014 And $18,565,000. [Poliquin 2016 Public Financial Disclosure Report, Annual Report, filed 7/6/16]

### Earned Income

2016: Poliquin Did Not Report Any Earned Income


### Assets & Unearned Income

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2015 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Net Worth

2015: Poliquin Reported He Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $5,203,017 And $19,595,000


Earned Income

2015: Poliquin Did Not Report Any Earned Income


Assets & Unearned Income

2015: Poliquin Reported Between $5,203,017 And $19,595,000 In Assets And Between $502,914 And $4,267,000 In Unearned Income; Between $351,412 And $3,164,500 In Unearned Income In 2014


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Poliquin Reported Between $351,412 And $3,164,500 In Unearned Income In 2014.


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Earned Income

2014: Poliquin Reported $3,000 In Earned Income In 2013, None In 2014.

2014: Poliquin Reported Receiving $3,000 From The State Of Maine As The State’s Treasurer In 2013. [Poliquin 2014 Public Financial Disclosure Report, Candidate Report, filed 5/15/14]


Assets & Unearned Income

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† To calculate the total minimum and maximum for Poliquin’s 2014 assets, Poliquin’s Vanguard 500 Index Fund (Admiral Shares), which were marked as “Spouse/DC Asset over $1,000,000” were calculated as having a value of $1,000,000 for both the minimum and maximum totals.

### 2014: Poliquin Reported Between $1,201,810 And $6,271,500 In Unearned Income In 2013

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**Agreements**


2015: In Amendments To His 2014 Personal Financial Disclosure, Poliquin Stated He Did Not Have To Disclose Personal Residences Nor His Investments Held By CK Capital

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2013 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Net Worth

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Earned Income

2013: Poliquin Reported No Earned Income In 2013, $72,727 In 2012


Assets & Unearned Income

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* Poliquin listed an asset as “C.K. Capital LP, investment partnership (**see attached**), North Miami Beach, FL.” Assets marked in this list with an asterisk were included on Poliquin’s disclosure on an attached list under the header “CK Capital LP Holdings:.” On this disclosure, Poliquin listed “C.K. Capital LP, investment partnership (**see attached**)” as having a value between $100,001 and $250,000, but the total of the asterisked assets was between $101,045 and $815,000. To calculate the total minimum and maximum for Poliquin’s 2013 assets, this table included both the individual minimum and maximum values for each asterisked asset in addition to the listed minimum and maximum values for “C.K. Capital LP, investment partnership (**see attached**),” $100,001 for the minimum, $250,000 for the maximum. Poliquin also disclosed that he received between $15,001 and $50,000 in unearned income from “C.K. Capital LP, investment partnership (**see attached**),” which was included in income totals for this table; Poliquin did not disclose any unearned income from the asterisked assets.

† To calculate the total minimum and maximum for Poliquin’s 2014 assets, Poliquin’s Vanguard 500 Index Fund (Admiral Shares), which were marked as “Spouse/DC Asset over $1,000,000” were calculated as having a value of $1,000,000 for both the minimum and maximum totals.
Note: Poliquin indicated his Hallandale Beach condo had no value as an asset, but yielded income in capital gains. His answers on this item had indicated that the asset was worth between $250,001 and $500,000 and did not yield any income, but were crossed out.

### 2013: Poliquin Reported Between $246,812 And $2,151,500 In Unearned Income In 2012


#### 2012 Poliquin “Unearned” Income

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Total:  $246,812  $2,151,500

*In the disclosure, Poliquin listed an asset as “C.K. Capital LP, investment partnership (**see attached**),” North Miami Beach, FL.” Assets marked in this list with an asterisk were included on Poliquin’s disclosure on an attached list under the header “CK Capital LP Holdings.” Poliquin reported receiving between $5,001 and $15,000 in unearned income from “C.K. Capital LP, investment partnership (**see attached**),” which were included in the unearned income totals for this table; Poliquin did not disclose any income from any of the asterisked assets in this table.

Liabilities


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Agreements


2012 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Assets & Unearned Income
In 2012, Poliquin reported at least between $8,200,053 and $34,550,000 in assets and between $215,005 and $2,045,000 in unearned income. These totals were based on Poliquin’s amended 2012 Senate candidate personal financial disclosure, which may have only included portions of his original personal financial disclosure that were amended. This disclosure did not include a bank account nor Vanguard funds.

[Poliquin 2012 Public Financial Disclosure Report, Amended Senate Candidate Report, filed 12/13/12]

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[Poliquin 2012 Public Financial Disclosure Report, Amended Senate Candidate Report, filed 12/13/12]

*In the disclosure, Poliquin listed an asset as “C.K. Capital LP, investment partnership (**see attached**), North Miami Beach, FL.” Assets marked in this list with an asterisk were included on Poliquin’s disclosure on an attached list under the header “CK Capital LP Holdings:.” On this disclosure, Poliquin listed “C.K. Capital LP,
investment partnership (**see attached**)) as having a value between $100,001 and $250,000, but the total of the asterisked assets was between $100,044 and $800,000. To calculate the total minimum and maximum for Poliquin’s 2012 assets, this table included both the individual minimum and maximum values for each asterisked asset in addition to the listed minimum and maximum values for “C.K. Capital LP, investment partnership (**see attached**),” $100,001 for the minimum, $250,000 for the maximum. Poliquin also disclosed that he received between $5,001 and $15,000 in unearned income from “C.K. Capital LP, investment partnership (**see attached**),” which was included in income totals for this table; Poliquin did not disclose any unearned income from the asterisked assets.

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Note: This research was based on an amended disclosure that Poliquin filed in December 2012, since the original was unavailable. The amended report only included Poliquin’s assets and positions.

### Income Sources

2012: Poliquin Disclosed Zweig-DiMenna Partners, LP; C.K. Capital, LP; Vanguard Funds; Ganeden Biotech; Marshall Mall Associates; Popham Beach Club; And Dirigo Holdings As His Sources Of Income. In April 2012, Poliquin filed a financial disclosure as Maine’s Treasurer on which he disclosed Zweig-DiMenna Partners, LP; C.K. Capital, LP; and Vanguard Funds as his sources of income. In an addendum, Poliquin listed Vanguard Funds, Ganeden Biotech, Marshall Mall Associates, Popham Beach Club, And Dirigo Holdings as income from other sources. Poliquin did not disclose any sources of income from self-employment or employment by another. [Poliquin 2012 Statement of Income for Executive Employees, Maine Ethics Commission, filed 4/4/12]

### Compensation Income Of Immediate Family Members

2012: Poliquin Disclosed His Dependent Received More Than $1,000 In Compensation For A Summer Internship At Zweig-DiMenna Associates. [Poliquin 2012 Statement of Income for Executive Employees, Maine Ethics Commission, filed 4/4/12]

2012: Poliquin Disclosed His Dependent Received More Than $1,000 In Compensation From Mutual Fund Investments Managed By Vanguard Funds. [Poliquin 2012 Statement of Income for Executive Employees, Maine Ethics Commission, filed 4/4/12]

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Owner | Popham Beach Club
Owner | Dirigo Holdings
President | Popham Woods Condominium Unit Owners’ Association

[Poliquin 2012 Statement of Income for Executive Employees, Maine Ethics Commission, filed 4/4/12]

2011 – State Personal Financial Disclosure

Income Sources

2011: Poliquin Disclosed Zweig-DiMenna Partners, LP; C.K. Capital, LP; And Vanguard Funds; Ganeden As His Only Sources Of Income. In February 2011, Poliquin filed a financial disclosure as Maine’s Treasurer on which he disclosed Zweig-DiMenna Partners, LP; C.K. Capital, LP; and Vanguard Funds as his only sources of income. Poliquin did not disclose any sources of income from self-employment or employment by another. [Poliquin 2011 Statement of Income for Executive Employees, Maine Ethics Commission, filed 2/16/11]

Compensation Of Immediate Family Members

2011: Poliquin Did Not Disclose Any Compensation More Than $1,000 Received By A Dependent. [Poliquin 2011 Statement of Income for Executive Employees, Maine Ethics Commission, filed 2/16/11]

Positions


March 2012: The Maine Ethics Commission Ruled Poliquin’s 2011 Disclosure Was Incomplete

March 2012: The Maine Ethics Commission Ruled That Poliquin Filed An Incomplete Income Disclosure But Did Not Fine Him Since He Submitted An Amended Disclosure. “The Maine ethics commission has ruled that state Treasurer Bruce Poliquin should not be fined for failing to fully report his income on a disclosure report to the state. The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices also voted 4-1 Wednesday that Poliquin had filed an incomplete report, but had since amended it to make it complete. The case stems from a Maine Democratic Party complaint alleging that Poliquin did not fully disclose the sources of his 2010 income in an annual statement filed with the commission.” [Portland Press Herald, 3/1/12]

Note: For full account of Poliquin’s incomplete 2011 financial disclosure, see Ethics section.
Appendix II – Campaign Finance

Items of Interest

✓ As of September 30, 2021, Poliquin’s campaign raised $883,171.66 in 2021, spent $13,758.65, and had $869,413.01 in cash on hand.

✓ Between 2011 and 2018, Poliquin accepted more than $2.4 million from the finance, real estate, and insurance industries and more than $1.3 million from corporate PACs.

✓ Leadership PACs contributed more to Poliquin’s campaigns than any industry.

Campaign Committee

As Of October 2021, Poliquin’s Campaign Raised $883,171.66 And Spent $13,758.65

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2020: Poliquin’s Campaign Raised $44,304.06 And Spent $47,897.08

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Poliquin’s Inactive Campaign Received A $40,601 Refund From Consultant Brent Littlefield In May 2019 And Paid A $36,400 Self-Loan Back To Poliquin In September 2019

September 2019: Poliquin’s Campaign Paid Back $36,400 Of Its Debt To Poliquin. [FEC, Committee Expenditure Search, 9/3/19]

May 2019: Littlefield Consulting Paid Poliquin’s Campaign $40,601.63 For “Media Replacement Refund.” [FEC, Committee Receipt Search, 5/31/19]

2018: Poliquin’s Campaign Raised $4,233,235 And Spent $4,253,973.13

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2016: Poliquin’s Campaign Raised $3,404,509.12 And Spent $3,388,851.99

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2014: Poliquin’s Campaign Raised $1,728,594.18, Spent $1,720,116.21

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2014: Poliquin Loaned His Campaign $213,500. In June 2014, Poliquin loaned his campaign $13,500. In September 2014, Poliquin loaned his campaign an additional $200,000. [FEC, Committee Receipts Search, 6/30/14; 9/30/14]

2012: Poliquin’s Campaign Raised $321,763 And Spent $320,384

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2010: Poliquin’s Gubernatorial Campaign Spent $753,962.27 And Raised $753,950.30, $410,650 Of Which Was From Poliquin


2009 – 2011: Poliquin Gave $410,650 To His Campaign For Governor In Monetary Contributions. Between 2009 and 2011, Poliquin gave $798,163.05 to his gubernatorial campaign. Of these contributions, $387,513.05 were in-kind and $410,650 were monetary. [Maine Ethics Commission, accessed 10/4/21]

2018: Poliquin’s Campaign Committee Received 1.7% Of His Contributions From Individual Small Contributions And 55% From PACs

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As Of October 2021, Poliquin’s Campaign Committee Accepted More Than $1.3 Million From Corporate PACs

As Of October 2021, Poliquin’s Campaign Committee Accepted $1,374,043 From Corporate PACs. Between 2014 and 2021, Poliquin’s campaign accepted $1,374,043 from PACs connected to a corporation or a corporation without capital stock. [FEC, Disbursement Search, accessed 11/15/21]

2016 - 2018: Poliquin’s Campaign Committee Received More Than 60% Of His PAC Contributions From Business PACs

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Top Overall Contributors

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### Top Overall Industries

#### 2011 – 2018: Poliquin Career Top Industries

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### Top Overall Sectors

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Leadership PAC

2020: Poliquin’s Leadership PAC Raised $1,000 And Spent $15,992.33

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### Top Recipients

#### 2020: Pine Tree PAC Contributed $1,000 To Federal Candidates

#### 2020: Pine Tree PAC Contributed $1,000 To Glenn Grothman’s Campaign. **[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 10/19/21]**

#### 2018: Pine Tree PAC Contributed $77,900 To Federal Candidates

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<td>Rodney Davis (R-III)</td>
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2016: Pine Tree PAC Contributed $19,700 To Federal Candidates

### 2018: Pine Tree PAC Recipients

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2011 – 2021: Wall Street Bankrolled Poliquin’s Campaigns And PACs, Contributing More Than $2 Million, Including At Least $103,000 From Employees At Zweig-DiMenna Partners And $14,450 From CK Capital Executives

2011 – 2021: Poliquin Accepted $2,538,761 In Campaign Contributions From The Finance, Insurance, And Real Estate Sector


2012 – 2018: Zweig-DiMenna Partners Employees And Executives Contributed At Least $103,000 To Poliquin’s Campaigns And Associated PACs, Including $93,600 From Its Founders

2012 – 2018: Joseph DiMenna, Founder And Managing Director Of Zweig-DiMenna Partners, Contributed $88,500 To Poliquin’s Campaigns And Associated PACs

2012 – 2018: Joseph DiMenna Contributed $88,500 To Poliquin’s Campaigns And Associated PACs. [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed 10/19/21]
• **DiMenna Was Founder And Managing Director Of Zweig-DiMenna Partners.** “Joseph DiMenna is managing director of Zweig-DiMenna Associates, which is a global investment management firm. He has been the portfolio manager there since he co-founded Zweig-DiMenna Partners with Martin Zweig in 1984. Zweig-DiMenna was named Hedge Fund of the Year in 2007 by Institutional Investor magazine.” [Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, accessed 7/30/21]

<p>| Joseph DiMenna’s Contribution History: Poliquin’s Campaigns And Associated PACs (2012 – 2018) |</p>
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[FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed 10/19/21]

2012-2018: **Diana DiMenna, Joseph DiMenna’s Wife, Contributed $28,500 To Poliquin’s Campaigns And Associated PACs**

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- **Diana DiMenna Was Married To Joseph DiMenna.** “MY HAMPTONS DIANA DIMENNA OCCUPATION: Philanthropist, mom of two daughters, and wife of Joe DiMenna.” [KDHamptons, accessed 7/30/21]


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- **Zweig Founded Zweig-DiMenna Partners.** [Zweig-DiMenna Partners, 2/18/13]
- **9/28/13: Zweig Contributed $2,600 To Poliquin For Congress.** [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed 7/30/21]
- **4/24/12: Zweig Contributed $2,500 To Poliquin For US Senate.** [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed 7/30/21]

*Note: Martin Zweig died in 2013.*

2012-2018: Zweig-DiMenna Partners’ Employees Contributed $38,350 To Poliquin’s Campaigns And Associated PACs

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**Zweig-DiMenna Employees Were The Top Entity To Contribute To Poliquin’s Campaigns Over The Course Of His Career.** [OpenSecrets, accessed 7/30/21]

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2009 – 2021: Poliquin Accepted $14,450 From CK Capital Executives
January 1999: Kern Registered CK Advisors With Florida’s Secretary Of State As The Business’ Managing Director. [Florida Secretary of State Registration, 1/26/99, accessed 9/15/21]

1999 – 2012: Andrew Kern Was A Managing Director Of CK Capital LP. [Florida Secretary of State Annual Report, 1/20/12; 2/15/11; 2/15/10; 3/20/09; 3/28/08; 1/26/07; 2/20/06; 3/3/03; 4/22/02; 1/26/01; 4/10/2000; Florida Secretary of State Registration, 1/26/99, accessed 9/15/21]


Notch Hill Advisors Advised CK Capital Fund. “Harold N. Chefitz was elected a Director in February 2001. Mr. Chefitz is Chairman of Notch Hill Advisors, which advises CK Capital Fund, and President of Chefitz HealthCare Investments, a private investment company.” [Barr Laboratories, Inc., Press Release, 10/25/01]

- January 1999: Kern And Chefitz Registered Notch Hill Advisors As The Business’ President And Director, Respectively. [Florida Secretary of State Registration, 1/26/99, accessed 9/15/21]

- As Of January 2021, Kern And Chefitz Were Managing Directors Of Notch Hill Advisors. [Florida Secretary of State Annual Report, 1/7/21 , accessed 9/15/21]

2009 – 2017: Poliquin Accepted $29,400 From Avatar Associates Executives

2009 – 2017: Poliquin Accepted $18,400 From Avatar Associates CEO Edward Babbitt

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[Total: $14,450]
1998: Edward Babbitt Became Chairman And CEO Of Avatar Associates. “Avatar Associates, a New York-based strategic asset allocation firm, has promoted Edward S. Babbitt, 54, to chairman and chief executive officer. Ted Theodore, 57, becomes vice chairman and chief investment officer; Charles M. White, 39, succeeds Mr. Babbitt as president and chief operating officer. Mr. Theodore, 57, will continue to steer research and product development. He previously was a managing director and research co-chairman.” [Investment News, 4/27/98]

• 1978: Babbitt Was Listed As President Of Avatar Associates On The Business’ Registration With Florida’s Secretary Of State. [Florida Secretary of State Registration, 3/15/78, accessed 9/15/21]


2009 – 2015: Poliquin Accepted $11,000 From Avatar Associates Treasurer Susan Babbitt

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1978: Susan Babbitt Was Listed As Treasurer Of Avatar Associates On The Business’ Registration With Florida’s Secretary Of State. [Florida Secretary of State Registration, 3/15/78, accessed 9/15/21]
As Of October 2021, Poliquin Has Given Or Loaned $1,391,115.99 To His Own Campaigns And Committees

### 2012 – 2018: Poliquin Gave Or Loaned $504,956.32 To His Federal Campaigns

**2012 – 2018: Poliquin Gave $504,956.32 To His Federal Campaigns In Loans And Monetary And In-Kind Contributions.** Between 2012 and 2018, Poliquin gave $504,156.32 to his federal campaigns. This includes $213,500 that Poliquin loaned his campaign, comprised of a $200,000 loan September 2014 and a $13,500 loan in June 2014. Of these contributions, $70,049 were specified as in-kind contributions. Poliquin did not describe substantial contributions, including a $93,000 contribution in May 2012, a $50,000 contribution in December 2013, and a $13,500 contribution in June 2014.

### Poliquin Political Giving History – Poliquin Federal Campaigns

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**2013 – 2014 Subtotal:** $342,718.57
As Of October 2021, Poliquin’s Campaign Paid Him Back The Full $213,500 He Had Loaned It

2014: Poliquin Loaned His Campaign $213,500. In June 2014, Poliquin loaned his campaign $13,500. In September 2014, Poliquin loaned his campaign an additional $200,000. [FEC, Committee Receipts Search, 6/30/14; 9/30/14]

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2009 – 2011: Poliquin Gave $886,159.67 To His State-Level Campaigns And Committees

2009 – 2011: Poliquin Gave $798,163.05 To His Campaign For Governor In Monetary And In-Kind Contributions. Between 2009 and 2011, Poliquin gave $798,163.05 to his gubernatorial campaign. Of these contributions, $387,513.05 were in-kind and $410,650 were monetary.

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| **Total:**  |  | **$87,996.62** |
Bangor Daily News: Question 4 “Sought To Reduce The Excise Tax On Some Vehicles And Place Limits On State And Municipal Spending” And Was “Soundly Rejected” By Voters. “Maine voters soundly rejected a pair of tax-related referendums that sought to reduce the excise tax on some vehicles and place limits on state and municipal spending. Proponents of Question 2, the excise tax initiative, and Question 4, known as TABOR (Taxpayer Bill of Rights) II, both conceded defeat shortly after 10 p.m. on Tuesday.” [Bangor Daily News, 11/3/09]

Appendix III – Revolving Door

Top Lines

Three Of Poliquin’s Staffers Entered The Revolving Door

Mary Ellen Ruhlen

Mary Ellen Ruhlen Was A Lobbyist Before Working For Poliquin

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* Ruhlen was employed by Poliquin while serving as a shared staff member among multiple House offices.

Poliquin Accepted $135,364.30 From Ruhlen’s Clients

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United Parcel Service PAC and UPSPAC Subtotal: $18,000

TOTAL: $135,364.30

*In-kind contributions for fundraiser catering and room rental.
† 2014 general debt retirement.
‡ In-kind contributions for food and beverage.
§ In-kind contribution for fundraising services.

John O’Rourke Said He Was Retired On Contributions To Poliquin, But His Address Matched Contributions That Listed The Law Office Of John T. O’Rourke And O’Rourke And Nappi LLP As His Employer. On contributions to Poliquin, John O’Rourke indicated that he was retired and that his address was 11028 Stanmore, Potomac, Maryland. On a 2003 contribution to Leadership PAC 2004, O’Rourke indicated that he was the principal of The Law Office of John T. O’Rourke and that his address was 11028 Stanmore, Potomac, Maryland. On a March 2015 contribution to Pioneer Project, O’Rourke indicated that he was an attorney at O’Rourke and Nappi LLP and that his address was 11028 Stanmore, Potomac, Maryland. [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, accessed 10/20/21]

O’Rourke And Nappi LLP Advised Clients On Lobbying And “Analysis Of The Legislative And Regulatory Process.” “O’Rourke & Nappi provides expert strategic counsel and bipartisan representation. We leverage our expertise from across the corporate and government arenas to offer the following services to our clients: Legislative and Regulatory Analysis We provide our clients with guidance and direction based on our analysis of the legislative and regulatory process, from legislator statements, through committee hearings and markups, floor votes, conferences and proposed rulemakings. Strategic Advice Utilizing our procedural knowledge and political acumen, we advise clients on the best way to approach the legislative and regulatory process. We don’t provide guesswork, we deliver expertise. Advocacy & Lobbying Our knowledge of parliamentary procedure along with our well-respected reputation on Capitol Hill and in the Administration enables us to effectively advance our clients’ interests. Legal Services As a law firm, we provide confidential and trusted legal counsel to clients to enhance their advocacy efforts.” [O’Rourke and Nappi LLP, accessed 10/20/21]

- O’Rourke “Provides Strategic Advice And Government Representation To Corporations, Associations
And Issue-Based Coalitions.” “Jack O’Rourke provides strategic advice and government representation to corporations, associations and issue-based coalitions. Since 1991, he has represented clients on a broad range of matters in the areas of taxation, financial services and banking, international trade and investment, telecommunications, patent and trademark, and international business operations.” [O’Rourke and Nappi LLP, accessed 10/20/21]

O’Rourke Was Previously Vice President And Legislative Counsel For The Securities Industry Association, An Association Of More Than 600 “Investment Banks, Broker-Dealers And Mutual Fund Companies.” “Mr. O’Rourke previously served as Vice President and Legislative Counsel for the Securities Industry Association, an association of more than 600 securities firms (including investment banks, broker-dealers and mutual fund companies) active in all U.S. and foreign markets and in all phases of corporate and public finance.” [O’Rourke and Nappi LLP, accessed 10/20/21]

Philip Swartzfager

Philip Swartzfager Became A Lobbyist For PayPal Immediately After Working For Poliquin

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[Pegistorm, accessed 10/20/21]

Poliquin Accepted $500 From PayPal, For Which Swartzfager Lobbied

April 2019 – October 2021: Swartzfager Was A Lobbyist For PayPal. According to Legistorm, Swartzfager was a registered lobbyist for PayPal per 12 of the company’s quarterly reports spanning from April 2019 to October 2021. [Legistorm, accessed 10/20/21]

September 2017: PayPal PAC Contributed $500 To Poliquin’s Campaign. [FEC, Individual Contributor Search, 9/18/17]

Kate Renz

Kate Renz Was A Lobbyist Before And After Working For Poliquin

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Poliquin Did Not Receive Any Contributions From Renz’s Clients


| Kate Renz’s Clients – 2012 – 2021 |
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| Date Of Last Filing   | Client                           |
| 10/20/21              | Pitney Bowes Inc.                |
| 1/18/13               | Shoreland Inc.                   |
| 1/18/13               | SRA International Inc.           |
| 1/18/13               | Sittercity Inc.                  |
| 1/18/13               | PulteGroup Inc.                  |
| 1/18/13               | Kinecta Federal Credit Union      |
| 1/18/13               | Sigue Corp.                      |
| 4/20/12               | National Concrete Masonry Assoc.  |

[Legistorm, accessed 10/20/21]

Appendix IV – Paid Media Summary

NOTE: Paid media advertisements saved on the DCCC research drive.

2018 Election

<p>| Poliquin “Good Guy” Paid Media Summary |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Date   | Group                 | Name                                      | Subject                          | Description                                                       |
| 5/10/18 | Allied Progress       | “Tell Rep. Poliquin to Protect Consumers from Predatory Payday Lenders” | Wall Street | Poliquin supports rolling back Wall Street regulations |
| 9/26/18 | DCCC                  | “Simple”                                   | Health Care                       | Poliquin’s support for AHCA, record on Medicare                    |
| 9/14/18 | DCCC                  | “Work Hard”                                | Wall Street, Health Care          | Poliquin’s Wall Street and pharma donors                           |
| 10/5/17 | DCCC                  | “Waiting”                                  | Health Care                       | Poliquin’s record on health care, support for AHCA                 |
| 10/27/18 | End Citizens United  | “Greed”                                    | Health Care                       | Poliquin’s record on health care, pharma donors                    |
| 10/29/18 | Golden Campaign      | “Disgusting, Nasty Lies”                   | Seniors’ issues                  | Poliquin’s record against Social Security and Medicare               |
| 10/20/18 | Golden Campaign      | “Deserve”                                  | Seniors’ issues                  | Poliquin’s record against Social Security and Medicare               |
| 10/20/18 | Golden Campaign      | “Izzy”                                     | Golden personal history, Taxes, Health Care | Golden’s wife on his personal history, record on health care and taxes |</p>
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## Appendix V – Bill Sponsorships & Amendments

### Toplines

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### 115th Congress

**Poliquin Sponsored 20 Pieces Of Legislation, Seven Of Which Passed The House**

**Poliquin Sponsored 17 Bills In The 115th Congress, Seven Of Which Passed The House And One Of Which Became Law.** [Congress.gov, accessed 10/21/21]

**Poliquin Sponsored Two Resolutions In The 115th Congress, Neither Of Which Were Adopted.** [Congress.gov, accessed 10/21/21]

**Poliquin Introduced One Amendment, Which Passed The House.** [Congress.gov, accessed 10/21/21]

### Sponsored Bills By Subject

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Poliquin Bills Sponsored With Floor Consideration Or More

**Poliquin Sponsored One Bill That Became Law**


**Poliquin Sponsored Seven Pieces Of Legislation That Passed The House**

Poliquin Sponsored Seven Pieces Of Legislation That Passed The House In The 115th Congress. [Congress.gov, accessed 10/21/21]

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An amendment numbered 8 printed in House Report 115-786 to require NOAA to conduct a study on all fees it charges the lobster industry and report those findings to Congress. Agreed to by voice vote 7/11/18

### 114th Congress

**Poliquin Sponsored 23 Pieces Of Legislation, None Of Which Became Law**

**Poliquin Sponsored 18 Bills In The 114th Congress, None Of Which Became Law.** [Congress.gov, accessed 10/21/21]

**Poliquin Sponsored One Resolution In The 114th Congress, Which Was Not Adopted.** [Congress.gov, accessed 10/21/21]

**Poliquin Introduced Four Amendments In The 114th Congress, Three Of Which Passed The House.** [Congress.gov, accessed 10/21/21]

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### Poliquin Bills Sponsored With Floor Consideration Or More

**Poliquin Did Not Sponsor Any Pieces Of Legislation That Became Law**

**Poliquin Did Not Sponsor Any Pieces Of Legislation That Became Law In The 114th Congress.** [Congress.gov, accessed 10/21/21]

**Poliquin Sponsored Five Pieces Of Legislation That Passed The House**

**Poliquin Sponsored Five Pieces Of Legislation That Passed The House In The 114th Congress.** [Congress.gov, accessed 10/21/21]
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### Appendix VI – Bill Co-Sponsorships

#### Career

**Poliquin Co-Sponsored 473 Pieces Of Legislation; 29 Or 6.1 Percent Became Law**


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<td>H.Res.851</td>
<td>Recognizing the Independent Transportation Network of America on the occasion of providing 1,000,000 rides to older and visually challenged people of the United States.</td>
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Poliquin Co-Sponsored 80 Bills, 24.8 Percent Of All Bills He Co-Sponsored, With Democratic Sponsors

2015 – 2018: Poliquin Cosponsored 145 Bills (24.8%) Sponsored By A Democrat. [Congress.gov, accessed 10/24/17]
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# Appendix VII – Office Expenditures

## Poliquin Office Expenditures – Career

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## Poliquin Spent $322,381.89 On Mass Mail And Communication

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## Poliquin Collected $5,975.39 In Personal Reimbursements

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## 2019

### Toplines

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### 2018

#### Toplines

| Poliquin Office Expenditures – 2018 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                              | Franked Mail    | Personnel        | Travel           | Rent, Comms., Utilities | Printing       | Other Services  | Supplies and Materials | Equipment     |
| Q1                            | $11,120.33      | $227,746.19     | $2,272.22       | $13,151.43           | $673.45        | $1,882.48      | $2,018.57         | $6,464.49     |
| Q2                            | $18,160         | $225,309.10     | $18,953.57      | $14,928.81           | $970.23        | $2,850         | $7,304.23         | $1,610.42     |
| Q3                            | $98,824.01      | $197,899.69     | 12,851.75       | $30,377.33           | $184.75        | $4,433.77      | $2,540.27         | $349,361.57   |
| Q4                            | $14,841.65      | $219,708.71     | $24,195.73      | $15,198.07           | $2,889.50      | $2,850         | $7,304.23         | $298,888.14   |
| TOTAL                         | $142,945.99     | $870,663.69     | $58,273.27      | $73,655.64           | $4,717.93      | $11,738.81     | $17,495.76        | $18,356.14    |

### Poliquin Collected $25.13 In Personal Reimbursements For Transportation

| Poliquin Office Expenditures – 2018 Personal Reimbursements |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Quarter           | Payee           | Description     | Voucher #       | Date            | Amount          |
| Q3                | Poliquin        | Taxi/Parking/Tolls | E0638013       | 6/15/18         | $25.13          |

#### 2017

#### Toplines

| Poliquin Office Expenditures – 2017 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                              | Franked Mail    | Personnel        | Travel           | Rent, Comms., Utilities | Printing       | Other Services  | Supplies and Materials | Equipment     |
| Q1                            | $506.38         | $200,861.59     | $8,838.80       | $14,074.69           | $803.22        | $11,815        | $2,831.08         | $681.96       |
| Q2                            | $1,501.24       | $216,289.83     | $8,319.08       | $22,986.88           | $306.48        | $11,730        | $5,155.54         | $6,852.90     |
| Q3                            | $482.49         | $217,013.62     | $19,229.31      | $21,621.83           | $1,021.68      | $9,581.50      | $5,377.76         | $3,547.06     |
| Q4                            | $640.69         | $228,318.83     | $23,506.47      | $17,286.84           | $7,040         | $522           | $2,733.25         | $272.02       |
| TOTAL                         | $3,130.80       | $862,483.87     | $59,893.66      | $75,970.24           | $9,171.38      | $33,649.50     | $16,097.63        | $11,353.94    |

#### 2016

#### Toplines

| Poliquin Office Expenditures – 2016 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                              | Franked Mail    | Personnel        | Travel           | Rent, Comms., Utilities | Printing       | Other Services  | Supplies and Materials | Equipment     |
| Q1                            | $15,717.88      | $189,795.13     | $4,967.09       | $11,086.20           | $27,923.16     | $2,875         | $1,044.68         | $1,539.27     |
| Q2                            | $66,769.74      | $190,538.50     | $17,671.41      | $18,784.08           | $328.81        | $3,425         | $3,325.97         | $2,002.88     |
July – August 2016: Poliquin More On Franked Mail Than Any Other Representative. “Still, that Poliquin spent more than $150,000 on franked mail during the six weeks after July 1, 2016, more than any of the other 434 members of the House, means something.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 8/13/18]

Poliquin Spokesperson Defended Franked Mail As Necessary To Communicate With Constituents Of “One Of The Most Elderly And Rural Districts In The Nation.” “‘As one of the most elderly and rural districts in the nation, many of our constituents primarily use hard copy mail,’ Conley said. ‘Our office puts a premium on communicating with constituents, and does so without any extra burden to taxpayers whatsoever.’” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 8/13/18]

Poliquin Spokesperson: “There Is Absolutely No Extra Burden Or Cost To The Taxpayer For Franking - None.” “Brendan Conley, Poliquin's press secretary, said Monday it is important to note ‘there is absolutely no extra burden or cost to the taxpayer for franking - none.’ He said each member of the House receives an allocation for office expenses - staff salaries, office rent, travel reimbursement and more - and can choose how to divvy up the money. Poliquin's share is $1.37 million annually. For Poliquin, who spent $83,000 on mailings in August 2016, franked mail to constituents is an especially big priority.” [Lewiston Sun Journal, 8/13/18]

Portland Press Herald On Poliquin's Increased Franked Mail Spending During Campaign Season: “ No Honest Person Can Dismiss The Connection Between Franked Mail And Campaigning.” “No honest person can dismiss the connection between franked mail and campaigning, particularly when you consider which members spend the most on mailings. In the six weeks before the 2016 deadline, as he faced a tough challenge in his first re-election race, Poliquin spent $150,000 on franked mail, the most of any member of Congress.” [Portland Press Herald, 8/17/18]
Poliquin Collected $5,647.84 In Personal Reimbursements For Transportation, Lodging, Travel Subsistence, Postage, And Publications

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TOTAL $5,647.84

Appendix VIII – Travel Expenditures

NOTE: Primary source documents are available on the DCCC Research drive.

Poliquin Private Travel Expenditures

Poliquin’s Staff Received $20,062.12 Worth Of Special Interest Funded Travel

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Appendix IX – Votes – 115th Congress

Agriculture & Food Safety

Poliquin Voted For The Farm Bill Conference Report, Funding Farm And Nutrition Programs Through FY 2023. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would reauthorize and extend federal farm and nutrition programs through fiscal 2023, including crop subsidies, conservation, rural development and agricultural trade programs and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. It would reauthorize and extend supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs, sugar policies and loan rates, several international food aid programs, nonrecourse marketing assistance loans for loan commodities, and several dairy programs, including the dairy risk management program (previously the margin protection program). It would create new pilot programs that would test strategies for improving the accuracy of the SNAP income verification process. It would allow industrial hemp to be grown in the United States, subject to close regulation at the state level. It would modify the activities permitted on land contracted under the conservation reserve program.” The conference report was adopted by a vote of 369-47. [HR 2, Vote #434, 12/12/18; CQ, 12/12/18]

Poliquin Voted For House Floor Consideration Of The Farm Bill. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1176) that would provide for House floor consideration of the conference report to accompany the Farm Bill (HR 2), that would reauthorize and extend federal farm and nutrition programs through fiscal 2023. The rule would also waive section 7 of the War Powers Resolution for a concurrent resolution related to hostilities in Yemen.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 206-203. [HR 2, Vote #432, 12/12/18; CQ, 12/12/18]

Language Was Also Attached To The Vote Advancing The Farm Bill That Would Prevent A Vote That Year On Limiting U.S. Involvement In Yemen. “The bill only narrowly advanced in the House, 206-203, after language was tucked into the procedural rule preventing for the rest of the year a floor vote on any war powers resolution limiting the U.S. involvement in Yemen. The move sparked backlash from a number of lawmakers.” [The Hill, 12/12/18]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Appropriated Funds From Being Used To Issue A Grazing Permit Or Lease That Violates The Mandatory Qualifications For Such Permits. In July 2018, Poliquin voted against “Gallego, D-Ariz., amendment no. 51, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to issue a grazing permit or lease that violates the mandatory qualifications for such permits.” The amendment failed, 203-212. [H.R. 6147, Vote #352, 7/18/18; CQ, 7/18/18]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill That Would Reauthorize And Modify The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation And Management Act Through 2020. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill that would reauthorize and modify the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act through fiscal 2022 and would provide greater authority to regional fishery management councils in setting the conditions under which overfished or depleted fisheries are to be restored. The bill would eliminate the current 10-year requirement for rebuilding overfished or depleted fisheries and would allow fishery councils to set rebuilding periods that reflect the individual fish species' ability to recover. The bill would also modify catch limits for specific species and would prohibit fisheries councils in four regions from implementing any new ‘catch share’ programs unless such plans had been approved by an industry referendum vote. The bill would authorize $397 million annually for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022 to carry out the bill's provisions.” The bill passed, 222-193. [HR 200, Vote #321, 7/11/18; CQ, 7/11/18]

Poliquin Voted Against A Motion To Recommit With Instructions To Require The Secretary Of Commerce Or State Governments To Declare A Fishery Disaster If Unilateral Tariffs Affect The Economic Viability Of The U.S. Fishing Industry. In July 2018, Poliquin voted against “Gomez, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Natural Resources Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require the Commerce Department, or a relevant state government, to declare a fishery disaster if any
unilateral tariffs imposed by any countries on U.S. seafood exports affect the economic viability of the U.S. fishing industry.” The motion was rejected, 187-228. [HR 200, Vote #320, 7/11/18; CQ, 7/11/18]

Poliquin Voted For Considering A Bill Reauthorizing The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation And Management Act Through Fiscal 2022. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 965) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 200) that would reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act through fiscal 2022 and would provide greater authority to regional fishery management councils in setting the conditions under which overfished or depleted fisheries are to be restored.” The resolution was adopted 227-184. [H Res 965, Vote #317, 7/11/18; CQ, 7/11/18]

**Poliquin Voted For The House Version Of The 2018 Farm Bill.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would reauthorize and extend federal farm and nutrition programs through fiscal 2023, including crop subsidies, conservation, rural development and agricultural trade programs and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. It would require individuals receiving SNAP benefits, who are 18-59 years old, to work or participate in work training programs for a minimum of 20 hours per week, and would require the Department of Agriculture to establish a database to track individuals receiving SNAP benefits. The bill would reauthorize and extend supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs, the current sugar policies and loan rates, several international food aid programs, nonrecourse marketing assistance loans for loan commodities, several dairy programs, including the dairy risk management program (previously the margin protection program) and would modify certain utility standards in the Home Energy Assistance Program to require SNAP benefits recipients to provide documentation of such expenses in order to receive increased benefits using the Standard Utility Allowance.” The bill passed, 213-211. [H.R. 2, Vote #284, 6/21/18; CQ, 6/21/18]

**HEADLINE: House farm bill passes with controversial food stamp changes** [Politico, 6/21/18]

The Bill Would Tighten Eligibility For SNAP, Resulting In 400,000 Households Losing Benefits, And Would Risk Free And Reduced-Price School Meals For Thousands For Children. “The House farm bill would also tighten eligibility criteria under SNAP — changes that would result in some 400,000 households losing SNAP benefits. Thousands of children would also risk losing their enrollment in free and reduced-price school meal programs.” [Politico, 6/21/18]

Anti-Hunger Groups Said The Changes Would Make It More Difficult For Millions For Receive Nutrition Assistance, While Investing In Job Training Programs That Are Not Proven To Move People Out Of Poverty. “Republicans contend the plan would put people on a pathway to self-sufficiency. Democrats and anti-hunger groups say it would make it more difficult for millions of needy Americans to receive nutrition assistance, and also would invest in a state-run job training bureaucracy under SNAP that has yet to prove it helps people move out of poverty.” [Politico, 6/21/18]

**Poliquin Voted For The Motion To Reconsider The 2018 Farm Bill.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Ryan, R-Wis., motion to reconsider the vote on passage of” the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018. The motion was approved, 233-191. [H.R. 2, Vote #283, 6/21/18; CQ, 6/21/18]

**Poliquin Voted For The House Version Of The 2018 Farm Bill, Which Would Reauthorize SNAP And Farm And Rural Programs.** In May 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would reauthorize fornservation, rural development and agricultural trade programs and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. It would require individuals receiving SNAP benefits, who are 18-59 years old, to work or participate in work training programs for a minimum of 20 hours per week, and would require the Department of Agriculture to establish a database to track individuals receiving SNAP benefits.” The bill failed 198 to 213. [HR 2, Vote #205, 5/18/18; CQ, 5/18/18]

**HEADLINE: House Farm Bill Collapses Amid Republican Disarray** [New York Times, 5/18/18]

The House Farm Bill Included Strict Work Requirements For Food Aid Recipients, While Maintaining Farm Subsidies For Rural Communities. “The twice-a-decade measure — which would have imposed strict
new work requirements on food aid recipients while maintaining farm subsidies important to rural lawmakers — failed on a 213-to-198 vote. It was a rebuke of Speaker Paul D. Ryan by a key bloc of conservatives over his refusal to schedule an immediate vote on a restrictive immigration bill sponsored by the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.” [New York Times, 5/18/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against Motion To Amend The Farm Bill To Remove Provision That Takes Away $3.8 Billion In Food Assistance For Hungry Families.** In May 2018, Poliquin voted against “Maloney, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Agriculture Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would strike the SNAP child support enforcement provision that perversely spends more than $2 for every $1 in savings while taking away $3.8 billion in SNAP benefits from hungry families. By striking the provision, the amendment restores these vital SNAP benefits and eliminates wasteful administrative spending. It invests the remaining savings in 1) opioid addiction and treatment services and rural mental health services; 2) broadband connectivity to help rural communities compete in the modern economy; 3) increased export marketing to offset the uncertainty caused by the Administration’s trade policies; 4) support for the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program to develop the next generation of producers; 5) scholarships at 1890 Institutions; and 6) research on organics and specialty crops.” The motion was rejected 183-226. [HR 2, Vote #204, 5/18/18; CQ, 5/18/18]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Strengthen Prohibitions Against Animal Fighting.** In May 2018, Poliquin voted for amendment that: “Strengthens prohibitions against animal fighting by ensuring the law applies to all US territories.” The amendment was adopted 359 to 51. [HR 2, Vote #202, 5/18/18; Republican Cloak Room, 5/17/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Allow For The Interstate Trade And Human Consumption Of Unpasteurized Milk And Milk Products.** In May 2018, Poliquin voted against “Massie, R-Ky., amendment that would prohibit federal interference in the interstate transportation of unpasteurized milk and milk products between states that allow for the distribution of such products for direct human consumption.” The amendment failed, 79-331. [HR 1865, Vote #201, 5/18/18; CQ, 5/18/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Exclude Alcoholic Products From Counting As Value-Added Agricultural Products.** In May 2018, Poliquin voted against “Russell, R-Okla., amendment that would exclude beer, wine, distilled spirits, hard cider, and other alcoholic products from counting as value-added agricultural products, thus making such products ineligible for agricultural product market development grants, and would rescind $8 million in unobligated funds from value-added agricultural product market development grant program.” The amendment was rejected, 54-356. [HR 1865, Vote #200, 5/18/18; CQ, 5/18/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Repeal The Department Of Agriculture Biomass And Bioenergy Subsidy Programs.** In May 2018, Poliquin voted against “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment that would repeal the Department of Agriculture biomass and bioenergy subsidy programs.” The amendment failed, 75-340. [HR 1865, Vote #197, 5/17/18; CQ, 5/17/18]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Allow States To Use Private Companies To Carry Out Program Eligibility Functions Of The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.** In May 2018, Poliquin voted for “Faso, R-N.Y., amendment that would allow states to carry out program eligibility and other administrative functions of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in a number of different ways, including the use of non-governmental contractors, as long as such personnel have no direct or indirect financial interest in an approved retail food store.” The amendment was adopted, 222-192. [HR 1865, Vote #196, 5/17/18; CQ, 5/17/18]

**Amendment Would Allow States To “Privatize SNAP Operations.”** “An amendment from Representative John Faso (R-NY) that would allow states to privatize SNAP operations. This change would allow private companies to take over administration of the program, despite failed attempts in some states over the years.” [CLASP, 6/12/18]
Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Work-Requirement Exemptions To Five Percent Of SNAP Recipients. In May 2018, Poliquin voted against “McClintock, R-Calif., amendment that would reduce work_REQUIREMENT exemptions from 15 percent to five percent of SNAP benefit recipients; would reduce the qualifying age of children from three-years-old to six-years-old with respect to work requirement_exempted parents; would set the same hour_per_week work requirement for married parents as for single parents; and would require employment and training program participants to have their work eligibility electronically verified through the E_verify system.” The amendment failed, 83-330. [HR 2, Vote #195, 5/17/18; CQ, 5/17/18]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Phase Out Agricultural Crop Subsidies By 2030. In May 2018, Poliquin voted against “McClintock, R-Calif., amendment that would phase out agricultural crop subsidies by 2030.” The amendment was rejected, 34-380. [HR 2, Vote #194, 5/17/18; CQ, 5/17/18]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Adjust Loan Rates For The Sugar Program And Establish Tariff Rate Quotas For Raw And Refined Sugar. In May 2018, Poliquin voted against “Foxx, R-N.C., amendment that would adjust loan rates for the sugar program, would terminate the feedstock flexibility program, and would establish tariff rate quotas for raw cane sugar and refined sugar. The amendment failed, 137-278. [HR 2, Vote #193, 5/17/18; CQ, 5/17/18]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking An Effort To Force The Trump Administration To Certify That Their Tariffs Would Not Harm Farmers And Ranchers. In May 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would prohibit the Farm Bill from going into effect until the President certifies to Congress that none of the Administration’s recent actions related to trade and tariffs would cause harm to domestic farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural producers.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment. The motion was agreed to 228-189. [H Res 900, Vote #190, 5/17/18; CQ, 5/17/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 5/17/18]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill Which Would Loosen Nutritional Disclosure Requirements For Restaurants And Other Food Establishments. In February 2018, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would modify the Food and Drug Administration’s menu labeling regulations to allow nutritional information to be provided online, as opposed to on a menu board, and would allow restaurants and other food establishments to determine the serving size for which nutritional information would be posted. It would prohibit states from enacting laws regarding the disclosure of nutritional information that are different from the federal law. It would prohibit the FDA from enforcing compliance with menu labeling regulations for 90 days after a violation is discovered.” The motion was adopted, 366-177. [H.R 392, 772, Vote #56, 2/6/18; CQ, 2/6/18]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Exempting Rules Related To The Prevention Of Foodborne Illness Transmission. In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Cicilline, D_R_I., amendment that would exempt rules related to the prevention of foodborne illness transmission. It would remove the bill's provision that would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to an agency’s interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering challenges to agency rules.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 190-232. [HR 5, Vote #38, 1/11/17; CQ, 1/11/17]

Arts & Humanities

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Decreasing Funds From The NEA And NEH And Appropriating Them To The Spending Reduction Account. In July 2018, Poliquin voted against “Grothman, R-Wis., amendment no. 39, that would increase funding for the spending reduction account by $46.5 million, and would decrease funding for funding for the National Endowment on the Arts and the Humanities by an equal amount.” The resolution failed by a vote of 119-297. [H R 6147, Vote #345, 7/18/18; CQ, 7/18/18]
Poliquin Voted For Funding The Government Through Feb. 2019 And Authorizing $5.7 Billion For Construction Of A Border Wall On The U.S.-Mexico Border. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill, with a further House amendment. The bill is the legislative vehicle for a short-term continuing resolution that would fund the government through Feb. 8, 2019. It would also authorize $5.7 billion for construction of a border wall on the U.S.-Mexico border, as well as an estimated $7.8 billion in emergency disaster relief funding.” The bill passed by a vote of 217 – 185. [H.R. 695, Vote #472, 12/20/18; CQ Floor Votes, 12/20/18]

Headline: CNBC: House Passes Spending Bill With Border Wall Money — Setting Up Shutdown Stalemate With Senate. [CNBC, 12/20/18]

Eight Republicans Joined All 177 Voting Democrats To Oppose The Measure. “The House of Representatives Thursday approved a bill that would fund most of the federal government through early February -- and provides $5.7 billion for President Trump's long-promised border wall, increasing the chances of a partial government shutdown later this week. Eight Republicans joined all 177 voting Democrats to oppose the measure, which passed 217-185. The bill now goes to the Senate, where it is certain to fall short of the 60 votes needed for passage since the chamber's 49 Democrats are against funding the wall.” [Fox News, 12/20/18]

Voting Yes On The Measure Made It More Likely That A Partial Government Shutdown Would Occur. “That, in turn, makes it more likely that parts of the federal government, including nine of 15 Cabinet-level departments and dozens of agencies, will cease operations at midnight Friday.” [Fox News, 12/20/18]

Poliquin Voted For Considering A Short-Term Continuing Resolution To Fund The Government And Construct A U.S.-Mexico Border Wall. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill HR 695 which is the legislative vehicle for a short-term continuing resolution that would fund the government through Feb. 8, 2019, and would provide funds for the construction of a U.S-Mexico border wall and emergency disaster relief funding.” The rule was adopted 221-179. [HR 695, Vote #469, 12/20/18; CQ, 12/20/18]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Continuing Resolution To Fund The Government Without Funding For A U.S. Mexico Border Wall. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 1183) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill HR 695 which is the legislative vehicle for a short-term continuing resolution that would fund the government through Feb. 8, 2019, and provide funds for the construction of a U.S-Mexico border wall and emergency disaster relief funding.” According to the Congressional Record, “That is why, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up the Senate amendment to H.R. 695, which is the clean CR that has already passed the Senate by a voice vote.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of a clean CR without border wall funding. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 223-178. [HR 659, Vote #468, 12/20/18; CQ, 12/20/18; Congressional Record, 12/20/18]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Legislation To Fund The Remainder Of The Government And Extend The National Flood Insurance Program And Violence Against Women Act. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 1176) that would provide for House floor consideration of the conference report to accompany the Farm Bill (HR 2), that would reauthorize and extend federal farm and nutrition programs through fiscal 2023, and would waive section 7 of the War Powers Resolution for a concurrent resolution related to hostilities in Yemen.” According to the Congressional Record “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 7264, a continuing resolution to fund the remainder of the government and extend the National Flood Insurance Program, the Violence Against Women Act, and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Act until September 30.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block
consideration of an amendment to bring up a bill funding the remainder of the government and extending the National Flood Insurance Program and Violence Against Women Act. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 220-191. [CQ, 12/12/18; HR 2, Vote #431, 12/12/18; Congressional Record, 12/12/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Funding The Government For An Additional 2.5 Months Through December 2018.** In September 2018, Poliquin voted for “Adoption of the conference report to accompany the bill that would provide $855.1 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2019 to various departments and agencies, including $674.4 billion for the Defense Department and $178.1 billion for the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education departments. The Defense Department total would include $606.5 billion in base Defense Department funding subject to spending caps, and would include $67.9 billion in overseas contingency operations funding. The bill would provide $90.3 billion in discretionary spending for the Health and Human Services Department, $71.4 billion for the Education Department and $12.1 billion for the Labor Department. The measure would also provide funding for federal government operations until Dec. 7, 2018, at an annualized rate of approximately $1.3 trillion.” The amendment was adopted 361-61. [HR 6157, Vote #405, 9/26/18; CQ, 9/26/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Proposing A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution.** In April 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution that would propose a constitutional amendment that would require the U.S. government to operate under a balanced budget each year, beginning five years after ratification. Under the proposal, three-fifths of the entire House and Senate would be required to approve deficit spending or an increase in the public debt limit, but a simple majority would be sufficient to waive the requirement in times of congressionally declared war or in the face of a serious military threat.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 233-184. [H J Res 2, Vote #138, 4/12/18; CQ, 4/12/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Considering A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution.** In April 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 811) that would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 4790) regarding ‘Volcker Rule’ regulation and exemptions thereto, and providing for the speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules on April 12, 2018, relating to the joint resolution (H J Res 2) that would propose a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution.” The rule was adopted 230-184. [H Res 811, Vote #134, 4/11/18; CQ, 4/11/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking An Amendment To The Balanced Budget Amendment To Protect Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid.** In April 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on […] providing for the speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules on April 12, 2018, relating to the joint resolution (H J Res 2) that would propose a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution.” According to Rep. McGovern, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule which would amend the bill to exempt Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, vital pillars of our social safety net.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 231-186. [H Res 811, Vote #133, 4/11/18; CQ, 4/11/18; Congressional Record, H3018, 4/11/18]

**Poliquin Voted For The $1.3 Trillion FY 2018 Omnibus Spending Package That Funded The Government Through September 30, 2018.** In March 2018, Poliquin voted for “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill with a further amendment that would provide roughly $1.3 trillion in funding for federal government operations and services through Sept. 30, 2018. The measure would provide a total of $654.6 billion in additional funding to the Defense Department […] $98.7 billion to the Health and Human Services Department, […] $3.4 billion to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for substance abuse block grants, and would provide roughly $3.7 billion to the National Institutes of Health, including an additional $500 million for research into opioid addiction. It would provide $47.7 billion to the Homeland Security Department, including $1.6 billion for the purpose of bolstering security measures on the U.S.-Mexico border, including the construction of new fencing along sections of the border, and would provide $7.1 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations and enforcement. The measure includes provisions from multiple bills related to school safety and firearms regulations, including a bill (S 2135) that would require the Department of Justice to certify that appropriate records have been submitted to the National Instant Criminal
Background Check System by federal agencies and state governments with respect to individuals who are not eligible to purchase firearms. The measure includes language from the bill (S 2495) that would authorize $75 million a year through fiscal 2028 for the Secure Our Schools grant program and would revise it to more explicitly focus the program on preventing student violence.” The motion as agreed to, 256-167. [H Res 796, Vote #127, 3/22/18; CQ, 3/22/18]

Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of The 2018 Omnibus Spending Package. In March 2018, Poliquin voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 796) that would provide for consideration for the Senate amendment to HR 1625, the legislative vehicle for the fiscal 2018 omnibus appropriations package.” The rule was adopted, 211-207. [HR 1625, Vote #124, 3/22/18; CQ, 3/22/18]

Poliquin Voted For Concurring With The Senate On The Short Term Continuing Resolution That Funded The Government Through March 23, 2018. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill that would provide funding for federal government operations and services at current levels through March 23, 2018. The bill would increase defense spending caps to $629 billion for fiscal 2018 and $647 billion for fiscal 2019, and would increase non-defense spending caps by $63 billion in fiscal 2018 and $68 billion in fiscal 2019. It would suspend the debt ceiling through March 1, 2019, and would provide $89.3 billion in emergency supplemental funding including $23.5 billion in funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Disaster Relief Fund, $28 billion in funding to the Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Fund, and $4.9 billion in additional Medicaid funding for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. It would authorize funding for community health centers through fiscal 2019, and would provide for an additional authorization of the Children's Health Insurance Program from fiscal 2023 to fiscal 2027. The underlying bill would allow the governor of a state, territory, possession or the mayor of the District of Columbia to order that the United States flag be flown at half-staff to honor the death of a first responder who dies while serving in the line of duty.” [HR 1892, Vote #69, 2/9/18; CQ, 2/9/18]

Budget Deal Ending Second Government Shutdown Of 2018 Added $320 Billion To The Deficit – The Second Shutdown In Three Weeks. “But action did not come soon enough to avoid a brief government shutdown — the second in three weeks — thanks to a one-man protest from Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), who delayed the Senate vote past midnight to mark his opposition to an estimated $320 billion addition to the federal budget deficit.” [Washington Post, 2/9/18]

Budget Deal Raised Sequestration Caps For 2018 And 2019 By $296 Billion, Suspended The Debt Ceiling Until March 2019, And Approved An Additional $90 Billion In Disaster Relief. “Attached to the CR is language raising the sequestration budget caps for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 by a total of $296 billion, suspending the debt ceiling until March 2019 and approving an additional $90 billion in disaster relief, among a host of other policy provisions.” [Roll Call, 2/9/18]

CNN: Continuing Resolution Included A Full Year Of Defense Spending To “Sweeten The Deal For Conservative And Defense Hawks… Who Have Been Emphatic That They Wouldn't Support The Fifth Continuing Resolution In Six Months.” “The House of Representatives passed legislation funding most federal agencies through March 23, and the Pentagon for a full fiscal year, roughly two days before the government faces a shutdown. The bill passed 245-182, but this is just the first step. The bill will next go the Senate, where Democrats are expected to oppose it because it doesn't also provide longer term money for domestic programs like opioid recovery efforts, transportation, and education. […] GOP leaders tacked on a full year of defense funding to sweeten the deal for conservative and defense hawks in their ranks who have been emphatic that they wouldn't support the fifth continuing resolution in six months without some kind of certainty for the country's military.” [CNN, 2/6/18]

Poliquin Voted For House Passage Of Continuing Resolution To Fund The Government Through March 23. In February 2018, Poliquin voted for “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill with an amendment that would provide for an extension of the current continuing resolution through March 23,
The measure would provide for $659.2 billion in discretionary funding for the Defense Department through fiscal 2018 and would provide $3.6 billion annually for community health centers through fiscal 2019. It would also eliminate the cap on various Medicare payments and would extend funding for rural hospitals that see large numbers of Medicare patients.” The motion was adopted, 245-182. [H.R. 1892, Vote #60, 2/6/18; CQ, 2/6/17]

Poliquin Voted For Reopening The Government And Funding It Until February 8, 2018 As Well As Funding CHIP For Six Years. In January 2018, Poliquin voted for the funding for federal government operations and services at current levels through Feb. 8, 2018. The measure would fund the state Children's Health and Insurance Programs at $21.5 billion annually starting in fiscal 2018 and would gradually increase the funding annually through fiscal 2023. It would suspend or delay three health-related taxes enacted as part of the 2010 health care overhaul. It would allow the ballistic missile defense funding included in the last short-term funding bill to be used for certain related intelligence activities. Additionally, it would prohibit the Government Publishing Office from providing a free printed copy of the Federal Register to any member of Congress or other U.S. government office unless a specific issue or a subscription was requested by the member or office.” The motion passed 266-150. [H.R. 195, Vote #44, 1/22/18; CQ, 1/22/18]

Measure Ended A Three Day Government Shutdown. “Congress voted late Monday to reopen the government after a three-day shutdown, sending President Trump a short-term spending bill that passed after Senate Republican leaders pledged to act on immigration policy next month. [...] Roughly 60 hours after government funding lapsed, a bipartisan group of negotiators in the Senate prevailed with leadership and trading Democratic support for reopening the government for a commitment by Republicans to hold a vote resolving the status of young undocumented immigrants by mid-February.” [Washington Post, 1/22/18]

Poliquin Voted For Funding The Government Until February 16, 2018 And Funding CHIP For Six Years. In January 2018, Poliquin voted for the funding for federal government operations and services at current levels through Feb. 16, 2018, at an annualized rate of $1.23 trillion for federal departments and agencies covered by the 12 unfinished fiscal 2018 spending bills, of which an annualized rate of $621.5 billion would be designated for defense and an annualized rate of $511 billion for nondefense discretionary spending. The measure would fund the state Children's Health and Insurance Programs at $21.5 billion annually starting in fiscal 2018 and would gradually increase the funding annually through fiscal 2023. It would suspend or delay three health-related taxes enacted as part of the 2010 health care overhaul. It would allow the ballistic missile defense funding included in the last short-term funding bill to be used for certain related intelligence activities. Additionally, it would prohibit the Government Publishing Office from providing a free printed copy of the Federal Register to any member of Congress or other U.S. government office unless a specific issue or a subscription was requested by the member or office.” The motion passed 230-197. [H.R. 195, Vote #33, 1/18/18; CQ, 1/18/18]

Bill Failed In The Senate, Leading To A Government Shutdown – The First Time A Shutdown Involving Furloughs Occurred While One Party Controlled Washington. “The federal government entered the 18th partial shutdown of the modern budget era at midnight Saturday after the Senate failed to reach a deal on a funding bill. The modern budget process began with the passage of the Budget Act of 1974. Since then, there have been a slew of different circumstances that prompted shutdowns, but this shutdown is unique for one reason. This is the first time that one party has controlled the House, the Senate, and the White House during a shutdown in which federal employees are furloughed.” [Business Insider, 1/20/18]

Poliquin Voted For Considering Legislation To Fund The Government Until February 16, 2018 And Funding CHIP For Six Years. In January 2018, Poliquin voted for the expected legislative vehicle for an extension of the current continuing resolution through Feb. 16, 2018, and funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program through fiscal 2023. It would waive, through the legislative day of January 20, 2018, the two-thirds vote requirement to consider legislation on the same day it is reported from the House Rules Committee and would also provide for motions to suspend the rules through the legislative day of January 20, 2018.” The rule was adopted 226-194. [H Res 695, Vote #28, 1/18/18; CQ, 1/18/18]
Poliquin Voted For The Short Term Continuing Resolution That Funded The Government Through January 19, 2018. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill with a further House amendment that would provide funding for federal government operations and services at current levels through Jan. 19, 2018. The bill, as amended, would authorize $2.1 billion for the Veterans Choice Program, $2.9 billion in mandatory funding for the Children’s Health Insurance Program and $550 million in funding to Community Health Centers through Mar. 31. The bill would exempt funding provided to the Children’s Health Insurance Fund and other health programs, as well as the tax overhaul package, from statutory pay-as-you-go requirements. It would provide $4.7 billion in emergency supplemental funds for missile defense and Navy ship repairs. It would also extend authorities under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act through Jan. 19, including FISA Section 702, which allows U.S. intelligence agencies to obtain data from electronic service providers or non-U.S. persons who reside outside the U.S.” The motion passed 231 to 188. [HR 1370, Vote #708, 12/21/17; CQ, 12/21/17]

Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of The Short Term CR That Funded The Government Through January 19, 2018 And Supplemental Disaster Appropriations. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 670) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Senate amendment to the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign Authorization Act (HR 1370) that would fund government operations and certain programs through Jan. 19, 2018, and the disaster supplemental appropriations for fiscal 2018 (HR 4667) that would make further supplemental appropriations for disaster assistance for Hurricane Harvey, Irma, and Maria and calendar year 2017 wildfires.” The rule was adopted 228-186. [H Res 670, Vote #705, 12/21/17; CQ, 12/21/17]

Poliquin Voted For The Short Term CR That Funded The Government Through December 22, 2017. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the joint resolution that would provide funding for federal government operations and services at current levels through Dec. 22, 2017, at an annualized rate of $1.23 trillion for federal departments and agencies covered by the 12 unfinished fiscal 2018 spending bills, of which an annualized rate of $621.5 billion would be designated for defense and an annualized rate of $511 billion for nondefense discretionary spending. The bill would allow state Children’s Health and Insurance Programs to receive extra redistribution funds beyond what is currently allowed, supporting the program’s operations through the end of December.” The resolution passed 235 to 193. [H J Res 123, Vote #670, 12/7/17; CQ, 12/7/17]

Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of Bills Loosening Regulations On Mergers And Acquisitions, Exempting Companies From Mortgage Escrow Requirements And Funding The Government Through December 22, 2017. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 647) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 477) that would exempt certain mergers and acquisitions brokers from Securities and Exchange Commission registration requirements; of the bill (HR 3971) that would exempt certain companies from home mortgage escrow requirements; and of the joint resolution (H J Res 123) that would fund government operations at current levels through Dec. 22, 2017 and allow state Children’s Health and Insurance Programs to receive extra redistribution funds beyond what is currently allowed.” The rule was adopted 238 to 188. [H Res 647, Vote #666, 12/7/17; CQ, 12/7/17]

Poliquin Voted For Agreeing To The Senate Republican’s Version Of The FY18 Budget That Provided $3.1 Trillion In New Budget Authority. In October 2017, Poliquin voted for “Black, R-Tenn., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the concurrent resolution that would provide for $3.1 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts. It would allow the cap on defense spending to be raised to $640 billion for fiscal 2018, without the need for offsets. It would require the Senate Finance Committee to report legislation under the budget reconciliation process that would increase the deficit by no more than $1.5 trillion over the period of fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2027. It would also instruct the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to report legislation under the budget reconciliation process that would reduce the deficit by $1 billion over the period of fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2027. The concurrent resolution would authorize the establishment of various reserve funds, including a deficit-neutral reserve fund related to repealing or replacing the 2010 health care overhaul law, and a revenue-neutral reserve fund related to modifying the federal tax system.” The budget passed 216-212. [H Con Res 71, Vote #589, 10/26/17; CQ Floor Votes, 10/26/17]
HEADLINE: House approves Senate-passed budget plan, paving way for tax reform [CBS News, 10/26/17]

AP: “The Budget Plan Calls For $5 Trillion In Spending Cuts Over The Decade, Including Cuts To Medicare, Medicaid And The Obama-Era Health Care Law.” “The budget plan calls for $5 trillion in spending cuts over the decade, including cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and the Obama-era health care law, though Republicans have no plans to actually impose those cuts with follow-up legislation. Some Democrats criticized the measure for ruthless spending cuts; others took the opposite approach, failing it for tackling the deficit.” [Associated Press, 10/26/17]

Senate Budget Directed Energy And Natural Resources Committee To Find $1 Billion In Deficit Reduction, Which Was Likely To Come From Opening ANWR To Oil And Gas Leasing. “Democrats on Tuesday said they planned to introduce an amendment to the budget resolution (S Con Res 25) to strip a provision in its reconciliation instructions that would direct the Energy and Natural Resources Committee to find $1 billion in deficit reduction. Those savings are likely to come in the form of legislation that would open ANWR to oil and gas leasing, which would generate revenues from the sale of federal leases to drilling companies and from royalties on the sale of oil and gas extracted from federally owned land.” [CQ, 10/17/17]

Poliquin Voted For Considering The Senate Republican’s Version Of The FY18 Budget. In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 580) that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2018 budget resolution (H Con Res 71) that would provide for $3.1 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts.” The resolution was adopted 233-188. [HRes 580, Vote #583, 10/25/17; CQ, 10/25/17]

Poliquin Voted For FY 2018 House Republican Budget Resolution. In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would provide for $3.2 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts. It would assume $1.22 trillion in discretionary spending in fiscal 2018. It would assume the repeal of the 2010 health care overhaul law. It also would propose reducing spending on mandatory programs such as Medicare and Medicaid and changing programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (also known as food stamps). It would call for restructuring Medicare into a "premium support" system beginning in 2024. I would also require the House Ways and Means Committee to report out legislation under the budget reconciliation process that would provide for a revenue-neutral, comprehensive overhaul of the U.S. tax code and would include instructions to 11 House committees to trigger the budget reconciliation process to cut mandatory spending. The concurrent resolution would assume that, over 10 years, base (non-Overseas Contingency Operations) discretionary defense spending would be increased by a total of $929 billion over the Budget Control Act caps and non-defense spending be reduced by $1.3 trillion.” The concurrent resolution was adopted, 219-206. [H Con Res 71, Vote #557, 10/5/17; CQ, 10/5/17]

AP: House Budget “Reprises A Controversial Plan To Turn Medicare Into A Voucher-Like Program.” “The House on Thursday passed a $4.1 trillion budget plan that promotes deep cuts to social programs while paving the way for Republicans to rewrite the tax code later this year. The 2018 House GOP budget reprises a controversial plan to turn Medicare into a voucher-like program for future retirees as well as the party's efforts to repeal the "Obamacare" health law. Republicans controlling Congress have no plans to actually implement those cuts while they pursue their tax overhaul.” [Associated Press, 10/5/17]

Politico: House Budget Included “$203 Billion In Mandatory Cuts Achieved Largely By Cutting Safety Net Programs.” “Under the House budget, any tax reconciliation bill would have to include the $203 billion in mandatory cuts achieved largely by cutting safety net programs. That prompted some GOP moderates to warn of the political optics of cutting food stamps or Medicaid to pay for corporate tax breaks. The House budget also lays out strict parameters to prevent a tax plan from adding to the deficit, even short-term. And that language has given heartburn to Budget panel members like Rep. Jim Renacci (R-Ohio), who almost voted against the resolution because he was afraid it doesn’t provide tax writers with enough funding flexibility to achieve desired cuts.” [Politico, 10/2/17]
Poliquin Voted Against A Democratic Alternative FY18 $3.4 Billion Budget That Would Call For An Increase In The Minimum Wage And The Enactment Of Legislation To Expand Paid Sick Leave. In October 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Yarmuth, D-Ky., substitute amendment that would provide for $3.4 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts. It would repeal the Budget Control Act sequester and caps on discretionary spending and would provide an additional $54 billion for both defense and non-defense spending in fiscal 2018. It would allow for Overseas Contingency Operations funding at the level requested by the president, but would prevent the use of OCO funding for base defense needs. It would assume $160 billion in Medicare savings through efficiency programs. It would call for an increase in the minimum wage, would assume the implementation of a comprehensive immigration overhaul and it would call for the enactment of legislation to expand paid sick leave.” The amendment was rejected, 268-156. [H Con Res 71, Vote #556, 10/5/17; CQ, 10/5/17]

Poliquin Voted Against An Republican Study Committee Alternative FY18 Budget. In October 2017, Poliquin voted against: “McClintock, R-Calif., substitute amendment that would provide for $2.9 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018. It would balance the budget by fiscal 2023 by reducing spending by $10.1 trillion over 10 years. It would cap total discretionary spending at $1.06 trillion for fiscal 2018 and would assume no separate Overseas Contingency Operations funding for fiscal 2018 or subsequent years and would incorporate funding related to war or terror into the base defense account. It would assume repeal of the 2010 health care overhaul and would convert Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program into a single block grant program. It would require that off budget programs, such as Social Security, the U.S. Postal Service, and Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, be included in the budget.” The amendment was rejected, 281-139. [H Con Res 71, Vote #555, 10/5/17; CQ, 10/5/17]

RSC Budget Targeted Medicare And Medicaid, As Well As Food Assistance For Families In Need. “The trillions of dollars in RSC-backed cuts are mainly for show, as there is little appetite within the conference or at the other end of the Capitol for deep reductions to the growth rate of mandatory spending. The RSC budget targets the major health care benefit programs Medicare and Medicaid and overhauls other means-tested benefits for the poor such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.” [Roll Call, 10/3/17]

RSC Budget Included More Than $10 Trillion In Spending Cuts Over A Decade, About Twice As Much As The House Republican Budget. “House Republicans will get the chance Thursday to vote for an alternative budget blueprint that offers up more than $10 trillion in spending cuts over a decade. […] The Budget Committee-approved plan also proposes sizable cuts to mandatory programs, but only about $5.4 trillion in total reductions, about half of what the RSC wants. In addition, the RSC budget proposes to get to balance by fiscal 2023, as opposed to fiscal 2027 in the underlying resolution headed to the floor Thursday.” [Roll Call, 10/3/17]

RSC Budget Repealed Obamacare And Replaced It With The American Health Care Reform Act. “(b) Policy on Replacing Obamacare.--It is the policy of this resolution that Obamacare must not only be repealed, but also replaced by enacting the American Health Care Reform Act.” [McClintock Substitute Amendment, 10/5/17]

Poliquin Voted Against A Democratic $3.8 Trillion FY18 Budget Alternative That Included A Public Option, Immigration Reform, And $200 Billion For Hurricane Recovery. In October 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Scott, D-Va., substitute amendment that would provide for $3.8 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts. It would increase spending by $1 trillion over five years and would provide for a number of revenue-raising options, totaling $10.9 trillion, that could be used to raise at least $3.9 trillion in additional revenues over 10 years. It would repeal the Budget Control Act sequester and caps on discretionary spending, would end defense funding through the Overseas Contingency Operations account, would create a public insurance option to be sold within the current health insurance exchanges, would call for implementation of comprehensive immigration overhaul and would include $200 billion for hurricane recovery in in Texas, Florida,
Poliquin Voted Against A Democratic $3.8 Trillion FY18 Budget Alternative That Included A Public Option And Comprehensive Immigration Reform. In October 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Grijalva, D-Ariz., for Pocan, D-Wis., substitute amendment that would provide for $3.8 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2018, not including off-budget accounts. It would raise overall spending by $3.5 trillion over 10 years and would increase revenues by $8.2 trillion over the same period through policies that would increase taxes for corporations and high-income individuals. It would repeal the Budget Control Act sequester and caps on discretionary spending, would modify the tax code by adding five higher marginal tax rates, would create a public insurance option to be sold within the current health insurance exchanges and would call for implementation of comprehensive immigration overhaul.” The amendment was rejected, 314-108. [H Con Res 71, Vote #553, 10/4/17; CQ, 10/4/17]

Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of The Fiscal 2018 Budget Resolution. In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 553) that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2018 budget resolution (H Con Res 71).” The rule was adopted, 232-188. [H Res 553, Vote #552, 10/4/17; CQ, 10/4/17]

Poliquin Voted For Passing The $1.23 Trillion Fiscal 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide $1.23 trillion for federal departments and agencies covered by the 12 unfinished fiscal 2018 spending bills, including $621.5 billion for defense and $511 billion for nondefense discretionary spending.” The bill passed by a vote of 211-198. [H R 3354, Vote #528, 9/14/17; CQ, 9/14/17]

Poliquin Voted For Decreasing Funding For IRS Operational Support In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would increase funding for the Taxpayer Advocate Service’s identity theft casework by $500,000, and would decrease funding for IRS operational support by $1 million.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 265-143. [H R 3354, Vote #526, 9/14/17; CQ, 9/14/17]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Funds From The Omnibus Appropriations Bill To Be Used To Implement, Administer, Or Enforce An SEC Rule Related To Conflict Materials. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Huizenga, R-Mich., amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated by the bill from being used to implement, administer or enforce a Securities Exchange Commission rule related to conflict materials.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 211-195. [H R 3354, Vote #525, 9/14/17; CQ, 9/14/17]

Poliquin Voted For Reducing Funding For All Departmental Salary And Expense Accounts By 10 Percent And Transferring The Savings To A Spending Reduction Account In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Mitchell, R-Mich., amendment that would decrease funding for all departmental salary and expense accounts under the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations section of the bill by 10 percent and would transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 166-241. [H R 3354, Vote #524, 9/14/17; CQ, 9/14/17]

Poliquin Voted For Eliminating The Provision That Would Remove The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s Authority To Regulate Certain Types Of Small Dollar Credit In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Ellison, D-Minn., amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provision that would remove the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s authority to regulate certain types of small dollar credit, such as payday loans and vehicle loans.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 186-221. [H R 3354, Vote #523, 9/14/17; CQ, 9/14/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Eliminating The Provision Related To Manufactured Housing Mortgages, Manufacturers, And Retailers. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Ellison, D-Minn., amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provisions related to manufactured housing mortgages, manufacturers and retailers.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 163-245. [H R 3354, Vote #522, 9/14/17; CQ, 9/14/17]
Poliquin Voted For Eliminating The Provision That Would Incorporate The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Into The Regular Appropriations Process. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Ellison, D-Minn., amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provision that would incorporate the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into the regular appropriations process.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 183-226. [H R 3354, Vote #521, 9/14/17; CQ, 9/14/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Eliminating The FY 2018 Omnibus’ Repeal Of The District Of Columbia’s Budget Autonomy. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Norton, D-D.C., amendment that would eliminate the bill’s repeal of the District of Columbia’s budget autonomy.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 186-222. [H R 3354, Vote #520, 9/14/17; CQ, 9/14/17]

Poliquin Voted For Decreasing Funding For The IRS And Transferring The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Gohmert, R-Texas, for Posey, R-Fla., amendment that would decrease funding for Internal Revenue Service operations support by $165,300, and would transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 186-223. [H R 3354, Vote #519, 9/14/17; CQ, 9/14/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting Any Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Implement DC’s Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Palmer, R-Ala., amendment that would prohibit any funds appropriated by the bill from being used to implement the District of Columbia’s Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 214-194. [H R 3354, Vote #518, 9/14/17; CQ, 9/14/17]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Implement DOL Regulations Concerning Workplace Injuries And Illness. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Gibbs, R-Ohio, amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated by the bill from being used to implement, administer or enforce Department of Labor regulations concerned with workplace injuries and illness, that were published May 12, 2016.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 215-201. [H R 3354, Vote #515, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting Funding In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To For Federal Contractors Who Have Willfully Or Repeatedly Violated The Fair Labor Standards Act. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Ellison, D-Minn., amendment that would prohibit funding appropriated by the bill from being used to enter into contracts with federal contractors who have willfully or repeatedly violated the Fair Labor Standards Act.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 191-226. [H R 3354, Vote #514, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

Poliquin Voted For Cutting One Percent Of All Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus For The Labor, Health And Human Services, And Education Departments. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Blackburn, R-Tenn., amendment that would provide for a one percent cut to all funds appropriated by the bill to the Labor Department, Health and Human Services Department and the Education Department.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 156-260. [H R 3354, Vote #513, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Any Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Implement A 2014 NLRB Rule Governing Representation-Case Procedures. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Walberg, R-Mich., amendment that would prohibit any funds appropriated by the bill from being used to implement a 2014 National Labor Relations Board final rule governing representation-case procedures.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 221-196. [H R 3354, Vote #512, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

Poliquin Voted For Reducing The Funding For The Coal Mine Safety And Health Program By 10 Percent In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Meadows, R-N.C., amendment that would reduce the funding for the Coal Mine Safety and Health program by 10 percent.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 178-238. [H R 3354, Vote #511, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]
Poliquin Voted Against Decreasing The Salaries And Expenses Of The NLRB By $99 Million In The FY 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Grothman, R-Wis., amendment decrease the salaries and expenses of the National Labor Relations Board by $99 million and would transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 175-241. [H R 3354, Vote #510, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Decreasing Funding For The Student Aid Administration Program, Department Of Education Program Administration, And Department Of Education Office Of Inspector General In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Grothman, R-Wis., amendment that would decrease funding for the Student Aid Administration by $34 million, would decrease funding for the Department of Education’s program administration by $8.6 million, would decrease funding for the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Education by $1.1 million, and would transfer the balance of the saving to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 131-285. [H R 3354, Vote #509, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

Poliquin Voted For Increasing Funding For Adult Education By $70.2 Million And Reducing Higher Education Funding By The Same Amount In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Lewis, R-Minn., amendment that would increase funding for adult education by $70.2 million and would decrease funding for higher education by the same amount.” The amendment was reject by a vote of 153-263. [H R 3354, Vote #508, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Increasing, Then Decreasing, Funding For Education Innovation And Improvement In The FY 2018 Omnibus In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Courtney, D-Conn., amendment that would increase, then decrease, funding for education innovation and improvement by $1.2 million (related to magnet schools).” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 204-212. [H R 3354, Vote #507, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

Poliquin Voted For Increasing Funding For School Improvement Activities And Decreasing Funding For The Department Of Education Department Of Management In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Lowey, D-N.Y., for DeLauro, D-Conn., amendment that would increase funding for school improvement activities by $100 million, would increase funding for school improvement for the academic year 2018-2019 by $100 million, would increase funding for integrated student supports and specialized instructional support services by $100 million, and would decrease funding for the Department of Management of the Department of Education by $100 million.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 228-188. [H R 3354, Vote #506, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Decreasing Then Increasing Funding For The Office Of The HHS Secretary In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Lujan, D-N.M., amendment that would decrease and then increase funding for the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services by $2 million (related to peer support programs).” The amendment was adopted of by 213-205. [H R 3354, Vote #505, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Decreasing Then Increasing Funding For The Substance Abuse And Mental Health Services Administration And Decreasing Funding For The Office Of The HHS Secretary And The DOE Department Of Management In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Clark, D-Mass., for DeLauro, D-Conn., amendment that would increase funding for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration by $231.3 million, would decrease funding for the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services by $219.6 million, and would decrease funding for the Department of Management of
the Department of Education by $11.7 million.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 225-192. [H R 3354, Vote #503, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Increasing Funding For Maternal And Child Health Service Block Grants And Decreasing Funding For The Office Of The DHS Secretary In The FY 2018 Omnibus.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Kildee, D-Mich., amendment that would increase funding for Maternal and Child Health Service block grants by $25 million, and would decrease funding for the office of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services by the same amount.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 243-175. [H R 3354, Vote #502, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Decreasing Funding For The Bureau Of Labor And Statistics And Increasing Funding For Management Departments Within The Department Of Labor In The FY 2018 Omnibus.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Meng, D-N.Y., amendment that would decrease funding for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by $1.1 million, and increase funding for the departments of management within the Department of Labor by the same amount.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 220-198. [H R 3354, Vote #501, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Increasing Funding For The Working Protection Agencies In The Labor, HHS, And Education Departments In The FY 2018 Omnibus.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Pocan, D-Wis., for DeLauro, D-Conn., amendment that would increase funding for the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Departments’ worker protection agencies by $149 million, and would decrease funding to the departments’ program administration funds by $164 million.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 199-219. [H R 3354, Vote #500, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Increasing Funding For The Department Of Labor’s Youth Employment Activities And Decreasing Funding For The Department’s Salaries And Expenses.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Kildee, D-Mich., amendment that would increase funding for the Department of Labor’s youth employment activities by $10 million, and would decrease funding for the department’s salaries and expenses by the same amount.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 247-170. [H R 3354, Vote #499, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Violate The Government’s Ability To Exchange Information About Someone’s Citizenship Or Immigration Status.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated by the bill to be used to violate the federal government’s ability to send or receive information regarding the citizenship or immigration status of an individual.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 226-191. [H R 3354, Vote #498, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Implement, Administer, Or Enforce The National Ocean Policy.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Flores, R-Texas, for Byrne, R-Ala., amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated by the bill to be used to implement, administer or enforce the National Ocean Policy, related to the stewardship of oceans, coasts and the Great Lakes.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 216-199. [H R 3354, Vote #497, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Require Individuals In Halfway Houses To Pay A Subsistence Fee.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Norton, D-D.C., amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated by the bill to be used to require individuals who reside in a halfway house or on home confinement to pay a subsistence fee.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 189-225. [H R 3354, Vote #496, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Allowing Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus For The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission To Be Used For Gathering Information From Employers Related To Employees’ Earnings And Hours Worked.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Scott, D-Va., for DeLauro, D-Conn., amendment that would allow funds appropriated to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to be used for the collection of
information from employers related to employees’ earning and hours worked.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 192-223. [H R 3354, Vote #495, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Decreasing Funding For The DOJ Salaries And Expenses And Increasing Funding For The Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership In The FY 2018 Omnibus.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Torres, D-Calif., amendment that would decrease funding for the Department of Justice’s salaries and expenses by $5 million and would increase funding for the National Institute of Standards and Technology’s Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership by the same amount.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 279-137. [H R 3354, Vote #493, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Decreasing Funding For The DOJ Salaries And Expenses And Increasing Funding For The Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership In The FY 2018 Omnibus.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Torres, D-Calif., amendment that would decrease funding for the Department of Justice’s salaries and expenses by $5 million and would increase funding for the National Institute of Standards and Technology’s Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership by the same amount.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 279-137. [H R 3354, Vote #493, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Reducing EPA Funding By $1.8 Million.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment that would reduce funding for the EPA by $1.8 million.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 151-260. [H R 3354, Vote #492, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of FY 2018 Funds To Pursue Extra-Legal Ways To Transfer Federal Funds To Private Owners.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Polis, D-Colo., amendment that would prohibit the use of funds appropriated by the bill to pursue any extra-legal ways to transfer federal lands to private owners in contravention of existing law.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 198-212. [H R 3354, Vote #491, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting FY 2018 Omnibus Funds From Being Used To Enforce Bureau Of Land Management Rules About Natural Gas Waste On Federal And Indian Lands.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Pearce, R-N.M. amendment that would prohibit the use of funds to finalize, implement, or enforce the Bureau of Land Management’s rule aimed to reduce waste of natural gas from venting, flaring, and leaks during oil and natural gas production activities on onshore federal and Indian (other than Osage Tribe) leases.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 216-186. [H R 3354, Vote #484, 9/8/17; CQ, 9/8/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of FY 2018 Funds To Process Any Application For A Permit To Drill Using Hydraulic Fracturing Or Acid Well Stimulation In The Pacific Outer Continental Shelf.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Carbajal, D-Calif., amendment that would prohibit funds to process any application under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act for a permit to drill or a permit to modify, that would authorize use of hydraulic fracturing or acid well stimulation treatment in the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 177-230. [H R 3354, Vote #483, 9/8/17; CQ, 9/8/17]
Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of FY 2018 Funds For The EPA’s Criminal Enforcement Division. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Palmer, R-Ala., amendment that would prohibit the use of funds by the EPA to enforce the EPA’s Criminal Enforcement Division.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 178-227. [H R 3354, Vote #482, 9/8/17; CQ, 9/8/17]

Poliquin Voted For Reducing All Funds Appropriated In The Interior Division By One Percent In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Blackburn, R-Tenn., amendment that would reduce all funds appropriated in Interior division of the bill by one percent.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 156-248. [H R 3354, Vote #481, 9/8/17; CQ, 9/8/17]

Poliquin Voted For Funding The Government Through December 8, 2017, Suspending The Debt Limit For Three Months And Making Available Supplemental Emergency Funding For Hurricane Relief. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill that would make available $15.25 billion in emergency supplemental funding for fiscal 2017 to partially cover the costs of responding to multiple natural disasters, including Hurricane Harvey. The measure would suspend the public debt limit from the bill’s date of enactment until Dec. 8, 2017, and would provide for government operations to be funded at fiscal 2017 levels until Dec. 8, 2017.” The motion passed, 316-90. [H R 601, Vote #480, 9/8/17; CQ, 9/8/17]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting The EPA From Using FY 2018 Omnibus Funds To Take “Backstop” Actions Against States In The Chesapeake Bay Watershed. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Goodlatte, R-Va., amendment that would prohibit the EPA from using funds made available by the bill to take “backstop” actions against any of the six states in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed in the event that a state does not meet the goals mandated by the EPA’s Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 214-197. [H R 3354, Vote #479, 9/7/17; CQ, 9/7/17]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Implement A National Park Service Rule Related To Wildlife Management Practices On National Preserves In Alaska. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Young, R-Alaska, amendment that would prohibit funds made available by the bill from being used to implement a rule by the National Park Service related to wildlife management practices on national preserves in Alaska.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 215-196. [H R 3354, Vote #478, 9/7/17; CQ, 9/7/17]

Poliquin Voted For Eliminating The Provision That Would Prohibit Using FY 2018 Omnibus Funds From being Used To Implement Coastal And Marine Spatial Planning And Ecosystem-Based Management Components Of The National Ocean Policy. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Lowenthal, D-Calif., amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provision that would prohibit funding made available by the bill from being used to further implement the coastal and marine spatial planning and ecosystem-based management components of the National Ocean Policy.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 189-220. [H R 3354, Vote #477, 9/7/17; CQ, 9/7/17]

Poliquin Voted For Eliminating The FY 2018 Omnibus Provision That Would Delay The Implementation Date For National Ambient Air Quality Standards. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Ellison, D-Minn., amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provision that would delay the implementation date for national ambient air quality standards for ozone until 2026.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 194-218. [H R 3354, Vote #476, 9/7/17; CQ, 9/7/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Increasing And Decreasing Funding To EPA State Tribal Assistance Grants. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Lujan, D-N.M., amendment that would increase by $6 million, and decrease by the same amount, funding to EPA state and tribal assistance grants for environmental programs and infrastructure assistance.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 220-191. [H R 3354, Vote #475, 9/7/17; CQ, 9/7/17]
Poliquin Voted Against Decreasing The EPA Operations And Maintenance Funding In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment that would decrease the EPA operations and maintenance funding by $10.2 million and would transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 184-228. [H R 3354, Vote #474, 9/7/17; CQ, 9/7/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Decreasing The Department Of The Interior’s Office Of The Secretary Funding By $1 Million And Increasing EPA Funding By The Same Amount In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment that would decrease the Department of the Interior Office of the Secretary funding by $1 million, and would increase funding for the EPA by the same amount.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 190-218. [H R 3354, Vote #473, 9/7/17; CQ, 9/7/17]

Poliquin Voted For Increasing Funds For Reclamation Of Abandoned Mine Lands And Decreasing EPA Funding In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Thompson, R-Pa., amendment that would increase funds for reclamation of abandoned mine lands and other related activities by $32.5 million, and would decrease EPA funding by the same amount.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 207-205. [H R 3354, Vote #472, 9/7/17; CQ, 9/7/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Increasing Funding For EPA Superfund Sites And Decreasing Funding For The Bureau Of Land Management Oil And Gas Program In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment that would increase funding for EPA Superfund sites by $12 million, and would decrease funding for the Bureau of Land Management’s oil and gas program by the same amount.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 191-221. [H R 3354, Vote #471, 9/7/17; CQ, 9/7/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting Funds From Being Used In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Make Contributions To The UN Human Rights Council, UN Office Of The High Commissioner For Human Rights, Or UN Relief And Works Agency. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Yoho, Fla., for Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., amendment that would prohibit funds from being used to make contributions to the United Nations Human Rights Council, the United Nations Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 199-212. [H R 3354, Vote #470, 9/7/17; CQ, 9/7/17]

Poliquin Voted For Increasing Funding For Western Hemisphere Regional Cooperation And Decreasing Funding For International Multilateral Organizations In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Scott, R-Ga., amendment that would increase funding for Western Hemisphere Regional Cooperation by $10 million, and would decrease funding for international multilateral organizations by the same amount.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-193. [H R 3354, Vote #468, 9/7/17; CQ, 9/7/17]

Poliquin Voted For Increasing Funding For The International Narcotics Council And Law Enforcement And Decreasing Funding For The Fulbright Program In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Rothfus, R-Pa., amendment that would increase by $30 million funding for the International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement and decrease funding for the Fulbright Program by the same amount.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 163-248. [H R 3354, Vote #467, 9/7/17; CQ, 9/7/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting Funds Appropriated To The Department Of Homeland Security In The FY 2018 Omnibus For Use In Construction Or Expansion Of Detention Facilities. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Jayapal, D-Wash., amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated to the Department of Homeland Security for use in the construction or expansion of detention facilities.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 180-230. [H R 3354, Vote #466, 9/7/17; CQ, 9/7/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of Department Of Homeland Security Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus For Entering Into Contracts With Privatized Immigration Detention Facilities. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Castro, D-Texas, amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated to the Department of
Homeland Security to be used to enter into contracts with privatized immigration detention facilities.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 183-230. [H R 3354, Vote #465, 9/7/17; CQ, 9/7/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting The Use Of Funding Appropriated For The Department Of Homeland Security To Implement, Administer, Or Enforce Wage Requirements.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment, as modified, that would prohibit funding made available in the bill for the Department of Homeland Security and related agencies from being used to implement, administer or enforce the Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 173-240. [H R 3354, Vote #464, 9/7/17; CQ, 9/7/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Increasing Funding For Coast Guard Research, Development, Test And Evaluating And Decreasing Coast Guard Operating Expenses.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Hunter, R-Calif., amendment that would increase by $5 million funding for the Coast Guard Research, Development, Test and Evaluating account (for icebreakers), and would decrease funding for the Coast Guard Operating Expenses account by the same amount.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 245-168. [H R 3354, Vote #463, 9/7/17; CQ, 9/7/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Increasing Funding To The Coast Guard Acquisition, Construction, And Improvements And Decreasing Funding For ICE Operations And Support.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Correa, D-Calif., amendment that would increase by $100 million funding to the Coast Guard Acquisition, Construction, and Improvements account, and would decrease funding to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Operations and Support account by the same amount.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 182-229. [H R 3354, Vote #462, 9/7/17; CQ, 9/7/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Increasing And Then Decreasing Funding To ICE Operations And Support.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Castro, D-Texas, amendment that would increase by $10 million, and would decrease by the same amount, funding to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Operations and Support account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 203-211. [H R 3354, Vote #461, 9/7/17; CQ, 9/7/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Increasing Funding To The Coast Guard Acquisition, Construction, And Improvements And Decreasing Funding To ICE Operations And Support.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Roybal-Allard, D-Calif., amendment that would increase by $850 million funding to the Coast Guard Acquisition, Construction, and Improvements account (for icebreakers), and would decrease funding to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Operations and Support account by the same amount.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 170-241. [H R 3354, Vote #460, 9/7/17; CQ, 9/7/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Increasing And Decreasing Funding To Customs And Border Protection Operation And Support.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Castro, D-Texas, amendment that would increase by $5 million, and decrease by the same amount, funding to the Customs and Border Protection Operations and Support account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 205-207. [H R 3354, Vote #459, 9/7/17; CQ, 9/7/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Moving Forward The Consideration Of The FY 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 504) that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2018 Interior-Environment appropriations bill (HR 3354), which is the legislative vehicle for an omnibus appropriations package which would include: eight of the 12 fiscal 2018 appropriations measures and the text of the minibus appropriations package (HR 3219) passed on July 27, 2017.” The resolution passed by a vote of 222-190. [H RES 504, Vote #458, 9/7/17; CQ, 9/7/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting State And Local Governments From Receiving HUD Funding If They Prohibit Or Restrict Reporting To INS Information About The Citizenship Or Immigration Status Of Any Individual.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Smith, R-Mo., amendment that would prohibit state and local government entities from receiving Housing and Urban Development Department funding if the state or local entity prohibits or restricts any government entity from reporting to Immigration and Naturalization Service with
information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 225-195. [HR 3354, Vote #455, 9/6/17; CQ, 9/6/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Reducing Housing And Urban Development Funding In The FY 2018 Omnibus By Two Percent. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Grothman, R-Wis., amendment that would reduce the bill’s funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development by two percent.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 140-280. [HR 3354, Vote #454, 9/6/17; CQ, 9/6/17]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting FY 2018 Omnibus Funds For The Departments Of Transportation And HUD From Being Used To Implement, Administer, Or Enforce The Davis-Bacon Act Prevailing Wage Requirement. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would prohibit funds appropriated to the Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and related agencies from being used to implement, administer, or enforce the Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirement. The amendment was rejected by a vote of 180-241. [HR 3354, Vote #453, 9/6/17; CQ, 9/6/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Decreasing Funding For Project Based Rental Assistance Subsidy Contracts In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Grothman, R-Wis., amendment that would decrease funding for project based rental assistance subsidy contracts by $266 million and would transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 139-282. [HR 3354, Vote #452, 9/6/17; CQ, 9/6/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Decreasing Funding For The Public And Indian Housing Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Grothman, R-Wis., amendment that would decrease the funding for the Public and Indian Housing Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program of expiring section 8 housing tenant-based annual contributions contracts by $177 million and would transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 124-195. [HR 3354, Vote #451, 9/6/17; CQ, 9/6/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Decreasing Funding For Department Of Housing And Urban Development Offices And Increasing Funding For Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation Funding. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Rosen, D-Nev., amendment that would decrease funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development administrative support offices by $47 million, decrease HUD Office CFO funding by $4 million, decrease HUD Office of General Counsel funding by $8 million, decrease HUD Office of Administration funding by $32.7 million, decrease HUD Office of the Chief Procurement Office funding by $1.9 million, decrease HUD Office of Strategic Planning and Management funding by $475,000 and increase the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation funding by $35 million.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 200-220. [HR 3354, Vote #450, 9/6/17; CQ, 9/6/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Eliminating Funding For Grants To Amtrak In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Brooks, R-Ala., amendment that would that would eliminate $1.1 billion in funding for grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (operating as Amtrak).” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 128-193. [HR 3354, Vote #449, 9/6/17; CQ, 9/6/17]

Poliquin Voted For Decreasing Funding For State Of Good Repair Grants And Small Start Projects And Increasing Funding For Fixed Guideway Investment Grants In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Budd, R-N.C., amendment that would decrease funding for the Federal-State Partnership for State of Good Repair grants by $474 million, would increase funding for fixed guideway investment grants by $1, would increase funding for new fixed guideway grants by $400 million and would decrease funding for small start projects by the same amount.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 159-260. [HR 3354, Vote #448, 9/6/17; CQ, 9/6/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Decreasing Funding To The Essential Air Service Program In The FY 2018 Omnibus. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “McClintock, R-Calif., amendment that would decrease
funding to the Essential Air Service program by $150 million and would transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 140-280. [H R 3354, Vote #447, 9/6/17; CQ, 9/6/17]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting FDA Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus From Being Used To Finalize, Implement, Or Enforce A 2015 Draft MOU Between The FDA And States Related To Distributions Of Compound Human Drugs. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Carter, R-Ga., amendment that would prohibit funds provided by the bill from being used by the Food and Drug Administration to finalize, implement or enforce a 2015 draft standard memorandum of understanding between the FDA and states related to distributions of compounded human drugs.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 141-279. [H R 3354, Vote #446, 9/6/17; CQ, 9/6/17]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Omnibus For The Department Of Agriculture From Being Used To Implement The Davis-Bacon Act Prevailing Wage Requirements. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would prohibit funds made available in the bill for the Agriculture Department and related agencies from being used to implement, administer or enforce Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 176-241. [H R 3354, Vote #445, 9/6/17; CQ, 9/6/17]

Poliquin Voted For Moving Forward To Consideration Of The FY 2018 Omnibus And Waiving The Two-Thirds Vote Requirement To Consider Legislation The Same Day It Is Reported From The House Rules Committee. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 500) that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2018 Interior-Environment appropriations bill (HR 3354), which is the legislative vehicle for an omnibus appropriations package which would include: eight of the 12 fiscal 2018 appropriations measures and the text of the minibus appropriations package (HR 3219) passed on July 27, 2017. The rule would waive, through the legislative day of September 9, 2017, the two-thirds vote requirement to consider legislation on the same day it is reported from the House Rules Committee. The rule would also provide for motions to suspend the rules through the legislative day of September 9, 2017.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 230-191. [H RES 500, Vote #443, 9/6/17; CQ, 9/6/17]

Poliquin Voted For The “Security Minibus” Which Included $1.6 Billion In Funding For A Southern Border Wall. In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would provide $788 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2018 to various departments, agencies and legislative operations, including $658.1 billion in funding for Defense programs; $88.8 billion in net appropriations subject to discretionary caps for fiscal 2018 that would provide funding for military construction activities and for VA programs and activities; $37.6 billion in net appropriations subject to discretionary caps for fiscal 2018 that would provide funding for the Energy Department, Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation and related agencies; and $3.6 billion in funding for fiscal 2018 for operations of the House of Representatives, joint House-Senate items and legislative branch entities such as the Library of Congress, the Capitol Police, and the Government Accountability Office. The bill would provide $1.6 billion in funding to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for procurement, construction and improvement of a barrier along the southern U.S. border.” Passed by a vote of 235-192. [H R 3219, Vote #435, 7/27/17; CQ, 7/27/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting Funding In The FY 2018 Minibus From Being Used To Begin, Continue, Process, Or Approve Of A Public-Private Competition Converting Federal Employee Function To Contractor Performance. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Cartwright, D-Pa., amendment that would prohibit funding made available by the bill from being used to begin, continue, process, or approve of a public-private competition regarding converting any function performed by federal employees to contractor performance.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 253-172. [H R 3219, Vote #433, 7/27/17; CQ, 7/27/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Eliminating The FY 2018 Minibus’ Provision That Would Prohibit The Use Of Its Funding To Transfer Or Release Or Assist In The Transfer Or Release Of A Detainee Held At Guantanamo Bay. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Nadler, D-N.Y., amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provision that would prohibit the use of funding made available by the bill to transfer or release, or assist in the transfer or release, to or within the U.S. of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed or any other detainee who is not a U.S. citizen and is
Poliquin Voted Against Increasing Funding For Navy And Air Force Environmental Restoration Operations And Reducing Funding For Defense Department Operations And Maintenance In The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Boyle, D-Pa., amendment that would increase by $30 million funding for Navy environmental restoration operations, would increase by $30 million funding to Air Force environmental restoration, and would reduce by $60 million funding to Defense Department-wide operation and maintenance.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 256-169. [H R 3219, Vote #431, 7/27/17; CQ, 7/27/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Increasing Funding For Defense Department-Wide Operations And Maintenance In The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Suozzi, D-N.Y., amendment that would increase funding for Navy environmental restoration operations by $34.7 million, and would decrease by an equivalent amount funding for Defense Department-wide operations and maintenance.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 214-211. [H R 3219, Vote #430, 7/27/17; CQ, 7/27/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting Funding In The FY 2018 Minibus Being Used To Implement Or Enforce An Energy Department Rule About Energy Conservation. In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment that would prohibit funding made available by the bill from being used to implement or enforce the Energy Department rule entitled “Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps,” published on Jan. 5, 2017.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 177-248. [H R 3219, Vote #429, 7/27/17; CQ, 7/27/17]

Poliquin Voted For Reducing All Discretionary Spending In The Energy And Water Division Of The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Blackburn, R-Tenn., amendment that would reduce by one percent all discretionary spending provided for in the Energy and Water division of the bill.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 140-285. [H R 3219, Vote #428, 7/27/17; CQ, 7/27/17]

Poliquin Voted For Moving Forward To Consideration Of The FY 2018 Minibus, Considering Amendments To The Defense Division Of The Minibus, And Funding Customs And Border Protection For Border Wall Construction. In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 478) that would provide for further House floor consideration of the bill that would make certain appropriations for fiscal 2018 (HR 3219), would provide for consideration of amendments to the Defense division of the bill; and would provide for consideration of motions to suspend the rules through the legislative day of July 28, 2017. The rule would also automatically modify the fiscal 2018 minibus to include an amendment that would provide $1.6 billion in funding to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for procurement, construction and improvement of a barrier along the southern U.S. border.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 230-196. [H RES 478, Vote #427, 7/27/17; CQ, 7/27/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Reducing And Increasing Funding To The Army Corps Of Engineers Investigations Account In The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would reduce by $3 million, and increase by the same amount, funding to the Army Corps Of Engineers Investigations account.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 234-192. [H R 3219, Vote #425, 7/26/17; CQ, 7/26/17]

Poliquin Voted For Eliminating The Provision That Would Prohibit Funding In The FY 2018 Minibus From Being Used To Implement Components Of The National Ocean Policy. In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Pingree, D-Maine, amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provision that would prohibit funding made available by the bill from being used to further implement the coastal and marine spatial planning and ecosystem-based management components of the National Ocean Policy developed under a 2010 executive order.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 192-235. [H R 3219, Vote #424, 7/26/17; CQ, 7/26/17]
Poliquin Voted Against Increasing Funding To The National Nuclear Security Administration Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation Account In The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Garamendi, D-Calif., amendment that would increase by $118 million funding to the National Nuclear Security Administration defense nuclear nonproliferation account, and would decrease funding for weapons activities at National Nuclear Security Administration by the same amount.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 180-247. [H R 3219, Vote #423, 7/26/17; CQ, 7/26/17]

Poliquin Voted For Increasing Funding To The Office Of Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy And Decreasing Funding To The Fossil Energy Research Development Account In The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Esty, D-Conn., amendment that would increase by $20 million funding for facility acquisition, construction or expansion in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and would reduce by $40 million funding to the Fossil Energy Research and Development account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 203-224. [H R 3219, Vote #422, 7/26/17; CQ, 7/26/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Increasing Funding For The Office Of Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy And Decreasing Funding To The Fossil Energy Research Development Account In The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Norcross, D-N.J., amendment that would increase by $161.7 million funding to the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for facility acquisition, construction or expansion, and would reduce by $323.5 million funding to the Energy Department Fossil Energy Research and Development account.” [H R 3219, Vote #421, 7/26/17; CQ, 7/26/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Increasing Funding To The Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy Account And Reducing Funding To The Fossil Fuel Research And Development Account In The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Castor, D-Fla., amendment that would increase by $177 million funding to the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy account and would reduce by $355 million funding to the Fossil Fuel Research and Development account.” [H R 3219, Vote #420, 7/26/17; CQ, 7/26/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Increasing Funding To The National Nuclear Security Administration Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation Account In The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would increase by $118 million funding to the National Nuclear Security Administration defense nuclear nonproliferation account, and would decrease funding for weapons activities at National Nuclear Security Administration by the same amount.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 180-247. [H R 3219, Vote #423, 7/26/17; CQ, 7/26/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Providing Funding In The FY 2018 Minibus For Salaries And Expenses For An Office Of Technology Assessment And Reducing Funding For The Architect Of The Capital. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Takano, D-Calif., amendment that would provide $2.5 million in funding for salaries and expenses in what would become the Office of Technology Assessment, and would reduce by $2.6 million funding to the capital construction and operations account of the Architect of the Capitol.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 178-249. [H R 3219, Vote #419, 7/26/17; CQ, 7/26/17]

Poliquin Voted For Moving Forward To Consideration Of Amendments To The Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, And Energy And Water Divisions Of The FY 2018 Minibus. In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 473) providing for consideration of the bill (HR 3219) that would make certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2018, and would provide for consideration of amendments to the Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Energy and Water divisions of the bill.” [H RES 473, Vote #415, 7/26/17; CQ, 7/26/17]

Poliquin Did Not Vote On A Bipartisan Deal To Fund The Government Through September 30, 2017 And Increase Defense Funding. In May 2017, Poliquin did not vote on “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to concur in the Senate amendments to the bill with an amendment that would provide $1.16 trillion in discretionary appropriations through Sept. 30, 2017 for federal departments and agencies covered by the remaining 11 fiscal 2017 spending bills. Included in that total is: $20.9 billion for Agriculture, $56.6 billion for Commerce-Justice-Science, $593
billion for Defense, $37.8 billion for Energy-Water, $21.5 billion for Financial Services, $42.4 billion for Homeland Security (including $772 million for improvements and maintenance to existing Customs and Border Protection infrastructure and technology), $32.2 billion for Interior-Environment, $161 billion for Labor-HHS-Education, $4.4 billion for Legislative, $53.1 billion for State-Foreign Operations, and $57.7 billion for Transportation-HUD. The measure would authorize classified amounts of funding for fiscal 2017 for 16 U.S. intelligence agencies and intelligence-related activities of the U.S. government. The measure would provide $608 million for health benefits for retired coal miners and $296 million for Medicaid payments to Puerto Rico.” The motion passed 309-118. [HR 244, Vote #249, 5/3/17; CQ, 5/3/17]

**Bipartisan Deal To Prevent Shutdown Included $15 For Defense Programs And $1.5 Billion For Border Security, But Did Not Fund Trump’s Wall.** “The House voted Wednesday to approve a bipartisan deal to fund the government through September and prevent a shutdown — at least for the next five months. House members voted 309-118 to pass the $1.1 trillion spending bill, which funds federal agencies and boosts defense spending through the remainder of fiscal year 2017. Current funding was set to expire at midnight Friday unless Congress acted. […] The bill approved by the House on Wednesday includes $15 billion of a $30 billion request from Trump for extra funding for defense programs and combat operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria. It also includes $1.5 billion in additional funding for border security, which was half of a $3 billion request from Trump. Although the president did not get funding for his wall, the bill gives the administration about $341 million to replace some existing border fencing, including about 40 miles of fencing in Arizona and California.” [USA Today, 5/3/17]

**Poliquin Did Not Vote On Considering The $1.16 Trillion Omnibus Spending Bill.** In May 2017, Poliquin did not vote on “Adoption of the rule (H Res 305) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill, with House amendment, intended to serve as the legislative vehicle for a measure that would provide $1.16 trillion in discretionary appropriations for federal departments and agencies covered by the 11 unfinished fiscal 2017 spending bills.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 230-188. [HRes 308, Vote #247, 5/3/17; CQ, 5/3/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Averting A Government Shutdown By Funding The Government With A Continuing Resolution For A Week Through May 5, 2017.** In April 2017, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the joint resolution that would extend continuing appropriations for federal government operations through May 5, 2017. It would also provide for an extension, through May 5, of health care benefits for retired coal miners.” The motion passed 382-30. [HRes 289, Vote #236, 4/28/17; CQ, 4/28/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Considering A Resolution To Avert A Government Shutdown By Funding The Government With A Continuing Resolution For A Week Through May 5, 2017.** In April 2017, Poliquin voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 289) that would provide for House floor consideration of the joint resolution that would extend continuing appropriations for federal government operations through May 5, 2017. It would also provide for an extension, through May 5, 2017, of health care benefits for retired coal miners.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 235-178. [HRes 289, Vote #235, 4/28/17; CQ, 4/28/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Setting Forth The Congressional Budget For The United States Government For Fiscal Year 2017.** In January 2017, Poliquin voted for “adoption of the concurrent resolution that includes reconciliation instructions for the House Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means Committees as well as the Senate Finance and Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committees to develop legislation to reduce the deficit by at least $1 billion each over a 10-year period by January 27, 2017, which is expected to repeal parts of the 2010 health care law. The concurrent resolution also would set broad spending and revenue targets over the next 10 years. It would allow $3.3 trillion in new budget authority for fiscal 2017.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 227-198. [S Con Res 3, Vote #58, 1/13/17; CQ, 1/13/17]

**CNN: Vote “Began The Process Of Dismantling The Affordable Care Act” By Allowing Budget Reconciliation.** “The House of Representatives began the process of dismantling the Affordable Care Act on Friday, approving a budget resolution on a mostly party line vote. The vote was 227-198. The Senate
passed the measure earlier this week. It allows Republicans on Capitol Hill to use a process known as ‘budget reconciliation’ to roll back major parts of the health care law. Top Republican leaders are also saying they plan to move to replace Obamacare along the same track, but they are still struggling to come up with the details on how it will work.” [CNN, 1/13/17]

Poliquin Voted Against An “Amendment That Would Eliminate The Budget Analysis Division Of The Congressional Budget Office”. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Griffith, R-Va., amendment that would eliminate the budget analysis division of the Congressional Budget Office and would transfer the responsibilities of the division to the CBO's office of the director.” Rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 116-309. [H R 3219, Vote #417, 7/26/17; CQ, 7/26/17]

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Poliquin Voted Against Amending An Interior Appropriations Bill To Increase Funding For The Election Assistance Commission By $380 Million. In July 2018, Poliquin voted against “Quigley, D-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would increase funding for the Election Assistance Commission by $380 million, and would decrease funding for the ‘Fund for America's Kids and Grandkids’ by the same amount.” The motion was rejected, 182-232. [HR 6147, Vote #364, 7/19/18; CQ, 7/19/18]

Poliquin Voted For Removing A Ban On The SEC Using Funds To Issue Rules On The Disclosure Of Political Contributions. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Capuano, D-Mass, amendment no. 81, that would remove the bill's ban on the use of funds by the Securities and Exchange Commission to issue rules on disclosure of political contributions.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 190-224. [HR 6147, Vote #358, 7/18/18; CQ, 7/18/18]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Create A Small Dollar Donor Matching System And Require Campaigns To Disclosure Of All Bundlers. In May 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader's office, “The Democratic Previous Question would help reduce the influence of big money in politics by establishing a small-donor matching system, permitting unlimited coordinated party expenditures from small donor sources, and by requiring disclosure by all bundlers of bundled contributions. Mr. Sarbanes’ bill is part of House Democrats’ Better Deal Agenda that will help make government more open and transparent.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to 222-184. [H Res 905, Vote #210, 5/22/18; CQ, 5/22/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 5/22/18]

Poliquin Voted For The Citizens’ Right to Know Act, A Bill Requiring State And Local Governments Receiving Justice Department Grants For Pretrial Services To Submit A Report To The Attorney General. In, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill would require state and local governments that receive Justice Department grants for pretrial services to submit annually a report to the attorney general that would include the names of defendants who received services, their prior convictions where applicable, and the amount of money that had been allocated for pretrial services. The bill also states that if a state or local government were to fail to submit such a report, it could lose grant funding for the following year.” The vote passed 221-197. [HR. 2152, Vote #175, 5/9/18; CQ Floor Votes, 5/9/18]

ACLU Opposed The Bill Due To Privacy Concerns; The Bill Would Publicly Report Personally Identifiable Information Of Individuals Who Had Not Been Convicted Of A Crime. “This legislation raises privacy concerns for the ACLU given the personally identifiable data that is to be collected and publicly reported by the federal government. The bill also undermines efforts to eliminate or reduce jurisdictions’ reliance on money bail systems. […] We also believe that the potential to harm individual reputations should be
considered when arrest records are publicly shared. We are troubled that the Citizens’ Right to Know Act would collect and publicly report personally identifiable information of individuals participating in pretrial services programs – individuals who have not been convicted of a crime given their pretrial status.” [ACLU, 3/7/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Limiting The Ability Of People With Disabilities To Go To Court Over ADA Violations.**

In February 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require individuals to verbally request the removal of an architectural barrier and provide written notice to give an establishment sufficient time to correct the infraction before filing a lawsuit under the Americans for Disabilities Act. It would also require the Justice Department to establish a program that would provide educational and training grants for professionals to provide guidance to state and local governments and property owners on the required public accommodations.” The bill passed by a vote of 225-192. [HR 620, Vote #80, 2/15/18; CQ, 2/15/18]

ACLU: “This Change In The Law Would Be A Boon For Businesses At The Expense Of People With Disabilities.” “The ‘ADA Education and Reform Act’ upends a key provision of the ADA by preventing people with disabilities from immediately going to court to enforce their rights and to press for timely removal of the barrier that impedes access. Without this critical enforcement mechanism, compliance under the ADA will suffer and people with disabilities will be denied the access to which they are entitled to under the law. MYTH: The ‘ADA Education and Reform Act’ doesn’t harm people with disabilities because it merely delays the ability to go to court. TRUTH: The so-called ‘ADA Education and Reform Act’ means that people with disabilities won’t have access for weeks, months, or possibly years, and it removes any incentive for businesses to comply proactively with the ADA. This change in the law would be a boon for businesses at the expense of people with disabilities.” [ACLU, accessed 3/22/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Remove A 180-Day Waiting Period Before People With Disabilities Can Go To Court Over ADA Violations.**

In February 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Langevin D-R.I., amendment that would remove the bill's requirement that a person who claims discrimination must first provide written notice to an owner to acknowledge receipt of the complaint and 120 days to demonstrate substantial progress in removing the barrier before legal action may be pursued.” The amendment was rejected in the Committee of the Whole by 188-226. [HR 620, Vote #79, 2/14/18; CQ, 2/15/18]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment Commissioning A Study To Determine The Role Islamic Rhetoric Played In Fomenting Violent Extremism.**

In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Franks, R-Ariz., amendment that would require the secretary of Defense to conduct two concurrent strategic assessments of the use of violent or unorthodox Islamic religious doctrine to support extremist or terrorist messaging and justification, and would require the secretary to submit to Congress the results of the assessments.” The amendment was by a vote of 208-217. [HR 2810, Vote #372, 7/14/17; CQ, 7/14/17]

**POLITICO: The Franks Amendment “Called For The Pentagon To Identify Islamic Leaders Who Preach Peaceful Beliefs Versus Those Who Espouse Extremist Views.”** “The House on Friday rejected a controversial GOP proposal identifying “Islamic religious doctrines, concepts or schools of thought” that could be used by terrorist groups — something opponents say is unconstitutional and will lead to the targeting of Muslims. More than 20 centrist Republicans joined with Democrats to defeat the amendment, 208 to 217. Drafted by conservative Rep. Trent Franks (R-Ariz.), the proposal called for the Pentagon to identify Islamic leaders who preach peaceful beliefs versus those who espouse extremist views.” [Politico, 7/14/17]

**POLITICO: The Franks Amendment Would Require The Pentagon To Conduct “Strategic Assessments” And Specifically Identify Religious Doctrines And Concepts That “Extremists Use To Recruit Potential Terrorists, Radicalize Them And Ultimately Justify Their Heinous Acts.”** “The amendment would require the Defense Department to conduct ‘strategic assessments of the use of violent or unorthodox Islamic religious doctrine to support extremist or terrorist messaging and justification.’ The proposal requires the assessment to identify religious doctrines and concepts that extremists use to recruit potential terrorists, radicalize them and ultimately justify their heinous acts. It also asks Pentagon officials for
‘recommendations for identifying key thought leaders or proponents.’ The proposal also requires the Pentagon to identify Islamic schools of thought that could be used to counter jihadist views, as well as leaders who are preaching these sorts of doctrines.” [Politico, 7/14/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Alleged Constitutional Or Civil Rights Violations From The Lawsuit Reduction Act. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Conyers, D-Mich., amendment that would exempt from the bill’s provisions actions alleging a violation of a constitutional or civil right.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 190-227. [HR 720, Vote #155, 3/10/17; CQ, 3/10/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Resolution “Affirming That The Holocaust Occurred And That It Targeted Jews […] After The White House Omitted Mention Of Jews In [Its] International Holocaust Remembrance Day Statement.” In February 2017, Poliquin voted for the “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 91)” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 234-187. According to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, “The House on Feb. 7 blocked, 234-187, a Democratic bid to force floor debate on a resolution affirming that the Holocaust occurred and that it targeted Jews. Democrats raised this issue after the White House omitted mention of Jews in the International Holocaust Remembrance Day statement it released Jan. 27. Six million Jews died in the Holocaust carried out by German leader Adolf Hitler and his Nazi regime between 1933-1945.” A yes vote was a vote to block the resolution. [HR 91, Vote #81, 2/7/17; St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 2/13/17; CQ, 2/7/17; Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, 2/7/17]

**Consumer Protections & Regulations**

Poliquin Voted For Appropriating Funds For The Postal Service To Provide Additional Financial Products Or Services. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for: “McHenry, R-N.C, amendment no. 87, that would prohibit funds appropriated by the bill from being used by the Postal Service to provide additional financial products or services.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 201-212. [HR 6147, Vote #362, 7/18/18; CQ, 7/18/18]

Poliquin Voted For The Unfunded Mandates Information And Transparency Act, Which Required Federal Agencies To Analyze Their Regulatory Effects On Industries And To Meet With These Stakeholders. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require independent agencies to conduct analyses of their proposed rules and the effect thereof on the private sector and on state and local governments. The bill would require that independent federal regulatory agencies, except for the Federal Reserve, conduct unfunded mandate analyses of their proposed rules and would require all agencies that conduct unfunded mandate reviews, including both independent and non-independent federal agencies, to consult with private-sector stakeholders on the potential impact of regulations being developed. The bill would also require federal agencies, if requested by a committee chairman or ranking member, to conduct retrospective unfunded mandate analyses of existing regulations. The bill would transfer authority for oversight of UMRA activities to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs within the Office of Management and Budget.” The bill passed, 230-168. [H R 50, Vote #328, 7/13/18; CQ, 7/13/18]

The Bill Would Require Agencies To Alert And Solicit Feedback From Regulated Industries Before Notifying The Public; Business Could Block New Regulations Without Any Broader Public Knowledge. “The Unfunded Mandates and Information Transparency Act would require federal agencies to alert regulated industries when they are considering drafting a rule and solicit their feedback – before the public learns there may be a rule under consideration. Businesses could block even a hypothetical future rule and the public might never find out.” [Coalition For Sensible Safeguards, accessed 7/13/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Adding An Amendment That Would Have Exempted Agencies That Protect Children From Sex Offenders From The Underlying Bill. In July 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Beatty, D-Ohio, motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Governmental Reform Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill's provisions the actions and mandates of agencies tasked with protection of children against sex offenders, protection of domestic violence
victims, protection against rape and sexual assault, and those that assist in background checks for school employees.” The motion was rejected, 180-219. [H R 50, Vote #327, 7/13/18; CQ, 7/13/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Considering HR 50, A Bill On Agencies Rules, And HR 3281, A Bill On Transfer Of Ownership Of Water Infrastructure Facilities.** In July 2018, Poliquin voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 961) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 50) that would require that independent agencies conduct analyses of their proposed rules on the private sector and state and local governments, and would require all federal agencies to consult with the private sector when developing rules, and would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 3281) that would permit the Bureau of Reclamation to transfer ownership of certain federal water infrastructure facilities to certain nonfederal entities without the need for Congress to enact project-specific legislation.” The rule was adopted, 229-183. [H Res 985, Vote #319, 7/11/18; CQ, 7/11/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Passage Of The FAA Reauthorization Act, Which Also Modified FEMA Operations And Procedures.** In April 2018, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill that would that would reauthorize federal aviation programs through fiscal 2023. The measure would authorize $10.2 billion in fiscal 2018, which would gradually increase to $11.3 billion in fiscal 2023, for Federal Aviation Administration operations; $3.4 billion annually for the Aviation Trust Fund for the Airport Improvement Program; $2.9 billion in fiscal 2018, which would gradually increase to $3.3 billion in fiscal 2023, for facilities and equipment; and $181 million in fiscal 2018, which would gradually increase to $204 million in fiscal 2023, for research and development. It would extend for six years the authorization for unmanned aircraft test ranges. It would also ban e-cigarettes and talking on a cell phone during a passenger flight. It would prohibit airlines from involuntarily removing passengers from a plane after they have checked in and taken their seats. The bill would modify the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s operations and procedures, including allowing a portion of funds appropriated for major disaster assistance to be used for hazard mitigation. It would require FEMA to give greater weight and consideration to areas suffering a severe impact from a disaster when making recommendations to the president regarding the declaration of a major disaster.” The bill passed 393-13. [H.R. 4, Vote #165, 4/27/18; CQ, 4/27/18]

**FAA Reauthorization Renewed Funding For The Agency For Five Years.** “The House passed a Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill that will renew the agency's funding for another five years. Besides renewing funding, the legislation also includes provisions directing how disaster program funds are spent, though the measure does not allocate money for those programs. … A total of about $4.35 billion per year would be allocated for the FAA in the legislation. A few major FAA programs would receive funding authorizations. About $3.35 billion per year through 2023 would go to infrastructure, and an additional $1 billion would be authorized for an amendment proposed by House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster that would create a report on the agency's Next Generation Air Transportation System to evaluate air traffic control technology.” [CNN, 4/27/18]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Require That An Entity Hiring A Motor Carrier Verify That Certain Standards Are Met.** In April 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Duncan, R-Tenn., amendment that would require an entity hiring a motor carrier verify that certain standards are met, including that the motor carrier has a certain amount of insurance and has not been issued an unsatisfactory safety fitness determination.” The amendment was adopted 212 to 191. [HR 4, Vote #163, 4/27/18; CQ, 4/27/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Eliminating The Bill’s Authorization Of Funding For The Essential Air Service Program.** In April 2018, Poliquin voted against: “McCintock, R-Calif., amendment that would eliminate the bill's authorization of funding for the essential air service program.” The amendment was rejected 113 to 293. [HR 4, Vote #162, 4/27/18; CQ, 4/27/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Require The FAA To Work With Air Carriers To Retrofit Aircrafts With Devices That Mitigate Noise.** In April 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Lynch, D-Mass., amendment that would require the Federal Aviation Administration to work with air carriers to identify and facilitate opportunities for air carriers to retrofit aircraft with devices that mitigate noise, including vortex generators.” The amendment was rejected 187 to 227. [HR 4, Vote #160, 4/26/18; CQ, 4/26/18]
Poliquin Voted For Rolling Back Guaranteed Meal And Rest Breaks For Truck Drivers Implemented To Fight Fatigue, Crashes And Vehicular Deaths. In April 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Denham, R-Calif., amendment that would state that a local or state government may not enact a law that would prohibit motor carrier employees from working to the full extent they are allowed to work, and would prohibit the enactment of additional obligations on motor carriers.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 222-193. [H.Amdt.563 to HR 4, Vote #159, 4/26/18; CQ, 4/26/18; The Hill, 4/25/18]

Poliquin Voted Against A Rule That Required Airlines To Accommodate Passengers That Were Delayed For More Than Three Hours. In April 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Lipinski, D-Ill., amendment that would require the Transportation Department to issue a rule that would require an air carrier, in the event of a flight cancellation, mismatch or delay exceeding three hours, to seek alternative transportation for displaced passengers, including aboard another air carrier, and would require an air carrier to accept passengers of another air carrier that have been displaced following an event within an air carriers control. It would require the department to also issue a rule that would require air carriers adopt contingency plans for lengthy terminal delays at each airport where it operates, including essential needs, meal vouchers and lodging and transportation options for displaced passengers.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 92-323. [H.Amdt.562 to HR 4, Vote #158, 4/26/18; CQ, 4/26/18; Crain’s Chicago Business, 4/26/18]

Amendment Was An Attempt To Ease Aircraft Noise In Orange County. “The House of Representatives voted against Rep. Dana Rohrabacher's four proposed amendments to the Federal Aviation Administration's annual reauthorization bill that he said would have eased aircraft noise in Orange County.” [Los Angeles Times, 4/27/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Repealing A Prohibition On U.S. Regulation Of Air Transportation Of Lithium Batteries. In April 2018, Poliquin voted against the “DeFazio, D-Ore., amendment that would remove the Federal Aviation Administration to ensure that all aircraft transitioning from flight over ocean to flight over land fly at a safe altitude.” The amendment “would have required airplanes to fly at the highest safe altitude possible within 20 minutes of approaching an airport and fly farther out over the ocean after takeoff before turning inland.” The amendment was rejected, 37-375. [HR 4, Vote #156, 4/26/18; CQ, 4/26/18; Los Angeles Times, 4/27/18]

Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of The FAA Reauthorization And Provide For Operations Of The Federal Columbia River Power System. In April 2018, Poliquin voted for: “A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (HR 4) to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (HR 3144) to provide for operations of the Federal Columbia River Power System pursuant to a certain operation plan for a specified period of time” [H Res 839, Vote #151, 4/25/18; CQ, 4/25/18]

Poliquin Voted For Requiring The IRS To Develop Protections For Taxpayers Against Cybersecurity Threats And Identity Theft. In April 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require the IRS to develop protections for taxpayer information against cybersecurity threats and identity theft. The bill would require the IRS to expand the use of the electronic filing system and information technology infrastructure so that more taxpayers can file taxes and interact with the IRS online. The bill would also create a Chief Information Officer position to lead the modernization efforts of the IRS.” The bill passed by a vote of 414-3. [HR 5445, Vote #145, 4/18/18; CQ, 4/18/18]
Poliquin Voted For Considering A Bill To Make Structural And Procedural Changes At The IRS And Updating The IRS’ Technology Infrastructure. In April 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 831) provide for consideration of the bill (HR 5444) that would require a number of structural and procedural changes at the IRS, including changes to customer service priorities and enforcement rules, and would also provide for consideration of the bill (HR 5445) that would update and expand the information technology infrastructure of the IRS.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 239-177. [HR 5444/HR 5445, Vote #144, 4/18/18; CQ, 4/18/18]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Settlement Agreements Involving The US Government From Requiring The Non-Governmental Party To Pay Any Third Party Other Than The US Government. In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit settlement agreements involving the U.S. government from requiring the non-governmental party to make a payment or loan to any party other than the U.S. government. Prohibitions would not apply if the payment or loan under the settlement is for restitution to affected parties or is a direct remedy for actual harm.” The bill passed 238-183. [HR 732, Vote #580, 10/24/17; CQ, 10/24/17]

The Bill Would Prevent Settlements That Opponents Said Provide Essential Relief To Parties Who Have Suffered Collateral Damage From Defendants’ Actions. “Voting 238 for and 183 against, the House on Oct. 24 passed a GOP-sponsored bill (HR 732) that would prevent the Justice Department from entering into or enforcing settlement agreements that require corporate defendants in civil actions brought by the government to donate to third parties in addition to paying fines and making restitution to direct victims of their alleged misconduct. Backers said such donations circumvent congressional authority to direct the use of federal funds and can be politicized to direct money to favored groups. Opponents of the bill said such settlements provide essential relief to parties who have suffered collateral damage because of the defendant’s actions.” [Thomas Voting Reports, 10/28/17]

Similar Agreements Were Enforced Against Bank Of America In Funding For Foreclosure-Prevention Following Its Role In The Financial Crisis, And Requiring BP To Fund Certain Parts Of Environmental Cleanup After The Deep Horizon Oil Spill. “In one settlement cited in debate, Bank of America and Citigroup agreed to fund foreclosure-prevention programs when they settled litigation based on their involvement in the 2007-2009 financial and housing crisis. In another, BP agreed to make payments to groups including the National Academy of Sciences and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in a settlement related to the 2010 Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.” [Thomas Voting Reports, 10/28/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Settlements Related To Harm From Unlawful Conduct Related To Increased Lead In Drinking Water From HR 732. In October 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Conyers, D-Mich., amendment that would exempt, from the bill's provisions, settlements related to indirect harm from unlawful conduct that results in an increase in the amount of lead in public drinking water.” The amendment failed 229-191. [HR 732, Vote #579, 10/24/17; CQ, 10/24/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Settlements Related To Predatory Or Fraudulent Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities From HR 732. In October 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Cicilline, D-R.I., amendment that would exempt, from the bill's provisions, settlement agreements related to predatory or fraudulent conduct involving residential mortgage-backed securities.” The amendment failed 231-189. [HR 732, Vote #578, 10/24/17; CQ, 10/24/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Settlements Related To Providing Restitution For A State From HR 732. In October 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would exempt, from the bill's provisions, settlement agreements related to providing restitution for a state.” The amendment failed 234-185. [HR 732, Vote #577, 10/24/17; CQ, 10/24/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Settlements Related To Harm Caused By Unlawful Conduct Relating To Vehicles’ Emissions Control Systems From HR 732. In October 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Johnson, D-Ga., amendment that would exempt, from the bill's provisions, settlement agreements related to indirect harm caused by
unlawful conduct, including the intentional bypassing, defeating or rendering inoperative a required element of a vehicle's emissions control system.” The amendment failed 235-183. [HR 732, Vote #576, 10/24/17; CQ, 10/24/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Settlements Related To Discrimination Based On Race, Religion, National Origin, Or Any Protected Category From HR 732. In October 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Cohen, D-Tenn., amendment that would exempt, from the bill's provisions, settlement agreements related to discrimination based on race, religion, national origin or any other protected category.” The amendment failed 233-187. [HR 732, Vote #575, 10/24/17; CQ, 10/24/17]

Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Prohibiting Settlement Agreements Involving The US Government From Requiring The Non-Governmental Party To Pay Any Third Party Other Than The US Government. In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 732) that would prohibit settlement agreements involving the U.S. government from requiring the non-governmental party to make a payment or loan to any party other than the U.S. government. It would also provide for consideration of the bill (HR 469) that would require the federal government to provide advance public notice when it plans to enter into discussions regarding consent decrees and would codify and expand certain disclosure practices with regard to the Treasury Department's Judgment Fund payments.” The resolution was adopted 227-190. [HRes 577, Vote #573, 10/24/17; CQ, 10/24/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bill To Subject Providers Of Broadband Internet Access To Privacy Rules Adopted By The FCC In October of 2016. In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 431) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2810).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the motion prevented “consideration of the bill (H.R. 1868) to provide that providers of broadband Internet access service shall be subject to the privacy rules adopted by the Federal Communications Commission on October 27, 2016.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block consideration of HR 1868. The motion passed, 234-183. [H Res 431, Vote #347, 7/12/17; CQ, 7/12/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, 7/12/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bill To Reinstatethe Privacy Of Broadband Customers. In May 2017, Poliquin voted for “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 299).” Upon defeat of the motion, Democrats planned to offer an, “amendment to the Rule, which would make in order Ms. Rosen of Nevada’s bill, H.R. 1868. H.R. 1868 would reinstate the Federal Communications Commission’s rules adopted on October 27, 2016 that protect the privacy of broadband customers.” A vote yes was a vote to block the Democratic amendment. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-190. [HR 1868 (HRes 299), Vote #240, 5/2/17; CQ, 5/2/17]

Poliquin Voted For Nullifying A Rule Requiring Internet Providers To Obtain Permission From Customers Before Using Or Selling Their Sensitive Information. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would disapprove and nullify a Federal Communications Commission rule that requires broadband internet service providers to obtain affirmative permission from customers to use or share their sensitive information, such as web browsing history, geolocation information, content of communications and Social Security numbers; to take reasonable measures to secure customer information; and to notify customers, the commission and law enforcement when a data breach occurs that could result in harm.” The resolution passed (thus cleared for the president) by a vote of 215-205. A “yea” was a vote in support of the president’s position. [SJRes 34, Vote #202, 3/28/17; CQ, 3/28/17]

Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of Nullification Of A Rule Requiring Internet Providers To Obtain Permission From Customers Before Using Or Selling Their Information. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for “adoption of the rule (H Res 230) that would provide for House floor consideration of the joint resolution that would disapprove and nullify a Federal Communications Commission rule that requires broadband internet service providers to obtain affirmative permission from customers to use or share their sensitive information.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 231-189. [HRes 230, Vote #200, 3/28/17; CQ, 3/28/17]
Poliquin Voted For The Regulatory Integrity Act, Requiring Federal Agencies To Maintain Online Databases Of Regulatory Actions Taken And Pending. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would require federal agencies to maintain and regularly update detailed online databases of regulatory actions taken and pending before the agency. Under the measure, an agency would be required to list whether it is considering alternatives and whether it is accepting comments. It would explicitly prohibit agencies from directly advocating support or opposition for pending regulatory actions in public communications. As amended, the measure would require an agency to list regulatory actions issued by the agency, or any other agency, that would duplicate or overlap with the agency's pending regulatory action.” The bill passed by a vote of 246-176. [HR 1004, Vote #126, 3/2/17; CQ, 3/2/17]

Coalition For Sensible Safeguards: HR 1004 Was “A Brazen Attack On The Public’s Right To Know By Micro-Managing The Type Of Information” Agencies Could Share “When Taking Actions To Protect The Public, Our Economy, And The Environment.” “The bill is a brazen attack on the public’s right to know by micro-managing the type of information that agencies are allowed to communicate to all of us when taking actions to protect the public, our economy, and the environment. An open government that prioritizes democratic public participation requires agencies to be able to effectively convey information to the public and make agency policy positions clear to the public. This bill will make our government less open and less democratic and should therefore be rejected.” [Coalition for Sensible Safeguards, 2/28/17]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To The Regulatory Integrity Act Specifying That The Bill’s Restrictions On Agency Communications Would Not Apply To Any Communication Protected By The First Amendment. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would specify that the bill's restrictions on agency communications would not apply to any communication that would be protected under the First Amendment to the Constitution.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 189-232. [HR 1004, Vote #124, 3/2/17; CQ, 3/2/17]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment Requiring An Agency To List Regulatory Actions That Would Duplicate Or Overlap With The Agency’s Pending Regulatory Action. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for the “Farenthold, R-Texas, for Messer, R-Ind., amendment that would require an agency to list regulatory actions issued by the agency, or any other agency, that would duplicate or overlap with the agency's pending regulatory action.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 263-145. [HR 1004, Vote #123, 3/2/17; CQ, 3/2/17]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To The Regulatory Integrity Act Defining The Term Propaganda As Information Or Claims Not Widely Accepted By The Scientific Community. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would define the terms propaganda, publicity and advocacy as information or claims that are not widely accepted in the scientific community or not supported by empirical data.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 180-234. [HR 1004, Vote #122, 3/2/17; CQ, 3/2/17]

Poliquin Voted For Requiring The Office Of Management And Budget's Office Of Information & Regulatory Affairs To Review Significant Government Regulatory Actions. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would require the Office of Management and Budget's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs to review significant government regulatory actions to insure that they are consistent with relevant laws and do not conflict with regulations issued by other agencies. The bill would define significant regulatory actions as those that are likely to have an annual economic effect of $100 million or more. As amended, it would require OIRA to keep a log of all of its communications with an agency related to a regulation before a regulation is submitted for review. The communications would be required to be published when the regulation is published in the Federal Register.” The bill passed by a vote of 241-184. [HR 1009, Vote #120, 3/1/17; CQ, 3/1/17]

Coalition For Sensible Safeguards: HR 1009 Would Put “Corporate Profits Ahead Of Protecting Working Americans, Small Businesses, And Consumer” And Undermine Environment, Air, And Water Protections. “H.R. 1009 would further enable the radical and dangerous antiregulatory agenda that puts
corporate profits ahead of protecting working Americans, small businesses, and consumers. This agenda seeks to thwart the effective enforcement of such public interest laws as the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act – all of which enjoy widespread public support. […] Particularly concerning, H.R. 1009 would in effect rewrite dozens of public interest laws containing congressional mandates that require agencies to prioritize public health and safety and the preservation of the environment, clean air, and clean water over concerns for industry profits.” [Coalition for Sensible Safeguards, 2/28/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Adding An Amendment Exempting The Office Of Government Ethics From Executive Branch Review.** In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Cartwright, D-Pa., motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee with instructions to immediately report it back with an amendment that would exempt the Office of Government Ethics from the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs' reviews required under the bill.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 193-234. [HR 1009, Vote #119, 3/1/17; CQ, 3/1/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Protecting Independent Agencies From Executive Branch Review.** In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Connolly, D-Va., amendment that would exempt independent agencies from the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs' reviews required under the bill.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 188-234. [HR 1009, Vote #118, 3/1/17; CQ, 3/1/17]

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**Poliquin Voted For The SCRUB Act, Establishing A Commission To Review And Cut Regulations That Should Be Repealed On The Basis Of Cost.** In March 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would establish a nine-member commission to review existing federal regulations and identify regulations that should be repealed on the basis of reducing costs on the U.S. economy. The commission would identify those regulatory policies that it deems should be repealed immediately, and would set up a ‘Cut-Go’ system that would require agencies to repeal existing rules to offset costs before issuing a new rule. As amended, the commission, in identifying which rules should be repealed, would be required to evaluate the extent to which a repeal of a rule would impact public health. It would bar from membership on the commission individuals who have been registered lobbyists during the previous two years.” The bill passed by a vote of 240-185. [HR 998, Vote #114, 3/1/17; CQ, 3/1/17]

**SCRUB Act Would Only Consider Costs Of Regulation To Industry, While Ignoring Public Benefits; Commission Would Be Tasked With Achieving 15 Percent Cost Reduction Even When Benefit Of Health, Safety, And Environmental Safeguards Was Significant.** “H.R. 998 would establish a new bureaucracy empowered to dismantle long-established science-based public health and safety standards and would make it significantly more difficult for Congress and federal agencies to implement essential future protections. […] Unless prohibited by authorizing legislation, agencies seek to develop regulations that consider the costs to affected industries while maximizing public benefits. But this commission makes costs to affected industries primary. Under H.R. 998, the commission’s goal to achieve a 15 percent reduction in the cumulative cost of regulations would result in the repeal of critical health, safety, and environmental safeguards, even when the benefits of these rules are significant, appreciated by the public, and far outweigh the costs.” [Coalition for Sensible Safeguards, Letter of Opposition, 2/27/17]

**Under “Cut-Go” System In SCRUB Act, If Establishing A Needed Regulation To Protect Children, Agencies Would First Need To Find Another Protection To Cut.** “To make matters worse, the SCRUB Act creates a 'cut-go' system that is completely divorced from real issues. H.R. 998 says that any agency that issues a new regulation would be required to remove an existing regulation of equal or greater cost. […] Under this proposal if new evidence finds that another substance widely used in commerce today is harmful to infants,
regulators would have to find some other protection, which still needs to be enforced, to cut before protecting young children.” [Coalition for Sensible Safeguards, Letter of Opposition, 2/27/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Remove Funding For Carrying Out The Requirements Of The SCRUB Act.** In February 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Plaskett, D-V.I., amendment that would remove the bill’s authorization of up to $30 million and would prohibit funds authorized or appropriated by other laws from being made available to implement the bill's provisions.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 181-243. [HR 998, Vote #106, 2/28/17; CQ, 2/28/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Passage Of The Regulatory Accountability Act of 2017.** In January 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would modify the federal rule-making process, including by codifying requirements for agencies to consider costs and benefits of alternatives. The bill would create additional steps that agencies would need to follow when planning "major" rules with annual costs of more than $100 million or ‘high-impact’ rules with annual costs of more than $1 billion. For example, agencies would need to hold an advanced-notice comment period prior to proposing such rules to determine whether to continue the rule-making process. The measure would postpone the effective dates of ‘high impact’ rules until any lawsuits filed within 60 days of the rule's publication in the Federal Register are resolved. It would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to an agency's interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering legal challenges to rules. It would also require agencies to evaluate the ‘indirect’ impacts of proposed rules on small businesses.” The bill passed by a vote of 238-183. [HR 5, Vote #45, 1/11/17; CQ, 1/11/17]

**Coalition For Sensible Safeguards: “The RAA Is Designed To Further Obstruct And Delay Rulemaking Rather Than Improve The Regulatory Process.”** “It adds 80 new analytical requirements to the Administrative Procedure Act and requires federal agencies to conduct estimates of all the ‘indirect’ costs and benefits of proposed rules and all potential alternatives without providing any definition of what constitutes, or more importantly, does not constitute an indirect cost. The legislation would significantly increase the demands on already constrained agency resources to produce the analyses and findings that would be required to finalize any new rule. Thus, the RAA is designed to further obstruct and delay rulemaking rather than improve the regulatory process.” [Coalition for Sensible Safeguards, Letter of Opposition, 1/10/17]

**RAA Would Threaten Decades Of Public Protections By Requiring That Legislation Like The Clean Air Act Focused On Corporate Compliance Costs Rather Than Public Benefit.** “This new version of the RAA would override and threaten decades of public protections. The innocuous-sounding act is, in reality, the biggest threat to public health standards, workplace safety rules, environmental safeguards, and financial reform regulations to appear in decades. It acts as a ‘super-mandate,’ rewriting the requirements of landmark legislation such as the Clean Air Act and the Occupational Safety and Health Act and distorting their protective focus to instead prioritize compliance costs.” [Coalition for Sensible Safeguards, Letter of Opposition, 1/10/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To The Regulatory Accountability Act Exempting Rules Related To Chemical Safety Law.** In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Tonko, D-N.Y., amendment that would exempt any rules made under a 2016 chemical safety law. It would remove the bill's provision that would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to an agency's interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering challenges to agency rules.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 188-235. [HR 5, Vote #42, 1/11/17; CQ, 1/11/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To HR 5, The Regulatory Accountability Act, Exempting Rules Related To Occupational Health And Safety.** In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Scott, D-Va., amendment that would exempt rules related to occupational health and safety. It would remove the bill's provision that would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to an agency's interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering challenges to agency rules.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 195-227. [HR 5, Vote #41, 1/11/17; CQ, 1/11/17]
Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To The Regulatory Accountability Act Exempting Rules Related To The Safety Of Children's Toys. In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Ruiz, D-Calif., amendment that would exempt rules related to the safety of children's toys or products. It would remove the bill's provision that would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to an agency's interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering challenges to agency rules.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 190-233. [HR 5, Vote #40, 1/11/17; CQ, 1/11/17]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Exempting Rules That Significantly Benefit The Workforce From The Regulatory Accountability Act. In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Johnson, D-Ga., amendment that would exempt rules related to improving employment and wages, especially for workers with disabilities or limited English proficiency. It would remove the bill's provision that would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to an agency's interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering challenges to agency rules.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 188-234. [HR 5, Vote #39, 1/11/17; CQ, 1/11/17]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment Prohibiting Agencies From Appealing To The Public Concerning A Proposed Rule. In January 2017, Poliquin voted for the “Peterson, D-Minn., amendment that would prohibit agencies from appealing to the public to advocate in support or against a proposed rule.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 260-161. [HR 5, Vote #36, 1/11/17; CQ, 1/11/17]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Undermine The Legal Precedent Known As The Chevron Deference Under Which Courts Defer To Regulators Interpretation Of Ambiguous Legislation. In January 2017, Poliquin voted for the “Goodlatte, R-Va., amendment that would prohibit a court, while reviewing an agency's rule, from interpreting a gap or ambiguity in a rule or law as an implicit delegation of legislative rule-making authority to the agency.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 237-185. [HR 5, Vote #35, 1/11/17; CQ, 1/11/17]

Poliquin Voted For Passage Of The Regulations From The Executive In Need Of Scrutiny (REINS) Act Of 2017. In January 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would require Congress to approve, by enacting legislation, any "major rule" issued by an agency in order for them to take effect. A ‘major rule’ would include any regulation with an annual economic impact of $100 million or more; rules that would significantly harm employment, investment or U.S. economic competitiveness; or rules that would cause a major increase in costs or prices for consumers or industries. The bill also would create an expedited consideration process in both the House and the Senate for joint resolutions of approval. As amended, the measure would require that for new rules, agencies repeal or amend an existing rule or rules to offset any annual costs of the new rule before the new rule could take effect. As amended, it would create a process to sunset existing rules if Congress had not approved them within 10 years of the bill's enactment.” The bill passed by a vote of 237-187. [HR 26, Vote #23, 1/5/17; CQ, 1/5/17]

CAP: The REINS Act: Handing the reins of public health and safety over to big corporations [Center for American Progress, 1/4/17]

Center For American Progress: The REINS Act Constituted A “De Facto Ban On New Public Interest Safeguards.” “It’s difficult to overstate the sweeping impact the REINS Act would have on federal watchdogs’ ability to hold big corporations accountable to the public interest. ‘Regulation’ may not be a politically popular word, but these rules help to protect consumers, public health, workers, and the environment. […] No new major rule—defined as one with an economic impact of at least $100 million—could go into effect until both chambers of Congress affirmatively approve it within a 70-day window. Given partisan gridlock in Congress, this could result in a de facto ban on new public interest safeguards.” [Center for American Progress, 1/4/17]

HEADLINE: Suspending the Rules: How Congress Plans to Undermine Public Safety [New Yorker, 1/9/17]
Poliquin Voted For Amending The REINS Act To Require All Rules Currently In Effect To Be Reviewed Over A Ten-Year Period Or Be Sunset. In January 2017, Poliquin voted for the “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would require each agency annually, for 10 years, to submit to Congress for review at least 10 percent of the agency's existing rules, and would sunset certain rules if Congress had not approved them within 10 years of the bill's enactment.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 230-193. [HR 26, Vote #21, 1/5/17; CQ, 1/5/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Excluding Any Rule Related To Child Product Safety From Being Defined As A “Major Rule” Under The REINS Act. In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Johnson, D-Ga., for Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would exclude rules related to the safety of products designed to be used or consumed by children younger than 2 years old from the definition of a ‘major rule.’” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 190-234. [HR 26, Vote #17, 1/15/17; CQ, 1/5/17]

Poliquin Voted For Amending The REINS Act To Require Agencies Offset Annual Costs Of Any New Rule By Repealing Or Amending An Existing Rule. In January 2017, Poliquin voted for the “Messer, R-Ind., amendment that would require that for new rules, agencies repeal or amend an existing rule or rules to offset any annual costs of the new rule before the new rule could take effect.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 235 to 185. [HR 26, Vote #12, 1/5/17; CQ, 1/5/17]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill Allowing Congress To Disapprove Of Regulations Issued During A President's Final Year. In January 2017, Poliquin voted for the “Passage of the bill that would permit a new Congress to use the procedures under the Congressional Review Act to disapprove, en bloc, multiple regulations issued during the final year of a president's term.” The bill passed by a vote of 238-184. [HR 21, Vote #8, 1/4/17; CQ, 1/4/17]

Crime & Law Enforcement

Poliquin Voted For Allowing Judges More Flexibility When Handing Down Mandatory Minimum Sentences For Nonviolent Drug Offenders And Establishing Support Programs For Former Prisoners. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the bill that would seek to reduce numbers of federally incarcerated individuals through changes in sentencing laws. The bill would seek to do so, in part, by allowing judges more flexibility when handing down sentences below the mandatory minimum for nonviolent drug offenders. It would also establish programs to provide support for prisoners returning to society in an attempt to reduce rates of recidivation.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 358-36. [S 756, Vote #448, 12/20/18; CQ, 12/20/18]

Poliquin Voted For Specifying What Acts Would Be Considered “Crimes Of Violence” For The Purpose Of Determining If The Crime Was An Aggravated Felony. In September 2018, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill that would specify that any of the following acts would be defined as a ‘crime of violence’ which could be used in determining whether a crime is an aggravated felony, including: murder; voluntary manslaughter; assault; certain types of sexual abuse; abusive sexual contact; child abuse; kidnapping; robbery; carjacking; firearms use; burglary; arson; extortion; communication of threats; coercion; fleeing via a motor vehicle; interference with airline flight crews members; domestic violence; hostage taking; stalking; human trafficking; piracy; certain terrorism offenses; and unlawful possession or use of a weapon of mass destruction.” The bill passed 247-152. [HR 6691, Vote #393, 9/7/18; CQ, 9/7/18]

Poliquin Voted For Considering A Bill That Would Modify The Definition Of The Term “Crime Of Violence.” In September 2018, Poliquin voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1051) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 6691) that would modify the definition of the term ‘crime of violence,’ and would provide for consideration of motions to suspend the rules.” The resolution was adopted 225-179. [H Res 1051, Vote #387, 9/6/18; CQ, 9/6/18]

Poliquin Voted For A Motion To Suspend The Rules And Pass A Bill That Would Require The Justice Department To Develop A System To Determine The Risk Of Recidivism For Each Prisoner. In May 2018,
Poliquin voted for: “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Justice Department to develop a system to determine the risk of recidivism for each prisoner. It would authorize $50 million annually in fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2023 to carry out the system. It would require the Justice Department to provide incentives for inmates to participate in certain recidivism reduction programs. It would also generally prohibit the use of restraints on pregnant prisoners.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 360-59. [H.R. 5682, Vote #215, 5/22/18; CQ, 5/22/18]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill That Would Create Penalties And Allow Federal Prosecution For Knowingly Causing Harm To Law Enforcement Officers. In May 2018, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill that would limit the punishment of knowingly causing harm to a law enforcement officer to 10 years in imprisonment and a fine, which would increase to life imprisonment if the offence includes death, kidnapping, attempted kidnapping, or an attempt to kill. The bill would also allow for federal prosecution of the stated crime in certain situations including if the offence crosses state lines, the state verdict demonstrably does not serve the federal interest in protecting the public, or prosecution by the federal government is in the public interest.” The bill passed, 382-35. [HR 5698, Vote #188, 5/16/18; CQ, 5/16/18]

Poliquin Voted For Passage Of A Bill That Would Increase The Penalty For Stalking Minors By Five Years. In April 2018, Poliquin voted for “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would increase, by five years, the maximum penalty for individuals convicted of stalking minors.” The motion was agreed to, 409-2. [HR 4203, Vote #131, 4/10/18; CQ, 4/10/18]

Poliquin Voted For Passage Of A Bill That Would Report On Ways To Curb Money Laundering Related To Human Trafficking. In April 2018, Poliquin voted for “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would add the secretary of the Treasury as a member of the president's Interagency Task Force To Monitor and Combat Trafficking and would require the task force and the Financial Institutions Examination Council to review and report on ways to curb money laundering related to human trafficking.” The motion was agreed to, 408-2. [HR 2219, Vote #130, 4/10/18; CQ, 4/10/18]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill To Make Facilitating Sex Trafficking And Prostitution Online A Crime And Allowed Victims To Sue For Damages. In February 2018, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would explicitly make the use or operation of a website to promote or facilitate prostitution a federal crime. It would allow states to prosecute such conduct under state law, regardless of the immunity provisions in the 1996 Communications Decency Act, as long as the state's laws mirror federal prohibitions, and would allow victims of such sex trafficking or prostitution to recover civil damages from the website operator.” The bill passed, 388-25. [HR 1865, Vote #91, 2/27/18; CQ, 2/27/18]

Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of A Bill To Make Facilitating Sex Trafficking And Prostitution Online A Crime And Allowed Victims To Sue For Damages. In February 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 748) that would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 1865) that would make the use or operation of a website to promote or facilitate prostitution a federal crime. It would allow states to prosecute such conduct under state law, regardless of the immunity provisions in the 1996 Communications Decency Act, as long as the state's laws mirror federal prohibitions.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 235-175. [H.Res. 748, Vote #85, 2/27/18; CQ, 2/26/18]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment That Clarified That State Attorneys General Were Able To Bring Civil Suits Against Sex Trafficking Websites. In February 2018, Poliquin voted for “Walters, R-Calif., amendment that would clarify that nothing in the bill should be interpreted as limiting the civil and criminal prosecution of websites that knowingly facilitate online sex trafficking and would explicitly state that a state attorney general may bring civil prosecution against such websites for the purpose of obtaining relief for victims in the state.” The amendment was adopted, 308-107. [HR 1865, Vote #90, 2/27/18; CQ, 2/27/18]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill That Would Require Adults Authorized To Interact With Minor Amateur Athletes To Report Any Suspected Incidents Of Child Abuse, Including Sexual Abuse, To The Sport's
Governing Body, And Would Set Criminal Penalties For Failure To Report Such Suspected Incidents. In January 2018, Poliquin voted for “Poe, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require adults authorized to interact with minor amateur athletes to report any suspected incidents of child abuse, including sexual abuse, to the sport's governing body, and would set criminal penalties for failure to report such suspected incidents. It would establish the United States Center for Safe Sport as an independent organization with jurisdiction over the United States Olympic Committee and all paralympic sports organizations, in relation to safeguarding amateur athletes against abuse in sports.” Motion agreed to by a vote of 406-3. [S.534, Vote #45, 1/29/18; CQ, 1/29/18]

Poliquin Voted For A Bipartisan Bill That Protected Minor Athletes From Abuse. In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require adults authorized to interact with minors or amateur athletes to report any suspected incidents of child abuse, including sexual abuse, to the sport’s governing body, and would set criminal penalties for failure to report such suspected incidents. It would establish the United States Center for Safe Sport as an independent organization with jurisdiction over the United States Olympic Committee and all paralympic sports organizations, in relation to safeguarding amateur athletes against abuse in sports.” Motion agreed to by a vote of 406-3. [S.534, Vote #45, 1/29/18; CQ, 1/29/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Amending A Bill Allowing Probation Officers To Make Arrests To Study If Any Harm Resulted And Add A Sunset Provision. In May 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would require the Government Accountability Office to report to Congress on the results of the bill's expansion of arrest authority for probation officers, including if any harm resulted from the exercise of the expanded authority. It would also sunset the bill's expanded arrest authority 30 months after the bill's enactment.” The amendment was rejected 178-229. [HR 1039, Vote #267, 5/19/17; CQ, 5/19/17]

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Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Granting Probation Officers The Authority To Arrest Third Parties For Impeding Them In Their Official Duties. In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 324) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would authorize probation officers, during the course of their official duties, to arrest an individual without a warrant if there is probable cause that the individual has assaulted or impeded the officer.” The rule was adopted, 230-184. [H Res 324, Vote #264, 5/18/17; CQ, 5/18/17]

Poliquin Voted For Stripping Social Security Benefits From Individuals Subject To An Outstanding Felony Arrest Warrant Or In Violation Of Parole Or Probation. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit, beginning in 2021, the payment of social security benefits to an individual who is the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant for committing a felony or for violating a condition of parole or probation.” The bill passed by a vote of 244-171. [HR 2792, Vote #543, 9/28/17; CQ, 9/28/17]

Poliquin Voted For Adopting The Rule That Would Provide For House Floor Consideration Of Authorization For The Maternal, Infant And Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 533) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2824), that would authorize, through fiscal 2022, $400 million a year for the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program created under the 2010 health care overhaul, and for consideration of the bill (HR 2792), that would prohibit, beginning in 2021, the payment of social security benefits to an individual who is the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant for committing a felony or for violating a condition of parole or probation. The rule would also provide for the text of the Control Unlawful Fugitive Felons Act (HR 2792), as passed by the House, if passed by the House, to be incorporated into the text of the Increasing Opportunity through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act (HR 2824) during the engrossment of HR 2824.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 230-190. [H RES 533, Vote #533, 9/26/17; CQ, 9/26/17]

Poliquin Voted For A Bipartisan Bill That Protected Minor Athletes From Abuse. In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require adults authorized to interact with minors or amateur athletes to report any suspected incidents of child abuse to the sport’s governing body. It would shield sports organizations from legal liability if they investigate and resolve any such suspected incidents, and would allow victims who suffer
a personal injury as a result of such abuse to file civil lawsuits in district court against their assailant.” The bill passed 415-3. [HR 1973, Vote #285, 5/25/17; CQ, 5/25/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Limit Prison Time To One Year For Teenagers Under The Age Of 19 Convicted On Child Pornography Charges As Long As The Minor Involved Is At Least 15-Years-Old.** In May 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would limit, to one year, a term of imprisonment for individuals convicted of child pornography crimes who are 19 years old or younger and the minor involved is 15 years old or older, as long as the minor was not more than four years younger than the individual who committed the violation and the sexual conduct that occurred was consensual.” The amendment was rejected, 238-180. [HR 1761, Vote #283, 5/25/17; CQ, 5/25/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of A Bipartisan Bill That Protected Minor Athletes From Abuse And Of A Bill That Would Criminalize Consensual Sexual Activity Between Minors.** In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 352) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1973) that would require adults authorized to interact with minors or amateur athletes to report any suspected incidents of child abuse to the sport's governing body. It would also provide for consideration of the bill (HR 1761) that would make the production of child pornography a crime regardless of whether the conduct with the minor was initiated for the purposes of producing such content.” The rule was adopted, 239-179. [HR 352, Vote #276, 5/24/17; CQ, 5/24/17]

**The Rule Allowed For Consideration Of HR 1973, A Bipartisan Bill, And For HR 1761, A Bill That Could Subject Teenagers To Criminal Charges For Consensual Sexual Activity.** According to the Congressional Record, “The House agreed to H. Res. 352, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1973) to prevent the sexual abuse of minors and amateur athletes by requiring the prompt reporting of sexual abuse to law enforcement authorities; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1761) to amend title 18, United States Code, to criminalize the knowing consent of the visual depiction, or live transmission, of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct,” which could subject teenagers to criminal charges for consensual sexual activity. [Congressional Record, 5/24/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Granting Probation Officers The Authority To Arrest Third Parties For Impeding Them In Their Official Duties.** In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would authorize probation officers, during the course of their official duties, to arrest an individual without a warrant if there is probable cause that the individual has assaulted or impeded the officer. It would require the Administrative Office of the United States Courts to issue rules and regulations governing probation officers' use of expanded arrest authority.” The bill passed, 229-177. [HR 1039, Vote #268, 5/19/17; CQ, 5/19/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To The Probation Officer Arrest Authority That Would Require The GAO To Report On The Impact Of The Underlying Legislation.** In May 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would require the Government Accountability Office to report to Congress on the results of the bill's expansion of arrest authority for probation officers, including if any harm resulted from the exercise of the expanded authority. It would also sunset the bill's expanded arrest authority 30 months after the bill's enactment.” The amendment failed, 178-229. [HR 1039, Vote #267, 5/19/17; CQ, 5/19/17]

**Poliquin Voted For The Thin Blue Line Act, Requiring Courts & Juries To Consider Attempted Murder Of Law Enforcement Officers An Aggravating Factor In Imposing The Death Sentence.** In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require courts and juries to consider if a defendant killed or attempted to kill a state law enforcement officer, local law enforcement officer or first responder as an aggravating factor when determining whether to impose the death sentence on a defendant.” The bill passed, 271-143. [HR 115, Vote #265, 5/18/17; CQ, 5/18/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Requiring Courts & Juries To Consider Attempted Murder Of Law Enforcement Officers An Aggravating Factor In Imposing The Death Sentence.** In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 323) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would
provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would require courts and juries to consider if a defendant killed or attempted to kill a state law enforcement officer, local law enforcement officer or first responder as an aggravating factor when determining whether to impose the death sentence on a defendant.” The rule was adopted, 233-184. [HR 115, Vote #260, 5/5/17; CQ, 5/5/17]

### Defense

**Poliquin Voted For Authorizing The Biometric Identification Transnational Migration Alert Program Within The Department Of Homeland Security.** In September 2018, Poliquin voted for “McCaul, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would formally authorize the Biometric Identification Transnational Migration Alert Program within the Department of Homeland Security. The program would direct DHS to coordinate with other federal agencies as well as foreign governments to collect and share biometric and biographical data on foreign nationals who may pose a terrorist threat or a threat to national or border security.” The motion was agreed to 272-119. [HR 6439, Vote #381, 9/4/18; CQ, 9/4/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against Transferring Unappropriated Money From Defense Appropriations Bill To The Departments Of Labor, Health And Human Services, And Education.** In September 2018, Poliquin voted against “DeLauro, D-Conn., motion to instruct House conferees to agree with the Labor-HHS-Education division of the Senate amendment to the bill.” The motion was rejected 171-221. [HR 6157, Vote #380, 9/4/18; CQ, 9/4/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Passage Of FY2019 Bill Providing Appropriations To The Department Of Defense For Military Activities.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would make a total of $674.6 billion in discretionary defense spending for fiscal 2019, which would include $605.5 billion in discretionary spending subject to spending caps for fiscal 2019 and $68.1 billion in uncapped Overseas Contingency Operations funding.” The bill passed, 359-49. [HR 6157, Vote #313, 6/28/18; CQ, 6/28/18]

**Bill Amounted To A 15,600 Troop Increase Across The Military And 2.6 Percent Pay Raise For Service Members.** “The House’s budget amount includes a 15,600 troop increase across the military, and a 2.6 percent pay raise for service members beginning in January.” [The Hill, 6/28/18]

**Bill Included $9.4 Billion For 93 F-35s – 16 More Than The Trump Administration Requested – And $22.7 Billion For 12 New Navy Ships.** “In addition, the bill would provide $9.4 billion for 93 F-35 fighter jets - 16 more jets than the administration requested and four more than Senate appropriators want – as well as $22.7 billion for 12 new Navy ships, and $145.7 billion for equipment purchases and upgrades. House lawmakers had inserted several amendments into the bill leading up to the vote, including a provision to add $10 million to aid in bringing Korea War remains from North Korea to the United States, and a proposal to block the Pentagon from business with Chinese telecom companies ZTE and Huawei.” [The Hill, 6/28/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amending Defense Appropriations Bill To Decrease Funding For Defense Operations And Maintenance By $25 Million, While Increasing Funding For Defense Health Programs.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Lieu, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee with instruction to report it back immediately with an amendment that would decrease funding for defense-wide operations and maintenance by $25 million and would increase funding for Defense Health Programs by the same amount.” The motion failed 186-224. [HR 6157, Vote #312, 6/28/18; CQ, 6/28/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amending Defense Appropriations Bill To Provide Additional Funding For Construction Of Virginia-Class Submarines.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted against “Courtney, D-Conn., amendment that would decrease funding for several programs and would provide funding for long lead time materials needed to construct additional Virginia-class submarines.” The amendment failed 144-267. [H.Amdt. 841, Vote #311, 6/28/18; CQ, 6/28/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Prohibiting Funds For Procuring, Researching, Or Testing A Space-Based Ballistic Missile Intercept Layer.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Foster, D-Ill., amendment that
would prohibit any funds appropriated by the bill to be used to procure, develop, research or test a space-based ballistic missile intercept layer.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 160-251. [H.R. 6157, Vote #310, 6/28/18; CQ, 6/28/18]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment Decreasing, Then Increasing, Funds Made Available For Defense-Wide Research And Development.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Clark, D-Mass., amendment that would reduce, and then increase, by $14 million funds made available in the bill for defense-wide research, development, test and evaluation.” The motion was adopted by a vote of 252-157. [H.R. 6157, Vote #309, 6/28/18; CQ, 6/28/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Decreasing Funding For Non-Military Defense Department Activities By $33 Million, While Increasing Funding For Air Force Missile Procurement.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Gallagher, R-Wis., amendment that would decrease funding for non-military Defense Department activities by $33 million and increase funding for Air Force missile procurement by the same amount.” The motion was rejected, 115-296. [H.R. 6157, Vote #308, 6/28/18; CQ, 6/28/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against Decreasing Funding For Non-Military Defense Department Activities By $23.8 Million And Increase Funding For Naval Weapons Procurement By The Same Amount.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Gallagher, R-Wis., amendment that would decrease funding for non-military Defense Department activities by $23.8 million and increase funding for naval weapons procurement by the same amount.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 116 – 296. [H.Amdt.824 to H.R. 6157, Vote #307, 6/28/18; CQ, 6/28/18]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment That Would Have Decreased Funding For Payments To Nations Cooperating With The U.S. Militarily.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Poe, R-Texas, amendment that would reduce funding for payments to key cooperating nations for logistical and military support by $200 million and would allocate the same amount to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected, 175-241. [H R 6157, Vote #303, 6/27/18; CQ, 6/27/18]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment That Would Have Decreased Spending For Defense Operations And Maintenance, While Increasing Funding For Army And Navy Research And Development.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Langevin, D-R.I., amendment that would decrease funding for operations and maintenance, defense-wide, and research and development, defense-wide, by $40 million, increase funding for Army scientific research and development by $10 million and increase Naval scientific research and development by $30 million.” The amendment was rejected, 188-228. [H R 6157, Vote #302, 6/27/18; CQ, 6/27/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Closing Conference Meetings On The Defense Budget To The Public When Discussing National Security Information.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Thornberry, R-Texas, motion that the meetings of the conference between the House and the Senate on the bill may be closed to the public at such times as classified national security information may be discussed, provided that any sitting member of Congress shall be entitled to attend any meeting of the conference.” The motion was agreed to, 403-15. [HR 5515, Vote #301, 6/27/18; CQ, 6/27/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Decrease Funding For Atomic Energy Defense Weapons Activities At The National Nuclear Security Administration By $97.2 Million While Increasing Funding For Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation Activities.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted against “Connolly, D-Va., amendment that would decrease funding for atomic energy defense weapons activities at the National Nuclear Security Administration by $97.2 million, and would increase funding for NNSA defense nuclear nonproliferation activities by that same amount.” The amendment failed, 179-239. [H.R. 5895, Vote #248, 6/7/18; CQ, 6/7/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Decrease Funding For Atomic Energy Defense Weapons Activities At The National Nuclear Security Administration By $65 Million While Increasing Funding For Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation Activities.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted against “Lee, D-Calif., amendment that would decrease funding for atomic energy defense weapons activities at the National Nuclear Security
Administration by $65 million, and would increase funding for NNSA defense nuclear nonproliferation activities by that same amount.” The amendment failed, 177-241. [H.R. 5895, Vote #247, 6/7/18; CQ, 6/7/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Eliminate All Funding For The Energy Department’s Advanced Research Project Agency.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted against “Gosar, R-Ariz., amendment that would eliminate all funding for the Energy Department’s Advanced Research Project Agency, and would allocate $325 million to the spending reduction account.” The amendment failed, 123-295. [H.R.5895, Vote #246, 6/7/18; CQ, 6/7/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Reduced The National Nuclear Security Administration’s Budget By $198 Million.** In May 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Polis, D-Colo., amendment that would reduce the amount authorized for the National Nuclear Security Administration by $198 million.” The amendment was rejected, 174-239. [H R 5515, Vote #228, 5/23/18; CQ, 5/23/18]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment That Prohibited Security Assistance For The Burmese Military Until They Respected Human Rights.** In May 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Engel, D-N.Y., amendment that would prohibit the United States from providing security assistance to the Burmese military until the secretary of State affirms that Burma has demonstrated progress in abiding by international human rights standards and would impose sanctions against current and former senior officials of the Burmese military who perpetrated human rights offenses.” The amendment was adopted, 382-30. [H R 5515, Vote #227, 5/23/18; CQ, 5/23/18]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment That Created A Service Medal Honoring Those Who Participated In Radiation-Risk Activities.** In May 2018, Poliquin voted for: “McGovern, D-Mass., amendment that would require the Defense Department to produce a service medal to honor retired and former members of the armed forces who participated in radiation-risk activities.” The amendment was adopted, 408-1. [H R 5515, Vote #224, 5/23/18; CQ, 5/23/18]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment That Sped Up The Environmental Review Process Of Mines Deemed Necessary For National Security.** In May 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Amodei, R-Nev., amendment that would expedite the environmental review process for certain domestic mine projects if the minerals in the mine are deemed necessary for strategic or national security purposes.” The amendment was adopted, 229-183. [H R 5515, Vote #223, 5/23/18; CQ, 5/23/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Would Eliminate The Bill's Repeal Of The Requirement That The Secretary Of Energy May Not Commence The Development Of A Low-Yield Nuclear Weapon Unless Specifically Authorized By Congress.** In May 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Garamendi, D-Calif., for Blumenauer, D-Ore., amendment that would eliminate the bill's repeal of the requirement that the secretary of Energy may not commence the development of a low-yield nuclear weapon unless specifically authorized by Congress. It would also limit funding to the W76-2 warhead modification until the Defense Department reports to Congress on the potential effects of certain low-yield nuclear warheads.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 188-226. [H.Amdt.638 to H.R. 5515, Vote #222, 5/23/18; CQ, 5/23/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Would Require The Annual Report On The Plan For U.S. Nuclear Weapons.** In May 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Aguilar, D-Calif., amendment that would require the annual report on the plan for U.S. nuclear weapons to include an estimate of the projected future total lifecycle cost of each type of nuclear weapon and delivery platform.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 198-217. [H.Amdt.637 to H.R. 5515, Vote #221, 5/23/18; CQ, 5/23/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Would Eliminate The Authorization For The Defense Department To Develop And Implement A Strategy With Foreign Partners To Counter Destabilizing Activities Undertaken By Iran.** In May 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Gabbard, D-Hawaii, amendment that would eliminate the authorization for the Defense Department to develop and implement a strategy with foreign partners to counter destabilizing activities undertaken by Iran.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 60-355. [H.Amdt.636 to H.R. 5515, Vote #220, 5/23/18; CQ, 5/23/18]

Poliquin Voted For The National Defense Authorization Act Of 2018 That Authorizes $692.1 Billion For Defense And Prohibits Closing Guantanamo Bay. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would authorize $692.1 billion for defense programs in fiscal 2018, including $65.7 billion for overseas operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria, and for the general war on terror. It would authorize $241.2 billion for operations and maintenance; $146.2 billion for military personnel; 10.7 billion for military construction and family housing; $15 billion for ballistic-missile defense; and $33.9 billion for defense health care programs, including $396 million from the overseas operations account. It would prohibit the use of funds for a new round of base closures. It would authorize $8 billion for various cybersecurity programs, would require the president to develop a national policy for the United States related to cybersecurity and would withhold certain funds made available for White House staff until the president would submit such national policy to Congress. The bill would authorize a 2.4 percent pay raise for military personnel. It would prohibit detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, from being transferred to U.S. soil, and would prohibit the closing of the main base and detention facility at Guantanamo. It would extend, through 2018, the authority for several bonus and special payments for military members.” The conference report was adopted 356-70. [HR 2810, Vote #631, 11/14/17; CQ, 11/14/17]

Poliquin Voted For Authorization FY 2018 Discretionary Funding For Defense Programs. In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would authorize $688.3 billion in discretionary funding for defense programs in fiscal 2018. The total would include $74.6 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations funds, of which $10 billion would be used for non-war, base defense budget needs; $239.7 billion for operations and maintenance; $10.2 billion for military construction; $142.9 billion for military personnel; and $33.9 billion for defense health care programs. It would authorize $12.5 billion for procurement of F-35 planes, research and development, as well as modifications to existing aircraft, and would prohibit the retirement of the A-10 bomber fleet. The bill would require the Defense Department to submit to Congress a report on vulnerabilities to military installations resulting from climate change over the next 20 years, and would express the sense of Congress that climate change is a “direct threat” to U.S. national security. The bill would also require the Air Force to establish, by 2019, the Space Corps, a fighting force to improve the U.S. military’s ability to address threats in space.” The bill passed by a vote of 344-81. [H R 2810, Vote #378, 7/14/17; CQ, 7/14/17]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Would Prohibit Student-Athletes Graduating From Service Academies From Seeking A Deferment In Order To Pursue Professional Athletic Careers. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Rooney, R-Fla., amendment that would eliminate the bill's provision that would prohibit student-athletes graduating from service academies from seeking a deferment of service in order to pursue professional athletic careers.” The amendment was rejected, 318-107. [HR 2810, Vote #371, 7/13/17; CQ, 7/13/17]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment That Would Require Determination Of Prevailing Wage In The Underlying Bill To Be Conducted By The Secretary Of Labor Using Surveys That Utilize Random Statistical Sampling techniques. In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Gosar, R-Ariz., amendment that would require any determination of prevailing wage under the bill to be conducted by the secretary of Labor, through the Bureau of Labor Statistics, using surveys that utilize random statistical sampling techniques.” The amendment was rejected, 242-183. [HR 2810, Vote #370, 7/13/17; CQ, 7/13/17]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Department Of Defense Funds From Being Used For Medical Treatment Related To Gender Transition. In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Hartzler, R-Mo., amendment that would prohibit the use of Defense Department funds to provide medical treatment (other than mental health treatment)
related to gender transition to a person entitled to military medical care under current law.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 209-214. [H R 2810, Vote #369, 7/13/17; CQ, 7/13/17]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Defense Department From Purchasing Alternative Energy Unless They Can Prove It Is Equivalent In Cost And Capabilities To Conventional Energy.** In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., amendment that would prohibit funds authorized by the bill from being used by the Defense Department to purchase alternative energy unless such energy is equivalent in its cost and capabilities to conventional energy. The bill would require the Defense Department to complete a cost competitiveness calculation in order to determine the cost and capabilities of such energy sources.” The amendment was rejected, 218-203. [HR 2810, Vote #367, 7/13/17; CQ, 7/13/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Eliminate The Prohibition From Using Funding To Procure A New Coast Guard Icebreaker From The Underlying Bill.** In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Garamendi, D-Calif., amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provision that would prohibit defense department funds authorized in the bill from being used to procure a new Coast Guard icebreaker.” The amendment was rejected, 220-198. [HR 2810, Vote #366, 7/13/17; CQ, 7/13/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Eliminate The Prohibition On Conducting An Additional Round Of Base Realignment And Closure From The Underlying Bill.** In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “McClintock, R-Calif., amendment that would eliminate the bill's prohibition on conducting an additional round of base realignment and closure.” The amendment was rejected, 248-175. [HR 2810, Vote #365, 7/13/17; CQ, 7/13/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Limit Funding For The Long Range Standoff Weapon And The W80-4 Warhead Until The Secretary Of Defense Submits A Nuclear Posture Review To Congress.** In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Blumenauer, D-Ore., amendment that would limit funding to $95.6 million for development of the long range standoff weapon and $220.3 million for the W80-4 warhead until the secretary of Defense, in consultation with other federal agencies, submits to Congress a nuclear posture review including a detailed assessment of the long range standoff weapon's capabilities.” The amendment was rejected, 254-169. [HR 2810, Vote #364, 7/13/17; CQ, 7/13/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Extend The Reporting Period From 10 To 25 Years For Federally Mandated Reporting On Nuclear Weapons And To Require A Detailed Plan To Sustain And Modernize Nuclear Weapons.** In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Garamendi, D-Calif., amendment that would require that the federally mandated annual report regarding the nuclear weapons stockpile, complex, delivery systems and the nuclear weapons command and control system to include a detailed plan to sustain, life-extend, modernize or replace the nuclear weapons and bombs in the nuclear weapons stockpile, and would extend the scope of the report from covering a 10-year period to covering a 25-year period.” The amendment was rejected, 232-192. [HR 2810, Vote #363, 7/13/17; CQ, 7/13/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Allow The Secretary Of Defense To Include Information On The Costs Of US Nuclear Weapons And Nuclear Weapons Delivery Systems Past A 10-Year Period.** In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Rogers, R-Ky., amendment that would allow the secretary of Defense to include information in the annual report on the plan for US nuclear systems on the cost of fielding, maintaining, modernizing and replacing nuclear weapons and nuclear weapons delivery systems past a 10 year period.” The amendment was adopted, 253-172. [HR 2810, Vote #362, 7/13/17; CQ, 7/13/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Extend The CBO’s Cost Estimate Review Of Nuclear Weapons From A 10-Year Period To A 30-Year Period.** In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Aguilar, D-Calif., amendment that would extend a Congressional Budget Office cost estimate review on the fielding, maintaining, modernization, replacement and life extension of nuclear weapons and nuclear weapons delivery systems from covering a 10-year period to covering a 30-year period.” The amendment was rejected, 235-188. [HR 2810, Vote #361, 7/13/17; CQ, 7/13/17]
Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Prevent The Department Of Defense From Developing Intermediate Range Ground-Launched Missile Systems Until They Prove It Is Both Preferred For Ensuring That The NATO Defense And Deterrence Posture Remains Credible And Necessary For Returning Russia To Full Compliance With The INF Treaty. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Blumenauer, D-Ore., amendment that would prohibit the Department of Defense from developing and funding an intermediate range ground-launched missile system until the secretary of Defense has certified to Congress that such missile system is preferred for ensuring that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's deterrence and defense posture remains credible in the face of a Russian intermediate ground-launched missile system, and the secretary of State has certified to Congress that such missile system is necessary to the secretary's efforts to return Russia to full compliance with the INF treaty.” The amendment was rejected, 249-173. [HR 2810, Vote #360, 7/13/17; CQ, 7/13/17]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Removing The Underlying Bill’s Prohibition On Using Funds To Relocate Individuals Detained At Guantanamo Bay To The United States. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Nadler, D-N.Y., amendment that would remove the bill's prohibition on the use of funds for the transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay to the United States.” The amendment was rejected, 257-167. [HR 2810, Vote #359, 7/13/17; CQ, 7/13/17]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Expressing the Sense Of Congress That The Increase Of Defense Spending Should Be Matched By A Dollar-For-Dollar Increase Of Non-Defense Spending. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Jayapal, D-Wash., for Pocan, D-Wis., amendment that would express the sense of Congress that any increase of the combined amount authorized for National Defense Budget and Overseas Contingency Operations should be matched by a dollar-for-dollar increase of the annual amounts authorized for the federal non-defense discretionary budget.” The amendment was rejected, 245-179. [HR 2810, Vote #358, 7/13/17; CQ, 7/13/17]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Instruct The President To Reduce The Funds Authorized By The NDAA By 1%. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Polis, D-Colo., amendment that would direct the president to make reductions in amounts authorized by the bill as the president considers appropriate to reach a total reduction of one percent of the funds authorized by the bill. Military, reserve and National Guard personnel accounts and the Defense Health Program account would not be eligible for such reductions.” The amendment was rejected, 351-73. [HR 2810, Vote #357, 7/13/17; CQ, 7/13/17]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Prevent The Defense Department From Entering Into Or Acting Upon Existing Contracts With Biorefineries. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Conaway, R-Texas, amendment that would prohibit the Defense Department from entering into any new contracts, making any awards, or expending any funds with respect to drop-in biofuels or biorefineries.” The amendment was rejected, 225-198. [HR 2810, Vote #356, 7/13/17; CQ, 7/13/17]

Poliquin Voted For Providing $577.9 Billion In Discretionary Funding For The Defense Department In Fiscal 2017. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would provide $577.9 billion in discretionary funding for the Defense Department in fiscal 2017. The total would include $516.1 billion in base Defense Department funding subject to spending caps. It also would include $61.8 billion in overseas contingency operations funding. The bill would provide approximately $210.1 billion for operations and maintenance, approximately $117.8 billion for procurement, approximately $72.7 billion for research and development and $132.2 billion for military personnel, including a 2.1 percent pay raise. It also would provide roughly $34.1 billion for defense health programs. The measure would prohibit use of funds to construct or modify potential facilities in the United States to house Guantanamo Bay detainees.” The bill passed by a vote of 371-48. [HR 1301, Vote #136, 3/8/17; CQ, 3/8/17]
Poliquin Voted For Granting Gen. James Mattis An Exemption On The Prohibition Of Newly-Retired Officers From Serving As Secretary Of Defense. In January 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would allow the first person to be confirmed secretary of Defense after the bill's enactment to serve in the position, even if the individual has not been retired from the military for seven years, so long as the person has been retired for at least three years. The bill would thus provide an exemption for President-elect Donald Trump’s pick for the position, retired Marine Corps Gen. James Mattis, from a requirement for a seven-year waiting period before former servicemembers can be appointed to Defense secretary.” The bill passed (thus cleared for the president) by a vote of 268-151. [S 84, Vote #59, 1/13/17; CQ, 1/13/17]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Provide $659 Billion To The Defense Department And Would Prohibit The Money From Being Used To House Guantanamo Detainees In The United States. In January 2018, Poliquin voted for “Graber, R-Texas, motion to concur in Senate amendment to the bill with an amendment that would provide $659.2 billion in discretionary funding for the Defense Department in fiscal 2018. The total would include $584 billion in base Defense Department funding subject to spending caps. It also would include $75.1 billion in overseas contingency operations funding, $1.2 billion of which would be for additional U.S. troops in Afghanistan. The bill would provide approximately $191.7 billion for operations and maintenance and $138.2 billion for military personnel, including a 2.4 percent pay raise. It also would provide $34.3 billion for defense health programs. The measure would prohibit use of funds to construct or modify potential facilities in the United States to house Guantanamo detainees. It would also make permanent a pilot program that allows volunteer groups to obtain criminal history background checks on prospective employees through a fingerprint check using state and federal records, which are the original provisions of the bill.” Motion agreed to by a vote of 250-166. [H.R. 695, Vote #49, 1/30/18; CQ, 1/30/18]

Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of A Measure That Would Provide $659.2 Billion In Discretionary Funding For The Defense Department In Fiscal 2018. In January 2018, Poliquin voted for “adoption of the rule (H Res 714) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (HR 695) that is the expected legislative vehicle for a measure that would provide $659.2 billion in discretionary funding for the Defense Department in fiscal 2018.” Adopted by a vote of 236-183. [H.R. 695, Vote #48, 1/30/18; CQ, 1/30/18]

Economy & Jobs

Poliquin Voted For Establishing The Commerce Department's Office Of Space Commerce As The Primary Office Responsible For Authorizing And Supervising The Operation Of Nongovernmental Activities In Space. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for “Smith, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would establish the Commerce Department's Office of Space Commerce as the primary office responsible for authorizing and supervising the operation of nongovernmental activities in space. It would direct the Transportation secretary to establish standards for this authorization of certain nongovernmental space activities related to data collection and imagery.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 239 – 137. [S. 3277, Vote #485, 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, 12/21/18]

Poliquin Voted For Raising The Maximum Threshold For Contracts That Are Awarded To Small Business Owners Who Are Women Or Service-Disabled Veterans. In September 2018, Poliquin voted for “Chabot, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would raise the maximum threshold for sole source contracts that may be awarded to small business that are owned by women or service-disabled veterans, or operate in underutilized business zones. Contracts would not be allowed to exceed $7 million for industrial manufacturing or $4 million for any other contract. It would also modify the eligibility determination process for such contracts.” The motion was agreed to 392-5. [HR 6369, Vote #401, 9/25/18; CQ, 9/25/18]

Poliquin Voted For Requiring The Small Business Administration To Increase Past Performance Ratings Of Small Business Contractors That Serve As Mentors To Other Small Businesses Within Certain Federal Programs. In September 2018, Poliquin voted for “Chabot, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Small Business Administration to increase past performance ratings of small business
contractors that serve as mentors to other small businesses within certain federal research and technology programs for small businesses.” The motion was agreed to 389-6. [HR 6368, Vote #400, 9/25/18; CQ, 9/25/18]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment That Would Have Required The Defense Department To Domestically Source Their Flatware.** In May 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Tenney, R-N.Y., amendment that would establish a domestic sourcing requirement at the Department of Defense for stainless steel flatware and would provide for a one-year phase-in period.” The amendment was rejected, 174-239. [H R 5515, Vote #226, 5/23/18; CQ, 5/23/18]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment That Would Have Required The Defense Department To Domestically Source Their Dinner Ware.** In May 2018, Poliquin voted for: “McKinley, R-W.Va., amendment that would establish a domestic sourcing requirement at the Department of Defense for dinner ware and would provide for a one-year phase-in period.” The amendment was rejected, 160-252. [H R 5515, Vote #225, 5/23/18; CQ, 5/23/18]

**Poliquin Voted For The Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act, A Bill To Reconcile Differences In Anti-Trust Injunction Standards Between The Federal Trade Commission And The Justice Department.** In, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill that would reconcile differences in anti-trust injunction standards between the Federal Trade Commission and the Justice Department. It would also require FTC cases related to unfair methods of competition to be processed through federal courts as opposed to the commission’s administrative process. The bill would allow the FTC to issue judicial actions when resolving a case and would require the commission to notify state attorneys general in instances in which the state would be entitled to bring an action.” The vote passed 230-185. [H.R. 5645, Vote #177, 5/9/18; CQ Floor Votes, 5/9/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against A Motion To Recommit With An Amendment Prohibiting Provisions In The Bill From Applying To Mergers That Would Unreasonably Increase The Cost Of Drugs.** In, Poliquin voted against “Doggett, D-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit provisions in the bill from applying to mergers that would unreasonably increase the costs of pharmaceutical drugs.” The vote failed 193-220. [H.R. 5645, Vote #176, 5/9/18; CQ Floor Votes, 5/9/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bill To Invest In Apprenticeship Programs.** In May 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 685, the bring jobs home act, which closes a tax loophole that actually rewards companies for moving jobs overseas while providing a tax credit to companies that move jobs back home to the U.S. A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the Bring Jobs Home Act. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 236-192. [H RES 454, Vote #393, 7/19/17; CQ, 7/19/17]

**Poliquin Voted For The Innovators To Entrepreneurs Act.** In April 2018, Poliquin voted for a bill that: “Expands the pool of eligible participants for I-Corps courses by allowing a portion of Small Business Innovation Research grants and Small Business Technology Transfer grants to be used to fund I-Corps training expenses and by allowing private citizens to apply to participate and pay out-of-pocket. Authorizes a new I-Corps course for commercial-ready research ventures that teaches skills involving company organization, attracting investors, and hiring.” [HR 5086, Vote #149, 4/24/18; House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 4/24/18]
**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill That Would Promote Effective Apprenticeships.** In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 440).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the motion prevented “consideration of the bill (H.R. 2933) to promote effective registered apprenticeships, for skills, credentials, and employment, and for other purposes.” *A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the bill.* The previous question carried, 234-187. [H Res 440, Vote #354, 7/13/17; CQ, 7/13/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, 7/13/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking An Amendment To The Internal Revenue Code Of 1986 That Would Encourage Domestic Insourcing And Discourage Foreign Outsourcing.** In June 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 415).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the motion prevented “consideration of the bill (H.R. 685) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage domestic insourcing and discourage foreign outsourcing.” *A vote for the previous question was a vote to block consideration of HR 685.* The previous question carried, 235-190. [H Res 415, Vote #339, 6/29/17; CQ, 6/29/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, 6/29/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bill That Would Encourage Domestic Insourcing And Discourage Foreign Outsourcing.** In June 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 392) that would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 1873).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Polis offered an amendment for “consideration of the bill (H.R.685) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage domestic insourcing and discourage foreign outsourcing.” *A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the bill encouraging domestic insourcing and discouraging foreign outsourcing.* The previous question carried, 229-186. [H Res 392, Vote #312, 6/21/17; CQ, 6/21/17; Congressional Record, 6/21/17]

**Education**

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Focused On Increasing Access To Early Learning And Care.** In September 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “Mr. Speaker, families need access to a system that provides high quality, affordable early learning and care that will prepare children for success without breaking the bank. That is why, if we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Education and the Workforce Committee Ranking Member Scott’s bill, H.R. 3773, the Child Care for Working Families Act.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of a bill to increase access to early learning and care.* The motion was agreed to 224-181. [HR 6691, Vote #386, 9/06/18; CQ, 9/06/18; Congressional Record, 9/06/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Requiring Higher Education Institutions To Ensure That Federal Student Loan Recipients Receive Annual Financial Counseling.** In September 2018, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill that would require institutions of higher education to ensure that students and parents who receive federal student loans or Pell grants receive annual financial counseling. It would require that exit counseling be tailored to a borrower's loans and potential income. It would authorize $2 million for the Department of Education to develop an online student loan counseling tool for institutions of higher education to use to meet the bill's annual requirements.” The bill passed 406-4. [HR 1635, Vote #385, 9/5/18; CQ, 9/5/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against Requiring The Study On Effectiveness Of Student Loans To Include Information On The Veteran Status Of Borrowers.** In September 2018, Poliquin voted against “Lamb, D-Pa., motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and the Workforce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require that the bill's study on the effectiveness of student loan counseling include information on the veteran status of borrowers.” The motion was rejected 187-224. [HR 1635, Vote #384, 9/5/18; CQ, 9/5/18]
Poliquin Voted For Considering A Bill That Would Modify Counseling Requirements For Federal Student Loan Recipients. In September 2018, Poliquin voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1049) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1635) that would modify counseling requirements for federal student loan recipients, and would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 4606) that would allow certain small-scale imports and exports of natural gas to be automatically approved.” The resolution was adopted 224-180. [H Res 1049, Vote #383, 9/05/18; CQ, 9/06/18; Congressional Record, 9/06/18]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Make Higher Education More Affordable. In September 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 6543, the Aim Higher Act. This thoughtful proposal invests in our students, making higher education more affordable while also addressing the rising costs of college.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of a bill to make higher education more affordable. The motion was agreed to 221-186. [HR 1635/4606, Vote #382, 9/05/18; CQ, 9/06/18; Congressional Record, 9/06/18]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking The Rebuild America’s Schools Act That Would Invest $100 Billion In Physical And Digital Infrastructure. In May 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would Rebuild America’s Schools Act of 2017. H.R. 2475 would invest $100 billion to improve important physical and digital infrastructure in our nation’s schools. It’s crucial for Congress to invest in infrastructure for our schools to ensure our children receive the education they deserve.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to 222-189. [H Res 908, Vote #217, 5/23/18; CQ, 5/23/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 5/23/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Rules Related To Consumer Protections For Student Loan Borrowers From The SCRUB Act. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Bonamici, D-Ore., amendment that would exempt from the bill’s provisions rules related to providing consumer protections for student loan borrowers.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 191-235. [HR 998, Vote #109, 3/1/17; CQ, 3/1/17]

Poliquin Voted For Nullifying A Department Of Education Rule Requiring States To Annually Evaluate Teacher Certification Programs. In February 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify an Education Department rule that requires states to annually evaluate the effectiveness of teacher preparation programs at higher education institutions. Programs are required to be ranked by level of performance and states would be required to provide assistance to the lowest-performing programs.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 240-181. [HJRes 8, Vote #85, 2/7/17; CQ, 2/7/17]

Poliquin Voted For Nullifying A Department Of Education Rule Requiring The Department To Define And Monitor Low-Performing Schools. In February 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify an Education Department rule that requires states to define, subsequently monitor and intervene with schools deemed to be low-performing schools. Under the department's rule, states are required to measure academic achievement through factors such as graduation rates and English proficiency rates.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 234-190. [HJRes 57, Vote #84, 2/7/17; CQ, 2/7/17]

Energy

Poliquin Voted For Modifying Nuclear Regulatory Commission Licensing And Fee Processes. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for “Kinzinger, R-III., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would modify Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensing and fee processes, including several provisions related to the development of advanced nuclear reactor designs. It would also require the Commission to report on uranium recovery licensing.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 361 – 10. [S. 512, Vote #493, 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, 12/21/18]
Poliquin Voted For Allowing Applications For Small-Scale Imports And Exports Of Natural Gas To Be Automatically Approved If They Would Not Exceed .14 Billion Cubic Feet Per Day. In September 2018, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill that would allow applications for small-scale imports and exports of natural gas to be automatically approved if they would not exceed 0.14 billion cubic feet per day and would not require an environmental impact statement or an environmental assessment.” The bill passed 260-146. [HR 4606, Vote #392, 9/6/18; CQ, 9/6/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Amending A Bill To Prohibit Any Imports Or Exports From Being Automatically Approved If The Pipeline Involved Was Acquired Through Eminent Domain. In September 2018, Poliquin voted against “Watson Coleman, D-N.J., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit any imports or exports from being automatically approved under the bill’s provisions if any pipeline involved in the importing or exporting process used land acquired through eminent domain.” The motion was rejected 178-231. [HR 4606, Vote #391, 9/6/18; CQ, 9/6/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Requiring Natural Gas Exports To Include Information Demonstrating That The Natural Gas Was Produced Using Techniques To Minimize Methane Emissions. In September 2018, Poliquin Voted Against “DeGette, D-Colo., amendment that would require natural gas export applications covered under the bill to include information to demonstrate that the natural gas was produced using techniques and systems designed to minimize methane emissions from leaks or venting.” The amendment was rejected 195-210. [HR 4606, Vote #390, 9/6/18; CQ, 9/6/18]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Would Let Hearings And Public Input Before A Relevant Application Could Be Deemed Consistent With The Public Interest. In September 2018, Poliquin voted against “Pallone, D-N.J., amendment that would require an opportunity for hearings and public input before a relevant application could be deemed consistent with the public interest.” The amendment was rejected 176-227. [HR 4606, Vote #389, 9/6/18; CQ, 9/6/18]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment Prohibiting Appropriating Funds For Any Regulation Based On Documents From The Interagency Working Group On The Social Cost Of Carbon. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Mullin, R-Okla., amendment no. 44, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to prepare, propose or promulgate any regulation or guidance which would rely on the analyses found in various documents published by the Interagency Working Group on the Social Cost of Carbon.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 215-199. [H R 6147, Vote #347, 7/18/18; CQ, 7/18/18]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment Prohibiting Appropriating Funds To Enforce An EPA Rule On Oil And Gas Emissions Standards. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Mullin, R-Okla., amendment no. 43, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to enforce the EPA’s ‘Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources’ rule.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 215-194. [H R 6147, Vote #346, 7/18/18; CQ, 7/18/18]

Poliquin Voted For Considering A Concurrent Resolution Expressing The Sense Of Congress That A Carbon Tax Would Be Detrimental To The Economy. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of rule (H Res 1001) that would provide for House floor consideration of the concurrent resolution (H Con Res 119) expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy.” The amendment was adopted, 229-183. [H Res 1001, Vote #340, 7/18/18; CQ, 7/18/18]

Poliquin Voted For A $146.5 Energy-Water-Legislative Branch-Veterans Affairs Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2019. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide $146.5 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2019 to various departments, agencies and legislative operations, including $44.7 billion for the Energy Department, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Interior Department’s Bureau of Reclamation; $98 billion for military construction activities and for VA programs and activities; and $3.8 billion for operations of the House of Representatives, joint House-Senate items and legislative branch entities such as the Library of
Bill Included Cuts To Renewable Energy Research, Funding For Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository, And Rider To Repeal “Waters Of The United States” Rule. “House lawmakers want more money for nuclear weapon modernization efforts while introducing cuts to renewable energy research. It also would set aside funding for the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository in Nevada and continue funding for the mixed oxide fuel fabrication facility in South Carolina. The House bill includes controversial policy riders meant to ease the repeal of the EPA-Army Corps joint ‘Waters of the United States’ regulation. Democrats have called the measure a “poison pill” unlikely to survive Senate scrutiny.” [CQ, 6/8/18]

Rep. Lowey: Republicans Attached Veterans Affairs Appropriations To Energy Appropriations To Force Through Cuts To Clean Energy Initiatives And Roll Back Clean Water Protections. “This broken process has a simple aim: Republicans are using America’s veterans as pawns to force through cuts to clean energy research and harmful policy provisions that weaken environmental safeguards. […] With gas prices approaching $3 a gallon, the bill cuts energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives. It cuts transformational science efforts, such as the successful and popular ARPA-E program. Just as bad, it contains many harmful riders, including rolling back clean water protections, blocking the National Oceans Policy, further endangering salmon on the Columbia River, and weakening gun safety rules on public lands.” [Rep. Lowey Floor Statement, 6/7/18]

Appropriations Bill Would Transition VA Choice Program From Mandatory To Discretionary Spending, Leaving It Open To Cuts. “While I support many of the increases within the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs bill, Republicans have created a dilemma by transitioning the VA Choice program from mandatory to discretionary funding in the middle of fiscal year 2019. Even worse, Republicans have blocked consideration of my amendment to solve this problem. That will mean a further squeeze, and perhaps even cuts, to programs that benefit the middle class.” [Rep. Lowey Floor Statement, 6/7/18]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Appropriating Funds For The Creation Of Regulations Or Guidance’s That Rely on Analysis From “Interagency Working Group On The Social Cost Of Carbon.” In June 2018, Poliquin voted for “Gohmert, R-Texas, amendment that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to prepare, propose or promulgate any regulation or guidance which would rely on the analyses found in various documents published by the Interagency Working Group on the Social Cost of Carbon.” The vote was adopted 212-201. [HR 5895, Vote #253, 6/8/18; CQ Floor Votes, 6/8/18]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Would Reduce Appropriations For The Energy Water Division By $1.5 Billion. In June 2018, Poliquin voted against “Norman, R-S.C., amendment that would reduce the total amount of appropriations for the Energy-Water division of the bill by $1.5 billion.” The vote failed 128-289. [HR 5895, Vote #252, 6/7/18; CQ Floor Votes, 6/7/18]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment That Would Reduce All Funds Appropriated In Energy-Water Division Of The Bill By One Percent. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for “Blackburn, R-Tenn., amendment that would reduce all funds appropriated in Energy-Water division of the bill by one percent.” The amendment failed, 155-262. [H.R. 5895, Vote #251, 6/7/18; CQ, 6/7/18]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Administrator Of The Western Area Power Administration To $1. In June 2018, Poliquin voted against “Gosar, R-Ariz., amendment that would reduce the salary of the administrator of the Western Area Power Administration, Mark Gabriel, to $1.” The amendment failed, 139-276. [H.R. 5895, Vote #249, 6/7/18; CQ, 6/7/18]
Poliquin Voted For A Bill That Would Require The Nuclear Regulatory Commission To Decide Whether To Construct A Waste Repository At Yucca Mountain. In May 2018, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill that would require a decision within 30 months of enactment by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on the licensing process and construction relating to the nuclear repository at Yucca Mountain. It would also authorize the establishment of interim storage facilities to be operated by the Energy Department until the repository is finished, and would additionally authorize a rail line to connect Yucca Mountain with the national rail system. The bill would also increase from 70,000 metric tons to 110,000, the allowable storage for the repository and provide additional financing mechanisms for the Yucca Mountain project as well as the compensation to Nevada for hosting the national nuclear waste repository.” The bill passed, 340-72. [HR 3053, Vote #179, 5/10/18; CQ, 5/10/18]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Requiring Consent From State, Local, And Tribal Governments Before Transporting Nuclear Fuel And Nuclear Waste. In, Poliquin voted against “Titus, D-Nev., amendment that would strike all provisions in the bill and would require consent form state, local, and tribal governments before spent nuclear fuel or high-level radioactive waste could be transported through the entity's jurisdiction.” The vote failed 80-332. [H.R. 3053, Vote #178, 5/10/18; CQ Floor Votes, 5/10/18]

Poliquin Voted For Modifying Non-Federal Hydropower Project Regulations To Extend Preliminary Permits To Five Years. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would specify a variety of timeframes and procedures for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to follow in carrying out required permitting and licensing activities for non-federal hydropower projects and would make FERC the lead agency for coordinating all applicable federal authorizations. It would extend, from three years to four, the duration of a preliminary permit for proposed non-federal hydropower projects and would allow project sponsors to initiate construction up to 10 years after a proposed project receives a license from FERC.” The bill passed 257-166. [HR 3043, Vote #620, 11/8/17; CQ, 11/8/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Requiring That Federal Agencies Work With Stakeholders To Create New Hydropower Licensing Rules. In November 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Rush, D-III., amendment that would replace the entirety of the bill's provisions with a requirement that a number of federal agencies work alongside other stakeholders, including tribal organizations, to develop a rule that would provide a new process for coordinated federal hydropower project licensing.” The amendment failed 234-185. [HR 3043, Vote #619, 11/8/17; CQ, 11/8/17]

Poliquin Voted For Streamlining The Pipeline Approval Process. In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would establish the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as the sole lead agency for the permitting of proposals to build or expand natural gas pipelines. The bill would require the commission to set deadlines by which federal agencies would need to take certain actions as part of the pipeline project proposal review process and would, in the event an agency fails to meet a deadline set by the commission, require the head of the agency to notify Congress and set forth a recommended implementation plan for the completion of the action.” Passed by a vote of 248-179. [H R 2910, Vote #402, 7/19/17; CQ, 7/19/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Curbing The Eminent Domain Authority of Pipeline Projects. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Watson Coleman, D-N.J., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit approval of an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity under the Natural Gas Act unless the applicant agrees not to exercise its eminent domain authority under such law.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would add a requirement to the underlying bill that project applicants agree not to exercise eminent domain authority.” Motion rejected by a vote of 189-239/ [H R 2910, Vote #401, 7/19/17; CQ, 7/19/17; Democratic Leader’s Office, Motion to Recommit, 7/19/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Requiring The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, To Prepare A Supplement To Its Environmental Impact Statement. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Beyer, D-Va., amendment that would require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, when conducting a project-related review under the National Environmental Policy Act, to prepare a supplement to its environmental impact statement in certain cases,
such as if the commission makes a substantial change to the proposed action related to environmental concerns, or if there were to be “significant new circumstances or information” related to environmental concerns with bearing on the application.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 186-222. [H R 2910, Vote #400, 7/19/17; CQ, 7/19/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission From Allowing An Oil Or Natural Gas Pipeline Project On Lands Managed For Natural Resource Conservation Or Recreation. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Tsongas, D-Mass., amendment that would that would prohibit the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission from issuing a certificate of public convenience and necessity to an oil or natural gas pipeline project if any part of such facility would be located on lands required, by federal, state, or local law, to be managed for natural resource conservation or recreation.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 180-249. [H R 2910, Vote #399, 7/19/17; CQ, 7/19/17]

Poliquin Voted For Establishing A New System For The Approval And Permitting Of Border-Crossing Oil And Gas Pipelines And Electrical Transmission Lines. In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would establish a new system for the approval and permitting of border-crossing oil and gas pipelines and electrical transmission lines. The bill would require sponsors of border-crossing oil pipelines and electricity transmission facilities that cross the U.S. borders into Canada and Mexico to receive a "certificate of crossing" from the relevant federal agency in order to build or modify their projects, thereby eliminating the need for a presidential permit. The bill would eliminate the requirement under current law that the Energy Department approve the transmission of electricity from the U.S. to another country.” The bill passed by a vote of 254-175. [H R 2883, Vote #398, 7/19/17; CQ, 7/19/17]

Poliquin Voted Against A Motion Requiring Iron And Steel Products Used In The Border-Crossing Facility To Be Produced in the United States. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “O'Halleran, D-Ariz., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require, as a condition of issuing a certificate of crossing, that all iron and steel products used in the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of a border-crossing facility would be produced in the United States.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would add a requirement to the underlying bill that all iron and steel products used in construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of the border-crossing facility be produced in the United States.” Motion rejected by a vote of 193-232. [H R 2883, Vote #397, 7/19/17; CQ, 7/19/17; Democratic Leader’s Office, Motion to Recommit, 7/19/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission From Allowing An Oil Or Natural Gas Pipeline Project On Lands Managed For Natural Resource Conservation Or Recreation. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Tsongas, D-Mass., amendment that would prohibit the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission from issuing a certificate of crossing for an oil or natural gas pipeline project if any part of such facility would be located on lands required, by federal, state, or local law, to be managed for natural resource conservation or recreation.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 179-247. [H R 2883, Vote #396, 7/19/17; CQ, 7/19/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Establishing The State Department As Having The Agency Of Jurisdiction Regarding Permitting Cross-Border Oil Pipelines. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Engel, D-N.Y., amendment that would establish the State Department as the agency of jurisdiction with respect to permitting authority for cross-border oil pipelines.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 182-246. [H R 2883, Vote #395, 7/19/17; CQ, 7/19/17]

Poliquin Voted For Nullifying A Bureau Of Land Management “Methane Rule” To Limit The Release Of Methane From Oil And Gas Operations On Federal Land. In February 2017, Poliquin voted for “a Congressional Review Act resolution to nullify the Bureau of Land Management’s rule to limit the release of methane from oil and gas operations on federal land. […] The Interior Department’s BLM finalized the venting and flaring rule - also known as the methane rule - in November. It requires oil and gas operators to control releases of
waste methane - a potent greenhouse gas - by adopting new technologies, more frequently inspecting for leaks and replacing outdated equipment that discharges large amounts of natural gas.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 221-191. [HJRes 36, Vote #78, 2/3/17; CQ News, 2/3/17]

**Rule Would Force Companies To Capture Methane At Drilling Sites, Preventing An Estimated 180,000 Tons From Escaping Each Year, And Raising Millions In Revenue Each Year.** “The methane emissions rule, issued by the Interior Department’s Bureau of Land Management in November, addresses a potent greenhouse gas that is accelerating climate change. The rule would force oil and gas companies to capture methane that had been previously burned off or ‘flared’ at drilling sites. According to federal estimates, the rule would prevent roughly 180,000 tons a year of methane from escaping into the atmosphere and would boost federal revenue between $3 million and $13 million a year because firms only pay royalties on the oil and gas they capture and contain.” [Washington Post, 5/10/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Protect Oil & Gas Companies From Having To Publicly Disclose Payments To Foreign Governments.** In February 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify a Securities and Exchange Commission rule that requires companies that develop oil, natural gas or minerals to publicly report in detail payments to foreign governments or to the U.S. government totaling at least $100,000 annually per project for extraction, exploration or export of these resources.” The resolution passed by a vote of 235-187. [HJRes 41, Vote #72, 2/1/17; CQ, 2/1/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Excluding Any Rule Intended To Ensure Pipeline Safety From Being Defined As A “Major Rule.”** In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “McNerney, D-Calif., for Pallone, D-N.J., amendment that would exclude rules intended to either ensure the safety of natural gas or hazardous materials pipelines or to prevent or reduce the impact of spills from such pipelines from the definition of a ‘major rule.’” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 190-235. [HR 26, Vote #19, 1/5/17; CQ, 1/5/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Excluding Any Rule Pertaining To Nuclear Reactor Safety Standards From Being Defined As A “Major Rule.”** In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Nadler, D-N.Y., amendment that would exclude rules pertaining to nuclear reactor safety standards from the definition of a ‘major rule.’” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 194-231. [HR 26, Vote #18, 1/5/17; CQ, 1/5/17]

**Environment**

**Poliquin Voted For Requiring The Environmental Protection Agency Administrator To Revise Clean Air Standards With Respect To The Manufacture And Use Of Certain Compression-Ignition Engines Used To**
Provide Power In Remote Areas Of Alaska. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for “Gianforte, R-Mont., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Environmental Protection Agency administrator to revise clean air standards with respect to the manufacture and use of certain compression-ignition engines used to provide power in remote areas of Alaska.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 202 – 171. [S. 1934, Vote #494, 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, 12/21/18]

Poliquin Voted For Reauthorizing A 1998 Act To Conserve Tropical Forests Internationally, And Expand Its Scope To Also Focus On Coral Reef Conservation. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would reauthorize a 1998 act to conserve tropical forests internationally, and expand its scope to also focus on coral reef conservation. It would authorize $20 million annually through fiscal 2020 for conservation programs, including grants to other countries for maintaining coral reef ecosystems.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 332 – 43. [S. 1023, Vote #488, 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, 12/21/18]

Poliquin Voted For Reauthorizing The National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration’s National Drought Information System. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Smith, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would reauthorize through fiscal 2023 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s national drought information system. It would authorize $13.5 million for the program in fiscal 2019, with the amount increasing by $250,000 annually through fiscal 2023.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 379-9. [S 2200, Vote #461, 12/20/18; CQ, 12/20/18]

Poliquin Voted For Requiring Several Studies On The Management And Operations Of Fisheries. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Graves, R-La., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require several federal studies by the comptroller general, Commerce secretary, and National Academies on the management and operation of fisheries. It would also direct the Commerce Department collect and report data on recreational fisheries and create grants to assist states in complying with data collection.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 350-11. [S 1520, Vote #444, 12/19/18; CQ, 12/19/18]

Poliquin Voted For Authorizing The National Park Service To Acquire 89 Acres Of Land In New York. In September 2018, Poliquin voted for “McClintock, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize the National Park Service to acquire 89 acres of land adjacent to the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site and incorporate such land into the site.” The motion was agreed to 394-15. [HR 5420, Vote #404, 9/26/18; CQ, 9/26/18]

Poliquin Voted For Authorizing Landowners In Northport Irrigation District Of Nebraska To Repay Obligations To The Bureau Of Reclamation. In September 2018, Poliquin voted for “Gianforte, R-Mont., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize the early repayment of obligations by landowners within the Northport Irrigation District of Nebraska to the Bureau of Reclamation for construction costs of the North Platte Project in Nebraska.” The motion was agreed to 378-1. [HR 4689, Vote #396, 9/12/18; CQ, 9/12/18]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill That Would Direct Several Federal Agencies Across Four Departments To Establish The Every Kid Outdoors Program. In September 2018, Poliquin voted for “Gianforte, R-Mont., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would direct several federal agencies across four departments to jointly establish the Every Kid Outdoors program to issue all fourth grade students with a pass that would provide free access to publicly accessible federal lands and waters. The passes would be issued as requested by each student.” The motion was agreed to 383-2. [HR 3186, Vote #395, 9/12/18; CQ, 9/12/18]

Poliquin Voted For Requiring The U.S. Forest Service To Exchange Land Within The Ouachita National Forest For Land Owned By Walnut Grove Community Church. In September 2018, Poliquin voted for “Gianforte, R-Mont., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the U.S. Forest Service to exchange four acres of land within the Ouachita National Forest for six acres of land owned by the Walnut Grove Community Church of Jessievile, Ark.” The motion was agreed to 379-3. [HR 5923, Vote #394, 9/12/18; CQ, 9/12/18]
Poliquin Voted For Removing The Gray Wolf From The List Of Endangered Species And Therefore Removing Federal Protections For The Species. In November 2018, Poliquin voted for “Passage of a bill that would direct the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to issue a rule removing the gray wolf from the list of endangered and threatened wildlife, thus removing federal protections for the species, in the 48 contiguous United States. It would also direct the Interior Department to reissue a 2011 rule delisting gray wolves in the Western Great Lakes region of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan, and would exempt both rules, and another rule delisting the species in Wyoming, from judicial review.” The bill passed 196-180. [HR 6784, Vote #420, 11/16/18; CQ, 11/16/18]

Poliquin Voted For Passage Of A Bill Making Appropriations For The Department Of The Interior, Environment, And Related Agencies For FY 2019. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill that would make available $58.7 billion through fiscal 2019, with $35.3 billion for the Department of Interior and environmental programs, and $23.4 billion for financial services matters and related agencies. Specifically, it would provide $8 billion for the Environmental Protection Agency, $3.1 billion for the U.S. Forest Service, non-wildfire, core functions, $13 billion for the Interior Department, and $11.6 billion for the Internal Revenue Service. It would also place $585 million into a “savings account” that could not be used until the federal budget is balanced. As amended, it would also restrict greenhouse gas emissions regulations and would limit funding for enforcement of endangered species-protections for certain animals. Other amendments would also prohibit the District of Columbia from enforcing certain health care-related provisions.” The bill passed 217-199. [HR 6147, Vote #365, 7/24/18; CQ, 7/24/18]

Poliquin Voted For A Resolution Decrying A Carbon Tax. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would express the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to American families and businesses, and is not in the best interest of the United States.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 229-180. [H Con Res 119, Vote #363, 7/19/18; CQ, 7/19/18]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Funds From Being Used To Pay Lawyers’ Fees In Settlements Related To The Clean Air Act, Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Or The Endangered Species Act. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Smith, R-Mo., amendment no. 70, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to pay attorney's fees in a settlement related to the Clean Air Act, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act or the Endangered Species Act.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 215-199. [HR 6147, Vote #357, 7/18/18; CQ, 7/18/18]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Appropriated Funds From Being Used For The Environmental Justice Small Grants Program. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for “Hice, R-Ga., amendment no. 69, to that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used for Environmental Justice Small Grants Program.” The amendment failed, 174-240. [H.R. 6147, Vote #356, 7/18/18; CQ, 7/18/18]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Appropriated Funds From Being Used To Establish The Ironwood Forest National Monument. In July 2018, Poliquin voted against “Gosar, R-Ariz., amendment no. 63, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to carry out the establishment of the Ironwood Forest National Monument.” The amendment failed, 193-220. [H.R. 6147, Vote #355, 7/18/18; CQ, 7/18/18]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Appropriated Funds From Being Used On Rulemaking Regarding The Lesser Prairie Chicken. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for “Pearce, R-N.M., amendment no. 62, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to propose, implement or enforce any rulemaking on the lesser prairie chicken.” The amendment was adopted to, 216-199. [H.R. 6147, Vote #354, 7/18/18; CQ, 7/18/18]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Appropriated Funds From Being Used To Treat The New Mexico Meadow Jumping Mouse As An Endangered Species. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for “Pearce, R-N.M., amendment no. 60, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to treat the New Mexico meadow jumping mouse as an endangered species.” The amendment failed, 206-209. [H.R. 6147, Vote #353, 7/18/18; CQ, 7/18/18]
Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Funds From Being Used By The EPA For Any Actions Described As A “Backstop” In A December 2009 Letter From The EPA’s Regional Administrator To The States In The DC-Area Watershed. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for “Goodlatte, R-Va., amendment no. 50, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used by the EPA to take any actions described as a ‘backstop’ in a December 2009 letter from the EPA’s regional administrator to the states in the watershed and the District of Columbia.” The amendment was agreed to, 213-202. [H.R. 6147, Vote #351, 7/18/18; CQ, 7/18/18]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment That Would Prohibit Funds From Being Used To Implement The Threatened Or Endangered Species Listing Of Any Plant Or Wildlife That Has Not Undergone A Review Mandated By The Endangered Species Act. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for “Lamborn, R-Colo., amendment no. 49, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to implement or enforce the threatened species or endangered species listing of any plant or wildlife that has not undergone a review as required by the Endangered Species Act.” The amendment was agreed to, 213-201. [H.R. 6147, Vote #350, 7/18/18; CQ, 7/18/18]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment Against Appropriating Funds To Saving The Meadow Jumping Mouse. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Lamborn, R-Colo., amendment no. 48, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to implement or enforce the threatened species listing of the Preble's meadow jumping mouse under the Endangered Species Act.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 213-202. [H R 6147, Vote #349, 7/18/18; CQ, 7/18/18]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment Against Appropriating Funds To Washington State’s Water Quality Initiatives. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for: “McMorris Rodgers, R-Wash., amendment no. 46, that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to implement Washington state's revised water quality standard.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 227-185. [H R 6147, Vote #348, 7/18/18; CQ, 7/18/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Emphasizing A Need For More Funding For The Environmental Justice Program. In July 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Adams, D-N.C., amendment no. 29 that would decrease, then increase, funding for Environmental Protection Agency environmental programs and management by $742,000.” Congress.gov said, “this increase is to emphasize the need for greater funding for the Environmental Justice program area within the account.” The resolution failed by a vote of 194-218. [H R 6147, Vote #344, 7/18/18; CQ, 7/18/18; Congress.gov, accessed 8/2/18]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Increased The Interior Department’s Inspector General’s Office Budget, While Reducing The Secretary’s. In July 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment no. 25, that would increase funding for the Interior Department Inspector General's Office by $2.5 million, and would decrease funding for the Office of the Interior Secretary by an equal amount.” The amendment was rejected, 190-223. [H R 6147, Vote #342, 7/18/18; CQ, 7/18/18]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Increased The National Park Service’s Operations Budget, While Reducing Their Land Acquisition Budget. In July 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 1, that would increase funding for the operations and maintenance of the National Park Service by $2.4 million and would decrease funding for land acquisition activities by an equal amount.” The amendment was rejected, 172-237. [H R 6147, Vote #341, 7/18/18; CQ, 7/18/18]

Poliquin Voted For Considering FY 2019 Appropriations For Interior, Environment, Financial Services, Agriculture, FDA, Transportation, And HUD. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 996) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 6147) that would make available $58.7 billion through fiscal 2019, with $35.3 billion for the Department of Interior, environment portion, and $23.4 billion for the Financial Services and related agencies portion.” The rule was adopted 229-184. [H Res 996, Vote #332, 7/18/18; CQ, 7/17/18]
Poliquin Voted For Passage Of The Endangered Salmon And Fisheries Predation Prevention Act. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill that would authorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to issue permits for certain state governments to hunt for sea lions. The states that would be eligible for the permits would be Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and American Indian Tribes with lands surrounding the Columbia River and its tributaries, and each permit would authorize the taking of up to 100 sea lions.” The bill passed, 288-116. [H.R. 2083, Vote #294, 6/26/18; CQ, 6/26/18]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Remove A Ban On The Use Of Funds Appropriated By The Bill To Further Implement Certain Coastal And Marine Spatial Planning And Ecosystem-Based Management Projects. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for “Lowenthal, D-Calif., for Beyer, D-Va., amendment that would remove a ban on the use of funds appropriated by the bill to further implement certain coastal and marine spatial planning and ecosystem-based management projects.” The amendment failed, 195-223. [H.R. 5895, Vote #250, 6/7/18; CQ, 6/7/18]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Repeal Clean Water Rule That Extended Federal Protections To More Bodies Of Water And Would Protect Against Pollution in 60 Percent Of The Nation's Bodies Of The Water. In May 2018, Poliquin voted for “Banks, R-Ind., amendment that would repeal the E.P.A.'s rule regarding the definition of the "Waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act.” According to the New York Times, the “Waters of the United States rule, designed to limit pollution in about 60 percent of the nation's bodies of water, was put forth by the E.P.A. and the Army Corps of Engineers in 2015. It had extended existing federal protections of large bodies of water, such as the Chesapeake Bay and Puget Sound, to smaller bodies that flow into them, such as rivers, small waterways and wetlands. Issued under the authority of the 1972 Clean Water Act, the rule has been hailed by environmentalists. But farmers, ranchers and real estate developers oppose it as an infringement on their property rights.” The amendment adopted 238 to 173. [HR 2, Vote #203, 5/18/18; CQ, 5/18/18; New York Times, 1/31/18]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Exempt Alaska From A Rule That Prohibits Road Construction On Roadless Forest Service Lands. In May 2018, Poliquin voted for “Young R-Alaska, amendment that would exempt Alaska from a 2001 Forest Service rule that prohibits road construction and timber harvesting on approximately 58.5 million acres of roadless Forest Service lands.” The amendment was adopted, 208-207. [HR 1865, Vote #199, 5/17/18; CQ, 5/17/18]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Limit The Scope Of Certain Forest Management Related Environmental Impact Statements. In May 2018, Poliquin voted for “Westerman, R-Ark., amendment that would require environmental impact statements for certain forest management activities to only study and describe the forest management activity in question and the alternative of not taking any action.” The amendment was adopted, 224-191. [HR 1865, Vote #198, 5/17/18; CQ, 5/17/18]

Poliquin Voted For Requiring The Columbia River Power System To Be Operated With Lower Water Flow. In April 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require the Federal Columbia River Power System to be operated under specifications that allow for lower water flow until Sept. 30, 2022, or until the power system is issued a final environmental impact statement. The power system would be allowed to operate under different specifications if it would be necessary for public safety or grid reliability.” The bill passed, 225-189. [HR 3144, Vote #153, 4/25/18; CQ, 4/25/18]

Bill Would Block Additional Water Spill Over Lower Snake River Dams, And Was Opposed By Environmental Groups And Fishing Interests As Effort To Thwart Salmon Recovery Efforts. “Breaching the four Lower Snake River Dams would require an act of Congress under legislation that passed the U.S. House of Representatives today. The bill, sponsored by Reps. Cathy McMorris Rodgers and Dan Newhouse, R-Wash., would block spilling of additional water over the dams, which was recently ordered by the court to help young salmon and steelhead migrate to the ocean. Any modifications to the dams’ operations would be halted for about five years, unless Congress specifically authorized changes to power production or Snake River navigation […] Environmental groups, outfitters and commercial and sport fishing interests criticized the bill,
calling it an effort to thwart salmon recovery efforts by replacing science with a political process. The legislation would overturn multiple court rulings on salmon, they said.” [Spokesman-Review, 4/25/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Blocking An Amendment Ensuring Lowest Possible Rate Of Power From Columbia River Power System. In April 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Jayapal, D-Wash., motion to recommit the bill to the House Natural Resources Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit any of the bill’s provisions from preventing the sale of power generated by the Federal Columbia River Power System at the lowest possible rate.” [HR 3144, Vote #152, 4/25/18; CQ, 4/25/18]

Poliquin Voted For Requiring Congressional Approval Of Mineral Withdrawal Or Monument Designation In Minnesota. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit the designation of national monuments and the withdrawal of lands in the National Forest System in the state of Minnesota from mineral and geothermal leases without the approval of Congress. It would designate any mineral leases issued within the boundaries of the National Forest System lands in Minnesota as indeterminate preference right leases.” The bill passed 216 to 204. [HR 3905, Vote #643, 11/30/17; CQ, 11/30/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Setting The Royalty Rate For Mineral Leases In The Superior National Forest To 16.66%. In November 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment that would set a royalty rate for mineral leases in the Superior National Forest at no less than 16.66 percent.” The amendment failed 182 to 237. [HR 3905, Vote #642, 11/30/17; CQ, 11/30/17]

Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Reauthorizing The EPA’s Brownfields Program And Requiring Congressional Approval Of Mineral Withdrawal Or Monument Designation In Minnesota. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 631) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3017) that would reauthorize the EPA’s brownfields program through fiscal year 2022. It would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 3905) that would require congressional approval of any mineral withdrawal or national monument designation involving the National Forest System lands in the state of Minnesota.” The rule was adopted 228 to 186. [H Res 631, Vote #641, 11/29/17; CQ, 11/29/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Requiring Forest Management Plans To Include Climate Change Mitigation And Reauthorizing Counties To Receive Timber Payments From The National Forest Service. In November 2017, Poliquin voted against: “O’Halleran, D-Ariz., motion to recommit the bill to the House Natural Resources Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would reauthorize, through 2020, the program that allows counties adjacent to National Forest Service lands to receive a percentage of the agency’s timber sales revenues equal to their average payment in previous years, and would also require any forest management plan to include strategies for climate change mitigation.” The motion was rejected 230-189. [HR 2936, Vote #597, 11/1/17; CQ, 11/1/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Eliminating The Forest Management Dispute Arbitration Program. In November 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Khanna, D-Calif., amendment that would eliminate the forest management dispute arbitration pilot program that would be established under the bill.” The amendment was rejected 232-189. [HR 2936, Vote #594, 11/1/17; CQ, 11/1/17]

NCPA: The Underlying Bill Would Block The Public From Going To Court To Enforce Environmental Laws. “H.R. 2936 prevents the public from going to court to enforce environmental laws and hold the government accountable when it violates the law.” [NCPA, 10/31/17]

Poliquin Voted For Requiring The Federal Government To Provide Advance Notice To The Public Before Entering Into Consent Decrees, Placing Onerous Restrictions On How The Government Settles Lawsuits When It Has Been Accused Of Violating The Law. In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require the federal government to provide advance public notice when it plans to enter into discussions regarding consent decrees and would codify and expand certain disclosure practices with regard to the Treasury Department's Judgment Fund payments. It would also allow counsel for the House of Representatives to
intervene or appear as amicus curiae in any federal, state or local court. It would establish a new reporting deadline for the attorney general to inform Congress whether the Justice Department will contest, or refrain from defending, the constitutionality of a provision of federal law in court.” The bill passed 234-187. [HR 469, Vote #588, 10/25/17; CQ, 10/25/17]

### Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Settlements Entered Into By Assistant Attorneys General From The Bill’s Notification Requirements.

In October 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Cartwright, D-Pa., amendment that would exempt, from the bill’s provisions that would require advance public notice for certain settlement agreements, settlement agreements entered into by the assistant attorney generals under the process, known as the Meese Policy, for assistant attorney generals to accept, recommend acceptance, or reject settlement offers.” The amendment failed 232-186. [HR 469, Vote #587, 10/25/17; CQ, 10/25/17]

### Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Settlement Agreements Related To Improving Air And Water Quality From The Bill’s Notification Requirements.

In October 2017, Poliquin voted against: “McEachin, D-Va., amendment that would exempt, from the bill's provisions that would require advance public notice for certain settlement agreements, settlement agreements related to improvement or maintenance of air or water quality.” The amendment was rejected 226-187. [HR 469, Vote #586, 10/25/17; CQ, 10/25/17]

### Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Settlement Agreements Regarding Improving Access To Affordable High-Speed Broadband From The Bill’s Notification Requirements.

In October 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Johnson, D-Ga., amendment that would exempt, from the bill's provisions that would require advance public notice for certain settlement agreements, settlement agreements pertaining to deadlines set by Congress related to improving access to affordable high-speed broadband in under-served markets.” The amendment was rejected 231-185. [HR 469, Vote #585, 10/25/17; CQ, 10/25/17]

### Poliquin Voted For Requiring The Interior Department Convey Federal Land Within A National Wildlife Refuge To The State Of Alaska For A Road Between Two Towns.

In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require the Interior Department to convey to the state of Alaska, if requested, 206 acres of federal land within the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and Izembek Wilderness for the purpose of constructing a single-lane gravel road between the towns of King Cove and Cold Bay, Alaska.” The bill passed by a vote of 248-179. [H R 218, Vote #406, 7/20/17; CQ, 7/20/17]

### Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Prohibiting Implementation Of The King Cove Land Exchange Bill Until The State Of Alaska Repaid Federal Loans.

In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment that would prohibit implementation of the bill’s provisions until the state of Alaska has repaid $20 million to the federal government in funds appropriated and loaned to the state of Alaska under the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1999, for the purpose of construction of an unpaved road, a dock, and marine facilities and equipment on King Cove Corporation lands in King Cove, Alaska.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 167-260. [H R 218, Vote #405, 7/20/17; CQ, 7/20/17]

### Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Include A Provision In The King Cove Land Exchange Bill That Would Require The Implementation Of Federal Mitigation Requirements.

In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Tsongas, D-Mass., amendment that would include in the bill’s road requirements a provision that would require the implementation of previous federal mitigation requirements established by the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, related to the movement of wildlife and tidal flows, for the purpose of constructing a single-lane gravel road between King Cove, Alaska, and Cold Bay, Alaska.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 190-234. [H R 218, Vote #404, 7/20/17; CQ, 7/20/17]

### Poliquin Voted Against “Extend[ing] For Eight Years The Deadline For The EPA To Implement New National Ambient Air Quality Standards For Ground-Level Ozone.”

In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Passage of the bill that would extend for eight years the deadline for the EPA to implement new National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ground-level ozone (the EPA issued such deadlines on Oct. 26, 2015). The bill would require the EPA to review the national ambient air quality standards for each pollutant every ten years, instead of
every five, and would require the agency to evaluate possible adverse effects of standard changes, including effects related to public health, welfare and economics, prior to establishing or revising a national ambient air quality standard.” The bill passed by a vote of 229-199. [HR 806, Vote #391, 7/18/17; CQ, 7/18/17]

Poliquin Voted Against A Motion To Prohibit Implementation Of New Air Quality Standards If Those Standards Could Pose Health Risks To Those Without Access To “Affordable, Comprehensive” Health Care. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Cartwright, D-Pa., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit implementation of the bill's provisions if the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, in consultation with the Congressional Budget Office, finds such implementation could increase various health risks for individuals without access to "affordable, comprehensive" health insurance.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would prohibit implementation of the underlying bill if the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee finds that application of the underlying bill could increase health risks to vulnerable populations including children, seniors, pregnant women, outdoor workers, and minority and low-income communities.” Motion rejected by a vote of 191-235. [HR 806, Vote #390, 7/18/17; CQ, 7/18/17; Democratic Leader's Office, Motion to Recommit, 7/18/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Striking A Provision From The NDAA Stating Climate Change Poses A Threat To National Security. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment that would eliminate the bill's provision that would express the sense of Congress that climate change is a direct threat to national security, and would eliminate the provision that would require the secretary of Defense to report to Congress on vulnerabilities to military installations and combatant commands resulting from climate change-related effects.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 185-234. [HR 2810, Vote #368, 7/13/17; CQ, 7/13/17]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill That Prohibited The EPA From Regulating Certain Pesticides. In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit the EPA and states from requiring permits for the point source use of a pesticide registered under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. It would prohibit the EPA or states from requiring a Federal Water Pollution Control Act permit for the use of registered pesticides near navigable waters.” The bill passed, 265-165. [HR 953, Vote #282, 5/24/17; CQ, 5/24/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Preventing Special Interests From Undermining Public Health. In May 2017, Poliquin voted against: “McGovern, D-Mass., motion to recommit the bill to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill's provisions a discharge of a pesticide if its manufacturer or distributor made a political contribution to the president or to any federal official responsible for its registration, regulation or the approval of its use.” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “This amendment fights back against the corrupting influence of political contributions from pesticide companies. It would ensure that existing science-based protections for our families and our environment cannot be overturned by a well-timed contribution to President Trump or to those in his administration charged with implementing the law.” The motion failed, 230-183. [HR 953, Vote #281, 5/24/17; CQ, 5/24/17; Congressional Record, 5/24/17]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Protect Fisheries From Unregulated Pesticides. In May 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Huffman, D-Calif., amendment that would clarify that none of the bill's provisions would prevent the EPA or a state from requiring a permit under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act for the use of a pesticide that would have a negative impact on fisheries.” According to the Congressional Record, the amendment “sought to protect commercial, recreational, and subsistence fisheries from the negative impacts of unregulated discharge.” The amendment was rejected, 230-189. [HR 953, Vote #280, 5/24/17; CQ, 5/24/17; Congressional Record, 5/24/17]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Ensure That Existing Clean Water Protections Apply To The Use Of Pesticides That Are Exempted From Regulations. In May 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Esty, D-Conn., amendment that would require that the bill's provisions related to permit exemptions not apply to ingredients or chemicals in pesticides that contain certain toxic pollutants and hazardous substances previously established by
federal law.” According to the Congressional Record, the amendment “sought to ensure that existing clean water protections apply to the release of these toxic chemicals into the environment.” The amendment was rejected, 229-191. [HR 953, Vote #279, 5/24/17; CQ, 5/24/17; Congressional Record, 5/24/17]

**Poliquin Voted For The EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act.** In March 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of a bill that would establish a selection process for members of the EPA's Science Advisory Board. The bill would require the board's members represent a variety of scientific and technical viewpoints. It would require board member nominees to disclose financial relationships that would be relevant to EPA advisory activities. It would require the board to generally avoid making policy determinations or recommendations to the EPA.” The bill was passed by a vote of 229-193. [HR 1431, Vote #208, 3/30/17; CQ, 3/30/17]


**HEADLINE: The Transparency Bills That Would Gut the EPA** [The Atlantic, 3/15/17]

**NRDC Called The Bill A “Gift To The Chemical Industry” That Would Make It Much More Difficult To Hold Polluting Industries Accountable.”** “Another gift to the chemical industry is being wrapped with a bow by the Republican Congress. The EPA Science Advisory Board is meant to provide scientific advice to the EPA, such as reviewing its chemical hazard assessments. But this new Republican Science Advisory Board Act (SAB Act) would instead invite the chemical and regulated industries to help characterize the science of harm about their own hazardous products. This, ultimately, would make it much more difficult to hold polluting industries accountable.” [NRDC, 3/30/17]

**NRDC Said The Bill Would “Encourage Industry Conflicts In The Review Of Scientific Materials” And Hamper The Work And Effectiveness Of The Board, “Undermin[Ing] Important Public Health, Safety And Environmental Measures.”** “In short, due to these and other provisions, the ‘EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2017’ would alter the nature of the SAB, which has been largely successful in providing the EPA expert review of key scientific and technical questions, and would encourage industry conflicts in the review of scientific materials. It would also pile new and burdensome requirements on the Board, severely hampering its work and effectiveness. The result would be to further stall and undermine important public health, safety and environmental measures.” [NRDC, 3/30/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Prohibiting Any Member Of The EPA Science Advisory Board From Being Employed By Any Interests Before The Board During That Person’s Term And For Three Years After.** In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Foster, D-Ill., motion to recommit the bill the House Science, Space and Technology Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit, both during and for three years following a term on the board, Science Advisory Board members from being employed by any entity with interests before the board.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 189-233. [HR 1431, Vote #207, 3/30/17; CQ, 3/30/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Honest and Open New EPA Science Treatment (HONEST) Act, Prohibiting The EPA From Proposing A Rule Unless The Scientific Information Backing It Up Is Publicly Available.** In March 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would prohibit the EPA from proposing, finalizing or disseminating a rule, regulation or standard unless the scientific and technical information on which the EPA's decisions relied is publicly available for independent analysis. It would require any personally identifiable information, trade secrets or sensitive business information to be redacted prior to the publication of the scientific information.” The bill was passed by a vote of 228-194. [HR 1430, Vote #206, 3/29/17, CQ, 3/29/17]

**The HONEST Act Would Bar Many Kinds Of Scientific Evidence From Consideration, Including Studies That Included Medical Records, Which Cannot Legally Be Released, And Greatly Increase Costs To Enforce.** “For example, it would would stop the EPA from crafting public health protections based on studies that use medical records, which are confidential and cannot be legally released. […] The aides I spoke
to denied that the process would be unmanageable, noting that every federal agency already redacts plenty of confidential information. But the Congressional Budget Office estimated that old iterations of the HONEST Act would take $250 million a year to enforce, and the new version only allocates an extra $1 million to the added burden of redaction—all while Trump is planning to cut the EPA’s budget.” [The Atlantic, 3/15/17]


**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Exempting EPA Actions Related To Public Health Threats From The Bill’s Requirement That The Scientific Information Behind The EPA’s Actions Must Be Publicly Available.** In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “McEachin, D-Va., motion to recommit the bill to the House Science, Space and Technology Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt EPA actions taken in response to a public health threat from the bill's requirement that the scientific information that influenced the EPA's actions must be publicly available.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 189-232. [HR 1430, Vote #205, 3/29/17; CQ, 3/29/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Considering The EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act.** In March 2017, Poliquin voted for the “adoption of the rule (H Res 233) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would establish a selection process for members of the EPA's Science Advisory Board. The bill would require board member nominees to disclose financial relationships that would be relevant to EPA advisory activities.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 232-188. [HRes 233, Vote #204, 3/29/17; CQ, 3/29/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Rules Related To The Enforcement Of The Clean Air Act From The SCRUB Act.** In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Raskin, D-Md., amendment that would exempt from the bill's provisions rules related to the enforcement of the Clean Air Act.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 189-231. [HR 998, Vote #110, 3/1/17; CQ, 3/1/17]

**Poliquin Voted For A Bill That Would Have Stopped The EPA’s Rules Regulating Kiln Air Pollutants And Delayed Implementation Of Wood Heater Regulations.** In March 2018, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would suspend the Environmental Protection Agency's rules issued Oct. 26, 2015 and Dec. 4, 2015 regarding emissions standards for hazardous air pollutants from kilns and other facilities that manufacture brick and structural clay products or clay ceramics until all judicial reviews of such rules are completed. It would also delay implementation of an agency rule setting performance standards for new residential wood heaters until May 15, 2023.” The bill passed, 234-180. [HR 1917, Vote #99, 3/7/18; CQ, 3/7/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Overturning A Rule Barring Alaska From Allowing Non-Subsistence Hunting On National Wildlife Reserves.** In February 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of an Interior Department rule that prohibits certain predator control methods on federal lands in Alaska. The rule prevents Alaska, which typically has the authority to manage hunting and trapping practices on federal lands within the state, from allowing certain non-subsistence hunting practices on national wildlife refuges. Under the rule, prohibited practices include using traps to hunt bears and the taking of wolves and coyotes during denning season.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 225-193. [HJRes 69, Vote #98, 2/16/17; CQ, 2/16/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Authorizing $1 Million For The Bureau Of Land Management To Survey The Boundary Along The Red River Between Texas And Oklahoma.** In February 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would authorize $1 million for the Bureau of Land Management to pay for a survey to identify the boundary, with respect to title and ownership, along the Red River on the border between Texas and Oklahoma. It would require the survey use the gradient boundary method of measurement established in the Supreme Court case Oklahoma v. Texas and that the survey be completed within two years of the bill's enactment.” The bill passed by a vote of 250-171. [HR 428, Vote #92, 2/14/17; CQ, 2/14/17]
Poliquin Voted For Nullifying A Bureau Of Land Management Rule Directing The Agency To Develop Management Plans For Public Lands And Include Public Opinion. In February 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would that would disapprove and nullify a Bureau of Land Management rule that amends the agency’s procedures for the development of resource management plans for public lands. The rule directs BLM to design management plans that address resource issues in a number of programs related to wildfire prevention, wildlife habitat protection and demands for renewable and nonrenewable energy. The rule also provides additional opportunities for the public to submit information and comments on a plan revision or amendment.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 234-186. [HJR54, Vote #83, 2/7/17; CQ, 2/7/17]

Poliquin Voted For “Kill[ing] A Federal Rule That Gives Americans More Of A Voice In Large-Scale Planning For Projects Using Public Land. In February 2017, Poliquin voted for the “adoption of the rule (HR 91) that would provide for House floor consideration of a joint resolution of (HR 44) that would nullify a Bureau of Land Management rule that modifies the BLM’s process of assessing and planning the development of public lands by increasing public involvement.” According to the Denver Post, “The U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday voted to kill a federal rule that gives Americans more of a voice in large-scale planning for projects using public land […] [HR 44] would nullify the Bureau of Land Management’s ‘Planning 2.0’ rule that took effect in December. That rule governs all planning for future uses of 250 million acres of federal public land that is concentrated in the West.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 233-186. [HJR54, Vote #82, 2/7/17; Denver Post, 2/7/17; CQ, 2/7/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Nullifying The Stream Protection Rule Which Protects Streams From Contamination By Surface Coal Mining Operations. In February 2017, Poliquin voted against “Passage of the joint resolution that would nullify an Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement rule that requires surface coal mining operations, to the extent possible, to avoid disturbing streams and land within 100 feet of the streams. The rule also includes provisions related to data collection and restoration and requires native trees and plants to be used to replant reclaimed mine sites.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 228-194. [HJR41, Vote #73, 2/1/17; CQ, 2/1/17]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To HR 5 Striking The Bill’s Requirement That The Forest Service And The Bureau Of Land Management Perform Regulatory Analyses. In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment that would remove provisions of the bill that would require the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to conduct regulatory flexibility analyses, which describe the impact on small businesses, for land management plans.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 185-236. [HR 5, Vote #43, 1/11/17; CQ, 1/11/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Requiring New Rules To Include Reports On Environmental Impact And Impacts On Low-Income And Rural Communities. In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment that would require agencies to include an accounting of greenhouse gas emission impacts associated with a rule in the report that would be required by the bill to be submitted to Congress. The report also would need to include an analysis of the rule’s impacts on low-income and rural communities. If a rule would increase carbon equivalent emissions by 25,000 metric tons annually or possibly increase the risk of certain diseases to low-income or rural communities, then the rule would be considered a ‘major rule.’” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 193-230. [HR 26, Vote #13, 1/5/17; CQ, 1/5/17]

Poliquin Voted For A Resolution Allowing Congress To More Easily Sell Federal Lands Without Concern For Taxpayer Costs, Establish Fines For Using Cameras On The House Floor. In January 2017, Poliquin voted for the “Adoption of the resolution that would establish the rules of the House for the 115th Congress. Many of the rules that were in effect at the end of the 114th Congress would carry over. Among the rules changes, it would set monetary fines for using electronic devices on the House floor to take photos or videos.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 234-193. [HR5, Vote #6, 1/3/17; CQ, 1/3/17]

HRes 5 Would “Make It Easier For Members Of The New Congress To Cede Federal Control Of Public Lands” Without Concern For Cost To U.S. Treasury. “House Republicans on Tuesday changed the way
Congress calculates the cost of transferring federal lands to the states and other entities, a move that will make it easier for members of the new Congress to cede federal control of public lands. The provision, included as part as a larger rules package the House approved by a vote of 233 to 190 during its first day in session, highlights the extent to which some congressional Republicans hope to change longstanding rules now that the GOP will control the executive and the legislative branches starting Jan. 20. […] Under current Congressional Budget Office accounting rules, any transfer of federal land that generates revenue for the U.S. Treasury — whether through energy extraction, logging, grazing or other activities — has a cost. If lawmakers wanted to give such land to a state, local government or tribe, they would have to account for that loss in expected cash flow. […] The immediate impact of the rules change is that lawmakers cannot raise a budgetary point of order if a land transfer bill comes to the floor. Under existing House rules, any measure that costs the U.S. Treasury money must be offset by either budget cuts or a revenue-raising provision.” [Washington Post, 1/3/17]

**Ethics & Government Reform**

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Protect Special Counsel Robert Mueller.** In September 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 1084) that would provide for House floor consideration of a bill related to new-business tax deductions (HR 6756), a bill related to tax-favored retirement accounts (HR 6757), and a bill that would make many temporary aspects of the individual tax code permanent (HR 6760).” According to the Congressional Record, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Ranking Member Nadler's bill, the Special Counsel Independence Act. […] Mr. Speaker, I am here to urge this House to defeat the previous question so that we can hear H.R. 5476, a bipartisan bill to protect the Special Counsel, Mr. Mueller.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of a bill protecting Special Counsel Robert Mueller. The motion was agreed to 227-189. [HR 6756/6757/6760, Vote #409, 9/27/18; CQ, 9/27/18; Congressional Record, 9/27/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Requiring Each Federal Agency To Develop And Make Public A Comprehensive Inventory Of Its Data Assets, And Would Direct The Government Accountability Office To Establish A Public Online Catalogue Of This Data.** In December 2018, Poliquin voted for “Walker, R-N.C., motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would require each federal agency to develop and make public a comprehensive inventory of its data assets, and would direct the Government Accountability Office to establish a public online catalogue of this data. It would require each agency to submit an annual policy plan to the Office of Management and Budget, including the agency’s plans to develop evidence supporting its policymaking, and would create an interagency advisory committee on agency data use for evidence-building.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 356 – 17. [H.R. 4174, Vote #484, 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, 12/21/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Making Certain Corrections In The Enrollment Of The Foundations For Evidence-Based Policymaking Act.** In December 2018, Poliquin voted for “Mitchell, R-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution that would make certain corrections in the enrollment of the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 362 – 12. [H. Con. Res. 149, Vote #483, 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, 12/21/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Insisting That The Justice Department Fully Comply With The Document Requests And Subpoenas Issued By The Intelligence And Judiciary Committees.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the resolution that would that would insist that the Justice Department fully comply with the document requests and subpoenas issued by the Intelligence and Judiciary committees with regard to potential violations of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) by Justice Department personnel and related matters, by Friday, July 6, 2018.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 226 – 183. [H. Res. 970, Vote #306, 6/28/18; CQ, 6/28/18]

The Resolution Was Spearheaded By Freedom Caucus Leaders To Pressure The Deputy Attorney General To Comply With Congressional Demands Related To FBI Investigations Of Hillary Clinton And Russian Election Interference. “The resolution, which was spearheaded by House Freedom Caucus leaders Mark Meadows and Jim Jordan, is the latest step by conservatives who have been ratcheting up the pressure on
Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein to comply with congressional demands related to the FBI's Hillary Clinton and Russia investigations. The measure itself is effectively symbolic, but Republicans intend to send a message to the Justice Department that the full Congress is demanding compliance with their document requests -- or else.” [CNN, 6/26/18]

Democratic Critics Said The Resolution Was An Attempt To Discredit The Mueller Investigation, And Give Trump An Excuse To Fire Rosenstein. “But Democratic critics say this is all a plot to discredit the Mueller investigation. They think Trump’s allies are trying to hit the Justice Department with impossible demands, so they’ll either have to turn over extremely sensitive information about an ongoing message, or look bad by withholding it. Some even think this is mainly about giving Trump an excuse to fire Rosenstein, who, again, is Mueller’s boss.” [Vox, 6/28/18]

Poliquin Voted For Considering Resolution Insisting That The Justice Department Fully Comply With The Document Requests And Subpoenas Issued By The Intelligence And Judiciary Committees. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 971) that would provide for consideration of the resolution (H Res 970) that would insist that the Justice Department fully comply with the document requests and subpoenas issued by the Intelligence and Judiciary committees with regard to potential violations of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) by Justice Department personnel and related matters, by Friday, July 6, 2018.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 224 – 184. [H. Res. 971, Vote #305, 6/28/18; CQ, 6/28/18]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require Presidential Candidates To Release Tax Returns. In May 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Ms. Eshoo’s bill H.R. 305. H.R. 305 would amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require the President, as well as any candidate of a major political party for the office of the President, to submit their Federal income tax returns for the three most recent years. This bill would ensure more transparency in the political process and provide the American people with additional information about potential conflicts of interest of the President or a candidate for the office of the President.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to 223-189. [H Res 879, Vote #173, 5/9/18; CQ, 5/9/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 5/9/18]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bill To Ensure That Senior Political Appointees Did Not Spend Federal Funds On Private Air Travel. In April 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule…” According to Rep. Torres, “if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Representative Lieu’s H.R. 3876, the SWAMP FLYERS Act. This legislation will ensure that senior political appointees are not using Federal funds for official travel on private aircraft.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 225-190. [H Res 839, Vote #150, 4/25/18; CQ, 4/25/18; Congressional Record, H3518, 4/25/18]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require The Disclosure Of The President’s Tax Returns. In April 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule…” According to Rep. Polis, defeating the previous question would “amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require the disclosure of certain tax returns by Presidents and certain candidates for the office of the President, and for other purposes.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 226-189. [H Res 831, Vote #143, 4/18/18; CQ, 4/18/18; Congressional Record, H 3409, 4/18/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Preventing Financial Regulations Changes From Being Made For The Gain Of The President, His Family, Or Other Senior Executive Branch Officials. In March 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Connolly D-Va., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prevent changes in financial regulations in the bill from
being made at the request of, or for the personal gain of, the president, a member of his family, or other senior Executive Branch official.” The motion to recommit failed 182-232. [HR 1116, Vote #107, 3/14/18; CQ, 3/14/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Noted That The Bill Did Not Authorize Special Flight Accommodations For The EPA Administrator.** In March 2018, Poliquin voted against “Castor, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would clarify that nothing in the bill would authorize the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to charter a flight, or travel by any air accommodation above coach class, in order to make certain changes to rules and guidance documents for the purpose of implementing the bill's provision regarding standards for residential wood heaters.” The motion was rejected, 186-227. [HR 1917, Vote #98, 3/7/18; CQ, 3/7/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against Preventing Financial Regulations Changes From Being Made For The Gain Of The President, His Family, Or Other Senior Executive Branch Officials.** In March 2018, Poliquin voted against “Clark, D-Mass., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit a federal financial regulator from including certain rules in its review under the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996 if such rules were issued or made at the ‘request of and for the personal gain of’ the president, the president's family members, or senior executive branch officials who are required to file annual financial disclosure forms.” According to Rep. Clark, the “amendment simply states that before taking any action to eliminate or change a regulation, regulators must disclose any communications from the White House or the President's family advocating for the action and whether the President, his family, or any senior administration officials would benefit financially from such action.” The motion was rejected, 182-228. [HR 4607, Vote #94, 3/6/18; CQ, 3/6/18; Congressional Record, 3/6/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against Extending Whistleblower Protections Pertaining To Employees Who Disclose Information About Improper Use Of Aircrafts By Government Officials.** In October 2017, Poliquin voted against: “O'Halleran, D-Ariz., motion to recommit the bill would extend the whistleblower protections in the underlying bill pertaining to employees who disclose information about the improper use of aircraft by government officials.” The motion was rejected 232-190. [S 585, Vote #567, 10/12/17; CQ, 10/12/17, DemocraticLeader.gov, accessed 11/13/17]

**HEADLINE:** “Trump Officials Caught Splurging On Luxury Travel.” [ Axios, 9/29/17]

**Sec. Price Spent $400,000 In Charter Flights, Over $1 Million In Travel Cost Alone Before Resigning.** “Tom Price, Health and Human Services Secretary The flights: $500,000 in military flights to Africa, Asia and Europe (which were approved by the White House) and more than $400,000 in charter flights. Total cost: His travel has exceeded $1 million, Politico reports, when accounting for both his overseas trips and the more than two dozen domestic trips he's taken on private planes since May.” [ Axios, 9/29/17]

**Sec. Pruitt Took $58,000 In Private Taxpayer-Funded Flights.** “Scott Pruitt, Environmental Protection Agency administrator The flights: A June 7 military flight to Ohio then New York ($36,068); a July 27 charter flight from Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Guymon, Oklahoma ($14,434); an August 4 charter flight from Denver, Colorado, to Durango, ColoradoA ($5,719); an August 9 flight on the North Dakota governor's plane ($2,144). Total cost: Pruitt took ‘non-commercial’ flights costing taxpayers more than $58,000, according to CBS News.” [ Axios, 9/29/17]

**Sec. Mnuchin Used Government Jets To Travel On His Honeymoon, And To View The Solar Eclipse.** “Steve Mnuchin, Treasury Secretary The flights: Mnuchin requested a government jet earlier this year for his honeymoon, according to ABC News. He and his wife also used a government jet when traveling to Louisville
and Fort Knox, Kentucky, which coincided with the eclipse. Total cost: An Air Force spokesman told ABC News that a government jet typically costs roughly $25,000 per hour to operate.” [Axios, 9/29/17]

**Sec. Zinke And Aides Took “Several Flights” Including A $12,000 Charter Flight, but Had Not Released The Total Number Or Cost Of Flights.** “Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Interior The flights: Zinke and his aides have reportedly taken several flights on private or military aircraft, including a $12,000 charter flight — which belongs to Nielson & Associates, a Wyoming-based oil-and-gas exploration firm — from Las Vegas to his hometown in Montana, and private flights between St. Croix and St. Thomas in U.S. Virgin Islands, per the Washington Post. Total cost: Unclear, as the total number of charter or military flights is unknown.” [Axios, 9/29/17]

**Sec. Shulkin Used Government Funds To Fly Himself And His Wife To Europe Where He Attended A Wimbledon Chapmision Tennis Match, Toured Westminster Abbey, And Cruised The Thames Amid Conducting Official Business.** “David Shulkin, Secretary of Veterans Affairs The flights/luxury purchases: Although Shulkin flew commercial to Europe for meetings with Danish and British officials about veterans' health issues in July, he did use government funds to fly his wife out, stating that she was traveling on ‘approved invitational orders,’ per the Washington Post. The government also provided a stipend for her meals. They also attended a Wimbledon championship tennis match, toured Westminster Abbey, and took a cruise on the Thames. The VA's defense: All of Shulkin's activities on the trip, including Wimbledon visit, ‘were reviewed and approved by ethics counsel,’ VA press secretary Curt Cashour said in a statement.” [Axios, 9/29/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** In July 2017, Poliquin voted for “motion to table (kill) the Cicilline, D-R.I., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Cicilline resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump's tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion was agreed to 235-190. [Motion, Vote #392, 7/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, 7/19/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** In June 2017, Poliquin voted for “motion to table (kill) the Doggett, D-Texas., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Doggett resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump's tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion was agreed to 227-188. [Motion, Vote #311, 6/21/17; CQ Floor Votes, 6/21/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns.** In June 2017, Poliquin voted for “McCaul, R-Texas, motion to table (kill) the Capuano, D-Mass., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Capuano resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump's tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 228-186. [Motion, Vote #292, 6/7/17; CQ Floor Votes, 6/7/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Efforts To Force The Disclosure Of President Trump’s Tax Return.** In June 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 375).” According to The Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require any candidate of a major political party for the office of the president to submit their federal income tax returns for the three most recent years.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block the release of tax returns. The previous question carried, 228-185. [H Res 375, Vote #290, 6/7/17; CQ, 6/7/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, 6/7/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Efforts To Force The Disclosure Of President Trump’s Tax Return.** In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to table (kill) the Sanchez, D-Calif., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Sanchez resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump's text returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed, 225-187. [Motion, Vote #274, 5/17/17; CQ, 5/24/17]
Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bill To Require Presidential Candidates To Release Tax Returns. In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require any candidate of a major political party for the office of the president to submit their federal income tax returns for the three most recent years.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block the release of tax returns. The motion passed 226-188. [H Res 324, Vote #263, 5/18/17; CQ, 5/18/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, 5/18/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Efforts To Force The Disclosure Of President Trump’s Tax Return. In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Rothfus, R-Pa., motion to table (kill) the Pascrell, D-N.J., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Pascrell resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 229-188. [Motion, Vote #261, 5/17/17; CQ, 5/17/17]

Poliquin Voted For Requiring Fannie Mae And Freddie Mac To Comply With FOIA While Under Conservatorship. In April 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 280) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would require that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac comply with the agency requirements of the Freedom of Information Act while they are under the conservatorship of the federal government. It would waive, through the calendar day of April 29, 2017, the two-thirds vote requirement to consider legislation on the same day it is reported from the House Rules Committee. It also would provide for consideration of measures under suspension of the rules through the calendar day of April 29, 2017.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 226-192. [HRes 280, Vote #230, 2/27/17; CQ, 2/27/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Empowering The House Of Representatives To Investigate Trump’s Potential Conflicts Of Interest. In April 2017, Poliquin voted for “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H. Res. 286 which would direct certain officials of the Trump Administration to provide information to the House of Representatives that will enable the House to meet its constitutional responsibility to conduct oversight of the Trump Administration by investigating potential conflicts of interests of President Donald J. Trump.” A vote yes was a vote against the Democrats’ resolution. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 230-193. [HRes 280, Vote #229, 4/27/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, 4/27/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill To Require Any Candidate Of A Major Political Party To Release Three Years Of Federal Income Tax Returns. In April 2017, Poliquin voted for the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require any candidate of a major political party for the office of the President to submit their Federal income tax returns for the three most recent years.” The previous question passed 231-191. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [HR 305 (HRes 275), Vote #224, 4/26/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, 4/26/17]

Poliquin Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In April 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Foxx, R-N.C., motion to table (kill) the Jeffries, D-N.Y., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Jeffries resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump's tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 228-184. [Motion, Vote #219, 4/5/17; CQ Floor Votes, 4/5/17]

Poliquin Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for “Flores, R-Texas, motion to table (kill) the Lofgren, D-Calif., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Lofgren resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump's tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 228-190. [Motion, Vote #201, 3/28/17; CQ Floor Votes, 3/28/17]

Republicans Blocked Procedural Effort To Obtain Trump’s Tax Returns From The IRS. “House Republicans on Tuesday blocked more attempts by Democrats to obtain President Donald Trump's tax returns from the IRS. House Democrats tried for a third and a fourth time to use procedural votes to pry loose Trump's returns. Republicans blocked both efforts, one on the House floor and the other in the House Ways and Means Committee. The House voted 228-190 on a mostly party-line vote to block the Democrats’ effort. The Ways and Means Committee voted 24-16 to oppose the effort.” [Associated Press, 3/28/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Requiring Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for the “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 230).” A vote in favor is a vote against requiring Trump to release his tax returns. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 232-184. [H Res 230, Vote #199, 3/28/17; CQ, 3/28/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Vote Appealing A Ruling That Forcing Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns Is Not A House Privilege. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for the “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to table (kill) the Polis, D-Colo., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Polis resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 230-189. [Motion, Vote #182, 3/22/17; CQ, 3/22/17]

Poliquin Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for “McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Crowley, D-N.Y., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Crowley resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 223-183. [Motion, Vote #161, 3/15/17; CQ Floor Votes, 3/15/17]

Motion Would Have Forced House To Vote On A Resolution To Request Ten Years Of President Trump’s Tax Returns. “Crowley's measure is similar to resolutions Democratic Reps. Bill Pascrell Jr. (N.J.) and Anna Eshoo (Calif.) offered on the House floor in recent weeks. It includes additional language that says the American public need to know more about Trump's business interests in order to ‘ensure that all policies put forward by the Trump Administration solely benefit the American public and not his corporate business partners.’ As was the case in past weeks, Crowley tried to offer the resolution as ‘privileged,’ meaning the House would have to act on it within two legislative days. But Rep. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho), who was presiding over the House, ruled that the measure was not privileged, and the vast majority of Republicans voted to table Crowley’s appeal of that ruling, 223-183.” [The Hill, 3/15/17]

Poliquin Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for “McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Eshoo, D-Calif., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Eshoo resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 227-186. [Motion, Vote #128, 3/7/17; CQ Floor Votes, 3/7/17]

Motion Would Have Forced House To Vote On A Resolution To Request Ten Years Of President Trump’s Tax Returns. “House Democrats on Tuesday furthered their push to force Republicans to take tough votes on President Trump, offering a resolution on the House floor to request Trump’s tax returns for the second time in a little over a week. The resolution was blocked on a procedural vote of 227-186. […] Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-Calif.) offered a resolution on Tuesday instructing the House to request 10 years of Trump’s
Poliquin Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment Prohibiting The President From Making Public Communications About Or Advocating For His Business Interests. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Jayapal, D-Wash., motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit the president from making public communications that refer to a business in which the president has an equity interest and would prohibit the president from publically advocating on behalf of such business interests.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 189-232. [HR 1004, Vote #125, 3/2/17; CQ, 3/2/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Recommitting The SCRUBS Act With An Amendment Exempting Rules Related To Conflict Of Interest And Bribery. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Raskin, D-Md., motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill’s provisions rules related to laws governing potential conflicts of interest and financial disclosures for executive branch employees, and would exempt rules related to bribery.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-235. [HR 998, Vote #113, 3/1/17; CQ, 3/1/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Rules Related To Whistleblower Protections From The SCRUB Act. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Cummings, D-Md., amendment that would exempt from the bill’s provisions rules related to whistleblower protections and rules related to penalties for retaliation against whistleblowers.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 194-231. [HR 998, Vote #112, 3/1/17; CQ, 3/1/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill To Require Any Candidate Of A Major Political Party To Release Three Years Of Federal Income Tax Returns. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require any candidate of a major political party for the office of the President to submit their Federal income tax returns for the three most recent years.” The previous question passed 224-191. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 150, Vote #103, 2/28/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, 2/28/17]

Poliquin Voted For Killing A Motion To Require President Trump To Disclose His Tax Returns. In February 2017, Poliquin voted for “McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Pascrell, D-N.J., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Pascrell resolution related to the disclosure of President Trump’s tax returns does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 229-185. [Motion, Vote #101, 2/27/17; CQ Floor Votes, 2/27/17]

Motion Would Have Forced House To Vote On A Resolution To Request Ten Years Of President Trump’s Tax Returns. “A House Democratic lawmaker attempted Monday to force a House floor vote on a resolution to request President Trump’s tax returns, but the effort failed on a party line vote, 229-185, with two Republicans voting ‘present.’ The move was the latest in a series of Democratic efforts to push Congress to request Trump’s tax returns, and Democrats demanded a roll call vote to force Republicans to go on the record. […] Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-N.J.) offered a resolution that would have directed the House to request 10 years of Trump’s tax returns, have the House Ways and Means Committee review them in a closed session and then vote to send the information in the returns to the full House.” [The Hill, 2/27/17]

Democrats Offered Resolution To “Instruct The House To Request Trump’s Tax Returns From The Last Decade So That The House Ways And Means Committee… Can Review Them In A Closed Session.” “Democrats have offered similar resolution three other times in the last four weeks, which all resulted in procedural votes. The resolutions would instruct the House to request Trump’s tax returns from the last decade so that the House Ways and Means Committee, which has oversight of the Internal Revenue Service, could review them in a closed session. The chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Senate
Finance Committee and Joint Committee on Taxation have the power to request individual tax return information from the Treasury Department.” [The Hill, 3/20/17]

After Republican Presiding Officers Ruled Measure Did Not Qualify As “Privileged” Action Under House Rules, Democrats Forced Roll Call Vote To Appeal Ruling. “Three other Democrats in recent weeks offered similar resolutions as “privileged,” which would require the House to act within two legislative days. The presiding officer in the House at those times ruled that the measure didn’t qualify as “privileged” by affecting the chamber’s dignity and integrity. Democrats demanded roll call votes to appeal those rulings.” [The Hill, 3/20/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Presidential Tax Transparency Act. In January 2017, Poliquin voted for the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 305, the Presidential Tax Transparency Act.” The previous question passed 233-187. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 55, Vote #62, 1/24/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, 1/24/17]

Poliquin Voted For A Motion To Table A Resolution Condemning Representative Paul Gosar For Certain Actions Regarding Attendance At The State Of The Union Address. In February 2018, Poliquin voted for a “motion to table (kill) a resolution related to comments made by Rep. Gosar, R-Ariz., on Jan. 30, 2018, and their compliance with the Code of Official Conduct for the House.” The motion was adopted, 231-187. [H.Res.726, Vote #53, 2/6/18; CQ, 2/6/18]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Address The Financial Conflicts Of Interest Of The President. In January 2017, Poliquin voted for the “Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 371, to address financial conflicts of interest of the President and Vice President.” The previous question passed 232-168. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 40, Vote #32, 1/11/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, 1/11/17]

FEMA & Disaster Relief

Poliquin Voted For Extending The National Flood Insurance Program Through May 31, 2019. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for “MacArthur, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend the authorization and authorities under the National Flood Insurance Program through May 31, 2019. The program is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and offers federally-backed flood insurance to individuals and entities in communities that adopt certain flood plain management standards.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 315 – 48. [S. 3628, Vote #500, 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, 12/21/18]

Poliquin Voted For Correcting The Enrollment Of The National Flood Insurance Program Extension Act In The Senate Bill. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for “MacArthur, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H Con Res 148), that would make a correction in the enrollment of the National Flood Insurance Program Extension Act.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 344 - 25. [H. Con. Res. 148, Vote #499, 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, 12/21/18]

Poliquin Voted For Extending The Authorization Of The National Flood Insurance Program Through May 31, 2019 And Stating That FEMA May Not Restrict Organizations From Selling Private Flood Insurance. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for “Walker, R-N.C., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend the authorization and authorities under the National Flood Insurance Program through through May 31, 2019. The program is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and offers federally-backed flood insurance to individuals and entities in communities that adopt certain flood plain management standards. It would also state that FEMA may not restrict organizations from selling private flood insurance as a condition of participating in program activities.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 148 – 226. [H. R. 7388, Vote #497, 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, 12/21/18]
Poliquin Voted For Phasing Out A Biodiesel Tax Credit And Providing Temporary Tax Relief For Victims Of Hurricanes And Wildfires. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1180) that would provide consideration of the House amendment to the Senate amendment to a bill (HR 88) that is the expected legislative vehicle for a package of tax-related bills. HR 88 would extend and gradually phase out through 2024 a biodiesel tax credit, make permanent a railroad track maintenance credit at a reduced rate, and provide temporary tax relief for victims of hurricanes and wildfires. The rule would also provide for floor proceedings during the period between Dec. 24, 2018 and Jan. 3, 2019.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 207-170. [HR 88, Vote #446, 12/20/18; CQ, 12/20/18]

Poliquin Voted For Extending The Authorization Of The National Flood Insurance Program. In November 2018, Poliquin voted for “Hensarling, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend the authorization and authorities under the National Flood Insurance Program for one week, through Dec. 7, 2018. The program is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and offers federally-backed flood insurance to individuals and entities in communities that adopt certain flood plain management standards.” The motion was agreed to 350-46. [HR 7187, Vote #424, 11/29/18; CQ, 11/29/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Blocking An Amendment To Require Direct Federal Assistance Cover 100 Percent Of Eligible Costs In Any State Or Territory Impacted By 2017 Extreme Weather Events. In April 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Velazquez, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require that direct federal assistance cover 100 percent of eligible costs in any state or U.S. territory impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, or the wildfires in California.” The motion was rejected 182 to 223. [HR 4, Vote #164, 4/27/18; CQ, 4/27/18]

Poliquin Voted For $81 Billion In Supplemental Disaster Appropriations. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would make further supplemental appropriations for fiscal 2018 for disaster assistance for Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria and wildfires that occurred in calendar year 2017. The bill would authorize $81 billion in aid for ongoing response and recovery from 2017 hurricanes and wildfires, and would authorize Puerto Rico to use surplus toll credits to cover the local share of federal highway emergency relief. The bill would remove a cap on federal highway assistance to U.S. territories for fiscal 2018 and 2019.” The bill passed 251 to 169. [HR 4667, Vote #709, 12/21/17; CQ, 12/21/17]

Poliquin Voted For Reauthorizing The National Flood Insurance Program Without Risk-Reduction Programs Or Flood-Risk Mapping. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program through fiscal 2022 and would make modifications to the program, including: raise annual surcharges and reserve fund assessments on federal flood insurance policyholders, raise rates on properties that incur multiple losses, establish an annual deductible for severe and extreme repetitive loss properties and end the requirement that flood insurance be purchased for commercial and multifamily properties located in flood risk zones. It would also require that flood insurance provided by private sector carriers be accepted by Federal Emergency Management Agency and considered as meeting the National Flood Insurance Program’s mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements, and would allow private insurers and any other interested party to review FEMA information regarding its assessments of flood risk.” The bill passed 237-189. [HR 2874, Vote #630, 11/14/17; CQ, 11/14/17]

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“Unfortunately, this bill falls short of significant improvements needed to bolster risk reduction and flood-risk mapping efforts under the National Flood Insurance Program,’ Murdock said. ‘The program has failed to achieve its intended goal of lessening our nation’s flood risk. Congress needs to place more emphasis on reforms that mitigate risk and promote using the best-available science and technology in mapping processes. It is particularly important that reforms enable the restoration of functioning floodplains and disincentivize development in areas of high flood risk.” [Nature Conservancy, 11/15/17]
Poliquin Voted Against Requiring FEMA To Certify That Claims From Hurricane Sandy Were Resolved Before The National Flood Insurance Program Is Reauthorized. In November 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Pascrell, D-N.J., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prevent the bill's provisions from taking effect unless the Federal Emergency Management Agency certifies the resolution of all claims for losses resulting from Hurricane Sandy of 2012 that were covered under the National Flood Insurance Program.” The motion was rejected 236-190. [HR 2874, Vote #629, 11/14/17; CQ, 11/14/17]

Poliquin Voted For Considering The National Defense Authorization Act Of 2018 And Reauthorizing The National Flood Insurance Program. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 616) that would provide for House floor consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (HR 2810) that would authorize $692.1 billion for defense programs in fiscal 2018. It would also provide for consideration of the bill (HR 2874) that would reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program through fiscal 2022 and would modify several aspects of the program. The rule would require the House clerk to not transmit to the Senate a message that the House has adopted the conference report to accompany the Fiscal 2018 Defense Authorization (HR 2810) until the House receives a message from the Senate that the Senate has passed a bill (HR 4374), without amendment, that would authorize the Food and Drug Administration to expedite consideration of certain medical products at the Pentagon's request.” The rule was adopted 233-187. [HRes 616, Vote #627, 11/14/17; CQ, 11/14/17]

Poliquin Voted For The Resilient Federal Forests Act Of 2017, Allowing President To Declare Wildfire Disasters And Fund FEMA Relief As Well As Expedite Timber Salvage After Fires. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would allow for a presidential declaration of a major disaster with regard to wildfires, which would allow for the release of funding from Federal Emergency Management Agency's Disaster Relief Fund to fight major wildfires, and would modify the disaster cap under the Budget Control Act to account for expected wildfire funding needs. It would also exempt various forest management activities from filing environmental impact statements and would provide for expedited timber salvage operations and reforestation activities after catastrophic events. It would prohibit any court from issuing restraining orders or injunctions against salvage operations or reforestation activities undertaken in response to a large-scale catastrophic event.” The bill passed 257-166. [HR 2936, Vote #598, 11/1/17; CQ, 11/1/17]

National Parks Conservation Association: The Resilient Federal Forests Act Was “Extreme And… Puts Our Forests, Communities And Wildlife At Risk.” “NPCA, along with partners, submitted the following position to the House of Representatives ahead of an expected floor vote the week of October 30, 2017. On behalf of our millions of our members and supporters, we urge you to OPPOSE the Resilient Federal Forest Act of 2017 (H.R. 2936). This bill is extreme and unfortunately, instead of protecting and restoring our public forests, H.R. 2936 puts our forests, communities and wildlife at risk.” [NCPA, 10/31/17]

NCPA: Wildfire Suppression Funding In The RFFA Was “Completely Inadequate, Leaving Unaddressed The Largest Part Of The Problem: The Growing Impact Of Wildfire Suppression On The Forest Service’s Annual Budget.” “The provisions offered in response to the wildfire funding crisis, even in this most recent version of the bill, are completely inadequate, leaving unaddressed the largest part of the problem: the growing impact of wildfire suppression on the Forest Service’s annual budget.” [NCPA, 10/31/17]

Poliquin Voted For The Resilient Federal Forests Act Of 2017. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 595) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2936) that would allow for a presidential declaration of a major disaster with regard to wildfires, which would allow for the release of funding from Federal Emergency Management Agency's Disaster Relief Fund to fight major wildfires, and would modify the disaster cap under the Budget Control Act to account for expected wildfire funding needs. It would also include various categorical exclusions from certain environmental reviews.” The resolution was adopted 232-184. [HRes 595, Vote #593, 11/1/17; CQ, 11/1/17]

Poliquin Voted For Making $36.5 Billion In Emergency Supplemental Funding For Fiscal 2018 To Partially Cover Costs Of Natural Disasters. In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., motion to
suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H Res 569) that would provide that upon agreeing to the resolution, the House will have been considered to have concurred in the Senate amendment to the bill (HR 2266) with a House amendment that would make available $36.5 billion in emergency supplemental funding for fiscal 2018 to partially cover the costs of responding to multiple natural disasters, including hurricanes and wildfires. The measure would include $18.7 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Disaster Relief Fund - $4.9 billion of which would be used for disaster relief loans to Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. It would also cancel $16 billion of the Treasury debt incurred by FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program, would release $1.2 billion in contingency reserves from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for use in Puerto Rico would provide $577 million in funding to fight wildfires.” The motion was agreed to 353-69. [HR 569, Vote #566, 10/12/17; CQ, 10/12/17]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Exempt The National Interagency Fire Center From Any Provisions Of The Underlying Bill That Would Prevent Them From Having The Water Supply They Need To Fight Wildfires. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Carbajal, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Natural Resources Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt the National Interagency Fire Center from any of the bill's provisions that would impair the center's ability to ensure that there is an adequate supply of water to fight wildfires.” The motion was rejected, 230-189. [HR 23, Vote #351, 7/12/17; CQ, 7/12/17]

Poliquin Voted For A Six Month Extension Of FAA Taxes Tied To Hurricane Relief And Flood Insurance Programs. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would extend through March 31, 2018, various expiring authorities, programs and activities for the Federal Aviation Administration. The measure would also extend multiple health care programs and would establish the basis for the development of a private flood insurance market. It would modify tax provisions for individuals living in areas impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, and would allow the federal government to reimburse the governments of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands for any disaster tax relief that those islands provide their citizens.” The bill passed by a vote of 264-155. [HR 3823, Vote #542, 9/28/17; CQ, 9/28/17]

The House Passed A Six-Month Extension To Fund The FAA – That Also Included Hurricane Relief Provisions That Were Later Stripped By The Senate – While Postponing Debate Over More Contentious FAA Reforms. “Congress approved a six-month extension Thursday of Federal Aviation Administration taxes to give lawmakers more time to debate contentious, long-term airline policies. The House voted 264-155 to extend taxes through March 31. The time will allow more debate on contentious FAA measures dealing with air-traffic control and pilot training in legislation expected to last four or more years. The Senate made a change before approving the legislation by unanimous consent, which removed a provision dealing with flood insurance from the legislation. The House then agreed by unanimous consent to accept the change. Approval of the legislation was crucial before Saturday for the FAA because the government would have been unable to collect about $40 million per day in aviation taxes. Airport construction projects that depend on federal grants would have halted and thousands of FAA workers would have been laid off.” [USA Today, 9/28/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Requiring The Government Pay The U.S. Virgin Islands And Puerto Rico Amounts Equal To 400 Percent Of The Loss In Revenues From Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, And Maria. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Nadler, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require the secretary of the Treasury to pay to the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico amounts equal to 400 percent of the loss in revenues from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria for the repair of infrastructure and the payment of health care costs on the islands. It would also modify corporate taxes and charitable contribution limitations in relation to disaster relief.” The motion failed by a vote of 188-277. [HR 3823, Vote #541, 9/28/17; CQ, 9/28/17]

Poliquin Voted For Consideration OfExtending Expiring FAA Authorities, Establishing Development Of A Private Flood Insurance Market, And Modifying Tax Provisions For People Impacted By Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, And Maria. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 538) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3823) that would extend through March 31, 2018, various
expiring authorities, programs and activities for the Federal Aviation Administration. The measure would also extend multiple health care programs, would establish the basis for the development of a private flood insurance market, and would modify tax provisions for individuals living in areas impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. The rule would also provide for motions to suspend the rules on the legislative day of September 28, 2017.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 223-190. [H RES 538, Vote #539, 9/27/17; CQ, 9/27/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Passing FAA Authorities Tied To Private Flood Insurance Authorization And Hurricane Relief.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Curbelo, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend through March 31, 2018, various expiring authorities, programs and activities for the Federal Aviation Administration. It would also extend multiple health care programs, would establish the basis for the development of a private flood insurance market, and would modify tax provisions for individuals living in areas impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 245-171. [H R 3823, Vote #530, 9/25/17; CQ, 9/25/17]

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**Poliquin Voted For The Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted for “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would expand the types of transactions covered by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the U.S. to include critical infrastructure projects and land deals near sensitive government properties and facilities. The bill would authorize the Commerce Department to request disclosures of data about foreign persons or companies with a stake in companies that partner with U.S. firms in overseas joint ventures that apply for export licenses to allow for the transfer of sensitive technology. The bill would also authorize $20 million annually for fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2023 for operations of the committee.” The motion was agreed to, 400-2. [H.R. 5841, Vote #295, 6/26/18; CQ, 6/26/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Establishing Penalties For “Unauthorized Disclosure Of Proprietary Information” Related To A Financial Institution By A Federal Banking Regulator Employee.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Hill, R-Ark., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would establish criminal penalties for the unauthorized disclosure of proprietary information related to a financial institution by an employee of a federal banking regulator.” The motion was agreed to, 392-2. [HR 4294, Vote #293, 6/26/18; CQ, 6/26/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Providing “Legal Protection For A Bank” That Keeps A Customers Account Open At The “Written Request” Of A Law Enforcement Agency.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Hill, R-Ark., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would provide legal protection for a bank or financial institution that keeps open a customer account at the written request of a local, state or federal law enforcement agency.” The motion was agreed to, 379-4. [HR 5783, Vote #290, 6/25/18; CQ, 6/25/18]

**Poliquin Voted For A Bill That Would Apply The More Stringent Bank Regulation Provisions Of The 2010 Financial Overhaul To Banks With $250 Billion In Assets.** In May 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would apply the more stringent bank regulation provisions of the 2010 financial overhaul to banks with $250 billion in assets, instead of those with at least $50 billion in assets. It would also allow banks with less than $10 billion in assets to trade with depositors' money. The bill would lift the threshold for disclosure requirements to $10 million for employee-owned securities and would allow venture capital funds to have up to 250 investors and be exempt from certain registering requirements. It would provide consumers with the right to request a ‘security freeze’ on their credit reports, which would prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information from the consumer’s credit report without express authorization. It would define a ‘qualified mortgage’ as any residential mortgage loan held by a bank, removing the requirement that for a ‘qualified mortgage,’ a bank must determine that a mortgage recipient has the ability to repay.” The bill was passed (thus cleared for the president) by a vote of 258-159. [S. 2155, Vote #216, 5/22/18; CQ, 5/22/18]

**Critics Said The Bill Created Loopholes That Larger Banks Would Exploit.** “Rothfus made his claim after voting in favor of the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act, S. 2155, which supporters said will lessen the Dodd-Frank burden on community banking institutions — defined as those with
less than $10 billion in assets — and which critics argue creates wiggle room and loopholes that larger banks will exploit. The rollback was signed into law by President Donald Trump on May 24.” [PolitiFact, 5/31/18]

**The Bill Contained Policies Which Would Roll Back Or Eliminate Key Parts From The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform And Consumer Protection Act.** “Late last year the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act, which was sponsored by Banking Committee Chairman Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, with nearly 20 co-sponsors on both sides of the aisle, was introduced in the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs […] The bill contains policies which would roll back or eliminate key parts from the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.” [Housing Wire, 3/6/18]

**Poliquin Voted For A Joint Resolution Nullifying The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau To Protect Borrowers From Discrimination In Auto Lending.** In Poliquin voted for “Passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau rule that provides guidance to third parties that offer indirect financing for automobile loans. The rule states that such third party lenders are treated as creditors under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act and the lenders may not mark up the rate of an indirect loan in relation to a borrower's race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, age or receipt of income from any public assistance program.” The vote passed 234-175. [S.J. Res. 57, Vote #171, 5/8/18; CQ Floor Votes, 5/8/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Granting The Federal Reserve Sole Rulemaking Authority Over The Volcker Rule.** In April 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would grant the Federal Reserve sole rulemaking authority with respect to Section 619 of the 2010 financial regulatory overhaul, the so-called "Volcker Rule." The rule restricts financial institutions that are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation from using their own funds for proprietary trading. The bill would also exempt community banks from the rule, provided that the banks have less than $10 billion in total consolidated assets and have trading and liability assets totaling less than five percent of total consolidated assets.” The bill passed by a vote of 300-104. [HR 4790, Vote #139, 4/13/18; CQ, 4/13/18]

**Bill Streamlined Rule Restricting Speculative Transactions By Investors, Which Was Being Enforced By Five Separate Regulators.** “The bill, which was approved by a vote of 300-104, would streamline the rule which is currently enforced by five separate regulators. The degree of bipartisan support for the measure suggests House lawmakers may try to include it in a broader bill easing bank rules that has already passed the Senate. [...] The Volcker rule, finalized three years after the Dodd-Frank financial reform law passed in the wake of the 2007-2009 financial crisis, restricts U.S. banks from making certain kinds of speculative transactions on their own account and from investing in hedge funds.” [Reuters, 4/13/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Reducing The Frequency Of The Federal Reserve’s Stress Testing Of Financial Institutions.** In April 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would reduce certain conditions and the frequency of the Federal Reserve's stress testing of financial institutions. It would also prohibit the Fed from objecting to a company's capital plan on the basis of qualitative deficiencies in the company's capital planning process when conducting a Comprehensive Capital Analysis and Review test.” The bill passed 245-174. [H R 4293, Vote #137, 4/11/18; CQ, 4/11/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Requiring The Financial Stability Oversight Council To Meet With Financial Institutions Under Their Review.** In April 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would change the process that the Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC) would use to designate a nonbank financial institution as systemically important. It would require the FSOC to consider if other means of regulation would be sufficient before making its designation, and would require that the council be available to meet with the financial institution under review throughout the process.” The bill passed 297-121. [H R 4061, Vote #135, 4/11/18; CQ, 4/11/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Requiring Stringent Federal Reserve Oversight Of Banks With Histories Of Unsafe Banking Practices.** In April 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Waters, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with
an amendment that would require global systematically important banks that have engaged in a pattern of unsafe banking practices to adhere to more stringent and frequent oversight by the Federal Reserve.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 188-231. [H R 4293, Vote #136, 4/11/18; CQ, 4/11/18]

Poliquin Voted For The Alleviating Stress Test Burdens To Help Investors Act, Which Would Exempt Nonbank Financial Institutions That Have Been Designated As Systemically Important From Requirements That They Conduct Annual Financial Stress Tests. In March 2018, Poliquin voted for passage of the bill that would exempt nonbank financial institutions that have not been designated as systemically important from requirements that they conduct annual financial stress tests. It would also allow the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to issue regulations for financial companies that have assets totaling more than $10 billion. The bill passed, 395 to 19. [H.R. 4566, Vote #119, 3/20/18; CQ, 3/20/18]

Poliquin Voted For Creating An Office Of Independent Examination Review Within The Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council. In March 2018, Poliquin voted for: “ Passage of the bill that would create an Office of Independent Examination Review within the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, which would hear appeals by financial institutions regarding reports by banking regulatory agencies. The bill would prohibit federal banking regulators from retaliating against a financial institution for exercising its appellate rights. It would also include nondepository institutions subject to supervision by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau under the law's definition of financial institutions, and would require the CFPB to establish its own independent intra-agency appellate process to consider appeals of its actions.” The bill passed by a vote of 283-133. [HR 4545, Vote #112, 3/15/18; CQ, 3/15/18]


Poliquin Voted Against Limiting The Appeals Process In The Bill To Banks And Credit Unions With Less Than $10 Billion In Assets. In March 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Waters, D-Calif., amendment that would limit the appeals process specified in the bill such that it would only apply to banks and credit unions with less than $10 billion in assets.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 184-233. [HR 4545, Vote #111, 3/15/18; CQ, 3/15/18]

Poliquin Voted For Increasing The Maximum Amount Of Securities A Company Could Offer Before Registering With The SEC Or State Regulatory Agencies. In March 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would immediately increase, from $50 million to $75 million, the maximum amount of securities certain companies could offer in a 12-month period without full Securities and Exchange Commission registration or without having to meet state registration and qualification requirements. The bill would also require that the maximum threshold be adjusted for inflation every two years, rounded to the nearest $10,000.” The bill passed by a vote of 246-170. [HR 4263, Vote #110, 3/15/18; CQ, 3/15/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Eliminating The Increase In The Maximum Amount Of Securities A Company Could Offer Before Registering With The SEC Or State Regulatory Agencies. In March 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Beatty D-Ohio motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would eliminate the increase in the maximum amount of securities that a company that could offer in a 12-month period without registering with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The amendment would also require the SEC to review and revise regulations.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 182-235. [HR 4263, Vote #109, 3/15/18; CQ, 3/15/18]

Poliquin Voted For The TAILOR Act, Which Required Financial Regulators To Consider Business Models Of Financial Institutions When Writing Rules. In March 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require federal financial regulators to tailor their rules and regulations on covered institutions in a manner
that would take into account the risk profile and business models of the different types and classes of financial institutions. It would also require a review of all regulations adopted during the seven years prior to the introduction date of this bill and would revise as appropriate any that do not meet the bill's requirements.” The bill passed by a vote of 247-169. [HR 1116, Vote #108, 3/14/18; CQ, 3/14/18]

Americans For Financial Reform Opposed Bill, Stating It “Would Force Regulators To Prioritize The Costs Of Regulations To Financial Institutions Over The Offseting Benefits To Consumers And The General Public.” “On behalf of Americans for Financial Reform, we are writing to urge you to vote in opposition to H.R. 1116, which is being considered on the House floor this week. This unnecessary and dangerous legislation would significantly reduce the capacity of Federal financial regulatory agencies, including the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, to effectively protect consumers and financial stability. [...] This sweeping mandate would force regulators to prioritize the costs of regulations to financial institutions over the offsetting benefits to consumers and the general public. The mandate implies that regulators would be unable to act to protect the public if such action led to any significant costs to Wall Street banks.” [Americans for Financial Reform, 3/12/18]

Poliquin Voted For The Comprehensive Regulatory Review Act To Require Federal Agencies To More Frequently Review The Impact Of Financial Regulations. In March 2018, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would modify the cycle for federal financial regulators to review rules under the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996 from once every 10 years to once every seven years. It would require agencies conducting such reviews to seek to tailor existing regulations to limit regulatory compliance impacts, costs, liability risks and other burdens, and would expand the agencies' scope of rules under review to include those that impose requirements on individuals or companies that offer consumer financial products or services.” The bill passed, 264-143. [HR 4607, Vote #95, 3/6/18; CQ, 3/6/18]

Under The Legislation, Agencies Would Be Required To Reduce The Cost Of Compliance For Regulated Entities. “The legislation amends the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act to require the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council and each federal financial agency to conduct a regulatory review every seven years. The 1996 law only requires financial agencies to conduct regulatory reviews every 10 years and exempts agencies such as the independent Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and National Credit Union Administration from the required reviews. Under the new legislation, agencies would be required to tailor regulations in an effort to reduce burdens on covered entities, including the cost of regulatory compliance and liability risk.” [The Hill, 3/6/18]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill To Ease Operational Risk Capital Requirements Imposed On Certain Financial Institutions. In February 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require federal banking regulators to base operational risk capital requirements imposed on certain financial institutions on the bank's current activities and businesses, as opposed to past experiences and losses. It would also allow for regulators to adjust capital risk requirements based on other operational risk mitigation factors.” The bill passed by a vote of 245-169. [HR 4296, Vote #89, 2/27/18; CQ, 2/27/18]

Americans For Financial Reform Opposed The Bill, Calling It “A Transparent Attempt To Pressure Regulators To Reduce Capital Protections At The Nation’s Largest Banks.” “On behalf of Americans for Financial Reform, we are writing to urge you to vote in opposition to H.R. 4296, which is being considered on the House floor today. This bill is a transparent effort to boost big bank profits by pressuring regulators to weaken public protections. If it were passed, major Wall Street banks could increase their borrowing and reduce the private capital they hold to protect the financial system and the public against the effects of a megabank failure. [...] H.R. 4296 is a transparent attempt to pressure regulators to reduce capital protections at the nation’s largest banks, and it should be rejected.” [Americans for Financial Reform, 2/27/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Requiring Systemically Banks That Had Previously Engaged In Unsafe Banking Practices To Continue To Be Subjected To Requirements. In February 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Waters, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back
immediately with an amendment that would exempt any global systemically important bank holding company or any subsidiary that has ‘engaged in a pattern or practice of unsafe or unsound banking practices’ from the bill’s provisions.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 185-228. [HR 4296, Vote #88, 2/27/18; CQ, 2/27/18]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Lenders From Increasing The Maximum Rate Of Interest After The Loan Is Sold Or Reassigned. In February 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would amend the Home Owners’ Loan Act, the Federal Credit Union Act, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to codify the ‘valid-when-made’ doctrine, which requires that the rate of interest of certain loans remain unchanged after sale, assignment or transfer of the loans.” The bill passed by a vote of 245-171. [HR 3299, Vote #78, 2/14/18; CQ, 2/14/18]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill To Modify Financial Services Regulations, Including Exempting State Regulations When Securities Qualified For Trading In A Registered National Market System. In February 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would modify regulations related to financial services, including exempting from state regulations all securities that qualify for trading in any registered national market system, the listing standards of which have been approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission. It would also prohibit the SEC, unless it has issued a subpoena, from compelling a person to produce or furnish source code for automated trading to the agency, including algorithmic trading source code. It would exempt, for an additional five years, emerging growth companies from the requirement that an independent auditor attest to management’s assessment of the company’s internal controls over financial reporting. It would require the Financial Stability Oversight Council to consider the appropriateness of imposing heightened prudential standards as opposed to other forms of regulation to mitigate identified risks to the U.S. financial stability when determining whether to subject a U.S. or a foreign nonbank financial company to supervision by the Federal Reserve. In addition, the bill would modify the mortgage disclosure requirements that must be provided by a lender to borrowers by allowing the disclosure to include a discounted rate that a title insurance company may provide to borrowers if they were to simultaneously purchase both a lenders and owners title insurance policy.” The bill passed by a vote of 271-145. [HR 3978, Vote #77, 2/14/18; CQ, 2/14/18]

Americans For Financial Reform Opposed The Bill, Calling It A “Grab Bag Of Bad Legislative Ideas,” Including A Provision Limiting The SEC’s Ability To Investigate High Frequency Trading Strategies. “On behalf of Americans for Financial Reform, we are writing to urge you to vote in opposition to H.R. 3978, which is being considered on the House floor today. This legislation is a grab bag of bad legislative ideas that should never have advanced through the House Financial Services Committee. Especially notable given the recent wild swings in stock prices, Title II of this bill would sharply limit the ability of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to investigate high-frequency automated trading strategies that can disrupt markets. But that is hardly the only harmful bill in this package. There are several other provisions that would weaken consumer and investor protections. […] The sections of H.R. 3978 discussed above are, individually, bad bills for consumers and investors rights and protections. Packaging them together only worsens the harm. We urge you to reject H.R. 3978.” [Americans for Financial Reform, 2/13/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Amending A Financial Services Bill To Allow Executive Compensation To Be Clawed Back If A Company Was Not Compliant With Reporting Requirements. In February 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Capuano-D-Mass., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would extend the current policy requiring executive officer incentive-based compensation be clawed-back in a case where the issuer is required to prepare an accounting restatement due to noncompliance with any reporting requirements under securities laws.” The motion failed by a vote of 189-228. [HR 3978, Vote #76, 2/14/18; CQ, 2/14/18; Congressional Budget Office, 1/18/18]

Poliquin Voted For Passage Of A Bill To Increase The Minimum Asset Threshold At Which Banks Were Subject To Risk-Based Capital Requirements. In February 2018, Poliquin voted for passage of the Small Bank Holding Company Relief Act of 2012, a bill that “would require the Federal Reserve Board to increase, from $1 billion to $3 billion, the asset limit for banks and holding companies exempt from certain leverage and risk-based capital requirements and therefore allowed to have higher debt levels than larger institutions.” The bill was passed, 280-139. [H.R. 4771, Vote #66, 2/8/18; CQ, 2/8/18]
Poliquin Voted For A Bill That Created An Exception To Rules Meant To Reduce Risky, High-Cost Mortgages. In February 2018, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would exclude insurance paid at closing into escrow, as well as fees paid for related services to lender-affiliated companies, from the three percent cap on points and fees imposed on qualified mortgages by modifying the definition of ‘points and fees.’” According to the Center for Responsible Lending, “the Mortgage Choice Act would allow many more risky, high-cost loans to qualify as Qualified Mortgage (QM) loans by creating exceptions to the points and fees threshold.” The bill passed, 280-131. [H.R. 1153, Vote #64, 2/8/18; CQ, 2/8/18; Center for Responsible Lending, 11/13/17]

Poliquin Voted For Exempting Certain Banks From Reporting And Record-Keeping Requirements If They Issued Below A Certain Number Of Mortgages Or Lines Of Credit. In January 2018, Poliquin voted for formation on loans if a depository institution originated a limited number of closed-end mortgage loans or open-end lines of credit in each of the two preceding calendar years.” The bill passed 243-184. [H.R. 2954, Vote #32, 1/18/18; CQ, 1/18/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Requiring Mortgage Lenders To Attest That They Are In Compliance With Fair Lending Laws And That Employees Have Taken Anti-Discrimination Training. In January 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Ellison, D-Minn., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require a depository institution utilizing the bill's exemptions to annually attest that the institution is in compliance with all relevant federal fair lending laws and attest that its employees have completed anti-discrimination training.” The motion failed 191 to 236. [H.R. 2954, Vote #31, 1/18/18; CQ, 1/18/18]

Poliquin Voted For Considering Legislation To Exempt Some Depository Institutions From Certain Mortgage Records Disclosure Requirements And Authorize $3.29 Billion For The United States' Contribution To The World Bank's International Development Association. In January 2018, Poliquin voted for deposits at depository institutions from certain mortgage records disclosure requirements. It would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 3326) that would authorize $3.29 billion for the United States' contribution to the World Bank's International Development Association for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2020, but would, for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2023, withhold up to 30 percent of authorized funding to the bank until the Treasury secretary reports to Congress that the World Bank is undertaking certain changes.” The rule was adopted 228-188. [H Res 693, Vote #21, 1/17/18; CQ, 1/17/18]

Poliquin Voted For Requiring Proxy Financial Advisory Firms To Register With The SEC. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require proxy advisory firms to register with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The bill would require such firms to disclose potential conflicts of interest, disclose whether they have a code of ethics, and make publicly available their methodologies for formulating proxy recommendations and analyses” The bill passed 238 to 182. [HR 4015, Vote #702, 12/20/17; CQ, 12/20/17]

Poliquin Voted For Eliminating Enhanced Supervision For Banks With Assets Totaling More Than $50 Billion. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would modify the 2010 financial regulatory overhaul by eliminating the requirement for automatic enhanced supervision of bank holding companies with assets totaling more than $50 billion in value, and would require that the Federal Reserve make such designations for enhanced supervision based on factors including the bank's activities and relationships.” The bill passed 288 to 130. [HR 3312, Vote #694, 12/19/17; CQ, 12/19/17]

Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of Bills Loosening Enhanced Supervision Bank Regulations And Presenting The Tax Overhaul Conference Report. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 667) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3312) that would modify the enhanced supervision requirement for certain bank holding companies, and provide for consideration of the conference report to accompany the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (HR 1),” The rule was adopted 233 to 193. [H Res 667, Vote #689, 12/19/17; CQ, 12/19/17]
Poliquin Voted For Allowing Financial Institutions To Stop Sending Annual Privacy Notices To Their Consumers. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would exempt vehicle financial companies that have not changed their privacy policies, including companies that share or sell information on consumers to unaffiliated third parties, from the requirement that such companies provide annual written privacy notices to consumers. In order to qualify for the exemption, the company’s privacy notice must be available online, and the consumer must be notified of the availability of online privacy notices by other means.” The bill passed 275 to 146. [HR 2396, Vote #682, 12/14/17; CQ, 12/14/17]

Rep. Nydia Velazquez (D-NY): HR 2396 Was Too Broad, Especially Given The Lack Of Privacy Customers Had. “A bill opponent, Rep. Nydia Velazquez, D-N.Y., said the proposed exemption was far too broad given the power financial firms have to use their customers’ personal information.” [Concord Monitor, 12/17/17]

Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Requiring Proxy Financial Advisory Firms To Register With The SEC. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 657) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2396) that would exempt financial service companies from a requirement that they send customers annual written privacy notices, and would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 4015) that would require proxy financial advisory firms to register with the Securities and Exchange Commission.” The rule was adopted 240-184. [H Res 657, Vote #679, 12/13/17; CQ, 12/13/17]

Poliquin Voted For Allowing Certain Lenders To Forego Mortgage Escrow Requirements. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would exempt lenders with assets of $10 billion or less from the 2010 financial regulatory overhaul requirement that such lenders establish escrow accounts for the first five years of so-called "high-priced" mortgage loans, if the lenders hold the loan on its own balance sheet for three years after the loan is made, and it would exempt companies that service up to 20,000 mortgage loans from current loan servicing and escrow account administration requirements.” The bill passed 294 to 129. [HR 3971, Vote #675, 12/12/17; CQ, 12/12/17]

Maxine Waters: HR 3971 Could “Set The Stage” For Another Financial Crisis. “A bill opponent, Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., said dropping the regulations would ‘set the stage for a return of the harmful practices of the subprime meltdown and the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.’” [Concord Monitor, 12/17/17]

Poliquin Voted For Exempting Home Manufacturing Companies From Mortgage-Related Regulatory Requirements And Increasing Threshold For “High Cost Mortgages.” In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would change the definitions of ‘mortgage originator’ and ‘loan originator’ to exempt companies that manufacture homes and sell manufactured homes from various mortgage-related regulatory requirements. It would increase the maximum allowable rates and fees that may be applied to a manufactured home loan before the loan is classified as a high-cost mortgage.” The bill passed 256 to 163. [HR 1699, Vote #651, 12/1/17; CQ, 12/1/17]

Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of Bills Increasing The Federal New Hire Probationary Period And Loosening Mortgage-Related Regulations. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 635) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 4182) that would change the probationary period for certain federal employees in new or promoted positions and provide for consideration of the bill (HR 1699) that would modify federal regulations regarding high-cost mortgages as they apply to manufactured housing.” The rule was adopted 226 to 186. [H Res 635, Vote #645, 11/30/17; CQ, 11/30/17]

Poliquin Voted For Allowing Startups To Sell Stock In Private Transactions Outside SEC’s Jurisdiction. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require an issuer of securities to meet a specific set of criteria in order for the issuer's transactions to constitute a sale of ‘nonpublic’ securities that are exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission and from state regulation. It would require each purchaser to have a substantive pre-existing relationship with an officer or certain shareholders of the issuer, permit
no more than 35 purchasers under the exemption over the preceding 12 months, and would cap, at $500,000, the total aggregate amount of securities sold in the 12-month period preceding the transaction.” The bill passed 232-188. [HR 2201, Vote #622, 11/9/17; CQ, 11/9/17]

**Voterama In Congress: HR 2201 Would Allow Startups To Sell Stock In Private Transactions Outside SEC’s Jurisdiction.** “Deregulation of stock sales: The House on Nov. 9 voted, 232-188, to allow certain startups to sell relatively small sums of stock in private transactions free of Securities and Exchange Commission registration rules. Under the bill, firms would be exempt from registering securities if the aggregate amount of the private offering is less than $500,000 over 12 months and there are 35 or fewer purchasers, each of whom has a pre-existing relationship with the issuer. A yes vote was to pass HR 2201 over arguments it could lead to fraudulent offerings.” [Voterama in Congress via GoErie.com, 11/12/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Allowing Startups To Sell Stock In Private Transactions Outside SEC’s Jurisdiction.** In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 609) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2201) that would require an issuer of securities to meet a specific set of criteria in order for the issuer's transactions to constitute a sale of ‘nonpublic’ securities that are exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission and from state regulation.” The resolution was adopted 233-190. [HRes 609, Vote #617, 11/8/17; CQ, 11/8/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Passage Of The Joint Resolution Nullifying The Consumer Financial Protection Rule Prohibiting Mandatory Arbitration Clauses.** In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau rule that prohibits mandatory arbitration clauses in consumer contracts related to financial services and products.” The joint resolution passed by a vote of 231-190. [H J RES 111, Vote #412, 7/25/17; CQ, 7/25/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Moving Forward With Consideration Of A Joint Resolution Nullifying The Consumer Financial Protection Rule Prohibiting Mandatory Arbitration Clauses.** In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 468) that would provide for House floor consideration of the joint resolution (H J Res 111) that would nullify and disapprove of a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau rule that prohibits mandatory arbitration clauses in certain consumer contracts.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 233-188. [H RES 468, Vote #411, 7/25/17; CQ, 7/25/17]

**Poliquin Voted For The CHOICE Act To “Overhaul Financial Industry Regulations And Repeal Many Provisions Of The 2010 Dodd-Frank Law.”** In June 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would overhaul financial industry regulations and repeal many provisions of the 2010 Dodd-Frank law. It would convert the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into an executive agency funded by annual appropriations and would modify operations at the Federal Reserve and at the Securities and Exchange Commission. It would repeal the prohibition on banking entities engaging in proprietary trading and would modify regulations governing the amount of capital that banks are required to maintain. It would also nullify the Labor Department's April 2016 "fiduciary" rule regarding standards for individuals who provide retirement investment advice to act in the best interests of their clients.” The bill passed 233-186. [HR 10, Vote #299, 6/8/17; CQ Floor Votes, 6/8/17]

**HEADLINE: House passes Choice Act that would gut Dodd-Frank banking reforms** [CNBC, 6/8/17]

**New York Times: CHOICE Act “To Erase A Number Of Core Financial Regulations,” Including Limits On Risk Taking Enacted After The Financial Crash, And “Would Weaken The Powers Of The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.”** “The House approved legislation on Thursday to erase a number of core financial regulations put in place by the 2010 Dodd-Frank Act, as Republicans moved a step closer to delivering on their promises to eliminate rules that they claim have strangled small businesses and stagnated the economy. [...] The Choice Act would exempt some financial institutions that meet capital and liquidity requirements from many of Dodd-Frank’s restrictions that limit risk taking. It would also replace Dodd-Frank’s method of dealing with large and failing financial institutions, known as the orderly liquidation authority — which critics say reinforces the idea that some banks are too big to fail — with a new bankruptcy code
provision. In addition, the legislation would weaken the powers of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.” [New York Times, 6/8/17]

Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of A Bill That Would Repeal Many Provisions Of The Dodd-Frank Law. In June 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 375) that would overhaul financial industry regulations and repeal many provisions of the 2010 Dodd-Frank law. It would convert the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau into an executive agency, modify operations at the Federal Reserve and at the Securities and Exchange Commission, modify regulations governing the amount of capital that banks are required to maintain, and repeal the prohibition on banking entities engaging in proprietary trading.” The rule was adopted, 231-188. [H Res 375, Vote #291, 6/7/17; CQ, 6/7/17]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Roll Back Regulations For Mutual Holding Companies. In June 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Faso, R-N.Y., amendment that would modify federal regulations governing the valuation process for mutual holding companies in the event of a full conversion from mutual-form to stock-form of ownership.” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Faso said that the amendment “restores the dividend waiver process to what it was prior to Dodd-Frank” for mutual holding companies.” The amendment was adopted, 235-184. [HR 10, Vote #297, 6/8/17; CQ, 6/8/17; Congressional Record, 6/8/17]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Allow Pooled Investment Funds With A Fixed Number Of Shares To Benefit From A Streamlined Registration Process That Bigger Companies Use. In June 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Hollingsworth, R-Ind., amendment that would allow certain closed-end companies registered as investment companies to be considered ‘well-known seasoned issuers’ under federal regulations.” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Hollingsworth said, this amendment would allow “companies that meet certain criteria to have the same equivalence as bigger companies that also have access to capital markets by making them available to those fast lanes that allow them to issue shares.” The amendment was adopted, 231-180. [HR 10, Vote #296, 6/8/17; CQ, 6/8/17; Congressional Record, 6/8/17]

Poliquin Voted For Allowing Consideration Of A Bill That Would “Likely… Increase Industry Influence” Over The Copyright Office. In April 2017, Poliquin voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 275) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would modify the process for selecting and appointing the U.S. Copyright Office's Register of Copyrights and would limit a Register of Copyrights' term to 10 years.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 237-186. [HR 1695 (HRes 275), Vote #225, 2/26/17; CQ, 2/26/17]

   Electronic Frontier Foundation: HR 1695 Would “Effectively Strip The Librarian Of Congress Of Oversight Over The Register, And Is Likely To Increase Industry Influence Over An Already Highly Politicized Office.” “The U.S. House of Representatives today voted 378 to 48 to pass a controversial bill that would make the Register of Copyrights a presidential appointee. H.R. 1695, the Register of Copyrights Selection and Accountability Act of 2017, will effectively strip the Librarian of Congress of oversight over the Register, and is likely to increase industry influence over an already highly politicized office. The bill does nothing to improve the functioning of the Copyright Office, nor to fix any of the serious problems with copyright law, including its excessive and unpredictable penalties.” [EFF.org, 4/26/17]

Poliquin Voted For Allowing Consideration Of A Bill To Permit More Investors To Join In On A Venture Capital Fund. In April 2017, Poliquin voted for the “adoption of the rule (H Res 242) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would increase from 100 to 250 the number of accredited investors who can form a venture capital fund to invest in small businesses.” The amendment passed 240 to 181. [HR 242, Vote #218, 4/5/17; CQ, 4/5/17]

Poliquin Voted For Allowing Consideration Of A Bill To Permit More Securities To Be Used For Employee Compensation Without Disclosing Some Information To Investors. In April 2017, Poliquin voted for the “adoption of the rule (H Res 240) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to increase from $5 million to $10 million the annual amount of securities
that privately-held companies can sell for employee compensation without needing to disclose certain information to investors.” The amendment passed 238 to 177. [HR 240, Vote #214, 4/4/17; CQ, 4/4/17]

Poliquin Voted For Changing Federal Rules Governing Civil Lawsuits To Require Federal Courts To Impose Sanctions On Parties That File frivolous Lawsuits. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would change federal rules governing civil lawsuits to require federal courts to impose sanctions on parties that file frivolous civil lawsuits. The sanctions would need to include monetary payments to the other party to cover the other party's attorney fees and costs. The bill also would eliminate the so-called "safe harbor" clause by removing the ability of parties to withdraw or correct claims considered frivolous within 21 days of filing.” The bill passed by a vote of 230-188. [HR 720, Vote #158, 3/10/17; CQ, 3/10/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Recommitting The Lawsuit Reduction Act With Instructions To Exempt Any Civil Action Related To The Constitution’s Foreign Emoluments Clause. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Lofgren, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill’s provisions any civil action related to the foreign emoluments clause in the Constitution.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 186-232. [HR 720, Vote #157, 3/10/17; CQ, 3/10/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Actions Related To Federal Whistleblower Or Anti-Retaliation Laws From The Lawsuit Reduction Act. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Jeffries, D-N.Y., amendment that would exempt from the bill's provisions actions related to federal whistleblower or anti-retaliation laws.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 189-229. [HR 720, Vote #156, 3/10/17; CQ, 3/10/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Removing A Provision From The Lawsuit Reduction Act That Sanctions For Frivolous Lawsuits Cover The Other Party’s Legal Fees. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would remove the bill's provision that sanctions for frivolous lawsuits would need to include monetary payments to the other party to cover the other party's attorney fees and costs.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 185-225. [HR 720, Vote #154, 3/10/17; CQ, 3/10/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Retaining And Modifying The “Safe Harbor” Clause, Which Allows Parties To Withdraw Or Correct Claims Considered Frivolous Within Fourteen Days Of Filing. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Soto, D-Fla., that would retain and modify the so-called ‘safe harbor’ clause related to frivolous civil lawsuits by allowing parties to withdraw or correct claims considered frivolous within 14 days of filing.” The clause was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 181-225. [HR 720, Vote #153, 3/10/17; CQ, 3/10/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Recommitting HR 725, A Bill Seeking To Prevent Fraudulent Joinder, With An Amendment Exempting Civil Actions Related To Government Ethics. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Kuster, D-N.H., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill’s provisions civil actions related to government ethics.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 187-233. [HR 725, Vote #151, 3/9/17; CQ, 3/9/17]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Exempting Cases In Which The Plaintiff Seeks Compensation Related To The Bad Faith Of An Insurer From HR 725, A Bill Seeking To Prevent Fraudulent Joinder. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Cartwright, D-Pa., amendment that would exempt cases in which the plaintiff seeks compensation related to the bad faith of an insurer.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 187-229. [HR 725, Vote #150, 3/9/17; CQ, 3/9/17]

Poliquin Voted For Amending Title 28, United States Code, To Prevent Fraudulent Joinder. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would - for purposes of determining whether certain lawsuits are sent back from federal to state courts - establish a new standard for determining whether a defendant has been fraudulently joined to a case. Under the measure, federal courts would have to deny motions to remand a case back to state court if the court finds that there was fraud in the jurisdictional claim, the plaintiff's claim against that
defendant is not possible or plausible under state law, or the plaintiff did not make their claim in good faith.” The bill passed by a vote of 224-194. [HR 725, Vote #152, 3/9/17; CQ, 3/9/17]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Exempting Cases Which The Plaintiff Seeks Compensation For Public Health Risks From HR 725, A Bill Seeking To Prevent Fraudulent Joiner. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Soto, D-Fla., amendment that would exempt cases in which the plaintiff seeks compensation for public health risks, including byproducts from hydraulic fracturing or water contamination.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 189-233. [HR 725, Vote #149, 3/9/17; CQ, 3/9/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Recommitting The Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act Exempting Civil Actions Related To Protection Of Public Drinking Water. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Kildee, D-Mich., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill's provisions civil actions related to the protection of public drinking water supplies.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 188-234. [HR 985, Vote #147, 3/9/17; CQ, 3/9/17]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To The Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act Exempting Claimants Living In Public Housing From The Bill’s Provisions Related To Asbestos Trusts. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Espaillat, D-N.Y., amendment that would exempt claimants living in public housing from the bill's provisions related to asbestos trusts.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 193-228. [HR 985, Vote #146, 3/9/17; CQ, 3/9/17]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To The Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act Exempting Civil Rights Cases From The Bill’s Provisions. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Conyers, D-Mich., amendment that would exempt cases related to civil actions alleging violations of civil rights from the bill's provisions related to class actions.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 191-230. [HR 985, Vote #144, 3/9/17; CQ, 3/9/17]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To The Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act Exempting Civil Action Cases Alleging Fraud From The Bill’s Provisions. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Johnson, D-Ga., amendment that would exempt cases related to civil actions alleging fraud from the bill’s provisions related to class actions.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 190-230. [HR 985, Vote #143, 3/9/17; CQ, 3/9/17]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To The Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act Permitting Discovery Proceedings To Continue While Various Legal Motions Are Pending. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Soto, D-Fla., amendment that would permit discovery proceedings to continue while various legal motions are pending before a court.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 192-230. [HR 985, Vote #142, 3/9/17; CQ, 3/9/17]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To The Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act Removing The Bill’s Requirement That Attorneys’ Fee Awards To Be Based On Equitable Relief. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Deutch, D-Fla., amendment that would remove the bill's requirement that attorneys’ fee awards to be based on equitable relief.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 189-228. [HR 985, Vote #141, 3/9/17; CQ, 3/9/17]
Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To The Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act Ensuring That There Is No Conflict Of Interest Between The Counsel And Plaintiff. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Deutch, D-Fla., amendment that would remove the bill's prohibition on the use of class counsel if the named plaintiff is a present or former client or has a contractual relationship with the counsel.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 182-227. [HR 985, Vote #140, 3/9/17; CQ, 3/9/16]

Poliquin Voted For Allowing Consideration Of A Bill Requiring Federal Courts To Impose Sanctions On Parties That File Frivolous Lawsuits. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for “adoption of the rule that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 720) that would require federal courts to impose sanctions on parties that file frivolous civil lawsuits. The rule would also provide for consideration of the bill (HR 985) that would prohibit federal courts from certifying proposed classes of individuals for a class-action lawsuit unless each member of the class has suffered the same type and degree of injury. Additionally, the bill would require asbestos trusts to issue quarterly reports on claims made against the trusts and payouts made by the trusts for asbestos-related injuries.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 233-184. [HR 180, Vote #139, 3/9/17; CQ, 3/9/17]

Poliquin Voted For Passage Of HR 238, The Commodity End-User Relief Act, Reauthorizing Operations Of The Commodity Futures Trading Commission. In January 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would reauthorize operations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission through fiscal 2021 at $250 million annually. It would amend the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial regulatory overhaul to modify and clarify how the commission is to regulate derivatives and swaps. For example, it would modify certain requirements for end users of derivatives, such as farmers and utilities that use derivatives to hedge risk, to ensure they are not subject to the same requirements as entities whose main business derives from swaps. The measure would require the commission to conduct cost-benefit analyses of its proposed rules. As amended, it would exempt all inter-affiliate transactions from being regulated as swaps.” The bill passed by a vote of 239-182. [HR 238, Vote #54, 1/12/17; CQ, 1/12/17]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To HR 238, The Commodity End-User Relief Act, Removing Provisions That Designate How The Commodity Futures Trading Commission Is To Limit Excessive Speculation. In January 2017, Poliquin voted for the “Conaway, R-Texas, amendment that would remove provisions in existing law that specifically designate how the Commodity Futures Trading Commission is to limit excessive speculation.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 236-191. [HR 238, Vote #52, 1/12/17; CQ, 1/12/17]

Poliquin Voted For Passage Of HR 78, The SEC Regulatory Accountability Act. In January 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would require the Securities and Exchange Commission to conduct cost-benefit analyses of proposed regulations. It also would direct the commission to assess costs and benefits of alternatives, including the option of not regulating. It would require the SEC to, within two years of issuing rules with an annual cost more than $100 million, review whether these rules have met their goals. It also would require the SEC to periodically review existing rules and modify or repeal those found ineffective or excessively burdensome.” The bill passed by a vote of 243-184. [HR 78, Vote #51, 1/12/17; CQ, 1/12/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Requiring The SEC To Consider Whether Market Participants Would Have Incentive To Relocate Outside The U.S. In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Bustos, D-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would require the Securities and Exchange Commission, in determining the costs and benefits of proposed regulations, to consider whether market participants would have incentive to relocate outside the United States.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 195-232. [HR 78, Vote #50, 1/12/17; CQ, 1/12/17]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To HR 78, The SEC Regulatory Accountability Act, Requiring The SEC Chairman And Commissioners Undergo Ethics Training. In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Raskin, D-Md., amendment that would require the chairman and commissioners of the Securities and Exchange Commission undergo conduct and ethical standards training in relation to prior employment at financial institutions before the bill's requirements for cost-benefit analysis of new rules and review of existing rules could take effect.”
The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 196-231. [HR 78, Vote #49, 1/12/17; CQ, 1/12/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To HR 78, The SEC Regulatory Accountability Act, Requiring The SEC Chairman And His Or Her Family To Divest From Banks Regulated By The Commission.** In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “DeSaulnier, D-Calif., amendment that would require the chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the individual’s immediate family members divest securities in financial institutions regulated by the commission before the bill’s requirements for cost-benefit analysis of new rules and review of existing rules could take effect.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 194-233. [HR 78, Vote #48, 1/12/17; CQ, 1/12/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To HR 78, The SEC Regulatory Accountability Act, Exempting Regulations Issued To Maintain U.S. Financial Stability.** In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Green, D-Texas, amendment that would exempt regulations issued to maintain or support U.S. financial stability.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 191-232. [HR 78, Vote #47, 1/12/17; CQ, 1/12/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To HR 78, The SEC Regulatory Accountability Act, Requiring The SEC To Address Potential Conflicts Of Interest Related To Its Rulemaking.** In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Green, D-Texas, for Waters, D-Calif., amendment that would require the Securities and Exchange Commission, before issuing a regulation, to identify former employers of commissioners and senior staff that would receive any benefit from a proposed regulation. The commission would need to determine whether the proposal should be amended to remedy a conflict of interest. It also would set similar requirements regarding conflicts of interest related to employers of certain former commissioners and senior staff.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 192-233. [HR 78, Vote #46, 1/12/17; CQ, 1/12/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Passage Of HR 79, Which Amends The Securities Act of 1933 To Ensure That Start-Ups Do Not Inadvertently Violating SEC Regulations Governing General Solicitation Of Potential Investors.** In January 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise regulations to exempt presentations made at certain events where businesses offer unregistered securities in the private market from a requirement that companies verify that individuals attending are accredited investors. The exemption from the verification requirement would apply to presentations made at events sponsored by: government entities, colleges, nonprofit groups, angel investor groups, venture capital associations, trade associations or any additional group that the SEC determines by regulation. Specific information related to the offering of securities could not be distributed at such events, other than information such as the type and amount of securities offered.” The bill passed by a vote of 344-73. [HR 79, Vote #31, 1/10/17; CQ, 1/10/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To HR 79 Regulating The Fees Event Sponsors Could Collect.** In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Clay, D-Mo., for Waters, D-Calif., amendment that would prohibit sponsors of events from receiving compensation for either introducing investors attending the event to issuers or for negotiating investments in order for the event to be exempt from the requirement that companies verify that individuals attending are accredited investors.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 163-253. [HR 79, Vote #30, 1/10/17; CQ, 1/10/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Allowing Securities Advertisers To Disclose Risks Rather Than Verifying Individuals As Accredited Investors.** In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Velazquez, D-N.Y., amendment that would require sponsors of events to provide attendees with a disclosure that would describe the event and the risks of investing in the advertised securities in order for the event to be exempt from the requirement that companies verify that individuals attending are accredited investors.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 167-249. [HR 79, Vote #29, 1/10/17; CQ, 1/10/17]
Poliquin Voted For Modifying Programs Managed By The U.S. Agency For International Development Aimed At Women's Entrepreneurship And Economic Empowerment. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would modify programs managed by the U.S. Agency for International Development aimed at women's entrepreneurship and economic empowerment.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 352 – 18. [S. 3247, Vote #492, 12/21/18; CQ Floor Votes, 12/21/18]

Poliquin Voted For Directing The President To Appoint The Head Of The Office To Monitor And Combat Anti-Semitism As A Special Envoy With The Rank Of Ambassador. In September 2018, Poliquin voted for “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would direct the president to appoint the head of the Office to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism within the Department of State as a special envoy with the rank of ambassador, who would report directly to the secretary of State.” The motion was agreed to 393-2. [HR 1911, Vote #398, 9/13/18; CQ, 9/13/18]

Poliquin Voted For Codifying 5 Years Of Sanctions On Individuals Whose Actions Contribute To The Ongoing Instability And Conflict In The Democratic Republic Of The Congo. In November 2018, Poliquin voted for “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would codify for five years sanctions imposed by 2006 and 2014 executive orders on individuals whose actions contribute to ongoing instability and conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, unless the President determines that the DRC has made significant progress towards holding free and fair elections and respecting civil liberties as described in a 2016 United Nations resolution. It would also require the president to determine whether additional DRC senior government officials should be sanctioned under these provisions, and would order a State Department report on DRC government and military complicity in human rights abuses and corruption.” The motion was agreed to 374-11. [HR 6207, Vote #422, 11/27/18; CQ, 11/27/18]

Poliquin Voted For Directing The Secretary Of State To Develop An Interagency Initiative To Prevent Violence And Stabilize Conflict-Affected Areas Around The World. In November 2018, Poliquin voted for “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would direct the secretary of State to develop an interagency initiative to prevent violence and stabilize conflict-affected areas worldwide, in coordination with relevant federal departments and agencies, including the U.S. Agency for International Development and Department of Defense. It would require the secretary to submit to Congress 10-year plans for stabilization and prevention in at least six regions within 180 days of enactment.” The motion passed 376-16. [HR 5273, Vote #421, 11/27/18; CQ, 11/27/18]

Poliquin Voted For A Motion To Table An Attempt By Democrats To Criticize The Nunes Memo. In February 2018, Poliquin voted for “McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Pelosi, D-Calif., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Pelosi resolution related to a memo released by the House Intelligence Committee on Feb. 2, 2018, does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” According to CNN, “House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi attempted to bring up a ‘privileged resolution’ criticizing the Nunes memo release, but it was ruled out of order in the Republican-controlled House of Representatives.” The motion passed 236-190. [Motion, Vote #57, 2/6/18; CQ, 2/6/18; CNN, 2/6/18]

Poliquin Voted For Authorizing $3.29 Billion For The U.S. Contribution To The World Bank's International Development Association. In January 2018, Poliquin voted for Association for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2020. It would require that, for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2023, 15 percent of funds authorized to the World Bank be withheld until it the Treasury secretary reports that the bank is prioritizing poverty reduction and capable project management. An additional 15 percent would be withheld, for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2023, until the Treasury secretary reports that the bank’s policies emphasize support for secure property rights and due process of law, and that the bank is strengthening its projects' ability to undermine violent extremism.” The bill passed 237-184. [H.R. 3326, Vote #24, 1/17/18; CQ, 1/17/18]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill Requiring The Department Of The Treasury To Report All Assets Under The Control Of High-Ranking Iranian Officials. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require the Department of the Treasury to report to Congress on assets held in U.S. and foreign financial
institutions that are under direct or indirect control certain high ranking Iranian officials, and how sanctions may be used to prevent the funds from being used to contribute to the continued development of ballistic missile technology by Iran. The bill requires that such a report be submitted to congress within 270 days of enactment, and that it be updated by the Department annually for at least two years thereafter.” The bill passed 289 to 135. [HR 1638, Vote #680, 12/13/17; CQ, 12/13/17]

Rep. Denny Heck (D-Wash): HR 1638 Would Divert Resources From Terrorism Investigations. “A bill opponent, Rep. Denny Heck, D-Wash., said the time and effort used by Treasury employees to track down the leaders’ assets would take resources away from investigations into terrorist financing and money laundering.” [Concord Monitor, 12/17/17]

Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of Bills Requiring The Treasury Department To Create Reports On Iranian Assets And Iranian Aircraft Purchases And Exports. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 658) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1638) that would require the Treasury Department to compile and submit to Congress a report concerning Iranian assets held in U.S and foreign institutions, and would provide for consideration of the bill (HR 4324) that would require the Treasury secretary to submit reports to Congress on transactions of financial institutions associated with the purchase and export of aircraft on behalf of Iran.” The rule was adopted 238 to 182. [H Res 658, Vote #677, 12/13/17; CQ, 12/13/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bipartisan Commission To Investigate Russian Interference In The 2016 Election. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment),” According to a House floor speech by Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-NY; “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Representative Swalwell and Representative Cummings’ bill, which would create a bipartisan commission to investigate the Russian interference in the 2016 election.” A vote for the amendment was a vote to block the bipartisan commission to investigate Russian interference in the 2016 election. The motion was agreed to 230-193. [HRes 600, Vote #600, 11/2/17; CQ, 11/2/17, Congressional Record, 11/2/17]

Poliquin Voted For Requiring The Treasury Department To Create Reports On Iranian Aircraft Purchases And Exports. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require the secretary of the Treasury to report to Congress on any U.S. or foreign financial institutions that are involved in financing the purchase or export of aircraft on behalf of Iran, and to certify that such transactions pose no money-laundering or terrorism-financing risk.” The bill passed 252 to 167. [HR 4324, Vote #684, 12/14/17; CQ, 12/14/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Repeal Of The 2001 Authorization For Use Of Force. In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 478) that would provide for further House floor consideration of the bill making certain appropriations for fiscal 2018 (HR 3219), would provide for consideration of amendments to the Defense division of the bill, and would provide for consideration of motions to suspend the rules through July 28, 2017.” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to make in order Rep. Barbara Lee’s amendment repealing the 2001 authorization for use of military force.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the repeal of the 2001 authorization for use of force. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-185. [H RES 478, Vote #426, 7/27/17; CQ, 7/27/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Establish The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election. In June 2017, Poliquin voted for the Democratic Previous Question that “would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 356, to establish the National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election.” The previous question passed 228-185. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 375, Vote #290, 6/7/17; Office of the Democratic Leader, 115th Congress Previous Questions, 6/7/17]
Poliquin Voted For Blocking The Establishment Of A Nonpartisan Commission To Investigate Russia’s Interference In The 2016 Election. In June 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 374).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Hastings was going to propose “consideration of the bill (H.R.356) to establish the National Commission on Foreign Interference in the 2016 Election.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the commission. The previous questions carried, 228-189. [H Res 374, Vote #288, 6/7/17; CQ, 6/7/17; Congressional Record, 6/7/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking The Establishment Of A Nonpartisan Commission To Investigate Russia’s Interference In The 2016 Election. In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Hastings said, “if we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up a bipartisan bill, H.R. 356, which would create a nonpartisan commission to investigate Russian interference in our 2016 election. This marks the seventh time we tried to bring this bill to the House floor. On the previous six occasions, the Republican majority regrettably refused the House to even debate this important legislation.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the commission. The previous question carried, 230-189. [H Res 323, Vote #259, 5/17/17; CQ, 5/17/17; Congressional Record, H4237, 5/17/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Preventing The Underlying Bill From Applying To Any Individual Who Withheld Information From Congress Related To An Investigation Regarding Russian Influence Of The 2016 Presidential Election. In April 2017, Poliquin voted against a “motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prevent the bill’s provisions from applying to any individual that withheld information from Congress related to an investigation regarding individuals influencing the outcome of the 2016 U.S. presidential election.” The motion was rejected 228-185. [HR 1343, Vote #215, 4/4/17; CQ Floor Votes, 4/4/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking The Creation Of A Commission Investigating Foreign Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for the “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 233) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would establish a selection process for members of the EPA’s Science Advisory Board.” A vote in favor is a vote to prevent investigation into Russia’s interference in the 2016 election. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 232-191. [HRes 233, Vote #203, 3/29/17; CQ, 3/29/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Establishing An Investigation Into Foreign Interference In The 2016 Presidential Election. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for the “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 229).” A vote in favor of the motion is a vote to block consideration of a bipartisan bill, The Presidential Tax Transparency Act. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 231-189. [HRes 229, Vote #197, 3/28/17; CQ, 3/28/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Rule Establishing The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for the “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 156).” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of HR 356, to establish the National Commission on Foreign Interference II Election.” A vote yes was against establishing the commission. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-189. [HRes 156, Vote #115, 3/1/17; CQ, 3/1/17; Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, 3/1/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking The Establishment Of The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election. In February 2017, Poliquin voted for “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 123)” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of HR 356, to establish the National Commission on Foreign Interference in the 2016 Election.” A vote yes was against
establishing the commission. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-190. [HRes 123, Vote #93, 2/15/17; CQ, 2/15/17; Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, 2/15/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking The Establishment Of A National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election.** In February 2017, Poliquin voted for the “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 116)” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of HR 356, to establish the National Commission on Foreign Interference in the 2016 Election.” A vote yes was against establishing the commission. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 227-188. [HR 116, Vote #90, 2/14/17; CQ, 2/14/17; Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, 2/14/17]

**Poliquin Voted For A Resolution Calling On The Department Of Defense And Foreign Governments To Continue Efforts To Investigate, Recover, And Identify All Unaccounted For U.S. Personnel From Past Wars.** In February 2018, Poliquin voted for a motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution “that would call upon the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency and other elements of the Defense Department, as well as other federal agencies and all foreign governments, to intensify efforts to investigate, recover, identify and as fully as possible account for all missing and unaccounted-for U.S. personnel worldwide.” The motion was agreed to, 411-0. [H.Res. 129, Vote #75, 2/14/18; CQ, 2/14/18]

**Poliquin Voted For The Hamas Human Shields Prevention Act, Which Directed The President To Impose Sanctions Against Members Of Hamas.** In February 2018, Poliquin voted for a “motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would direct the president to impose sanctions, including freezing of bank accounts and property in the United States, and the revocation or denial of visas, against members of Hamas who are responsible for ordering or directing the use of human shields. The measure would also call on the president to direct the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations to secure support for a resolution that would impose multilateral sanctions against Hamas for the use of human shields to protect combatants and military objects from attack.” The motion was agreed to, 415-0. [H.R. 3542, Vote #74, 2/14/18; CQ, 2/14/18]

**Poliquin Voted For A Bill Which Would Take Actions To Help Ukraine Improve Its Cybersecurity And Support U.S.-Ukraine Cooperation On Cybersecurity.** In February 2018, Poliquin voted for “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the State Department to report to Congress on US and NATO efforts to strengthen cybersecurity in Ukraine and on new areas for bilateral collaboration. It would also express the sense of Congress that the department should support Ukraine’s efforts to improve its cybersecurity as well as its ability to respond to Russian supported disinformation and propaganda efforts through social media and other outlets.” The bill passed, 404-3. [H.R. 1997, Vote #62, 2/8/18; CQ, 2/8/18]

**Poliquin Voted For A Bill To Allow The State Department To Offer Awards For The Arrest Or Conviction Of Foreign Nationals Accused Of War Crimes.** In February 2018, Poliquin voted for “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would allow the secretary of State to make additional individuals eligible for rewards under the department’s War Crimes Rewards Program. Individuals would be eligible if they provide information that leads to the arrest or conviction of foreign nationals who have committed genocide or war crimes as defined by an international tribunal, U.S. law, or the laws of another nation.” The bill passed, 407-0. [H.R. 3851, Vote #61, 2/7/18; CQ, 2/7/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against A Motion Prohibiting The CFTC From Considering Foreign Swaps Regulatory Requirements Of Governments Found To Have Engaged In Cyber-Attacks On U.S. Elections.** In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Langevin, D-R.I., motion to recommit the bill to the House Agriculture Committee with instructions to report back immediately.” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “Democrats’ Motion To Recommit would prohibit the Commodity Futures Trading Commission from considering the swaps regulatory requirements of a foreign jurisdiction as comparable to United States swaps requirements, if the Director of National Intelligence has found that foreign jurisdiction engaged in cyber-attacks targeting any election in the United States.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-235. [HR 238, Vote #53, 1/12/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, 1/12/17; CQ, 1/12/17]
Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Establishing The National Commission On Foreign Interference In The 2016 Election. In January 2017, Poliquin voted for the “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 33) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 79) that would exempt certain events from a Securities and Exchange Commission requirement that calls for verification that attendees are accredited investors, and a bill (HR 5) that would modify the federal rule-making process by codifying certain requirements, including a requirement that agencies estimate the cost of proposed regulations, and would subject rules likely to cost more than $100 million or $1 billion annually to additional procedural steps.” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of HR 356, to establish the National Commission on Foreign Interference in the 2016 Election.” A vote yes was against establishing the commission. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 234-179. [HRes 33, Vote #26, 1/10/17; CQ, 1/10/17; Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, 1/10/17]

Poliquin Voted For Expressing The House’s Opposition To A U.N. Security Council Resolution Criticizing Expansion Of Israeli Settlements In Unoccupied Areas. In January, 2017, Poliquin voted for “adoption of the resolution that would express the House's opposition to a U.N. Security Council resolution that criticized continued expansion of Israeli settlements in occupied areas” on the grounds that the U.N. Security Council Resolution was an obstacle to Israel-Palestinian peace. A yes vote was a vote to block criticism of the resolution. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 342-80. [HRes 11, Vote #11, 1/5/17; CQ, 1/5/17; Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, 1/5/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution To Express The House’s Support For A Two-State Solution To The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. In January 2017, Poliquin voted for the “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 22).” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H. Res. 23, which would express the sense of the House and reaffirm the United States policy in support of a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.” A yes vote was a vote to block consideration of the resolution. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 235-188. [HR 22, Vote #9, 1/5/17; CQ, 1/5/17; Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, 1/5/17]

Guns

March 2018: Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Three Bills To Close Background Check Loopholes For Gun Sales On The Internet, Classified Ads, And The Internet. In March 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment),” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Mr. Thompson’s (CA) bill H.R. 4240; Mr. Clyburn’s bill H.R. 3464; Mr. Carbajal’s bill H.R. 2598; and Ms. Murphy’s bill H.R. 1478. These four bills close the dangerous gun show, internet sale, and classified ad background check loopholes; prevent the sale of guns without a completed background check; ensure that people who are a danger to themselves or others can be prevented from purchasing or possessing a gun; and allow the government to sponsor scientific research on the causes of gun violence.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bills. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 232-182. [H Res 780, Vote #113, 3/15/18; CQ, 3/15/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 3/15/18]

February 2018: Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Three Bills To Close Background Check Loopholes For Gun Sales On The Internet, Classified Ads, And The Internet. In February 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment),” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Mr. Thompson’s (CA) bill H.R. 4240, Mr. Clyburn’s bill H.R. 3464, and Mr. Carbajal’s bill H.R. 2598. These three bills close the dangerous gun show, internet sale, and classified ad background check loopholes, prevent the sale of guns without a completed background check, and ensure that people who are a danger to themselves or others can be prevented from purchasing or possessing a gun.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the
Poliquin Voted For Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would permit any individual authorized by their home state to carry a concealed handgun to also carry that concealed weapon in any other state that permits the carrying of concealed weapons. The bill would require a twice-annual certification by all federal agencies, federal courts and state governments, in coordination with the Department of Justice, to verify that all relevant data has been reported and uploaded to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System regarding individuals who are not eligible to purchase firearms.” The bill passed 231 to 198. [HR 38, Vote #663, 12/6/17; CQ, 12/6/17]

Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Permitting Concealed Carry Reciprocity Between States. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 645) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 38) that would permit any individual authorized by their home state to carry a concealed handgun to also carry that concealed weapon in any other state that permits the carrying of concealed weapons.” The rule was adopted 232 to 194. [H Res 645, Vote #660, 12/6/17; CQ, 12/6/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking The Establishment Of The Select Committee On Gun Violence Prevention. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” In a speech on the House floor, Rep. McGovern, D-Ma., said: “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H. Res. 367, which would establish the Select Committee on Gun Violence Prevention.” A vote for the amendment was a vote to block the Select Committee on Gun Violence Prevention. The bill motion was agreed to 233-182. [HRes 607, Vote #610, 11/7/17; CQ, 11/7/17; Congressional Record, 11/7/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Establishment Of A Select Committee On Gun Violence Prevention. In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 553),” According to Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to defeat the previous question so we can bring up the Thompson bill […] resolution (H. Res. 367) to establish the Select Committee on Gun Violence Prevention.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the establishment of the Select Committee on Gun Violence Prevention. The previous question carried, 231-189. [H Res 553, Vote #551, 10/4/17; CQ, 10/4/17; Congressional Record, 10/4/17]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting A Veterans Affairs Department Determination That An Individual Is Mentally Incompetent From Preventing The Individual From Buying A Gun. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would prohibit a Veterans Affairs Department determination that an individual is mentally incompetent from being used as basis for that individual's inclusion in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, which would thereby prevent the individual from purchasing a gun. Under the measure, an individual could not be considered to be mentally defective without a judicial authority's finding that the individual poses a danger to himself or herself or others.” The bill passed by a vote of 240-175. [HR 1181, Vote #169, 3/16/17; CQ, 3/16/17]

Poliquin Voted For Funding The Secure Our Schools Grant Program Through 2028, A Program Focused On Improving School Security And Training To Prevent Student Gun Violence. In March 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize $75 million a year through fiscal 2028 for the Secure Our Schools grant program and would revise it to more explicitly focus the program on preventing student violence. It would modify the program's mission to improve school security through evidence-based training and technical assistance to prevent violence. It would also expand the eligible uses for the grant to include help for state and local governments to provide training to prevent student violence, development and operation of anonymous reporting systems for threats of school violence, and the development and operation of school threat assessment intervention teams.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 407-110. [HR 4990, Vote #106, 3/14/18; CQ, 3/14/18]
Poliquin Voted For Motion To Kill A Democratic Attempt To Consider Legislation On Gun Regulations. In February 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to table (kill) the Thompson, D-Calif., motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Thompson resolution related to the consideration of legislation related to gun regulations does not constitute a question of the privileges of the House.” The motion passed 228-184. [Motion, Vote #83, 2/26/18; CQ, 2/26/18]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking The Social Security Administration From Sharing Information With The National Instant Criminal Background Check System On People With Mental Disorders In Order To Prevent Them From Purchasing Firearms. In February 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify a Social Security Administration rule that outlines reporting of information by the agency for inclusion in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System for gun purchases about certain non-elderly individuals with mental impairments who receive disability insurance or Supplemental Security Income benefits and use a "representative payee" because they cannot manage their benefit payments.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 235-180. [HJRes 40, Vote #77, 2/2/17; CQ, 2/2/17]

Health Care

Poliquin Voted For Allowing Health Savings Accounts To Be Used To Purchase Catastrophic Health Plans. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill that would modify the 2010 health care overhaul law to allow anyone to purchase a ‘copper’ (catastrophic) plan through the law’s insurance exchanges, and would extend the suspension of the annual tax on health insurers through 2021. It would also allow individuals on certain plans to use health savings accounts associated with their plans and would also increase the contribution limit for certain HSAs.” The bill passed, 242-176. [HR 6311, Vote #376, 7/25/18; CQ, 7/25/18]

Seattle Times: The Bill Would Allow HSA’s To Be Used To Purchase “Copper” Or Catastrophic Plans. “By a vote of 242 for and 176 against, the House on July 25 passed a bill (HR 6311) that would expand access to the Affordable Care Act’s catastrophic, or “copper,” health plans. […] In part, the bill would allow Health Savings Accounts to be used to purchase copper plans, make the plans available to seniors on Medicare Part A and allow tax credits to be used to subsidize their premiums.” [Seattle Times, 7/28/18]

Poliquin Voted For Repealing Provisions Of The Affordable Care Act That Limit Payments For Medications From Health Savings Accounts. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill that would make a number of changes to health savings accounts. It would permit certain plans to pay for initial medical services before the plan’s deductible kicks in, and would allow an individual to have an HSA in addition even if they also have certain other types of health care coverage in addition to a high deductible plan. It would also permit an individual to contribute to an HSA even if their spouse has a flexible spending account, and would allow the use of HSAs to pay for over-the-counter medical products, as well as some sport and fitness expenses.” According to the Congressional Research Service “This bill repeals provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, as added by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, that limit payments for medications from health savings accounts, medical savings accounts, health flexible spending arrangements, and health reimbursement arrangements to only prescription drugs or insulin (thus allowing distributions from such accounts for over-the-counter drugs). The bill also allows the accounts to be used for menstrual care products.” The bill passed, 277-142. [HR 6199, Vote #377, 7/25/18; CQ, 7/25/18; Congress.gov, 7/19/18]

Poliquin Voted For Expanding Medicare And Medicaid Coverage To Include Medication-Assisted Treatment For Substance Use Disorder. In September 2018, Poliquin voted for “Walden, R-Ore., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would provide for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to HR 6, with an amendment that would modify Medicare and Medicaid and a variety of other health programs in relation to opioid abuse. It would expand both Medicare and Medicaid to cover medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorder and would place new requirements on states regarding Medicaid drug review and utilization requirements. It would appropriate $15 million annually, from fiscal 2019 through 2023, to support the establishment or operation of public health laboratories to detect synthetic opioids. As amended, the bill would allow Medicaid patients with opioid use or cocaine use disorders to stay up to 30 days per year in certain treatment
facilities with more than 16 beds.” The motion was agreed to 393-8. [H Res 1099, Vote #415, 9/28/18; CQ, 9/28/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amending A Bill On Copper Health Care Plans To Delay Provisions Enactment Until Two Federal Health Insurance Funds Were Solvent.** In July 2018, Poliquin voted against “Frankel, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit enactment of the bill’s provisions until the annual reports from the Board of the Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund indicate that such funds are solvent.” The motion was rejected 187-229. [HR 6311, Vote #375, 7/25/18; CQ, 7/25/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Passage Of The Protect Medical Innovation Act, Which Repealed The Medical Device Tax.** In July 2018, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill that would fully repeal the 2.3 percent excise tax on the sale of a medical device by the manufacturer, producer, or importer after Dec. 31, 2019.” The bill passed, 283-132. [HR 184, Vote #372, 7/24/18; CQ, 7/24/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Funds Being Used To Enforce The Liability Provisions Of D.C.’s Individual Mandate.** In July 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Rothfus, R-Pa., amendment no. 85, that would prohibit funds appropriated by the bill from being used to seize property as a means of enforcing the liability provisions of the District of Columbia's individual mandate.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 231 – 184. [HR 6147, Vote #361, 7/18/18; CQ, 7/18/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Funds Being Used For The Multi-State Plan Program Created By The Affordable Care Act.** In July 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Meadows, R-N.C., amendment no. 84, that would prohibit any funds appropriated by the bill from being used for the multi-state plan program created by the 2010 health care overhaul.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 223-192. [HR 6147, Vote #360, 7/18/18; CQ, 7/18/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting D.C. From Using Funds To Enforce Certain Health Insurance Requirements.** In July 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Palmer, R-Ala., amendment no. 83, that would prohibit the District of Columbia from using funds appropriated by the bill to enforce certain health insurance requirements.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 226-189. [HR 6147, Vote #359, 7/18/18; CQ, 7/18/18]

**Poliquin Voted For The Substance Use-Disorder Prevention That Promotes Opioid Recovery And Treatment for Patients And Communities Act.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would modify Medicare and Medicaid and a variety of other health programs in relation to opioid abuse. It would expand both Medicare and Medicaid to cover medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorder, would require all state Medicaid programs, beginning Jan 1, 2020, to operate pharmacy programs that identify people at high risk of abusing controlled substance, and would place new requirements on states regarding Medicaid drug review and utilization requirements. It would appropriate $15 million annually, from fiscal 2019 through 2023, to support the establishment or operation of public health laboratories to detect synthetic opioids.” The bill passed by a vote of 396-14. [HR 6, Vote #288, 6/22/18; CQ, 6/22/18]

**HEADLINE: House passes comprehensive bill to combat growing opioid epidemic** [ABC News, 6/22/18]

**HR 6 Was A “Catchall Bill” That Incorporated A Number Of Proposals To Curb Opioid Addiction Relating To Medicaid, Medicare, And Public Health.** “The House on Friday passed, 396-14, a bill (HR 6) that will serve as the legislative vehicle for many of the 55 other House-passed bills designed to curb opioid addiction, ending two weeks of floor votes on opioids measures. The catchall bill would incorporate a number of proposals from the Energy and Commerce and the Ways and Means committees relating to Medicaid, Medicare, and public health.” [CQ, 6/22/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amending An Opioid Bill To Appropriate $995 Million, Over Three Years, For Opioid Grant Programs.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Tonko, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the
House Energy and Commerce Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would appropriate $995 million annually, for fiscal 2019 through 2021, for state opioid grant programs and would allow the Health and Human Services Department to increase the number of residency positions at hospitals that have established programs related to addiction.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 185-226. [HR 6, Vote #287, 6/22/18; CQ, 6/22/18]

Rep. Tonko: Motion Would Show States That Congress Was Making “Sustained, Meaningful Investments” In The Opioid Crisis. “Secondly, this motion would allot an additional $1 billion annually to States through 2021 so that we can continue to invest in locally designed prevention, treatment, and recovery solutions. It is clearly going to take more than 2 years to battle the epidemic, and we need to let providers in States know that we are making sustained, meaningful investments in this area. Finally, our motion to recommit includes a commonsense prescription drug policy which will reduce prescription drug prices for all Americans by reducing gaming by drug manufacturers to prevent generics from coming to market.” [Congressional Record, 6/22/18]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Additional Funds For State Grants To Combat The Opioid Crisis And Conduct Research On Addiction And Pain Related To Substance Misuse. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the 21st Century Cures Act to provide additional funds for state grants to address the opioid crisis. Further, the bill provides additional funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for state grants to conduct research on addiction and pain related to substance misuse.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to 221-185. [H Res 949, Vote #273, 6/20/18; CQ, 6/20/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 6/20/18]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Appropriation Of $2.5 Billion In Additional State Grants To Combat The Opioid Epidemic. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the 21st Century Cures Act to appropriate $2.5 billion to provide additional funds for state grants to help combat the opioids abuse health epidemic.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to 230-183. [H Res 934, Vote #261, 6/13/18; CQ, 6/13/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 6/13/18]

Poliquin Voted For The Right To Try Act, Allowing Dying Patients To Access Experimental Medications From Drug Manufactures Without FDA Approval. In May 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would allow patients with life-threatening diseases or conditions who are not participating in clinical trials to seek access to experimental and investigational drugs directly from a drug manufacturer, without approval by the Food and Drug Administration. It would require that in order for the patient to be eligible, the patient must first try all approved treatment options and be unable to participate in a clinical trial. Only drugs that have completed phase 1 clinical trials, that have not been approved or licensed for any use, and that are currently under an active FDA application or are undergoing clinical trials would be eligible for use under the bill's provisions.” The bill passed 250 to 169. [S 204, Vote #214, 5/22/18; CQ, 5/22/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Amending Bill To Require FDA And Drug Manufacturers To Produce Annual Summaries On Usage Of Experimental Drugs For Dying Patients. In May 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Schakowsky, D-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require both the Food and Drug Administration and the manufacturers of drugs eligible under the bill to produce annual summaries on the usage of such drugs.” The motion failed 187-231. [S 204, Vote #213, 5/22/18; CQ, 5/22/18]

Poliquin Voted For The Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act, Allowing Medical Professionals To Access Substance Abuse Patients’ Abuse-Related Medical Files Without Their Consent. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would allow certain medical professionals to access patients' medical files related to substance abuse without their explicit consent if they are treating a patient for a substance abuse
disorder. The bill would allow disclosure of such medical records to public health authorities if an individual’s identifying information is not included. The bill would prohibit disclosure of such records as part of law enforcement activities.” The bill passed by a vote of 357-57. [H.R. 6082, Vote #278, 6/20/18; CQ, 6/20/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against Removing Provisions Allowing Medical Professionals To Access Patients’ Medical Files Related To Substance Abuse Without Their Consent.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Pallone, D-N.J., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would remove the bill’s provisions that would allow certain medical professionals to access patients’ medical files related to substance abuse without their explicit consent and would instead require the secretary of Health and Human Services to identify model programs for training health care providers in the appropriate use and disclosure of patient health records.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 175-240. [H.R. 6082, Vote #277, 6/20/18; CQ, 6/20/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Allowing Medicaid Coverage Of Up to 30 Days Of Opioid Abuse Treatment At Inpatient Mental Health Facilities.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would temporarily allow, until 2023, the use of Medicaid funds to pay for substance use disorder treatment at certain inpatient mental health treatment facilities. It would require states, to be eligible for such funds, to include in their state Medicaid plan information on how the state will improve access to outpatient care, the process to be used for transitioning individuals to appropriate outpatient care, and how individuals will be screened and assessed. The bill would limit an individual to a maximum of 30 days of inpatient treatment in a 12-month period that could be covered by Medicaid.” According to CBS News, the bill “would allow state Medicaid programs to cover up to 30 days of care for eligible individuals which an opioid use disorder. The law currently bars federal Medicaid funds from being used to pay for treatment at larger inpatient mental health facilities, which has contributed to the shortage of treatment options.” The bill passed by a vote of 261-155. [H.R. 5797, Vote #276, 6/20/18; CQ, 6/20/18; CBS News, 6/22/18]

**Poliquin Voted Against Providing Federal Matching Funds For Medicaid Coverage Of Substance Abuse Treatment.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Castor, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would replace the bill’s provisions with a program that would provide federal matching funds for the treatment for eligible individuals suffering from substance abuse disorders. It would require that states extend Medicaid eligibility to receive such federal funds.” The motion was rejected to by a vote of 190-226. [H.R. 5797, Vote #275, 6/20/18; CQ, 6/20/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Creating Sentencing Guidelines For Manufacturing Or Distributing Synthetic Opioids.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would create a new category of controlled substances, "schedule A," for drugs or substances that have similar chemical structures or effects as controlled substances in schedules I through V. It would immediately classify certain fentanyl analogues as schedule A drugs. The bill would establish maximum penalties for the manufacture, distribution or dispensing of schedule A drugs, though possession of such substances alone would not constitute a basis for criminal or civil penalties.” The bill passed, 239-142. [H.R. 2851, Vote #268, 6/15/18; CQ, 6/15/18]

**Democrats Warned The Bill Would Impose Mandatory Minimum Sentences, Filling Prisons With Low-Level Drug Offenders.** “The House on Friday passed Rep. John Katko's bill aimed at combating the opioid epidemic by making it easier for the federal government to stop the importation and distribution of synthetic drugs. But Democrats who opposed the bill warned the law would also impose mandatory minimum sentences, filling up the nation's prisons with low-level drug offenders rather than expanding treatment options […] House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer said before the vote that the bill could have unintended consequences. 'This legislation lacks clarity that could result in thousands of Americans being incarcerated, potentially for life sentences, thus exacerbating an already over-populated prison system,' Hoyer said. '"Those suffering from opioid addiction need treatment and proper medical care, not more laws that will simply put them behind bars.‘” [Syracuse Post-Standard, 6/15/18]
Poliquin Voted For Setting Guidelines For How Law Enforcement Would Determine If A Controlled Substance Analogue Was Intended For Human Consumption. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Thornberry, R-Texas, amendment that would set guidelines for how law enforcement should determine if a controlled substance analogue is intended for human consumption.” The motion was adopted by a vote of 223-158. [HR 2851, Vote #267, 6/15/18; CQ, 6/15/18]

Poliquin Voted For Establishing A Pilot Program For Transitional Housing Programs Focused On Substance Use Disorders. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would establish a pilot program that would provide 10,000 Section 8 Housing Choice vouchers, or 0.5 percent of such available vouchers, whichever is less, to nonprofit entities to pay for individuals to live in supportive and transitional housing programs that provide treatment for opioid use disorders or other substance use disorders. Non-profit entities would be required to provide an evidence-based treatment program and a jobs skills training program, and meet various other standards to qualify for vouchers under the pilot program.” The bill passed by a vote of 230-173. [HR 5735, Vote #266, 6/14/18; CQ, 6/14/18]

Poliquin Voted For The Securing the International Mail Against Opioids Act, Requiring The U.S. Postal Service Obtain Electronic Tracking Data For Any Packages Entering The United States. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require the U.S. Postal Service to obtain advance electronic tracking data, including the shipment’s contents and intended recipients, for packages entering the United States. The bill would require the U.S. Postal Service to pass information about such packages to U.S. Customs and Border Protection and would authorize a customs fee of $1 per piece of inbound express mail to cover the cost of screening international mail. The bill would require the U.S Customs and Border Protection to develop technology for the detection of controlled substances in mail.” The bill passed by a vote of 353-52. [HR 5788, Vote #265, 6/14/18; CQ, 6/14/18]

Poliquin Voted For Funding Grants For Providers That Offer Treatment Services For People With Opioid Use Disorders. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Carter, R-Ga., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize $10 million annually, for fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2023, for Health and Human Services Department grants for to providers that offer treatment services for people with opioid use disorders. It would require that there be at least 10 grants awarded to qualified providers.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 383-13. [HR 5327, Vote #258, 6/12/18; CQ, 6/12/18]

Poliquin Voted For The Right To Try Act of 2018. In March 2018, Poliquin Voted For: “passage of the bill that would allow eligible patients to seek access to drugs, through drug manufacturers, that have not yet been cleared by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The measure specifies that, in order to be eligible, a patient must be diagnosed with a disease or condition from which they are likely to die within a matter of months, or one that causes significant irreversible morbidity likely to lead to a severely premature death. The bill specifies that any such drugs that patients could try would need to have completed phase-one clinical trials, not have been approved or licensed for any use, and would need to currently be under an active FDA application or undergoing clinical trials.” The bill passed 267 to 149. [H.R. 5247, Vote #121, 3/21/18; CQ, 3/21/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Blocking An Amendment To The Right To Try Act To Require The FDA To Issue Guidance On Products Under View, And Provide Liability Protections To Physicians And Hospitals. In March 2018, Poliquin voted against “Pallone, D-N.J., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require the Food and Drug Administration to issue guidance on how to expand access to products currently under review. It would also provide liability protections for drug manufacturers, physicians, clinical investigators and hospitals when they are involved in offering a product under expanded access.” The motion failed, 182 to 233. [H.R. 5247, Vote #120, 3/21/18; CQ, 3/21/18]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bill To Invest In Prevention And Treatment Of Opioid Addiction. In February 2018, Poliquin voted for “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic Previous Question
would make in order Ms. Kuster’s bill H.R. 4938 – Respond NOW Act. H.R. 4938 invests in the prevention and treatment of opioid addiction, including funding for education and awareness, research, health care workforce development and community-based interventions.” The motion was adopted, 231-188. [H. Res. 725, Vote #54, 2/6/18; CQ, 2/6/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 2/6/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Authorizing The Department Of Health And Human Services To Improve Oral Health Education And Services.** In February 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize $14 million annually, through fiscal 2022 for the Health Resources and Services Administration's dental health grant program and would allow funds to be used to provide comprehensive dental care to the elderly, children and individuals with disabilities. It would also authorize $18 million annually, through fiscal 2022, for existing water fluoridation and school tooth sealant programs and a new Centers for Disease Control program to improve oral health education.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 387-13. [HR 2422, Vote #82, 2/26/18; CQ, 2/26/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Authorizing The Department Of Health And Human Services To Conduct And Report On Research Regarding Congenital Heart Disease.** In February 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize $4 million annually, through fiscal 2022, for the Health and Human Services Department to conduct a national study of congenital heart diseases and to increase awareness of congenital heart diseases.” The motion was agree to by a vote of 394-7. [HR 1222, Vote #81, 2/26/18; CQ, 2/26/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Permanently Funding CHIP.** In January 2018, Poliquin voted for Congressional Record, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Representative McEachin's bill, H.R. 4820, the Advancing Seniors and Kids Act. […] It permanently reauthorizes CHIP; it reauthorizes community health centers for 2 years; and it includes other vital healthcare programs that provide relief to pregnant women, seniors, and many more.” A vote for the motion was a vote against considering permanently reauthorizing CHIP. The motion was agreed to 229-190. [H.R. 4712, Vote #29, 1/18/18; CQ, 1/18/18; Congressional Record, 1/18/18]

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**Poliquin Voted For The CHAMPION Act, Extending Funding For CHIP By Gutting Health Care Programs Resulting In People Losing Health Care Coverage Under The ACA.** In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would extend funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program through fiscal 2022, and would increase funding from $21.5 billion in fiscal 2018 to $25.9 billion in fiscal 2022. It would also provide $3.6 billion annually for community health centers through fiscal 2019, and would extend funding for a number of other public health programs through fiscal 2019. It would provide for up to $1 billion in additional Medicaid funding to Puerto Rico and would eliminate, through fiscal 2019, scheduled cuts in Medicaid funding to hospitals that serve large numbers of uninsured and low-income patients. It would reduce spending from the Prevention and Public Health Fund through fiscal 2026, would require high-income individuals enrolled in Medicare parts B and D to pay the entirety of their premiums for these services and would shorten the grace period for certain missed payments on federally subsidized health insurance plans purchased through state exchanges to offset the cost of the measure's funding for CHIP, community health centers and other health programs.” The bill passed 242-174. [HR 3922, Vote #606, 11/3/17; CQ, 11/3/17]

**The CHAMPION Act Would Cut “Billions In Funding” For An ACA Health Fund And Raise Medicare Premiums On The Wealthy.** “A five-year reauthorization bill passed the U.S. House on Friday by a 242-174
vote, but some have voiced worries that obstacles remain in the more-evenly divided Senate due to disagreements between Republicans and Democrats over how to pay for it. Only three House Republicans voted against the bill, while just 15 Democrats voted in support of it. Many Democrats have criticized the bill, called the CHAMPION Act, for paying for the reauthorization by cutting billions in funding for the Prevention and Public Health Fund established by the Affordable Care Act, reducing the grace period for people who miss premium payments on health plans bought on the federal exchange and raising Medicare premiums for wealthy recipients.” [Deseret News, 11/5/17]

**Deseret News:** “The CHAMPION Act Would Save The Federal Government $4.9 Billion From 2018 Through 2027 ‘As A Result’ Of More People Losing Their Coverage On The Federal Exchange.” “A Congressional Budget Office report estimated last month that the CHAMPION Act would save the federal government $4.9 billion from 2018 through 2027 ‘as a result’ of more people losing their coverage on the federal exchange because of stricter grace period guidelines.” [Deseret News, 11/5/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Modifying The Medicare Advantage Payment System To Offset The Cuts In The CHAMPION Act.** In November 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Clyburn, D-S.C., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would modify the Medicare Advantage payment system to offset the funding in the measure.” The motion was rejected 231-187. [HR 3922, Vote #605, 11/3/17; CQ, 11/3/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of The CHAMPION Act, Extending Funding For CHIP By Gutting Health Care Programs Resulting In People Losing Health Care Coverage Under The ACA.** In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 601) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3922) that would extend funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program for five years, community health centers for two years and other public health programs for two years. It would also provide for up to $1 billion in additional Medicaid funding to Puerto Rico.” The resolution was adopted 231-192. [HRes 601, Vote #603, 11/2/17; CQ, 11/2/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Authorizing $400 Million A Year For The Maternal, Infant, And Early Childhood Home Visiting Program.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would authorize, through fiscal 2022, $400 million a year for the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program created under the 2010 health care overhaul. The bill would require entities that receive grants under the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program to continue to demonstrate improvements in applicable benchmarks and guidelines.” The bill passed by a vote of 214-209. [H R 2824, Vote #537, 9/26/17; CQ, 9/26/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Eliminating Requirements For Grantees Of The Maternal, Infant And Early Childhood Home Visiting Program To Demonstrate Improvements In Applicable Benchmarks.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “DelBene, D-Wash., motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would eliminate the bill’s provisions that would require entities that receive grants under the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program to continue to demonstrate improvements in applicable benchmarks and guidelines.” The motion failed by a vote of 191-232. [H R 2824, Vote #536, 9/26/17; CQ, 9/26/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Would Remove A Requirement That States Track Whether The Home Visit Program Increases Employment And Earnings.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Pascrell, D-N.J., amendment that would remove the bill’s provision that would require states or other eligible entities to track whether the home visit program increases employment and earnings as a measure of the program goals.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 191-231. [H R 2824, Vote #535, 9/26/17; CQ, 9/26/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Adopting The Rule That Would Provide For House Floor Consideration Of Authorization For The Maternal, Infant And Early Childhood Home Visiting Program.** In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 533) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2824), that would authorize, through fiscal 2022, $400 million a year for the Maternal, Infant and Early
Poliquin Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment To The Underlying Legislation That Would Prohibit Restrictions On Medical Malpractice Lawsuits For “Grossly Negligent” Prescription Of Opioids. In June 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Kuster, D-N.H., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would modify the bill's definition of ‘health care lawsuits’ to not include a claim or action related to the ‘grossly negligent’ prescription of opioids.” The motion was rejected, 235-191. [HR 1215, Vote #336, 6/28/17; CQ, 6/28/17]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill To Allow People Who Get Their Health Insurance Through COBRA To Use Tax Credits To Subsidize Their Payments Under The AHCA. In June 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would modify the definition of a ‘qualified health plan’ to allow, beginning in 2020, for new tax credits proposed by the American Health Care Act (HR 1628) to be used by individuals or families to pay for continued group health coverage under COBRA, provided that the AHCA is enacted into law. The measure would also apply to continuation coverage as part of church-based group health plans, but the tax credit could not be utilized for a health flex spending account under the bill's provisions.” The bill passed 267-144. [HR 2579, Vote #308, 6/15/17; CQ, 6/15/17]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill Prohibiting The Advance Payment Of Health Insurance Premium Tax Credits To Applicants Until HHS Confirms Applicants Are Citizens. In June 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit the advance payment of health insurance premium tax credits to individuals that apply for the credits unless the Treasury Department receives confirmation from the Health and Human Services Department that such an individual's status as a citizens or lawfully present alien has been verified. If the American Health Care Act (HR 1628) is enacted, the bill (HR 2581) would make verification of an individual's status mandatory in order to receive advance payment of the new health insurance premium tax credit created by the American Health Care Act, and would also provide an exemption from the American Health Care Act's continuous coverage requirements for individuals who experience delays in coverage as a result of the verification process.” The bill passed, 238-184. [HR 2581, Vote #306, 6/13/17; CQ, 6/13/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Making An Exception In Delaying The Advance Payment Of Health Insurance Premium Tax Credits For Babies Under The Age Of 1. In June 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Sanchez, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt individuals under 1-year-old from the bill's prohibition on the advance payment of health insurance premium tax credits unless the Treasury Department has received confirmation of the individuals' status as a citizen or lawfully present alien has been verified.” The motion failed, 231-193. [HR 2581, Vote #305, 6/13/17; CQ, 6/13/17]

Poliquin Voted For The American Health Care Act – The Republican Health Care Repeal Bill. In May 2017, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill that would make extensive changes to the 2010 health care overhaul law, by effectively repealing the individual and employer mandates as well as most of the taxes that finance the current system. It would, in 2020, convert Medicaid into a capped entitlement that would provide fixed federal payments to states and end additional federal funding for the 2010 law's joint federal-state Medicaid expansion. It would prohibit federal funding to any entity, such as Planned Parenthood, that performs abortions and receives more than $350 million a year in Medicaid funds. As amended, it would give states the option of receiving federal Medicaid funding as a block grant with greater state flexibility in how the funds are used, and would require states to establish their own essential health benefits standards. It would allow states to receive waivers to exempt insurers from having to provide certain minimum benefits, would provide $8 billion over five years for individuals with pre-
existing conditions whose insurance premiums increased because the state was granted a waiver to raise premiums based on an individual’s health status, and would create a $15 billion federal risk sharing program to cover some of the costs of high medical claims.” The bill was passed by a vote of 217-213. [HR 1628, Vote #256, 5/4/17; CQ, 5/4/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Repealing The Republican Provision Exempting Members Of Congress From The Republican Health Care Bill.** In May 2017, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill would repeal, if the health care overhaul measure (HR 1628) is enacted, an exemption for members of Congress and staff from provisions of the health care overhaul measure that would allow state waivers of certain health insurance minimum benefit and patient protection requirements under the 2010 health care overhaul.” The bill was passed by a vote of 429-0. [HR 2192, Vote #255, 5/4/17; CQ, 5/4/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking An Amendment That Would Protect Health Care Coverage For Pre-Existing Conditions, Ban Lifetime Insurance Limits, Protect Medicare, Block Tax Increases On The Middle Class, And Would Require A CBO Estimate Prior To Consideration Of Any Health Care Reform Bill.** In May 2017, Poliquin voted for “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 308) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2192) that would repeal, if the health care marketplace overhaul measure (HR 1628) is enacted” Upon defeat of the motion, Democrats planned to offer an amendment that “The amendment would restrict consideration of legislative provisions relating to health care that would result in: (1) the denial of health insurance on the basis of a preexisting condition or a requirement for individuals with a preexisting condition to pay more for coverage; (2) the elimination of the prohibition on life-time limits on dollar value of health insurance benefits; (3) the termination of the ability of individuals 26 years of age to be included on their parent’s employer or individual health insurance; (4) the reduction in the number of individuals receiving health insurance under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; (5) an increased cost to seniors for prescription drugs due to any changes pertaining to closing the Medicare prescription drug ‘donut hole’; (6) the requirement that individuals pay for preventive services such as mammography, health screening, and contraceptive services; (7) reduction of Medicare solvency or any changes to the Medicare guarantee; or (8) the reduction of Federal taxes on the 1% of the population with the highest income or an increase on the 80% of the population with the lowest income. Additionally, the amendment would restrict consideration of legislation relating to health care unless an easily searchable electronic estimate and comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office is made available on a publicly available website of the House.” A vote yes was a vote to block the amendment. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 235-193. [H.Res 308, Vote #252, 5/4/17; CQ, 5/4/17]

**Poliquin Did Not Vote On An Amendment That Would Protect Health Care Coverage For Pre-Existing Conditions, Ban Lifetime Insurance Limits, Protect Medicare, Block Tax Increases On The Middle Class, And Would Require A CBO Estimate Prior To Consideration Of Any Health Care Reform Bill.** In May 2017, Poliquin did not vote on “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 305) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill.” Upon defeat of the motion, Democrats planned to offer an amendment to the bill that would, “restrict consideration of legislative provisions relating to health care that would result in: (1) the denial of health insurance on the basis of a preexisting condition or a requirement for individuals with a preexisting condition to pay more for coverage; (2) the elimination of the prohibition on life-time limits on dollar value of health insurance benefits; (3) the termination of the ability of individuals 26 years of age to be included on their parent’s employer or individual health insurance; (4) the reduction in the number of individuals receiving health insurance under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; (5) an increased cost to seniors for prescription drugs due to any changes pertaining to closing the Medicare prescription drug ‘donut hole’; (6) the requirement that individuals pay for preventive services such as mammography, health screening, and contraceptive services; (7) reduction of Medicare solvency or any changes to the Medicare guarantee; or (8) the reduction of Federal taxes on the 1% of the population with the highest income or an increase on the 80% of the population with the lowest income. Additionally, the amendment would restrict consideration of legislation relating to health care unless an easily searchable electronic estimate and comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office is made
available on a publicly available website of the House.” A vote yes was a vote to block the amendment. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 231-192. [H.Res 305, Vote #246, 5/3/17; CQ, 5/3/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Eliminating “Stop-Loss” Insurance As Federally Recognized Health Care Insurance.** In April 2017, Poliquin voted for the “adoption of the rule (H Res 241) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would establish that ‘stop-loss’ insurance, coverage that protects businesses from certain large financial risks associated with providing insurance, would not be considered health care insurance under federal law.” The amendment passed 234 to 184. [HR 241, Vote #212, 4/4/17; CQ, 4/4/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Exempting Health Care Plans Sponsored By Trade And Business Associations From Most State Laws And Regulations.** In March 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would exempt health care plans sponsored by trade and business associations from most state laws and regulations. The bill would allow an association sponsoring a health care plan to have full discretion to choose the health benefits included in the plan, as long as the plan would still meet certain statutory minimums. The sponsored health care plans could not make membership, payment or coverage conditional on factors related to the health of a member company’s employees.” The bill passed by a vote of 236-175. [HR 1101, Vote #186, 3/22/17; CQ, 3/22/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Requiring Association Health Plans To Provide Coverage For Substance Abuse Disorder Treatments.** In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Shea-Porter, D-N.H., motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and the Workforce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require association health plans to provide coverage for substance abuse disorder treatments.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 179-233. [HR 1101, Vote #185, 3/22/17; CQ, 3/22/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Providing Consideration For A Bill Exempting Health Care Plans Sponsored By Trade And Business Associations From Most State Laws And Regulations.** In March 2017, Poliquin voted for the “adoption of the rule (H Res 210) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would exempt health care plans sponsored by trade and business associations from most state laws and regulations. The bill would allow the association sponsoring a health care plan to have full discretion to choose the health benefits included in the plan, as long as the plan would still meet certain statutory minimums.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 233-186. [HRes 210, Vote #180, 3/21/17; CQ, 3/21/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Requirement That A CBO Cost Estimate Be Made Publicly Available Before Considering Any Legislation To Repeal Or Replace The Affordable Care Act.** In March 2017, Poliquin voted for the “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 210) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would exempt health care plans sponsored by trade and business associations from most state laws and regulations.” Rep. Jared Polis (D-CO) described the vote in a floor speech, saying, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule that would require a CBO cost estimate that analyzes the impact of any legislation amending or repealing the Affordable Care Act, as well as the impact of any manager's amendment to that legislation to be made publicly available before the bill may be considered on the House floor.” A yes vote was a
vote to block the amendment. The motion was agreed to be a vote of 231-185. [H.Res 209, Vote #176, 3/21/17; Congressional Record, H2255, 3/21/17; CQ, 3/21/17; Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, 3/21/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Exempting From The Bill Any Rule Prohibiting Insurance From Eliminating Health Coverage For Dependents Younger Than 26. In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Murphy, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill any rule prohibiting an insurance issuer from eliminating health coverage for dependents younger than 26 years old.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-235. [HR 26, Vote #22, 1/5/17; CQ, 1/5/17]

The Purpose Of HR 26 Is To Increase Accountability For And Transparency In The Federal Regulatory Process By Requiring Congress To Approve All New Major Regulations. “This bill states that its purpose is to increase accountability for and transparency in the federal regulatory process by requiring Congress to approve all new major regulations. The bill revises provisions relating to congressional review of agency rulemaking to require federal agencies promulgating rules to: (1) identify and repeal or amend existing rules to completely offset any annual costs of new rules to the U.S. economy…” [HR 26, Summary, 1/5/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Excluding Any Rule Pertaining To Workplace Health And Safety From Being Defined As A “Major Rule.” In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Scott, D-Va., amendment that would exclude from the bill's provisions rules made by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration or the Mine Safety and Health Administration related to the prevention of traumatic injury, cancer or irreversible lung disease.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 193-232. [HR 26, Vote #20, 1/5/17; CQ, 1/5/17]

A “Major Rule” Is Any Rule The OMB Has Found Could Result In A Cost To The Economy Of $100 Million Or More, A Major Increase In Costs Or “Adverse Effects On Competition, Employment, Investment,” And Other Economic Functions. “A ‘major rule’ is any rule that the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget finds has resulted in or is likely to result in: (1) an annual cost on the economy of $100 million or more (adjusted annually for inflation); (2) a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, federal, state, or local government agencies, or geographic regions; or (3) significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises.” [HR 26, Summary, 1/5/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Excluding Any Rule Related To Public Health Or Safety From Being Defined As A “Major Rule.” “In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Cicilline, D-R.I., amendment that would exclude rules related to the protection of public health or safety from the definition of a ‘major rule.’” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 186-232. [HR 26, Vote #15, 1/5/17; CQ, 1/5/17]

A “Major Rule” Is Any Rule The OMB Has Found Could Result In A Cost To The Economy Of $100 Million Or More, A Major Increase In Costs Or “Adverse Effects On Competition, Employment, Investment,” And Other Economic Functions. “A ‘major rule’ is any rule that the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget finds has resulted in or is likely to result in: (1) an annual cost on the economy of $100 million or more (adjusted annually for inflation); (2) a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, federal, state, or local government agencies, or geographic regions; or (3) significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises.” [HR 26, Summary, 1/5/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Excluding Any Rule That Results In Reduced Incidence Of Diseases In Children From Being Defined As A “Major Rule.” “In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Castor, D-Fla., amendment that would exclude rules that would result in reduced incidence of cancer, early death, asthma attacks or respiratory disease in children from the definition of a ‘major rule.’” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 190-233. [HR 26, Vote #14, 1/5/17; CQ, 1/5/17]
A “Major Rule” is any rule that the OMB has found could result in a cost to the economy of $100 million or more, a major increase in costs or “adverse effects on competition, employment, investment,” and other economic functions. “A ‘major rule’ is any rule that the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget finds has resulted in or is likely to result in: (1) an annual cost on the economy of $100 million or more (adjusted annually for inflation); (2) a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, federal, state, or local government agencies, or geographic regions; or (3) significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises.” [HR 26, Summary, 1/5/17]

Poliquin Voted Against A Motion To Protect Individuals From Discrimination In The Health Insurance Marketplace Based On Gender Or Pre-Existing Conditions, Protect Seniors From Higher Premiums And Out-Of-Pocket Costs Under Medicare Part D. In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Castor, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would add an exemption to the bill for rules that prohibit health insurance companies from discriminating against individuals based on gender or preexisting conditions. The amendment also would exempt from the measure rules that prohibit higher premiums or out-of-pocket costs for seniors for medication under the Medicare Part D prescription drug program.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 183-236. [HR 21, Vote #7, 1/4/17; CQ, 1/4/17]

House Administration

Poliquin Voted For Considering A Rule The Same Day It Is Reported From The Rules Committee. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1181) that would waive the requirement of a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee, through Dec. 24, and would provide for House consideration of measures under suspension of the rules through Dec. 23, 2018.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 350-30. [H Res 1181, Vote #447, 12/20/18; CQ, 12/20/18]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Would “Appropriate $2.5 Million” For The Office Of Technology Assessment And “Decrease Funding” For Architect Of The Capitol Projects. In June 2018, Poliquin voted against “Takano, D-Calif., amendment that would appropriate $2.5 million for the Office of Technology Assessment and would decrease funding for the Architect of the Capitol’s capital construction and operations projects by $3.5 million.” The vote failed 195-217. [HR 5895, Vote #255, 6/8/18; CQ Floor Votes, 6/8/18]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Appropriating Funds To Enforce The Repeal Of GAO’s Ability To Perform Semiannual Financial Reviews Of Expenditures From The Independent Counsel Permanent Indefinite Appropriation. In June 2018, Poliquin voted against “Meadows, R-N.C., amendment that would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to enforce the repeal of the Government Accountability Office’s ability to perform semiannual financial reviews of expenditures from the Independent Counsel permanent indefinite appropriation.” The vote was adopted 207-201. [HR 5895, Vote #254, 6/8/18; CQ Floor Votes, 6/8/18]

Poliquin Voted For A Motion To Kill A Crowley Resolution To Investigate The House Chaplain’s Resignation. In, Poliquin voted for “McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Crowley, D-N.Y., resolution that would establish a select committee to investigate the resignation of Chaplain of the House of Representatives, Patrick J. Conroy.” The vote passed 223-182. [H. Res. 878, Vote #172, 5/8/18; CQ Floor Votes, 5/8/18]

Poliquin Voted For A Motion To Table A Resolution To Investigate Father Patrick Conroy’s Resignation As House Chaplain. In April 2018, Poliquin voted for “McCarthy, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) a resolution that would establish a House select committee to investigate the resignation of the Chaplain of the House of Representatives, Patrick J. Conroy.” The motion was agreed to, 215-171. [H.Res. 856, Vote #166, 4/27/18; CQ, 4/27/18]
**Immigration**

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Prohibiting The Department Of Homeland Security From Separating Immigrant Families.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 953) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 6136) that would appropriate $23.4 billion for various border security activities.” According to the Congressional Record, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Ranking Member Nadler's bill, H.R. 6135, the Keep Families Together Act, which I am proud to cosponsor. This thoughtful proposal would prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from separating children from their parents, of course, except in extraordinary circumstances, and limit the criminal prosecution of asylum seekers.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill prohibiting immigrant family separations. The motion was agreed to 233-191. [HR 6136, Vote #285, 6/21/18; CQ, 6/21/18; Congressional Record, 6/21/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Considering Legislation To Fund The Department Of Defense And A Resolution Stating That Allowing “Illegal Immigrants” To Vote Diminishes The Voting Power Of U.S. Citizens.** In September 2018, Poliquin voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1077) that would provide for House floor consideration of the conference report to accompany the Defense and Labor-HHS-Education and continuing appropriations package (HR 6157), providing for a resolution (H Res 1071) related to voting by ‘illegal immigrants,’ and providing for motions to suspend the rules.” The resolution was adopted 230-188. [H Res 1077, Vote #403, 9/26/18; CQ, 9/26/18]

**Poliquin Voted For A Resolution Expressing The House’s Continued Support For ICE And Denouncing Calls To Abolish ICE.** In July 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution that would express the House of Representative’s continued support for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and all government entities tasked with law enforcement duties on or near the nation's borders. It would also denounce calls to abolish ICE.” The motion was agreed to, 244-35. [H Res 990, Vote #337, 7/18/18; CQ, 7/18/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Require The Trump Administration To Reunify Immigrant Children With Their Family.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Rep. Bass of California’s bill H.R. 6236. Due to the Trump Administration’s manufactured crisis at our southern border, caused by its cruel policy of separating young children from their parents, Ms. Bass’ bill would require federal agencies to reunify children who were forcibly separated from their family.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to 231-188. [H Res 964, Vote #298, 6/27/18; CQ, 6/27/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 6/27/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Border Security and Immigration Reform Act of 2018, Which Would Appropriate Funds To Build A Border Wall With Mexico, Renew DACA For 6 Years, End The Diversity Visa Program And Require That Undocumented Immigrants Be Detained With Their Children.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would appropriate $23.4 billion for various border security activities. Included would be $16.6 billion for a ‘border wall system,’ which would be available from fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2027, and $6.8
billion for border security investments, which would be available from fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2023. It would provide those with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status a six-year renewable contingent non-immigrant legal status and would allow them to apply for a green card after five years, providing a path to citizenship. It would modify legal immigration by ending the diversity visa program and reallocating those visas to other classifications. The bill would require that undocumented immigrants who are charged with a misdemeanor offense for improper entry into the United States be detained with their minor children.” The bill failed 121-301. [HR 6136, Vote #297, 6/27/18; CQ, 6/27/18]

The Bill, Known As “Goodlatte 2,” Was Republicans Attempt At An Immigration Compromise. “House Republicans’ legislative attempt to find consensus within their own party on the divisive issue of immigration failed on the floor Wednesday, with the chamber overwhelmingly rejecting their so-called compromise bill, 121-301.” [Roll Call, 6/27/18]

The Bill Would Have Allowed Dreamers To Apply For A “Merit-Based” Visa With A Path To Citizenship. “It would have provided DACA recipients the opportunity to obtain an indefinitely renewable three-year non-immigrant legal status. Goodlatte 2 included the same provision but made it last for six years and expanded its eligibility beyond current DACA recipients to those who would qualify but had not applied. Under the compromise bill, Dreamers could also apply for a new merit-based visa and eventually citizenship, something some conservatives felt amounted to amnesty.” [Roll Call, 6/27/18]

The Bill Added Restrictions To DACA Eligibility; The Bill Would Likely Provide A Pathway To Citizenship To Only 18 Percent Of Dreamers. “These restrictions were also in DACA, but the new bill would go even further to restrict eligibility. […] In the best case scenario, the House GOP plan would likely provide a pathway to citizenship to fewer than 630,000 Dreamers—barely a third of the president’s promise in January and just 18 percent of the entire Dreamer population. Moreover, only an estimated 421,000 immigrants are likely to become citizens.” [CATO Institute, 6/19/18]

The Bill Would Have Required Families Who Illegally Crossed The Border To Be Housed Together, Rather Than In Criminal Custody, But Eliminated The 20 Day Cap On Administrative Custody For Accompanied Children. “The compromise bill also included language intended to prevent children from being separated from their parents when detained at the border. It would have required the Department of Homeland Security to house families together while the parents are going through criminal proceedings for the misdemeanor of first-time illegal border crossing, instead of in criminal custody, and would have eliminated the 20-day cap on administrative custody for accompanied children.” [Roll Call, 6/27/18]

The Bill Granted $25 Billion In Funds For A Southern Border Wall. “The bill also called for granting $25 billion in funds for a southern border wall, making it more difficult for migrants to seek asylum, and allowing families to be detained indefinitely at the border in response to the Trump administration’s ‘zero-tolerance’ family separation policy. It also included provisions that would have significantly cut legal immigration levels.” [Vox, 6/27/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Amending The Border Security And Immigration Reform Act Of 2018 To Prohibit Law Enforcement From Detaining, Separately From Their Child, Any Individual Accused Of Entering The U.S. Illegally. In June 2018, Poliquin voted against “Espaillat, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit law enforcement from detaining, separately from their child, any individual accused of illegally entering the United States with a child, in cases in which the child is under the age of 18.” The motion failed, 190-230. [H.R. 6136, Vote #296, 6/27/18; CQ, 6/27/18]

Poliquin Voted For Moving To A Floor Vote On The “Compromise” Immigration Bill. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 953) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 6136) that would appropriate $23.4 billion for various border security activities. Included would be $16.6 billion for a ‘border wall system,’ which would be available from fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2027, and $6.8 billion for border
security investments, which would be available from fiscal 2019 through fiscal 2023. It would provide those with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status a six-year renewable contingent non-immigrant legal status and would allow them to apply for a green card after five years thereby providing a path to citizenship.” The rule was adopted, 227-195. [H. Res. 953, Vote #286, 6/21/18; CQ, 6/21/18]

Poliquin Voted For The Securing America's Future Act, Which Wouldn’t Offer DREAMers Pathway To Citizenship While Cracking Down On Asylum Seekers And Funding Trump’s Border Wall. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for “bill that would authorize $24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022 for various border security activities, including $9.3 billion for a border wall and other physical barriers and would provide individuals registered under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program with a three-year, renewable contingent non-immigrant legal status but with no special path to citizenship. It would modify legal immigration by ending the diversity visa program and restricting most family-based immigration to allow only spouses and minor children of legal permanent residents to receive green cards. It would increase enforcement of immigration laws within the United States, including by requiring all employers to verify the immigration status and eligibility of individuals seeking jobs in the United States.” The bill failed 193 to 231. [HR 4760, Vote #282, 6/21/18; CQ, 6/21/18]

HEADLINE: “The Conservative Alternative: No Chance For Citizenship For Legalized Immigrants, Deeper Cuts To Legal Immigration” [Vox, 6/18/18]

Securing America’s Future Act Offered Only Limited Protections For Current DACA Recipients, And Put DREAMers Who Did Not Apply Before Trump Ended The Program At Risk. “[T]he Securing America’s Future Act provides only a potentially renewable three-year reprieve from deportation to current DACA recipients. […] Rep. Goodlatte’s bill offers only a tenuous second-class status to a small subset of people. Left out of the measure, for example, are people such as the 120,000 young Dreamers who never had the opportunity to apply for protection because of the Trump administration’s decision to end the initiative. For these individuals—and for hundreds of thousands of other Dreamers—the Goodlatte bill offers the same peril it offers to all other undocumented immigrants: the threat of criminal prosecution, imprisonment, and deportation.” [Center for American Progress, 6/7/18]

Securing America’s Future Act Would “Make It Easier To Deport Asylum Seekers, Including Unaccompanied Children.” Securing America’s Future Act would “make it easier to deport asylum seekers, including unaccompanied children, without providing basic due process protections. […] Instead of recognizing the unique vulnerability of people fleeing violence and persecution, the bill would make it far more likely that asylum seekers and unaccompanied children will be quickly deported back to their countries of origin, potentially being returned to harm or even death.” [Center for American Progress, 6/7/18]

Securing America’s Future Act Would Criminalize All Undocumented Immigrants. “Under long-standing immigration law, being in the country without status is a civil—not criminal—violation. The Goodlatte bill would change the law and make unlawful presence a crime, turning the 11 million undocumented immigrants in the country today into criminals overnight.” [Center for American Progress, 6/7/18]

Securing America’s Future Act Provided $9.3 Billion For Trump’s Border Wall. The Securing America’s Future Act would “authorize $24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022 for various border security activities, including $9.3 billion for a border wall and other physical barriers” [CQ, 6/21/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Replacing The Text Of The Goodlatte Bill With The Text Of The DREAM Act. In June 2018, Poliquin voted against “Lujan Grisham, D-N.M., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would replace the bill’s provisions with a system that would provide a pathway to citizenship for recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office, the motion “would strike the text in the underlying bill and replace it with the text of Rep. Roybal-Allard’s bill H.R. 3440 – Dream Act of 2017.” The motion failed 191 to 234. [HR 4760, Vote #281, 6/21/18; CQ, 6/21/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 6/21/18]
Poliquin Voted For Bringing The Securing America’s Future Act Of 2018 To The Floor For A Vote. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 954) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 4760) that would authorize $24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022 for various border security activities and would provide individuals registered under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program with a three-year, renewable contingent non-immigrant legal status but with no special path to citizenship. Adoption of the rule would provide for the automatic adoption of an amendment that would modify funds authorized for border activities under the bill; authorizing $24.8 billion for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022, instead of authorizing $24.8 billion annually for fiscal 2018 through fiscal 2022.” The resolution passed 226 to 195. [H Res 954, Vote #280, 6/21/18; CQ, 6/21/18]

Moderate Republicans Agreed To Process To Vote On Republican-Only Immigration Bills, Even Though It “Would Effectively Kill Their Discharge Petition” To Bring Bipartisan Immigration Fix To The Floor. “They agreed to a process that night that would effectively kill their discharge petition. With no agreement in sight, Ryan proposed two immigration votes: One on a conservative DACA bill, the other on ‘compromise’ legislation they’d continue trying to negotiate. Sensing the wind was against them, moderates reluctantly agreed.” [Politico, 6/27/17]

New York Magazine: “The Only Real Purpose Of This Exercise Was To Preempt A Discharge Petition” That Would Have Brought A Bipartisan Immigration Bill To The Floor. “Indeed, the only real purpose of this exercise was to preempt a discharge petition that House Democrats and some politically vulnerable House Republicans had signed that might have brought a Democratic immigration bill — indeed, the original DREAM Act — to the floor under conditions where it might have actually passed. So for all the endless and interminable and redundant House GOP talk about wanting to take action on immigration, when votes were finally held it was really about preventing action on immigration.” [New York Magazine, 6/21/18]

Poliquin Voted For Amending The Rule To Bring Up Four Bills – Two Republican Bills, The DREAM Act, And A Bipartisan Bill – Under A Queen Of The Hill Rule. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would would [sic] provide for consideration of H.R. 4760 – Securing America’s Future Act, and will make in order four substitute amendments to that bill, drafted at the discretion of the authors so long as they are germane to the underlying bill. H.Res. 774 allows for the amendment that receives the most votes (and at least a simple majority) to pass the House under a rule known as “queen-of-the-hill.” The four amendments that H.Res. 774 allows for are: an amendment offered by Rep. Goodlatte, which could be similar to H.R. 4760, an amendment offered by Rep. Roybal-Allard, which could be similar to a clean DREAM Act an amendment offered by Speaker Ryan an amendment offered by Rep. Denham, which could be similar to the bipartisan bill H.R. 4796 – USA Act. If the underlying Rule passes, it will turn off the discharge petition, and allow the House GOP to bring up anti-immigrant legislation that does not solve the DACA crisis.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment. The motion was agreed to 232-190. [H Res 954, Vote #279, 6/21/18; CQ, 6/21/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 6/21/18]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In March 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-186. [H Res 796, Vote #123, 3/22/18; CQ, 3/22/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 3/22/18]

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consideration of the DREAM Act. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-181. [H Res 787, Vote #117, 3/20/18; CQ, 3/20/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 3/20/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act.** In March 2018, Poliquin voted for “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 773).” According to Rep. Polis, “if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the Dream Act. The previous question carried, 234-187. [H Res 773, Vote #104, 3/14/18; CQ, 3/14/18; Congressional Record, 3/14/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act.** In March 2018, Poliquin voted for “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 762).” According to Rep. Hastings, “Democrats have offered to bring the Dream Act to the floor now 24 times. We are going to give them one more chance. We have done it 23, and every single time this effort has been blocked by the majority. To address my friend who correctly cited that we were bringing this up: […] We on this side of the aisle clearly want to fix this problem. So let's do it now. Mr. Speaker, I urge a ‘no’ vote on the rule, on the previous question, and on the underlying bills.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the Dream Act. The previous question carried, 229-183. [H Res 762, Vote #96, 3/7/18; CQ, 3/7/18; Congressional Record, 3/7/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act.** In February 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 228-184. [H.Res.748, Vote #84, 2/27/18; CQ, 2/27/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 2/27/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act.** In February 2018, Poliquin voted for a “motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act. The motion was agreed to 228-187. [H.Res. 736, Vote #72, 2/14/18; CQ, 2/14/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 2/14/18]

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**Poliquin Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act.** In February 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act. The motion was agreed to 235-189. [H. Res. 727, Vote #58, 2/6/18; CQ, 2/6/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 2/6/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Dream Act.** In January 2018, Poliquin voted for “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” A vote for the motion was a vote to block Democrats from bringing the DREAM Act to a vote, according to a floor speech by
Democratic Rep. Jim McGovern: “This is the 19th time that we have attempted to bring the bipartisan bill, H.R. 3440, the Dream Act, for a vote on the House floor, and, if we defeat the previous question, we will bring that bill up.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act. The motion agreed to by a vote of 232-187. [H.R. 695, Vote #47, 1/30/18; Congressional Record, page H694, 1/30/18; CQ, 1/30/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act.** In January 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “the Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act. The motion was agreed to 234 to 181. [H Res 681, Vote #9, 1/10/18; CQ, 1/10/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 1/10/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act.** In January 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way except on paper.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act. The motion was agreed to 234-189. [HR 2874, Vote #626, 11/14/17; CQ, 11/14/17; Congressional Record, 11/14/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act.** In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way except on paper.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block the DREAM Act. The motion was agreed to 224-190. [HRes 609, Vote #616, 11/8/17; CQ, 11/8/17, Congressional Record, 11/8/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act.** In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “If we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way except on paper.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the DREAM Act. The motion was agreed to 232-184. [HR 2936, Vote #592, 11/1/17; CQ, 11/1/17; Congressional Record, 11/1/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act.** In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” A vote for the amendment was a vote to block the DREAM Act. The motion passed 228-189. [HRes 577, Vote #572, 11/9/17; CQ, 10/24/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, accessed 11/13/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act.** In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 562).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Polis was going to offer an amendment for
“consideration of the bill (H.R.3440) to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain individuals who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children and for other purposes.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block consideration of HR 3440. The previous question carried, 227-190. [HR 562, Vote #560, 10/11/17; CQ, 10/11/17; Congress.gov, 10/11/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 548).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the motion prohibited “consideration of the bill (H.R. 3440) to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain individuals who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children and for other purposes.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block consideration of HR 3440. The previous question carried, 233-184. [HR 36, Vote #546, 10/3/17; CQ, 10/3/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, 10/3/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 538).” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R.3440, which would permanently protect DREAMers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 223-187. [HR 538, Vote #538, 9/27/17; CQ, 9/27/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 533).” According to Democratic Rep. Alcee Hastings, “If we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 3440, the Dream Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would help thousands of young people who are Americans in every way except on paper.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block the DREAM Act. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 230-189. [HR 533, Vote #532, 9/26/17; Congressional Record, H7503, 9/26/17; CQ, 9/26/17]

Poliquin Voted Against A Motion To Eliminate Funding For The Border Wall From A Spending Bill. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would increase funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s National Predisaster Mitigation Fund by $2.4 billion, would eliminate $1.6 billion in funding to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for procurement, construction and improvement of a barrier along the southern U.S. border, and would decrease funding for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations by $849.5 million.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 186-223. [HR 3354, Vote #527, 9/14/17; CQ, 9/14/17]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Foreign Gang Members From Entering The United States And Denying Foreign Gang Members Immigration Benefits. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would define a criminal gang as a group of five or more persons that has the primary purpose of the commission of one or more certain criminal offenses and would prohibit individuals defined as foreign criminal gang members from entering the United States. It would prohibit a criminal gang member, who is not a U.S. citizen or U.S. national, from being eligible for certain immigration benefits such as asylum, special immigrant juvenile status, and temporary protected status.” The bill passed by a vote of 233-175. [HR 3697, Vote #517, 9/14/17; CQ, 9/14/17]

The House Passed Legislation That Would Allow Officials To Take Action Against Suspected Gang Members, Regardless Of Whether They’ve Been Convicted Of A Crime. “The House on Thursday passed a bill introduced by Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-Va.) that would expand the authority of the federal government to deport or detain non-citizen immigrants who are gang members or suspected of gang activity. The legislation, offered as a response to an increase in killings perpetuated by the resurgent MS-13 gang in the Washington region and nationally, would allow officials to take action against suspected gang members, regardless of whether they’ve been convicted of a crime.” [Washington Post, 9/14/17]
Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting The Bill’s Provisions From Being Used To Deport Someone For An Action Done On Behalf Of A Religious Organization For Humanitarian Reasons. In September 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Beyer, D-Va., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would that would prohibit the bill’s provisions from being used to authorize the deportation of an alien for action taken on behalf of a religious organization with the primary purpose of providing humanitarian aid.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 184-220. [H R 3697, Vote #516, 9/14/17; CQ, 9/14/17]

Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Changing The Definition Of A Criminal Gang And Prohibiting Foreign Criminal Gang Members From Entering The United States. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 513) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3697) that would define a criminal gang as a group of five or more persons that has the primary purpose of the commission of one or more certain criminal offenses and would prohibit individuals defined as foreign criminal gang members from entering the United States.” The resolution passed by a vote of 222-186. [H R 513, Vote #487, 9/13/17; CQ, 9/13/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 504) that would provide for further House floor consideration of the fiscal 2018 Interior-Environment appropriations bill (HR 3354), which is the legislative vehicle for an omnibus appropriations package which would include: eight of the 12 fiscal 2018 appropriations measures and the text of the minibus appropriations package (HR 3219) passed on July 27, 2017.” According to the Democratic Leader’s website “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.RE.3440, which would permanently protect dreamers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 227-186. A vote for the motion was a vote to block the DREAM Act. [H RES 504, Vote #457, 9/7/17; CQ, 9/7/17; DemocraticLeader.Gov, 9/7/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The DREAM Act. In September 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 500) that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2018 Interior-Environment appropriations bill (HR 3354), which is the legislative vehicle for an omnibus appropriations package which would include: eight of the 12 fiscal 2018 appropriations measures and the text of the minibus appropriations package (HR 3219) passed on July 27, 2017.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Website “The Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.RE.3440, which would permanently protect dreamers and allow them to remain here and work legally to contribute to strengthening the nation they have called home since childhood.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block the DREAM Act. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 233-187. [H RES 500, Vote #442, 9/6/17; CQ, 9/6/17; DemocraticLeader.Gov, 9/6/17]

Poliquin Voted For The “Security Minibus” Which Included $1.6 Billion In Funding For A Southern Border Wall. In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would provide $788 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2018 to various departments, agencies and legislative operations, including $658.1 billion in funding for Defense programs; $88.8 billion in net appropriations subject to discretionary caps for fiscal 2018 that would provide funding for military construction activities and for VA programs and activities; $37.6 billion in net appropriations subject to discretionary caps for fiscal 2018 that would provide funding for the Energy Department, Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation and related agencies; and $3.6 billion in funding fiscal 2018 for operations of the House of Representatives, joint House-Senate items and legislative branch entities such as the Library of Congress, the Capitol Police, and the Government Accountability Office. The bill would provide $1.6 billion in funding to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for procurement, construction and improvement of a barrier along the southern U.S. border.” Passed by a vote of 235-192. [H R 3219, Vote #435, 7/27/17; CQ, 7/27/17]

Poliquin Voted Against A Motion To Eliminate Border Wall Funding From The Security Minibus. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Roybal-Allard, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would eliminate the bill's
provision related to providing funding to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for procurement, construction and improvement of a barrier along the southern U.S. border.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would strike the division of the underlying bill that appropriates $1.6 billion in taxpayer funds to begin construction of President Trump’s border wall along the U.S. – Mexico border.” Motion rejected by a vote of 193-234. [H R 3219, Vote #434, 7/27/17; CQ, 7/27/17; Democratic Leader’s Office, motion to recommit, 7/27/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Adding A Requirement That All Iron And Steel Products Used In The Construction Of The Border Wall Be From The United States. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “O’Halleran, D-Ariz., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require, as a condition of issuing a certificate of crossing, that all iron and steel products used in the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of a border-crossing facility would be produced in the United States.” According to the Democratic Leader’s website “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would add a requirement to the underlying bill that all iron and steel products used in construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of the border-crossing facility be produced in the United States.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 193-232. [H R 2883, Vote #397, 7/19/17; CQ, 7/19/17; DemocraticLeader.Gov, 7/19/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting Funds In The FY 2018 Defense Authorization From Being Used To Plan, Develop, Or Constrict A Border Wall. In July 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Lujan Grisham, D-N.M., motion to recommit the bill to the House Armed Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit funds authorized by the bill from being used to plan, develop, or construct any barriers, including walls or fences, along “the international border of the United States.” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would prohibit any funds authorized to be appropriated in the underlying bill from being used to plan, develop, or construct any barriers, including walls or fences, along the international border of the United States.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-235. [H R 2810, Vote #377, 7/14/17; CQ, 7/14/17; DemocraticLeader.Gov, 7/14/17]

Poliquin Voted For ‘Kate’s Law’ – A Bill To “Establish Specific Possible Fines And Prison Sentences For Undocumented Immigrants Convicted Of Certain Criminal Offenses.” In June 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would establish specific possible fines and prison sentences for undocumented immigrants convicted of certain criminal offenses and who illegally return to the United States despite having been previously deported or otherwise excluded from the country. The bill would establish maximum sentences for such individuals with varying criminal histories, including a 10-year maximum sentence for illegal immigrants who reattempt to enter the country after three or more deportations, even if such individuals have not been convicted of any other crimes.” The bill Passed by a vote of 257-167. [H R 3004, Vote #344, 6/29/17; CQ, 6/29/17]

Washington Post: ‘Kate’s Law’ “Would Enhance Penalties For Convicted And Deported Criminals Who Reenter The United States Illegally. “On Thursday, just two days before the second-year anniversary of Steinle’s shooting, the House of Representatives passed a bill known as “Kate’s Law,” which would enhance penalties for convicted and deported criminals who reenter the United States illegally. It was first introduced in 2015, but it failed to advance in the Senate.” [Washington Post, 6/29/17]

Washington Post: “Civil Rights Groups… Strongly Opposed Kate’s Law,” Described It As “Shortsighted And Ill-Conceived.” “Civil rights groups, including the American Civil Liberties Union, have strongly opposed Kate’s Law, calling it a ‘shortsighted and ill-conceived response’” to the young woman’s slaying. They argue that it is blanket legislation that would penalize even those who come to the United States to escape persecution. Opponents also say that the bill perpetuates the false notion that undocumented immigrants are inherently criminals.” [Washington Post, 6/29/17]

Poliquin Voted Against A Motion To Exempt From Kate’s Law “Victims Of Sex Trafficking That Voluntarily Present Themselves At A Port Of Entry And Request Protection.” In June 2017, Poliquin voted against: “motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back
immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill’s provisions victims of sex trafficking that voluntarily present themselves at a port of entry and request protection.” According to the Democratic Leader’s website, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would add an exemption to the underlying bill to allow a victim of sex-trafficking to voluntarily present herself or himself at a port of entry to request protection without fear of violating the law.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 193-232. [H R 3004, Vote #343, 6/29/17; CQ, 6/29/17: Democratic Leader’s office, motion to recommit, 6/29/17]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill To Ban Sanctuary Cities. In June 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit federal, state and local governments from restricting any federal, state, or local government entity or official from complying with immigration laws or from assisting federal law enforcement entities or officials in their enforcement of such laws. The bill would allow the Homeland Security Department to issue detainers for arrests of individuals in violation of "any criminal or motor vehicle law" in cases where there is probable cause to believe such individual is an "inadmissible or deportable alien," and would revoke eligibility for certain federal law enforcement grants for states and cities found not to be in compliance with the bill’s provisions.” The bill passed 228-195. [HR 3003, Vote #342, 6/29/17; CQ, 6/29/17]

New York Times: The No Sanctuary For Criminals Act “Broadens The Pool Of Money That Cities Could Lose For Not Cooperating With Federal Immigration Officials.” “One of the House bills, known as the No Sanctuary for Criminals Act, potentially broadens the pool of money that cities could lose for not cooperating with federal immigration officials. It also seeks to indemnify local law enforcement officials who detain immigrants on behalf of the federal authorities from lawsuits, making the federal government the defendant in such cases. The bill passed 228 to 195.” [New York Times, 6/29/17]

The National Fraternal Order Of Police Opposed The No Sanctuary For Criminals Act. “Some law enforcement officials have also expressed concerns with the legislation. The National Fraternal Order of Police came out against the sanctuary cities bill this week. In a letter to House leadership, the group’s national president, Chuck Canterbury, said, ‘Law enforcement officers do not get to pick and choose which laws to enforce, and must carry out lawful orders at the direction of their commanders and the civilian government that employs them.’” [New York Times, 6/29/17]

ACLU: HR 3003 Would Violate 4th Amendment Protections Against Detention Without Due Process Or Probable Cause. “And the American Civil Liberties Union said the sanctuary cities bill violates the Fourth Amendment by requiring local law enforcement to hold people without due process or probable cause when requested by immigration agents.” [New York Times, 6/29/17]

Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of A Bill To Ban Sanctuary Cities. In June 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 414) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3003) that would prohibit federal, state and local governments from restricting any federal, state, or local government entity or official from complying with immigration laws or from assisting federal law enforcement in its enforcement of such laws.” The bill passed 235-190. [HR 3003, Vote #332, 6/28/17; CQ, 6/28/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of An Act Nullifying Trump’s Immigration Executive Order. In February 2017, Poliquin voted for the “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 74).” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would bring up HR 724, the Statue of Liberty Values Act, offered by Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, which would give the Republican Congress a second chance in as many days to defund and rescind President Trump’s unconstitutional and dangerous ban.” A vote for the previous question was a vote in support of the executive order. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 230-188. [HRes 74, Vote #74, 2/2/17; CQ, 2/2/17; Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, 2/2/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of An Act To Nullify Trump’s Immigration Executive Order. In February 2017, Poliquin voted for the “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 71).” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office,
“The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of HR 724, the Statue of Liberty Values Act of 2017, which provides that President Trump’s Immigration Executive Order shall have no force or effect.” A vote for the previous question was a vote in support of the executive order. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 231-183. [HR 70, Vote #70, 2/1/17; CQ, 2/1/17; Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, 2/1/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of An Act Nullifying Trump’s Immigration Executive Order.** In January 2017, Poliquin voted for the “Newhouse, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 70).” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of HR 724, the Statue of Liberty Values Act of 2017, which provides that President Trump’s Immigration Executive Order shall have no force or effect.” A vote for the previous question was a vote in support of the executive order. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 236-183. [HR 70, Vote #68, 1/30/17; CQ, 1/30/17; Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, 1/30/17]

**Labor & Working Families**

**Poliquin Voted To Block Consideration Of A Bill To Protect Union Negotiating Power.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would make in order Mr. Cartwright of Pennsylvania’s bill, H.R. 6238. Following the Supreme Court’s decision yesterday in Janus vs. AFSCME to overturn decades of legal precedent that protect the rights of unions to collect fair share fees to cover collective bargaining rights, H.R. 6238 would protect the ability of these unions to negotiate for decent pay and reinforce their important role in assuring fair workplaces that benefit all.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to 224-186. [HR 954, Vote #304, 6/28/18; CQ, 6/28/18; Democratic Leader.gov, 6/28/18]

The Public Service Freedom To Negotiate Act Would Give State And Local Government Employees Similar Protections To Private Sector Workers To Voluntarily Have Union Dues Deducted From Their Paychecks. “On Thursday, Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii) and Rep. Matthew Cartwright (D-Pa.) introduced a bill, dubbed the Public Service Freedom to Negotiate Act, to protect the ability of public employees to form, join or assist labor organizations without fear of reprisal. The federal legislation would give all state and local government employees protections similar to those that private-sector workers enjoy, including the right to voluntarily have union dues deducted from their paychecks. A number of states prohibit automatic payroll deductions for public employees, claiming government resources should not be used to underwrite union agendas.” [Washington Post, 6/28/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Protect Union Negotiating Power.** In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Cheney, R-Wyo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “Following the Supreme Court’s decision yesterday in Janus vs. AFSCME to overturn decades of legal precedent that protect the rights of unions to collect fair share fees to cover collective bargaining rights, H.R. 6238 would protect the ability of these unions to negotiate for decent pay and reinforce their important role in assuring fair workplaces that benefit all.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to 219-172. [HR 961, Vote #291, 6/26/18; CQ, 6/26/18; Democratic Leader.gov, 6/26/18]

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deductions for public employees, claiming government resources should not be used to underwrite union agendas.” [Washington Post, 6/28/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Funding To Implement Or Enforce Davis-Bacon Act Protections.** In April 2018, Poliquin voted for: “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would prohibit any funds authorized by the bill to be used to implement or enforce the prevailing wage rate requirements established by the Davis-Bacon Act.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 172-243. [H.Amdt.557 to HR 4, Vote #157, 4/26/18; CQ, 4/26/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Increasing The Probationary Period For Newly Hired Federal Employees To Two Years.** In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would increase to two years the probationary period for newly hired federal employees, for any individuals promoted to a supervisory or managerial role, and for any individual appointed to the Senior Executive Service. It would also establish a system in which supervisors would be notified near the end of an employee's probationary period.” The bill passed 213 to 204. [HR 4182, Vote #648, 11/30/17; CQ, 11/30/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Delaying The Federal New Hire Probationary Period Increase Until After A Study Of Its Potential Effects Was Conducted.** In November 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Connolly, D-Va., amendment that would strike the provisions of the bill and require that a study be conducted on the effects of an increase in employment probationary periods within federal agencies” The amendment failed 193 to 223. [HR 4182, Vote #647, 11/30/17; CQ, 11/30/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Individuals Who Have Participated In Programs Like AmeriCorps Or PeaceCorps From The Federal New Hire Probationary Period.** In November 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Hastings, D-Fla., amendment that would exempt an individual who has completed a term of service for a program under the Corporation for National and Community Service, such as PeaceCorps and AmeriCorps, from the bill's required increase in probationary period length.” The amendment failed 195 to 221. [HR 4182, Vote #646, 11/30/17; CQ, 11/30/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Overturning An Obama-Era National Labor Relations Board Ruling That Made Companies Liable For Labor Law Violations Of Subcontractors.** In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would define a joint employer as an entity with actual, direct and immediate control over employees, with significant control over essential terms of employment such as hiring, determining pay and benefits, day-to-day supervision of employees, and assigning individual work schedules.” The bill passed 242-181. [HR 3441, Vote #614, 11/7/17; CQ, 11/7/17]

**HEADLINE: “House Passes Bill To Overturn Controversial Joint-Employer Ruling.”** [The Hill, 11/7/17]

**The Hill: Bill Overturned NLRB “Ruling That Made Companies Potentially Liable For Labor Law Violations Committed By Their Subcontractors.”** “The House on Tuesday evening passed a bill that would overturn an Obama-era National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) ruling that made companies potentially liable for labor law violations committed by their subcontractors. […] The bill, which passed the House Monday, would change that definition under the National Labor Relations Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act to state a company is only considered a joint employer if it ‘directly, actually and immediately’ has control over essential terms and conditions of employment.” [The Hill, 11/7/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Requiring A Franchisor To Be Treated As A Joint Employer if The Franchisee Violates Labor Laws.** In November 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Bonamici, D-Ore., motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and the Workforce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require a franchisor to be treated as a joint employer if a franchisee violates labor laws at the direction of the franchisor.” The motion was rejected 235-186. [HR 3441, Vote #613, 11/7/17; CQ, 11/7/17]
Poliquin Voted For Considering A Bill To Overturn Obama-era NLRB Rule That Made Companies Liable For Labor Law Violations Of Subcontractors. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 607) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3043) that would specify a variety of timeframes and procedures for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to follow in carrying out required permitting and licensing activities for non-federal hydropower projects. It would also provide for consideration of the bill (HR 3441) that would modify the statutory definition of joint employer to clarify that an employer must have actual, direct and immediate control over employees to be considered a joint employer.” The resolution was adopted 233-182. [HRes 607, Vote #611, 11/7/17; CQ, 11/7/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of HR 2933, The Leveraging Effective To Rebuild National Skills Act, Which Promoted Effective Apprenticeships. In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 468) that would provide for House floor consideration of the joint resolution (H J Res 111) that would nullify and disapprove of a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau rule that prohibits mandatory arbitration clauses in certain consumer contracts.” According to the Democratic Leader’s website “the Democratic previous question would amend the rule to allow for consideration of H.R. 2933, the leveraging effective apprenticeships to rebuild national skills act, which would promote effective apprenticeships that give students and workers the skills they need to find well-paying jobs.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the leveraging effective apprenticeships to rebuild national skills act. The motion was adopted by a vote of 229-184. [H RES 468, Vote #410, 7/25/17; CQ, 7/25/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, 7/25/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bill To Increase The Minimum Wage To $15 Per Hour In Seven Years. In June 2017, Poliquin voted for a motion to order the previous question. A yes vote would block consideration of “H.R. 15, The Raise The Wage Act., which would give workers the raise they deserve, and increase the federal minimum wage to $15 an hour within 7 years.” The bill passed 235-190. [HR 3003, Vote #331, 6/28/17; CQ, 6/28/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, accessed 9/12/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Allow Americans To Earn Paid Sick Leave. In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the previous question would allow for “consideration of the bill (H.R. 1516) to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the amendment for paid sick leave. The previous question carried, 231-188. [HR Res 352, Vote #275, 5/24/17; CQ, 5/24/17]

Poliquin Voted For Allowing Private-Sector Employees To Swap Overtime Pay For ‘Comp Time.’ In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would allow private-sector employers to provide non-exempt employees compensatory time off at a rate of 1.5 hours per hour of overtime work. To be eligible, employees would be required to have worked at least 1,000 hours in a 12-month period. Employees would be limited to 160 hours of compensatory time and employers would be required to provide monetary compensation by Jan. 31, for any unused compensatory time accrued during the preceding year. The bill's provisions would sunset five years after enactment.” The bill was passed by a vote of 229-197. [HR 1180, Vote #244, 5/2/17; CQ, 5/2/17]

NBC News: Democrats Opposed The Bill, Saying It Weakened Worker Protections And Could Allow Employers, Who Would Have Final Say On Scheduled Comp Time, To “Kick The Can Down The Road On Money You Earned Putting In Extra Hours.” “The House of Representatives passed a bill Tuesday that would allow employers to swap overtime pay for "comp time," a rules change congressional Republicans have tried to push through for more than two decades. […] Where do the Democrats stand? They really don't like this bill. Many progressives in the House argue that the proposal would chip away at protections for hardworking Americans and undermine the Fair Labor Standards Act. The measure, among other rules, would give employers the final say on when comp time can be used. In other words, House Dems fear, your boss could conceivably kick the can down the road on money you earned putting in extra hours. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a fierce advocate for workers' rights, blasted the bill as a ‘disgrace.’” [NBC News, 5/3/17]
Poliquin Voted Against Blocking Protections From The Bill For Employees Who Receive Seven Or More Sick Days From Their Employers, Which Can Be Used To Seek Care For Pre-Existing Medical Conditions. In May 2017, Poliquin voted against “Scott, D-Va., motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and the Workforce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill’s provisions employees who receive seven or more sick days from their employer.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 192-234. [HR 1180, Vote #243, 5/2/17; CQ, 5/2/17]

Poliquin Voted For Waive Certain Rules Making It Easier For The House To Pass A Bill To Allow Employees To Trade Overtime Pay For Comp Time. In May 2017, Poliquin voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 299) that would allow private-sector employers to provide non-exempt employees compensatory time off at a rate of 1.5 hours per hour of overtime work. It would waive, through the legislative day of May 5, 2017, the two-thirds vote requirement to consider legislation on the same day it is reported from the House Rules Committee. It also would provide for consideration of measures under suspension of the rules on the legislative days of May 4 and May 5, 2017.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 230-193. [HR 1180 (HRes 299), Vote #241, 5/2/17; CQ, 5/2/17]

Poliquin Voted For Nullifying A Department Of Labor Rule That Extends The Period Of Time In Which The Occupational Safety And Health Administration Can Issue Citations To Employers Who Do Not Maintain Workplace Injuries. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of a joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of an Occupational Safety and Health Administration rule that extends, from six months to five years, the period in which OSHA can issue citations to employers who do not maintain workplace injury or illness records.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 231-191. [HJRes 83, Vote #121, 3/1/17; CQ, 3/1/17]

Poliquin Voted For Nullifying A Labor Department Rule Limiting The Occupations For Which States Can Require Drug Tests For People Applying For Unemployment Benefits. In February 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Labor Department rule that limits the occupations for which states can require drug tests for individuals applying for unemployment benefits. Under the rule, an individual can be required to be tested for drugs if an individual's typical employment is an occupation for which state or federal laws require an employee to be tested for controlled substances.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 236-189. [HJRes 42, Vote #97, 2/15/17; CQ, 2/15/17]

Poliquin Voted For Nullifying A Department Of Labor Rule Exempting Certain Government-Administered State Retirement Savings Plans From Select Federal Regulations And Providing Guidance On ERISA Preemption. In February 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Labor Department rule that exempts certain state-administered retirement savings plans from select federal regulations governing pension plans if the state programs meet certain standards. Under the rule, the savings program must be established and administered by the state, and the savings plans must be voluntary for the employee for the program to qualify for the exemption.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 231-193. [HJRes 66, Vote #96, 2/15/17; CQ, 2/15/17]

Poliquin Voted For Nullifying A Department Of Labor Rule Exempting Certain Government-Administered State Retirement Savings Plans From Select Federal Regulations. In February 2017, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Labor Department rule that exempts certain local government-administered retirement savings plans for non-government employees from select federal regulations governing pension plans. Under the rule, a city or county must have a population at least as large as the least populated state in the nation, and must administer a retirement plan for its own employees for the program to qualify for the exemption.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 234-191. [HJRes 67, Vote #95, 2/15/17; CQ, 2/15/17]

Poliquin Voted For Nullifying An Obama-Administration Rule Requiring Contractors To Disclose Labor Law Violations Within The Past Three Years. In February 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify a Defense Department, General Services Administration and NASA rule that requires companies that bid for federal contracts of more than $500,000 to disclose whether they have been determined in
the previous three years to have violated certain federal labor laws and equivalent state laws.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 236-187. [HJRes, 37, Vote #76, 2/2/17; CQ, 2/2/17]

National Security & Terrorism

Poliquin Voted For Agreeing To The Conference Report For The National Defense Authorization Act FY 2019. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for “adoption of the conference report on the bill that would authorize $708.1 billion for defense-related programs, with $639.1 billion for the Defense Department’s base budget, and $69 billion for overseas contingency operations. Specifically, it would authorize $65 million for the development of low-yield nuclear weapons. It would also authorize $18.8 billion for Navy aircraft procurement, $16.5 billion for Air Force aircraft, and 24.1 billion for Navy shipbuilding. It would prohibit any U.S. government agency from using technology produced by the Chinese companies ZTE or Huawei, but would not reimpose a ban on U.S. exports to ZTE.” The report was agreed to, 359-54. [HR 5515, Vote #379, 7/26/18; CQ, 7/26/18]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill FY 2018 And FY 2019 Funding For 16 U.S. Intelligence Communities And Requiring The Publishing Of Reports On Threats To U.S. Cybersecurity. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill that would authorize classified amounts in fiscal 2018 and fiscal 2019 for 16 U.S. intelligence agencies and intelligence-related activities of the U.S. government, which would cover general intelligence operations, clandestine human intelligence programs and analysis, and covert action programs. The bill would authorize $547 million in fiscal 2018 and $515 million in fiscal 2019 for the Intelligence Community Management account. The bill would require several reports on foreign malign influencers, including Russia, North Korea and Iran, and activities related to funding or carrying out a cyber or terrorist attack. The bill would also require the Director of National Intelligence to electronically publish an unclassified report on foreign counterintelligence and cybersecurity threats to U.S. election campaigns for federal offices.” The bill passed, 363-54. [HR 6237, Vote #326, 7/12/18; CQ, 7/12/18]

Poliquin Voted For Considering A Bill Authorizing Intelligence Appropriations For FY 2018 And FY 2019. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 989) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 6237) that would authorize classified amounts in fiscal 2018 and fiscal 2019 for 16 U.S. intelligence agencies and intelligence-related activities of the U.S. government, which would cover general intelligence operations, clandestine human intelligence programs and analysis, and covert action programs.” The resolution was adopted, 235-178. [HR 6237, Vote #323, 5/16/18; CQ, 7/12/18]

Poliquin Voted For Reauthorizing The Foreign Intelligence Security Act (FISA), Including Section 702, Which Conducts Surveillance On Foreign Targets’ Communications. In January 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would reauthorize for six years, through 2023, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which governs electronic surveillance of foreign terrorism suspects. The bill would reauthorize Section 702 surveillance authorities on foreign targets, and would require the development of procedures for searching the Section 702 database that would protect the Fourth Amendment rights of U.S. citizens. The bill would prohibit the FBI from accessing information without an order from the secret FISA court in certain cases. The measure would increase penalties for the unauthorized removal of classified documents or information.” The bill passed 256 to 164. [S 139, Vote #16, 1/11/18; CQ, 1/11/18]


New York Times: Title VII Permitted The Government To Conduct Warrantless Surveillance On Communications Of Foreigners Abroad, “Even When They Are Talking To Americans.” “A yearslong debate over National Security Agency surveillance and protections for Americans’ privacy rights will reach a climactic moment on Thursday as the House of Representatives takes up legislation to extend a program of warrantless spying on internet and phone networks that traces back to the Sept. 11 attacks. There is little doubt that Congress will extend an expiring statute, known as Section 702 of the FISA Amendments Act, that permits the government to collect without a warrant from American firms, like Google and AT&T, the emails and other
communications of foreigners abroad — even when they are talking to Americans.” [New York Times, 1/10/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Including Additional Requirements To Obtaining Warrants For Surveillance Through FISA. In January 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Himes D-Conn., motion to recommit the bill to the House Intelligence Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would include additional requirements related to obtaining warrants in order to query information incidentally collected on U.S. citizens.” The motion failed 189 to 227. [S 139, Vote #15, 1/11/18; CQ, 1/11/18]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Would Require The Government To Obtain A Warrant Before Searching Surveillance Data Collected Through Section 702. In January 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Amash R-Mich., amendment that would end NSA collection of communications data that is neither to nor from an approved foreign target, but rather communications "about" a foreign target entirely between American citizens. It would prohibit the FBI and intelligence agencies from searching the Section 702 database for information on U.S. citizens without first obtaining a warrant, except in certain circumstances. The amendment would end the so-called ‘reverse targeting’ practice, in which an American communicating with a foreign target is also subject to surveillance, and would modify oversight of and appointments to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.” The amendment failed 183 to 233. [S 139, Vote #14, 1/11/18; CQ, 1/11/18]

Detroit News: The Amendment Would Have “Required Officials To Get Warrants In Most Cases Before Intercepting And Reading Emails And More Of U.S. Citizens.” “Before approving a six-year extension of the law, the House voted 233 to 183 to kill an amendment designed to protect Americans civil liberties. This amendment would have required officials to get warrants in most cases before intercepting and reading emails and more of U.S. citizens. This amendment was proposed by Rep. Justin Amash (R-Mich). The vote was a victory for Republican establishment. House Speaker Paul D. Ryan had blocked the House from considering a compromise bill.” [Forbes, 1/11/18]

New York Times: The Amendment Would Have Provided “A Series Of New Safeguards” On Officials That Conduct Surveillance On Foreign Communications. “Before voting to extend the law, known as Section 702 of the FISA Amendments Act, the House rejected an amendment that would have imposed a series of new safeguards. That proposal included a requirement that officials obtain warrants in most cases before hunting for, and reading, emails and other messages of Americans that were swept up under the surveillance.” [New York Times, 1/11/18]

Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Reauthorizing The Foreign Intelligence Security Act (FISA), Including Section 702. In January 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 682) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (S 139) that would reauthorize Title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act through Dec. 31, 2023, and would require the development of procedures for searching the Section 702 database that protect the Fourth Amendment rights of U.S. citizens.” [H Res 682, Vote #8, 1/8/18; CQ, 1/10/18]

Poliquin Voted For Moving Forward To Consideration Of The FY 2018 Funding For The Intelligence Agencies And Waiving The Two-Thirds Vote Requirement To Consider Legislation The Same Day It Is Reported From The House Rules Committee. In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 481) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3180) that would authorize classified amounts of funding through fiscal 2018 for 16 U.S. intelligence agencies and intelligence-related activities, including the Office of the National Intelligence Director, the CIA and the National Security Agency. The rule would waive, through the legislative day of August 1, 2017, the two-thirds vote requirement to consider legislation on the same day it is reported from the House Rules Committee.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 224-186. [H RES 481, Vote #436, 7/28/17; CQ, 7/28/17]

motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize classified amounts of funding through fiscal 2018 for 16 U.S. intelligence agencies and intelligence-related activities, including the Office of the National Intelligence Director, the CIA and the National Security Agency. The bill would authorize $527 million in fiscal 2018 in funding to the Intelligence Community Management Account and would authorize $514 million through fiscal 2018 in funding to the CIA Retirement and Disability Fund. The bill would require the director of National Intelligence to submit to Congress multiple reports regarding Russia’s campaigns directed at foreign elections and its efforts related to cyber influence, including an analytical assessment of the most significant Russian influence campaigns, if any, conducted during the three years prior to the bill’s enactment.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 241-163. [H R 3180, Vote #407, 7/24/17; CQ, 7/24/17]

2017: Poliquin Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Prohibit Members Of The Administration Whose Primary Function Is Political From Being Appointed To The National Security Council. In February 2017, Poliquin voted for: the “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 99).” According to Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would amend the National Security Act of 1947 to prohibit any individual whose primary responsibility is political in nature from being designated a member of the Council. Further, the bill expresses the sense of Congress that the Director of National Intelligence or the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff should not be prevented from attending Principals Committee meetings.” A yes vote was a vote to block the amendment. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 225-189. [H.Res 99, Vote #88, 2/14/17; CQ, 2/14/17; Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, 2/14/17]

January 2017: President Trump Designated Political Advisor Steve Bannon To A Full Seat On The “Principals Committee” Of The National Security Council, Elevating His Informal Rank To The Equivalent Of A Cabinet-Level Secretary. “The whirlwind first week of Donald J. Trump’s presidency had all the bravura hallmarks of a Stephen K. Bannon production. […] But the defining moment for Mr. Bannon came Saturday night in the form of an executive order giving the rumpled right-wing agitator a full seat on the “principals committee” of the National Security Council — while downgrading the roles of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the director of national intelligence, who will now attend only when the council is considering issues in their direct areas of responsibilities. It is a startling elevation of a political adviser, to a status alongside the secretaries of state and defense, and over the president’s top military and intelligence advisers. In theory, the move put Mr. Bannon, a former Navy surface warfare officer, admiral’s aide, investment banker, Hollywood producer and Breitbart News firebrand, on the same level as his friend, Michael T. Flynn, the national security adviser, a former Pentagon intelligence chief who was Mr. Trump’s top adviser on national security issues before a series of missteps reduced his influence.” [New York Times, 1/29/17]

Native American Issues

Poliquin Voted Against Increasing Funding For The Office Of Navajo And Hopi Indian Relocation. In July 2018, Poliquin voted against: “O’Halleran, D-Ariz., amendment no. 27, that would increase funding for the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation by $3 million, and would decrease funding for Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians by an equal amount.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 217-196. [H R 6147, Vote #343, 7/18/18; CQ, 7/18/18]

Poliquin Voted For Allowing Native American Tribes To Use Settlement Funds On Rural Water Systems, And Exempting Tribes From Being Defined As Employers Under The National Labor Relations Act. In January 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to specify that settlement funds may be used for the planning, design, and construction of the tribe's rural water system. In addition, the bill would also amend the National Labor Relations Act to exclude Native American tribes and any institutions or enterprises owned or operated by a Native American tribe from being defined as employers under the NLRA. The bill further includes provisions that would aid specific tribes with development and land issues.” The bill passed 239 to 173. [H Res 681, Vote #11, 1/10/18; CQ, 1/10/18]
Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of A Bill Allowing Native American Tribes To Use Settlement Funds On Rural Water Systems, And Exempting Tribes From Being Defined As Employers Under The National Labor Relations Act. In January 2018, Poliquin voted for: Adoption of the rule (H Res 681) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (S 140) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund.” The motion passed 227 to 181. [H Res 681, Vote #10, 1/10/18; CQ, 1/10/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Rules Related To Federal Obligations To Tribal Governments And Tribal Sovereignty From The SCRUB Act. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Moore, D-Wis., amendment that would exempt from the bill's provisions rules related to federal obligations to tribal governments and rules related to supporting tribal sovereignty.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 197-229. [HR 998, Vote #11, 3/1/17; CQ, 3/1/17]

Science & Technology

Poliquin Voted For Authorizing And Renaming The Office Of Electronic Government As The Office Of The Federal Chief Information Officer. In November 2018, Poliquin voted for “Comer, R-Ky., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill as amended, that would formally authorize and rename the Office of Electronic Government within the Office of Management and Budget as the Office of the Federal Chief Information Officer. The bill would formally codify the position and duties of the Federal CIO and another presidential appointee reporting to the CIO. It would also direct OMB to develop, for all federal agencies, an information technology expenditure reporting system.” The motion was agreed to 391-0. [HR 6901, Vote #425, 11/30/18; CQ, 11/30/18]

Seniors

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Legislation That Would Prevent The House From Cutting Social Security, Medicare, Or Medicaid. In May 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment.)” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, the motion blocked legislation to “restrict consideration of any bill, joint resolution, motion, amendment, or conference report that: (1) cuts social security benefits, (2) raises the retirement age for social security, (3) privatizes social security, (4) cuts guaranteed medicare benefits, or (5) results in cuts to state medicaid plan benefits or eligibility.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block the legislation prohibiting the House from cutting these programs. The previous question carried, 229-191. [H Res 348, Vote #271, 5/23/17; CQ, 5/23/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, 5/23/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment Lowering Out-Of-Pocket Drug Costs For Seniors. In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Demings, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would exempt regulations that significantly lower seniors' out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs under Medicare Part D. It would remove the bill's provision that would effectively overturn two Supreme Court decisions that require federal courts to defer to an agency's interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering challenges to agency rules.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 190-233. [HR 5, Vote #44, 1/11/17; CQ, 1/11/17]

Taxes

Poliquin Voted For The Republican Tax Extenders Package. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for “Brady, R-Texas, motion to concur in the Senate amendment to a bill (HR 88), with a further House amendment, comprised of a package of tax-related bills. The bill would extend and gradually phase out through 2024 a biodiesel tax credit, make permanent a railroad track maintenance credit at a reduced rate, and provide temporary tax relief for victims of hurricanes and wildfires. It would delay or repeal certain health-related taxes enacted as part of the 2010 healthcare overhaul. The bill also contains a number of provisions related to tax-favored retirement savings plans and operations of the Internal Revenue Service.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 220 – 183. [H.R. 88, Vote #470, 12/20/18; CQ Floor Votes, 12/20/18]
Tax Extenders Package Included Expansion Of 529 Education Savings Accounts For Home-Schooling Expenses And Repeal Of The So-Called Johnson Amendment, Which Prohibited Churches And Charities From Making Political Endorsements. “At the same time, Brady added a host of measures favored by Republicans, including rollbacks of several health care-related taxes, a fix to last year’s tax law for the recreational vehicle industry and add-ons favored by conservatives, such as an expansion of 529 education savings accounts for home-schooling expenses and repeal of the so-called Johnson Amendment, which prohibits churches and charities from making political endorsements or risk losing their nonprofit status.” [Roll Call, 12/11/18]

Tax Extenders Delayed ACA Excise Tax On Medical Device Manufacturers, Suspended The Health Insurer Fee For Two Years, And Delayed The Cadillac Tax From Taking Effect For One Additional Year. “Meanwhile, Brady would further delay the onset of several of the 2010 health care law’s taxes that Congress has already repeatedly pushed back, namely the excise tax on medical device manufacturers, a fee applied to health insurers and the so-called Cadillac tax on high-cost employer-sponsored health plans. Brady's revised bill would extend the medical device tax suspension for five years, through 2024; suspend the health insurer fee for two years through 2021; and delay the Cadillac tax from taking effect for one additional year, through 2022.” [Roll Call, 12/11/18]

Tax Extenders Extended Biodiesel Tax Credit And The Alternative Fuels Tax Credit. “The generally popular tax extenders package was dominated by a seven-year extension and phase-out of the biodiesel tax credit, scored at a $16.9 billion cost, and a one-year extension of the alternative fuels tax credit, scored at a cost of $7.1 billion.” [Roll Call, 12/11/18]

Tax Extenders Included Temporary Tax Breaks For Residents In Areas Hit By Hurricanes Michael And Florence And Retirement Savings Provisions. “Brady repeated his hopes of Democratic support because of sections of the bill that would overhaul the IRS, which the House passed as a stand-alone bill by a vote of 414-0 earlier this year; temporary tax breaks for residents in areas hit by hurricanes Michael and Florence, among other natural disasters; and retirement savings provisions that have garnered support from Democrats.” [Roll Call, 12/11/18]

Poliquin Voted For Establishing An Independent Appeals Office Within The IRS And Updating IRS Systems And Cybersecurity Measures. In December 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Rice, R-S.C., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill which contains a number of provisions related to Internal Revenue Service operations and modernization. It would establish an independent office of appeals within the agency to resolve taxpayer controversies and make several modifications or clarifications related to IRS operations, services, and authorities. It also includes provisions to update IRS information technology systems, other electronic systems, and cybersecurity measures.” The motion as agreed to by a vote of 378-11. [HR 7227, Vote #455, 12/20/18; CQ, 12/20/18]

Poliquin Voted For Making Several Provisions Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Permanent. In September 2018, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill that would make permanent a number of tax provisions that would otherwise expire in 2025. The provisions from the 2017 tax overhaul (PL 115-97) that would become permanent include: reduced tax rates and modified tax bracket breakpoints for the seven tax brackets, the standard deduction amount, the elimination of personal exemptions for each taxpayer and dependent, and the increased child tax credit.” The bill passed 220-19. [HR 6760, Vote #414, 9/28/18; CQ, 9/28/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Amending A Bill Making Several Provisions Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Permanent Until It Included A Provision That Actuaries Certify That The Bill Would Not Cause Financial Harm. In September 2018, Poliquin voted against “Recommit Larson, D-Conn., motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prevent enactment of the bill's provisions until actuaries from the Medicare Hospital Insurance Trust Fund and the Old-Age and Survivor Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust Funds certify that the measure would not cause financial harm to such trust funds.” The motion was rejected 184-226. [HR 6760, Vote #413, 9/28/18; CQ, 9/28/18]
Poliquin Voted For Allowing Individual Taxpayers to Deduct Up To $20,000 In The Year They Start A Business If The Expenses Are Related To A Business Start-Up. In September 2018, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill that would allow individual taxpayers, beginning in tax year 2019, to deduct up to $20,000 during a year in which they start a new business for expenses related to business start-up. It would allow up to $120,000 of such expenses to be amortized over 15 years. It would allow the thresholds to be adjusted for inflation annually, beginning in 2020.” The bill passed 260-156. [HR 6756, Vote #412, 9/27/18; CQ, 9/27/18]

Poliquin Voted For Modifying Tax-Favored Retirement Accounts, Including Allowing Pooled Retirement Plans By Unrelated Small Businesses And Allowing Individuals To Continue Making IRA Contributions After Reaching 70 Years And Six Months Of Age. In September 2018, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill that would make various modifications related to tax-favored retirement accounts. It would provide for the establishment of "pooled" retirement plans by unrelated small businesses that are not in the same trade or industry. It would allow individuals to continue making contributions to a regular IRA after reaching the age of 70 years and six months, exempt individuals who have less than $50,000 in their retirement accounts from having to take required minimum distributions from those accounts after reaching age of 70 years and six months. It would also allow individuals to withdraw up to $7,500 from their retirement plans, without penalty, to help pay for the expenses of a new baby or adopted child. It would establish tax-favored Universal Savings Accounts that could be used by individuals and families for any purpose.” The bill passed 240-177. [HR 6757, Vote #411, 9/27/18; CQ, 9/27/18]

Poliquin Voted For Considering Legislation Related To New-Business Tax Deductions, Tax-Favored Retirement Accounts, And Making Temporary Aspects Of Individual Tax Code Permanent. In September 2018, Poliquin voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1084) that would provide for House floor consideration of a bill related to new-business tax deductions (HR 6756), a bill related to tax-favored retirement accounts (HR 6757), and a bill that would make many temporary aspects of the individual tax code permanent (HR 6760).” The resolution was adopted 266-189. [H Res 1084, Vote #410, 9/27/18; CQ, 9/27/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Funding The Payments In Lieu Of Taxes Program That Provides Federal Payments To Local Governments That Have Land That Cannot Be Locally Taxed. In September 2018, Poliquin voted against “McCollum, D-Minn., motion to instruct the conferees on the part of the House to agree to the Senate amendment to the bill in relation to provisions that would fund the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program that provides federal payments to local governments that have large tracts of federal land that cannot be locally taxed.” The motion was rejected 187-218. [HR 6147, Vote #388, 9/6/18; CQ, 9/6/18]

Poliquin Voted For Final Passage Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act By Concurring With A Senate Amendment. In December 2017, Poliquin voted for “Brady, R-Texas, motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the tax overhaul that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to $10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to $2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for "pass-through" business income through 2025. It would effectively eliminate the penalty for not purchasing health insurance under the 2010 health care overhaul law in 2019. It would also open portions of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling.” The motion was passed 224-201. [HR 1, Vote #699, 12/20/17; CQ Floor Votes, 12/20/17]

House Was Forced To Vote For A Second Time On The Final Bill After Small Changes Were Made To Comply With Senate Budget Rules. “The House, forced to vote a second time on the $1.5 trillion tax bill, moved swiftly to pass the final version on Wednesday, clearing the way for President Trump to sign into law the most sweeping tax overhaul in decades. House lawmakers approved the tax bill 224 to 201 on Wednesday,
after being forced to vote on the bill again after last-minute revisions were made to it in the Senate, which passed the measure 51 to 48 early Wednesday morning. The final House vote was essentially a formality, as the changes, which were made to comply with Senate budget rules, did not significantly alter the overall bill.” [New York Times, 12/20/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Adopting The Conference Report Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act.** In December 2017, Poliquin voted for “adoption of the conference report on the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to $10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to $2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for "pass-through" business income through 2025.” The conference report was adopted 227-203. [HR 1, Vote #692, 12/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, 12/19/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Sending The Tax Bill Back To Conference And Instructing Conferrees To Oppose Repeal Of The Individual Mandate And To Disagree With Provisions Related To The SALT Deduction.** In December 2017, Poliquin voted against “Neal, D-Mass., motion to recommit the bill to the Committee of Conference with instructions to the managers on the part of the House that they disagree with provisions related to state and local tax deductions, and related to the bill's language that would effectively repeal the individual health care mandate established by the 2010 health care overhaul.” The motion to recommit the conference report failed 191-236. [HR 1, Vote #691, 12/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, 12/19/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against Instructing Conferrees On The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act To Oppose Repeal Of The Individual Mandate And To Recede From The House Bill's Provisions To Eliminate The SALT Deduction.** In December 2017, Poliquin voted against “Neal, D-Mass., motion to instruct conferrees to disagree with the Senate amendment that would repeal the individual health insurance mandate, and to recede from the section House bill that would eliminate the deduction for state and local income taxes through 2025.” The motion to instruct conferrees failed 186-233. [HR 1, Vote #654, 12/4/17; CQ Floor Votes, 12/4/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Moving The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act To Conference Committee.** In December 2017, Poliquin voted for “Brady, R-Texas, motion that the House disagree with the Senate amendment and request a conference with the Senate on the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by lowering individual and corporate tax rates, repealing various deductions through 2025.” The motion to go to conference passed 222-192. [HR 1, Vote #653, 12/4/17; CQ Floor Votes, 12/4/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Passage Of The House Version Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act.** In November 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering individual and corporate tax rates; consolidating the current seven tax income rates into four rates; eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes; limiting certain deductions for property taxes and home mortgages; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would eliminate personal exemptions and would nearly double the standard deduction. It would raise the child tax credit through 2022, repeal the alternative minimum tax, repeal the estate tax in 2025 and reduce the gift tax rate in 2025. It would establish a new top tax rate for pass-through business income and would modify tax credits related to energy production.” The bill passed 227-205. [HR 1, Vote #637, 11/16/17; CQ Floor Votes, 11/16/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Considering The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act.** In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 619) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1) that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering individual and corporate tax rates; consolidating the current seven tax income rates into four rates; eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes; limiting certain deductions for property taxes and home mortgages; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries.” The rule was adopted 235-191. [HRes 619, Vote #633, 11/15/17; CQ, 11/15/17]
Poliquin Voted For Blocking An Amendment To Prohibit Repeal Of The State And Local Tax Deduction. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” In a speech on the House floor, Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL) said, “if we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment that will prohibit any legislation from limiting or repealing the State and local tax deduction, which prevents millions of families from being taxed twice on the same income.” A vote for the amendment is a vote to block protecting the state and local tax deduction. The motion was agreed to 234-193. [HRes 619, Vote #632, 11/15/17; CQ, 11/15/17, Congressional Record, 11/15/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill That Would Prevent The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act From Being Brought For A Vote Before The CBO Analysis Had Been Made Available. In November 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “So if we can defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule that will prevent this massive tax cut bill from coming to the House floor unless nonpartisan analysis from the experts at the Congressional Budget Office has been available for at least 2 days.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of a bill preventing the TCJA from being brought for a vote before the CBO analysis was available for 2 days. The motion was agreed to 230-190. [HR 3922, Vote #602, 11/2/17; CQ, 11/2/17; Congressional Record, 11/2/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Democratic Motion To Protect The State And Local Tax Deduction From Repeal Or Limitation. In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader, “The Democratic previous question would create a point of order in the House and Senate that prohibits any legislation from limiting or repealing the state and local tax deduction.” A vote for the motion was a vote against protecting the state and local tax deduction. The motion was agreed to 229-188. [H Con Res 71, Vote #582, 10/25/17; CQ, 10/25/17; DemocraticLeader.gov, accessed 1/5/18]

Trade

Poliquin Voted For A Motion To Suspend The Rules And Pass The Bill To Extend, Through December, 31, 2010, The Generalized System Of Preferences Program, Managed By The U.S. Trade Representative. In February 2018, Poliquin voted for a “motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend, through Dec. 31, 2020, the Generalized System of Preferences program, managed by the U.S. Trade Representative. The bill would also make the preferences retroactive to the program's 2017 expiration date.” The motion was agreed to, 400-2. [H.R. 4979, Vote #71, 2/13/18; CQ, 2/13/18]

Transportation & Infrastructure

Poliquin Voted For A Bill That Would Allow The Bureau Of Reclamation To Transfer Water Infrastructure To Non-Federal Entities Without Congressional Approval. In July 2018, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill that would permit the Bureau of Reclamation to transfer ownership of certain federal water infrastructure facilities to certain nonfederal entities without the need for Congress to enact project-specific legislation, provided that the entity to which ownership would be transferred has a water service contract with BOR. The bill would require that, for a transfer to take place, the agency must notify Congress in writing of the proposed conveyance and the reason for the conveyance at least 90 days before it would occur, and Congress must not pass a joint resolution disapproving the conveyance before that date. The bill would require BOR to establish criteria for determining which facilities are eligible for such title transfers, including that a proposed transfer would not have an ‘unmitigated significant effect on the environment,’ and that the receiving entity would need to intend to use the property for substantially the same purposes as it had been used for prior to the transfer. The bill would also prohibit any conveyance that would adversely impact power rates or repayment obligations.” The bill passed, 233-184. [HR 3281, Vote #325, 7/12/18; CQ, 7/12/18]
Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Would Prevent Infrastructure Transfers To Companies That Recently Employed Interior Department Officials As Registered Lobbyists. In May 2018, Poliquin voted against “Huffman, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Natural Resources Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prohibit a conveyance under the bill’s provisions if the qualifying entity to which the facility would be conveyed had employed the secretary or deputy secretary of the Interior Department as federally registered lobbyist in the last three years.” The amendment failed, 187-230. [HR 3281, Vote #324, 7/12/18; CQ, 7/12/18]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Resolution Encouraging Investment In Roads, Bridges, And Clean Energy Infrastructure. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question calls on Congress to create millions of new jobs through investing in roads, bridges, and 21st century clean energy infrastructure projects that will benefit all Americans and not just billionaires.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the resolution. The motion was agreed to 224-176. [H Res 918, Vote #234, 6/6/18; CQ, 6/6/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 6/6/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Rules Related To Airport Noise Restrictions From The SCRUB Act. In February 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Krishnamoorthi, D-Ill., amendment that would exempt rules related to airport noise restrictions.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 192-230. [HR 998, Vote #108, 2/28/17; CQ, 2/28/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Rules Related To Airspace Safety From The SCRUB Act. In February 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Krishnamoorthi, D-Ill., amendment that would exempt rules related to the safety of the national airspace system.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 189-234. [HR 998, Vote #107, 2/28/17; CQ, 2/28/17]

Veterans

Poliquin Voted For Adopting The Conference Report For FY 2019 Three-Bill Spending Package That Would Provide Billions In Funding For Energy, Interior, Legislative, And Veterans Affairs. In September 2018, Poliquin voted for “Adoption of the conference report to accompany the fiscal 2019 three-bill spending package: Energy-Water, Legislative Branch, Military Construction-VA that would provide $147.5 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2019 to various departments, agencies and legislative operations, including $35.7 billion for the Energy Department, $7 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers, and $1.6 billion for the Interior Department’s Bureau of Reclamation. It would provide $98.1 billion for military construction activities and for VA programs and activities, and $4.8 billion for operations of the House, Senate, joint House-Senate items and legislative branch entities such as the Library of Congress, the Capitol Police, and the Government Accountability Office.” The amendment was adopted 377-20. [HR 5895, Vote #399, 9/13/18; CQ, 9/13/18]

Poliquin Voted For Considering Replacing The 30-Hour Threshold Full-Time Employees Under The Affordable Care Act With A 40-Hour Threshold And The Conference Report For FY19 Energy, VA, And Other Appropriations. In September 2018, Poliquin voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1059) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3798) that would modify a number of aspects of the 2010 health care law related to employer provided health care, and would provide for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (HR 5895) the Fiscal 2019 Energy-Water, Legislative Branch, Military Construction-VA Appropriations package.” The amendment was adopted 222-171. [H Res 1059, Vote #397, 9/13/18; CQ, 9/13/18]

Poliquin Voted Against Supporting Amendment To Cover Contraceptives For TRICARE Beneficiaries. In June 2018, Poliquin voted against: “Carbajal, D-Calif., motion to instruct conferees on the part of the House to agree to section 703 of the Senate bill, which is the provision related to contraception coverage parity under the TRICARE Program.” The motion failed by a vote of 188-231. [HR 5515, Vote #300, 6/27/18; CQ, 6/27/18]
Poliquin Voted For Authorizing Retroactive Payments To Vietnam Veterans Exposed To Pesticides And Eliminating Fees Members Of The National Guard And Reserve Paid On Home Loans. In June 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Roe, R-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would allow veterans who served off the shore of Vietnam between Jan. 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975, to be eligible for a presumption of exposure to certain herbicides, including Agent Orange, for the purpose of VA disability compensation and would authorize retroactive payments to veterans who have previously been denied a claim for a eligible condition caused by presumed exposure to Agent Orange. The bill would eliminate the use of the Freddie Mac conforming loan limit with regard to the VA home loan program, would eliminate the additional fee that members of the National Guard and Reserve pay on home loans, and would impose a fee on certain veteran borrowers who have service-connected disabilities.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 382-0. [HR 299, Vote #289, 6/25/18; CQ, 6/25/18]

Poliquin Voted Against A Motion To Recommit With An Amendment Decreasing Funding For VA Administration And Increasing Funding For Medical Funding At The Veterans Health Administration. In June 2018, Poliquin voted against “Kuster, D-N.H., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee with instructions to report back it back immediately with an amendment that would decrease funding for VA administration by $10.2 million and would increase funding for medical funding at the Veterans Health Administration by $10 million, to be available on Oct 1, 2018.” The vote failed 187-225. [HR 5895, Vote #256, 6/8/18; CQ Floor Votes, 6/8/18]

Poliquin Did Not Vote On Blocking Budget Change To Make Funding For VA MISSION Act Mandatory, Rather Than Subject To Discretionary Spending Caps. In June 2018, Poliquin did not vote on: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would make the budgeting change necessary to implement the VA MISSION Act without subjecting its funding to the Budget Control Act’s current discretionary spending cap, thereby protecting other non-defense programs that benefit veterans. The amendment would also include the additional funds that are being self-executed in H.R. 5698 to fund non-VA community care and family caregiver programs.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment. The motion was agreed to 227-185. [H Res 923, Vote #240, 6/7/18; CQ, 6/7/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 6/7/18]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill That Would Consolidate Privatized Medical Care Programs For Veterans Into The Veterans Community Care Program. In May 2018, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill that would consolidate programs that allow veterans to seek medical care outside of the VA into a new singular entity, the Veterans Community Care Program. The bill would continue the current VA Choice Program for one year, and would authorize an additional $5.2 billion for the costs of providing non-VA medical care through the old program and for transitioning to the new program. It would also authorize the VA to enter into Veterans Care Agreements that would include care standards for providers and private facilities, and would allow veterans to access care at federally-qualified health centers walk-in clinics. The bill would also create a commission to review VA modernization proposals and includes other provisions related to the recruitment of health care professionals. The bill would also require the Interior Department to provide an outer burial receptacle for new graves in open cemeteries that are controlled by the National Park Service, and would require the Department to reimburse veterans’ survivors who had purchased one on their own.” The bill passed, 347-70. [S 2372, Vote #189, 5/16/18; CQ, 5/16/18]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Budget Change To Make Funding For VA MISSION Act Mandatory, Rather Than Subject To Discretionary Spending Caps. In May 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would make a budgeting change necessary to implement the VA MISSION Act without subjecting its funding to the Budget Control Act’s current discretionary spending cap, thereby protecting other non-defense programs that benefit veterans.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the amendment. The motion was agreed to 230-184. [H Res 891, Vote #185, 5/16/18; CQ, 5/16/18; DemocraticLeader.gov, 5/16/18]
Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Guaranteeing Pay And Death Benefits For The Military. In January 2018, Poliquin voted for the Congressional Record, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 4871, the Pay Our Military Act, to guarantee pay and death benefits for our military.” A vote for the motion was a vote against considering guaranteeing pay and death benefits for the military. The motion was agreed to 224-180. [H Res 708, Vote #41, 1/20/18; CQ, 1/20/18; CQ. 1/20/18]

Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of A Senate Bill To Protect VA Whistleblowers. In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 562) that would set specific penalties for federal supervisors who retaliate against an employee who discloses waste, fraud or abuse. It would also require the VA to develop a plan to protect the medical records of employees and would prohibit VA employees from accessing medical files for demographic information when another non-medical database is available. The rule would also provide for motions to suspend the rules on the legislative days of Oct. 12 and 13, 2017.” The rule was adopted, 234-185. [H Res 562, Vote #561, 10/11/17; CQ. 10/11/17]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill To Protect VA Whistleblowers. In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would set specific penalties for federal supervisors who retaliate against an employee who discloses waste, fraud or abuse. It would also require a supervisor to be suspended for at least three days for an initial offense, and would require a supervisor to be fired for a second offense. It would also require the VA to develop a plan to protect the medical records of employees and would prohibit VA employees from accessing medical files for demographic information when another non-medical database is available.” The bill passed, 420-0. [S 585, Vote #568, 10/12/17; CQ. 10/12/17]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment That Would Extend The VA Whistleblower Protection Bill Provisions To Apply To Any Federal Employee Disclosure Regarding The Violation Of Any Law Or Regulation Related To Travel. In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “O’Halleran, D-Ariz., motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would extend the bill’s provisions to apply to any federal employee disclosure regarding the violation of any law or regulation related to travel by the head of an agency or a political appointee.” The motion was rejected, 232-190. [S 585, Vote #567, 10/12/17; CQ. 10/12/17]

Poliquin Voted For Suspending The Rules And Passing A Bill That Would Make More Funds Available For The Veterans Choice Fund. In July 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Roe, R-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would make available an additional $2 billion in funding for the Veterans Choice Fund, without fiscal year limitation. The bill would extend until Dec. 31, 2027, the current cap on per-month payment of VA pensions to certain veterans residing at VA nursing care facilities, as well as the VA’s authority to collect fees for VA housing loans and the VA’s authority to obtain and use income information from the Social Security Administration and the IRS to validate an application for VA benefits.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 219-186. [S 114, Vote #408, 7/24/17; CQ, 7/24/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Legislation To Prohibit A Hiring Freeze At The Department Of Veterans Affairs. In June 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 378).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Hasting said, “if we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up Representative Schrader’s bill, H.R. 696, which would prohibit any hiring freeze from affecting the Department of Veterans Affairs.” A vote for the previous question was a vote to block a prohibition of a hiring freeze at the VA. The previous question carried, 229-189.” [H Res 378, Vote #302, 6/13/17; CQ. 6/13/17; Congressional Record 6/13/17]

Poliquin Voted For Updating VA Guidelines On The Employee Hiring And Evaluation Process. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would require the Veterans Affairs Inspector General to determine non-clinical VA health care positions that should be eligible for expedited hiring, require annual performance reviews for all political appointees at the VA, and would require the VA to establish a database with information on
Poliquin Voted For Expanding The Veteran Affairs Department's Ability To Fire, Demote, Or Suspend Employees For Misconduct. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would expand the Veteran Affairs Department's ability to fire, demote and suspend employees for misconduct or poor performance. The measure would authorize the VA to recoup any bonus paid to a VA employee if the VA deems it appropriate, and it would require that the employee be given advance notice and the right to appeal the decision. As amended, the measure would require that annual performance reviews for supervisors at the VA include evaluations on the supervisor's ability to address poor performance among their employees and would require the VA to provide supervisors with periodic training related to whistleblower rights and effective management techniques.” The bill passed by a vote of 237-178. [HR 1259, Vote #168, 3/16/17; CQ, 3/16/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment Extending Whistleblower Protections In The VA. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Kihuen, D-Nev., amendment that would extend the bill's whistleblower protections to individuals that make disclosures to the central whistleblower office, including those who do so anonymously. It would also exempt veterans and whistleblowers from the bill's provisions that would expand the Veteran Affairs Department's ability to fire, demote and suspend employees for misconduct or poor performance.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 189-229. [HR 1259, Vote #167, 3/16/17; CQ, 3/16/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Replacing The Proposed VA Employee Removal Process For A Process That Provides For The Removal Of VA Employees For Misconduct Related To Public Health And Safety In The VA Accountability First Act. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Takano, D-Calif., amendment that would replace the bill's proposed VA employee removal process with an alternative process that would provide for the suspension and removal of Veteran Affairs Department employees for misconduct that is a threat to public health and safety. Suspended employees would be entitled to a written statement of the charges, a hearing and a review of their case. It would also provide for back pay for suspended whistleblowers.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 183-232. [HR 1259, Vote #166, 3/16/17; CQ, 3/16/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Removing The Expansion Of The Veteran Affairs Department's Ability To Fire Or Demote Employees For Misconduct From The VA Accountability First Act. In March 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Walz, D-Minn., amendment that would remove the bill's provisions that would expand the Veteran Affairs Department's ability to fire, demote and suspend employees for misconduct, and would alternatively expand the VA's authority to suspend or demote senior executives. It would allow for the removal of non-executives for performance issues occurring only within a preceding two-year period.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 194-223. [HR 1259, Vote #165, 3/16/17; CQ, 3/16/17]

Poliquin Voted For Providing For Consideration Of A Bill Creating New VA Staffing And Retention Programs And A Bill Prohibiting A VA Determination That A Veteran Is Mentally Incompetent From Automatically Preventing A Veteran From Being Able To Buy A Gun. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for “adoption of rule that would provide for House floor consideration of a bill (HR 1259) that would expand the Veterans Affairs Department’s ability to fire, demote and suspend employees for misconduct; a bill (HR 1367) that would establish various new staffing, recruitment and retention programs at the VA; and a bill (HR 1181) that would prohibit a VA determination that a veteran is mentally incompetent from automatically preventing the veteran from being able to purchase a gun.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 229-187. [HRes 198, Vote #163, 3/16/17; CQ, 3/16/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Bill To Exempt The VA From The Trump Administration’s Hiring Freeze. In March 2017, Poliquin voted for the “Buck, R-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and
possibility of amendment) on the rule that would provide for House floor consideration of a bill (HR 1259).” According to Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL), a vote for the motion was a vote to block “an amendment to the rule to bring up HR 696, Representative Schrader's bill to exempt the Department of Veterans Affairs from Donald John Trump's hiring freeze. As we have already discussed, my amendment to allow the VA Secretary to fill vacant positions, regardless of whether they were vacated before or after the hiring freeze, was blocked last night in the Rules Committee. There are nearly 47,000 vacant positions within the VA, and we should not be limiting the VA's authority to fill these positions, especially as we continue to work towards reducing patient wait times.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 227-185. [HR 198, Vote #162, 3/16/17; Democratic Leader—Previous Questions, 3/16/17; Congressional Record, H2099, 3/16/17; CQ, 3/16/17]

**Women & Gender Issues**

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Reauthorize The Violence Against Women Act.** In September 2018, Poliquin voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, “We must oppose this rule and defeat the previous question. The reason for such is not because we do not support the troops or our children but because defeating the previous question will enable this House to consider and pass H.R. 6545, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2018.” A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. The motion was agreed to 230-188. [HR 6157; Vote #402; 9/26/18; CQ, 9/26/18; Congressional Record, 9/26/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Requiring Medical Practitioners To Care For So-Called “Born-Alive” Babies.** In January 2018, Poliquin voted for: “equivalent to the care they would provide to any other infant born at the same gestational age. It would impose criminal fines, and penalties of up to five years in prison, for failure to do so, and would provide for a patient in such circumstances to file a lawsuit against the health care provider for certain monetary and punitive damages. The bill would require hospital and clinic practitioners and employees to report any knowledge of failures to provide such care to the appropriate state or federal law enforcement agency, and would permit prosecution of individuals who fail to do so.” The bill passed 241-183. [H.R. 4712, Vote #36, 1/19/18; CQ, 1/19/18]

**Poliquin Voted For Considering Legislation To Require Medical Practitioners To Care For So-Called “Born-Alive” Babies.** In January 2018, Poliquin voted for: “equivalent to the care they would provide to any other infant born at the same gestational age, and would set criminal fines and penalties for not doing so.” The rule was adopted 228-189. [H Res 694, Vote #30, 1/18/18; CQ, 1/18/18]

**Poliquin Voted For A 20-Week Abortion Ban Imposing Criminal Penalties On Doctors, With Exceptions For Rape And Incest Only If It Had Been Reported To Law Enforcement.** In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit abortions in cases where the probable age of the fetus is 20 weeks or later and would impose criminal penalties on doctors who violate the ban. It would provide exceptions for cases in which the woman's life is in danger as well as for pregnancies that are a result of rape for pregnancies that are a result of rape against an adult woman, if the woman received counseling or medical treatment for the rape at least 48 hours prior to the abortion. An exception would be provided for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest against a minor if the rape or incest had been previously reported to law enforcement or another government agency authorized to act on reports of child abuse. The bill would require a second doctor trained in neonatal resuscitation to be present for abortions where the fetus has the ‘potential’ to survive outside the womb.” The bill passed, 237-189. [HR 36, Vote #549, 10/3/17; CQ, 10/3/17]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To The 20-Week Abortion Ban Allowing For An Exception For An Abortion Necessary To Save The Health Of A Pregnant Woman.** In October 2017, Poliquin voted against: “Brownley, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would add an exception to the 20-week abortion ban for abortions necessary to save the health of the pregnant woman.” The motion was rejected, 238-187. [HR 36, Vote #548, 10/3/17; CQ, 10/3/17]
Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of A 20-Week Abortion Ban. In October 2017, Poliquin voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 548) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 36) that would prohibit abortions in cases where the probable age of the fetus is 20 weeks or later and would impose criminal penalties on doctors who violate the ban, with certain exceptions.” The rule was adopted, 233-187. [HR 36, Vote #547, 10/3/17; CQ, 10/3/17]

Poliquin Voted For Nullifying A Rule Preventing States From Restricting Federal Family Planning Funding To A Health Provider That Provides Abortion. In February 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Health and Human Services Department rule that prevents states from restricting federal family planning funding to a health provider, such as denying funds to a center that provides abortions, for any basis other than its ability to provide health services. Under the rule, HHS can withhold family planning grants to any state that restricts the participation of a health provider in the family planning services grant program.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 230-188. [HJRes 43, Vote #99, 2/16/17; CQ, 2/16/17]

Vote Reversed Obama Rule Preventing States From Withholding Grants From Planned Parenthood. “The House voted Thursday to overturn an Obama-era rule banning states from denying federal funds to Planned Parenthood and other health care providers that perform abortions. The rule was designed to prohibit states from withholding family planning funding from providers for reasons other than their ability to offer family-planning services. The Republican-led House voted 230-188 largely along party lines to dismiss the rule under the Congressional Review Act, which allows Congress to overturn recently enacted regulations.” [USA Today, 2/16/17]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Federal Funds Including Individual And Small Business Tax Credits Under The ACA From Being Used To Pay For Abortion Serves Or Health Insurance Plans That Include Abortion Coverage And Would Ban Multistate Health Plans The Provide Abortion Coverage From State Exchanges. In January 2017, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would permanently prohibit federal funds from being used to pay for abortion services or health insurance plans that include abortion coverage. It also would prohibit the District of Columbia from using its own local funds to provide or pay for abortions. Individuals and small businesses also could not receive tax credits under the 2010 health care law related to purchases of health insurance plans that include abortion coverage. The bill would require the Office of Personnel Management to ensure that, starting in 2018, no multistate qualified health plan offered in a state insurance exchange provides coverage that includes abortion. The provisions would not apply to pregnancies resulting from rape or incest, or to situations where the woman would die unless an abortion is performed.” The bill passed by a vote of 238-183. [HR 7, Vote #65, 1/24/17; CQ, 1/24/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Consideration Of An Amendment That Prevents Insurance Plans From Charging Women Higher Premiums Than Men. In January 2017, Poliquin voted against the “Schakowsky, D-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would state that the bill could not be interpreted to allow health insurance plans to charge women higher premiums than they charge men.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 187-235. [HR 7, Vote #64, 1/24/17; CQ, 1/24/17]
Agriculture & Food Safety

**Poliquin Voted Against A Plan Offering Options For GMO Labeling.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted against directing “the Agriculture Department to issue nationwide rules for determining which foods should be labeled as genetically modified. The measure would mandate labeling and disclosure requirements for genetically modified foods, but would offer companies the choice of several methods of labeling or disclosure, including on-label disclosure, the use of a symbol developed by the Agriculture Department, or electronic bar codes.” The amendment passed 306-117. [HR 5538, Vote #466, 7/14/16; CQ, 7/14/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Keeping A Plan To Move Water To San Joaquin Valley Farmers At The Cost Of Endangered Fish Populations.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted against amendments en bloc to delete a provision which “focuses on funneling more water to San Joaquin Valley growers by reducing the amount used to support endangered fish populations.” The amendments failed 181-248. [HR 5538, Vote #436, 7/13/16; Los Angeles Times, 7/30/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Rules Issued By The Food And Drug Administration That Pertain To Consumer Safety From The Separation Of Powers Restoration Act.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted against “Johnson, D-Ga., for Cicilline, D-R.I., amendment that would exempt rules issued by the Food and Drug Administration that pertain to consumer safety from the bill’s requirements. The bill would end the requirement that federal courts defer to an agency’s interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering challenges to agency rules and Floor Votes, 7/12/16]

Separation Of Powers Restoration Act Overturned Legal Precedent That Said Courts Must Defer To Agency Interpretations Of “Ambiguous” Statutes When Disputes Arise, Unless The Interpretation Is Unreasonable. “A GOP-backed bill to limit federal agencies’ rulemaking power passed the House on Tuesday. The Separation of Powers Restoration Act overturns the 1984 Supreme Court decision that created Chevron deference. The legal precedent says courts must defer to agency interpretations of ‘ambiguous’ statutes when disputes arise, unless the interpretation is unreasonable.” [The Hill, 7/12/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Protect Hunting & Fishing Rights In Mark Twain National Forest.** In February 2016, Poliquin voted against amendment to HR 2406. “The U.S. House of Representatives Friday passed two amendments authored by Congressman Jason Smith, of Missouri’s 8th District, to preserve the ability of Missourians to freely hunt and fish in the Mark Twain National Forest and other public lands. During passage of H.R. 2406, the Sportsmen’s Heritage and Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) Act, the U.S. House voted to adopt language offered by Smith on the House floor which prevents the National Forest Service from physically blocking or locking any access point to the Mark Twain National Forest for hunters and fisherman…. Smith’s amendments help specifically protect the roughly 1.3 million people who hunt or fish in the Mark Twain National Forest.” The amendment passed, 232 to 173. [HR 2406, Vote #95, 2/26/16; The Rolla Daily News, 2/28/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Removing Requirement That States Approve Federal Fishing Regulations In Waters Under Jurisdiction Of National Park Service And Office Of National Marine Sanctuaries.** In February 2016, Poliquin voted against amendment to HR 2406. “An amendment No. 8 printed in House Report 114-429 to strike language that requires state approval of federal fishing regulations in waters under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service and the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries.” The amendment failed, 169 to 236. [HR 2406, Vote #94, 2/26/16]

**Poliquin Voted To Reduce Requirements On Restaurant Calorie Disclosures.** In February 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill “that would change the requirement for how restaurants and similar retail establishments with more than 20 locations must disclose calorie information on their menus. Instead of the current requirement for businesses to
disclose the number of calories in a "standard menu item," businesses could opt to disclose the number of calories per serving along with the number of servings or disclose the number of calories per common unit division of the standard menu item. The bill would allow for disclosures to have variations from actual nutrient content, including inadvertent human error, variations in ingredients and serving size, and other reasonable variations.” The bill passed 266-144. [HR 2017, Vote #81, 2/24/16; CQ, 2/12/16]

Obama Administration: Legislation “Would Reduce Consumers’ Access To Nutrition Information.” On February 10, 2016, the White House sent out a statement opposing ‘The Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2015.’ “The Administration opposes H.R. 2017, the Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2015. … H.R. 2017 would undercut the objective of providing clear, consistent calorie information to consumers. If enacted, it would reduce consumers’ access to nutrition information and likely create consumer confusion by introducing a great deal of variability into how calories are declared. The legislation also would create unnecessary delays in the implementation of menu labeling.” [White House Statement, 2/10/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Would Not Have Allowed Restaurants To Only Post Nutritional Information Online. In February 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act which would “remove the provision in the bill that would allow restaurants or similar retail food establishments to disclose calorie information solely online if the majority of their orders are placed by customers who are offsite.” The amendment was rejected 148 to 258. [HR 2017, H Amdt. 943, Vote #80, 2/12/16; CQ, 2/12/16]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment That Would Have Not Punished Restaurants For Human Error In Food Preparation. In February 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act which would “ensures that businesses will not be penalized for inadvertent human error in preparation or variation of ingredients.” The amendment was accepted 309 to 100. [HR 2017, H Amdt. 942, Vote #79, 2/12/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Changing Title Of The Bill From “Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act” To “Deny Americans the Right to Know Act.” In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015 that would change the title of the bill to the “Deny Americans the Right to Know Act.” The amendment was rejected 87-337. [HR 1599, Vote #463, 7/23/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/23/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Overriding State Laws Requiring GMO Labeling And Establishing A Voluntary National Genetically Engineered Certification Program. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015, which would “require the Agriculture Department to establish a voluntary national genetically engineered (GE) food certification program under which food producers could label their product as including or not including genetically modified ingredients. The program created under the bill would pre-empt related state and local laws and prohibits mandatory labeling of GE or non-GE food.” The bill passed 275-150. [HR 1599, Vote #462, 7/23/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/23/15]

Headline: The Hill: “House Passes Bill Blocking States From Requiring GMO Labels On Food.” “The House on Thursday passed hotly contested legislation that would keep states from issuing mandatory labeling laws for foods that contain genetically modified organisms, often called GMOs. The Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015, which passed 275-150, would instead create a federal standard for the voluntary labeling of foods with GMO ingredients… Opponents have pushed back against the legislation, saying it will keep consumers from knowing what’s in their food and stop FDA from crafting a national GMO-labeling solution.” [The Hill, 7/23/15]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Foods Labeled “Natural” To Contain Genetically Engineered Plants. In July 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015 that would “prohibit foods labeled with the term ‘natural’ to contain genetically engineered plants.” The amendment was rejected 163-262. [HR 1599, Vote #461, 7/23/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/23/15]
Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Ensure Tribal Sovereignty Under The Safe And Accurate Food Labeling Act. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015 that would “ensure tribal sovereignty and would guarantee that the bill does not prohibit or limit the right to cultivate genetically engineered plants on or near tribal lands.” The amendment was rejected 196-227. [HR 1599, Vote #460, 7/23/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/23/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Requiring GMO Labeling For Companies Requiring Labels In Foreign Countries. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that “would require a U.S. company or subsidiary with products labeled a containing GMOs (genetically modified organisms) in any foreign country to indicate the presence of GMOs in the equivalent product sold in the U.S.” The amendment failed, 123-303. [HR 1599, Vote #459, 7/23/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/23/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Repealing Country Of Origin Labeling Requirements On Meat Sold In U.S. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against a bill to repeal U.S. country of origin labeling requirements for beef, pork and chicken that is sold in the United States. The bill passed by a vote of 300-131. [HR 2393, Vote #333, 6/10/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/10/15]

Poliquin Voted For Amendment Requiring Any Plan To Address Salmon Recovery Include Examination Of Predator Impact, Not Just Water Flow. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment requiring any recovery plan for salmon require that attention be placed on whether predators, not just water flows, have an impact. “An issue at the heart of our water debates – whether nonnative fish prey heavily on salmon and steelhead – wriggled through Congress this week. The U.S. House of Representatives approved an amendment proposed by Rep. Jeff Denham, R-Turlock, that would require attention to this issue in any recovery plan for salmon or steelhead under the Endangered Species Act … The idea raises concerns in two camps – environmental groups and bass anglers. The former say predation could be part of the problem but the biggest need is increased flows in rivers. The latter do not want to lose a fish that is among the most popular in the Sacramento Delta.” [Alaska Public Radio, 6/5/15]

Poliquin Voted For Bill Removing Timeframe Which Allowed For Rebuilding Of Depleted Fishing Stocks. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, to remove the ten-year timeframe, which allowed for the rebuilding of depleted fishing stocks. “Defying a White House veto threat, the Republican-controlled House on Monday approved a bill to give regional fisheries managers more power to set local fishing levels in federal waters. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, would remove a 10-year timeframe for rebuilding depleted fish stocks and allow fisheries managers to consider the economic needs of fishing communities in setting annual catch limits.” The bill passed 225 to 152. [HR 1335, Vote #267, 6/1/15; Associated Press, 6/1/15]

Alaska Public Radio: Opponents Believed Bill Would Allow Commercial Interests To Push Managers To Set Too High Of Harvest Levels. “A bill to reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the nation’s primary fishing law, passed the U.S. House this evening, largely on party lines. The sponsor, Alaska Congressman Don Young, says the bill makes practical revisions to continue a law that has restored the health of America’s fisheries. … Young’s bill also introduces a controversial element of flexibility in fisheries management. It would eliminate the mandatory 10-year planning period for rebuilding depleted stocks. Opponents says that allows for commercial interests to pressure managers to set harvest levels too high. Young, though, says the rebuilding time frame should vary, depending on the needs of the species.” [Alaska Public Radio, 6/1/15]

Information for the Independent National Research Council: 43-Percent Of Fish Stocks Classified As Overfished Were “Rebuilt Or Showed Good Progress Toward Rebuilding Within 10 Years.” “A 2013 report by the independent National Research Council found that federal efforts to rebuild depleted fish populations have largely been successful, but said pressure to overfish some species remains high and some fish stocks have not rebounded as quickly as projected. Forty-three percent of fish stocks identified as being overfished were rebuilt or showed good progress toward rebuilding within 10 years, the time limit required by the Magnuson-Stevens
law, the report said. Another 31 percent were on track to rebuild if sharply reduced fishing levels remain in place, the report said.” [Associated Press, 6/1/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Motion To Require “Polluters” To Pay For Clean-Up Of Spill Of Toxics Or Oil That Would Harm Fisheries, Fishing Jobs Or Fishing Communities.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion to recommit which would require “polluters” to pay for clean-up of a toxic spill or oil spill that would harm fisheries, fishing jobs or fishing communities. “The Democratic recommit amendment protects our fisheries and forces polluters to pay for clean-up of a toxic spill or oil spill that harms fisheries, fishing jobs, and local fishing communities.” The motion failed 155 to 233. [HR 1335, Vote #266, 6/1/15; Motion To Recommit, 6/1/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Resolution To Consider Bill That Could Create “Dangerous Exemptions From Catch Limits,” Preventing Overfishing.** In May 2015, Poliquin voted for considering reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, which “provide[s] flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fisherman[.]” U.S. Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska) has proposed several changes to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act that he says will give fishery managers more flexibility in rebuilding fish stocks. He has said the changes will allow fishery managers to address the economic needs of fishermen. But some fishermen and environmentalists said Young’s proposal creates dangerous exemptions from catch limits that are designed to prevent overfishing. They point to a recent federal report that says several economically valuable East Coast fish stocks are rebounding and no longer subject to overfishing as evidence that the Magnuson-Stevens act is effective in its current form.” The resolution passed 237 to 174. [H Res 274, Vote #215, 5/21/15; Associated Press, 4/30/15]

Rep. Raul Grijalva: “HR 1335 Would Take Us Back To The Dark Ages By Gutting Science-Based Requirements To Rebuild Overfished Stocks And Set Annual Catch Limits.” “The U.S. House Natural Resources Committee today passed a bill to reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the nation’s fundamental fisheries law. The sponsor, Alaska Congressman Don Young, says the law has kept foreign fishing fleets off America’s shores and sustained healthy fisheries. …’H.R. 1335 would take us back to the dark ages by gutting science-based requirements to rebuild overfished stocks and to set annual catching limits,’ said Rep. Raul Grijalva of Arizona, the committee’s top Democrat.” [Alaska Public Radio, 4/30/15]

**Budget**

**Poliquin Voted For FY2017 Continuing Appropriations To Authorize $1.07 Trillion To Fund The Federal Government.** In December 2016, Poliquin voted for the “Rogers, R-Ky., motion to concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment that would provide funding for federal government operations until April 28, 2017, at an annualized rate of $1.070 trillion. The measure would provide $170 million for repairs to the water system in Flint, Mich., $872 million for medical research, and $45 million for an extension, through April 30, 2017, of health benefits for retired coal miners. The measure would include $10.1 billion in supplemental Overseas Contingency Operations funds for the Defense Department and certain other security-related accounts. It would include $4.1 billion in natural disaster funding to address damage caused by hurricane and flooding events in 2016. The measure would also provide for expedited Senate consideration of legislation to waive the requirement that a former member of the armed forces cannot become secretary of Defense until seven years have lapsed since the person left active duty.” The motion passed 326 to 96. [H.R. 2028, Vote #620, 12/8/16; CQ, 12/8/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Providing $21.7 Billion In Funding For Financial Services And General Government Appropriations In Fiscal 2017.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill that would provide $21.7 billion in discretionary funding for financial services and general government appropriations in fiscal 2017. The bill would provide $12.4 billion for the Treasury Department, of which $11 billion is for the Internal Revenue Service. It would provide $1.6 billion for the Securities and Exchange Commission, $7.4 billion for the operation of the federal court system, and $725 million in federal payments to the District of Columbia. The measure would modify the budgetary treatment of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to make it subject to annual appropriations beginning in fiscal 2018 and changes its leadership structure from a director to a five-member commission.” The bill passed 239-185. [HR 5485, Vote #398, 7/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/7/16]
Poliquin Voted Against Increasing Funding For Office Of Terrorism And Financial Intelligence By $5 Million And Decreasing Funding For Federal Buildings Fund By The Same Amount. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against “Peters, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee with instructions to report back to the House immediately with an amendment that would increase funding to the Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence by $5 million and decrease funding to the Federal Buildings Fund by the same amount.” The motion was rejected 183-241. [HR 5485, Vote #397, 7/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/7/16]

Poliquin Voted For Decreasing Funding For FY 2017 Financial Services And General Appropriations Bill By One Percent. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Blackburn, R-Tenn., amendment that would decrease all discretionary funding in the bill by one percent.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole 182-241. [H Amdt 1242 to HR 5485, Vote #377, 7/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/7/16]

Poliquin Voted For Bill To Increase Budgets For Member Offices By 1.5%, Provides Funding For The Legislative Branch. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for the Legislative Branch Appropriations for FY17 bill that would “provide $3.5 billion for legislative branch operations, excluding Senate operations, in fiscal 2017. The total would include $1.2 billion for House operations, $629 million for the Library of Congress, $533 million for the Government Accountability Office, $552 million for the Architect of the Capitol and $391 million for the Capitol Police.” The bill passed 233-175. [HR 5325, Vote #294, 6/10/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/10/16]

Rep. Moulton: HR 5325 Would Fund Planned Parenthood And Benghazi Committees, Force Library Of Congress To Continue Use The Term “Illegal Aliens.” “I voted against H.R. 5325 because it would continue to fund the Republican’s Select Committee on Benghazi as well as the Select Committee on Planned Parenthood. The politically-motivated Benghazi Committee has so far cost U.S. taxpayers $7 million and lasted 763 days, which is longer than the investigations of Pearl Harbor, the Kennedy Assassination, Iran-Contra, and Hurricane Katrina. The Select Committee on Planned Parenthood has found no conclusive evidence of wrongdoing by Planned Parenthood or any other health care provider. This legislation also includes a provision that would force the Library of Congress to continue using the pejorative term ‘illegal aliens’ in its subject headings. In March, the Library of Congress decided to use ‘noncitizen’ and ‘unauthorized immigration,’ rather than ‘illegal aliens,’ as subject headings in its cataloguing of information. This is the first time in the history of the U.S. Congress that legislators have interfered in the Library’s subject headings processes, and they are doing so to force the use of a derogatory term by the Library of Congress.” [Rep. Seth Moulton Op-Ed, Medium, 6/10/16]

Legislative Appropriations Bill Would Give Member Offices 1.5% Increase, Funds U.S. House Operations, Library Of Congress, Capitol Police, GAO, GPO, And Other Government Agencies. “The bill provides $3.5 billion for operations of the House of Representatives, joint House-Senate items and legislative branch entities such as the Library of Congress, the Capitol Police, Government Accountability Office (GAO) and Government Publishing Office (GPO). In keeping with long-established practice, the measure contains no funding for the Senate, which will add funds to its version. The total is $73 million more than current funding but $153 million (4%) less than requested by the offices and agencies covered by the bill. It increases funding for the Capitol Police (4%), Library of Congress (5%) and Architect of the Capitol (4%). And for the first time since 2010, it increases funds to operate members’ offices, providing a 1.5% boost; that funding has been flat for the past three years after being reduced by 16% from FY 2010. The bill also continues to freeze the pay of lawmakers.” [CQ House Action Reports, 6/6/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration On Voting On The Republican Budget. In April 2016, Poliquin voted for a motion that would force an “immediate vote on the Republican ‘Road to Ruin’ budget passed out of the Republican Budget Committee – so the American people can see where their representatives stand.” The previous question passed 243-182. A vote against the previous was to force the House to vote on the Republican budget. [H Res 672, Vote #141, 4/13/16; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 4/13/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Measure To Force The House To Remain In Session Until It Has Adopted A Budget Resolution For 2017. In March 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking the consideration of
“an amendment to H. Res. 640, offered by Congressman Jared Polis of Colorado, to force the Republican-led Congress to do its job by refusing to adjourn on March 23, unless the House has adopted a budget resolution for Fiscal Year 2017.” The previous question carried, 235-177. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the amendment to be considered. [H Res 653, Vote #131, 3/22/16; Democratic Leader, 3/22/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Forcing The House To Remain In Session Until It Has Adopted Budget Resolution For 2017.** In March 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking the consideration of “an amendment to H. Res. 640, offered by Congressman Jared Polis of Colorado, to force the Republican-led Congress to do its job by refusing to adjourn on March 23, unless the House has adopted a budget resolution for Fiscal Year 2017.” The previous question carried, 235-177. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the amendment to be considered. [H Res 640, Vote #114, 3/15/16; Democratic Leader, 3/15/16]

**OP-ED HEADLINE:** “Republicans Shouldn’t Ignore The President’s Budget” [Ed Rogers Op-Ed, Washington Post, 2/9/16]

**HEADLINE:** “White House Accuses GOP Lawmakers Of Pulling A Trump” [Politico, 2/5/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill To Call On Hearings For President’s Budget.** In February 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of H. Res. 619, an ordering of the previous question on HR 2406. “The Democratic Previous Question gives Republicans a second chance to call for an immediate vote on Budget Committee Ranking Member Chris Van Hollen’s H.R. 624 to demand a fair hearing on the President’s Budget by demanding that House Republicans hold a Budget hearing with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.” The previous question passed, 240 to 178. [H Res 619, Vote #90, 2/25/16; Democratic Leader-Ordering of Previous Question, 2/25/16]

**Poliquin Voted For To Block Hearing On President’s Budget With Director Of The Office Of Management And Budget.** In February 2016, Poliquin voted for a motion to block consideration of a vote on Budget Committee Ranking Member Chris Van Hollen’s H.R. 6234, which would “demand a fair hearing on the President’s Budget by demanding that House Republicans hold a budget hearing with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.” The previous question carried, 237-180. A vote against the previous question would call for an immediate vote on Budget Committee Ranking Member Chris Van Hollen’s H.R. 624. [H Res 618, Vote #85, 2/24/16; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 2/24/16]

**Poliquin Voted For The Debt Management and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2015 Which Required Treasury Department To Report To Congress.** In February 2016, Poliquin voted for the bill that “requires the Secretary of the Treasury to provide a report to Congress prior to any date on which the Secretary anticipates the public debt will reach the statutory limit. The Secretary must appear before the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee to submit a report including: the historic, current, and projected levels of the debt; the drivers and composition of future debt; and how the United States will meet debt obligations if the debt limit is raised.” The legislation “the Debt Management and Fiscal Responsibility Act, sponsored by Rep. Kenny Marchant, R-Texas. The bill would require the Treasury Department to provide reports to Congress and the public detailing the federal government’s historic, current and projected future debt levels, as well as information about when the debt will reach its statutory limit.” The bill passed 267 to 151. [HR 3442, Vote #76, 2/11/16; Targeted News Service, 2/12/16]
Poliquin Voted Against Requiring A Report On Treasury’s Plans To Address Federal Deficit To Include Impact Of Threat Of Default On Economy. In February 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to require the report on treasury’s plans to address federal deficit to include the impact of the threat of default on the economy. The amendment would have required “the report to include the impact the threat of default would have on the economy, including, but not limited to, the impact on the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), interest rates, employment, household wealth, and retirement assets.” The amendment failed 190 to 227. [HR 3442, Vote #74, 2/11/16; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 2/11/16]

Bill Required Treasury Secretary To Prepare A Report For Congress About Plans To Address The Federal Deficit Before Congress Agrees To Raise The Debt Limit. “House lawmakers Thursday 267-151 passed legislation that would require the Treasury secretary to appear before Congress prior to raising the debt limit. The Obama administration has threatened a veto of the bill, which now goes to the Senate. But it picked up support from all 239 Republicans who voted and 28 Democrats … The legislation (HR 3442), sponsored by Rep. Kenny Marchant, R-Texas, would require the secretary to come before the Ways and Means Committee when the nation approaches the debt limit and present a report to Congress on the state of the public debt … The proposal also would require the secretary to outline the president's plans to reduce the debt and prepare a subsequent progress report. All the information would be posted publicly on the Treasury's website.” [Congressional Quarterly News, 2/11/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Requiring Treasury Secretary’s Report To Include Information On Salary, Wages, And Impact Of Spending Cuts On Gross Domestic Product. In February 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to require the treasury secretary’s report to include information on salary, wages, and impact of spending cuts on gross domestic product. The amendment sought to “require the Treasury Secretary's report to also include individual salary and wage information, as well as projections of consumer spending and the impact of spending cuts on gross domestic product.” The amendment failed 171 to 245. [HR 3442, Vote #73, 2/11/16; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 2/11/16]

Poliquin Voted For Requiring Treasury Secretary To Notify Congress If Treasury Is Able To Pay Principal And Interest On National Debt If Debt Limit Is Reached. In February 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment to require the Treasury Secretary to notify Congress whether Treasury is able to pay principal and interest on the national debt if the debt limit is reached. The amendment requires “the Secretary of the Treasury to notify Congress whether it is able to pay only principal and interest on the national debt, as opposed to other obligations, in the event that the debt limit is reached.” The amendment passed 240 to 176. [HR 3442, Vote #72, 2/11/16; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 2/11/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Requiring Treasury Secretary’s Report To Include Potential Public Health And Safety Costs Of Failing To Raise Debt Limit. In February 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to require the Treasury Secretary’s report to include the potential public health and safety costs of failing to raise the debt limit. The amendment “sought to require the Treasury Secretary's report to also include an economic forecast of the negative consequences of failing to raise the debt limit, including costs associated with public health and safety.” The amendment failed 184 to 234. [HR 3442, Vote #71, 2/11/16; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 2/11/16]

Poliquin Voted For $1.1 Trillion Overwhelmingly Bipartisan Budget Deal To Keep Government Open Through September 2016. In December 2015, Poliquin voted for the omnibus spending package. “The House on Friday overwhelmingly approved a $1.1 trillion spending package that includes the first major change approved by Congress to ObamaCare, and keeps the government open through September 2016 … In the end, there was no drama in the 316-113 vote … Only 18 Democrats voted against the spending bill, while 166 supported it.” [HR 2029, Vote #705, 12/18/15; The Hill, 12/18/15]


Poliquin Voted For Amendment Liquidating The Federal Reserve’s Surplus Funds, Redirecting $59.5 Billion Over Ten Years To The General Fund. In November 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act introduced by Representatives Randy Neugebauer (R., Texas) and Bill Huizenga (R., Mich.) which would “liquidate the Fed’s surplus account and transfer it to the Treasury. Aides to both lawmakers said the provision would generate about $59.5 billion over 10 years.” The amendment passed 354 to 72. [H R 22, Vote #622, 11/5/15; Wall Street Journal, 11/5/15]

Poliquin Voted For Motion That Would Have Replaced HR 1314 With Bill Suspending Debt Limit Until March 2017 And Increasing Discretionary Spending Cap. Poliquin Voted For “motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill with a modified Boehner amendment that would replace the bill with legislation that would suspend the debt limit until March 15, 2017 and increase the discretionary spending cap for fiscal 2016 by $50 billion and for fiscal 2017 by $30 billion, with the increases split equally between defense and non-defense spending.” The motion passed 266 to 167. [HR 1314, Vote #579, 10/28/15; CQ Billtrack, 11/4/15]

Motion Included The Sale Of Oil From The Strategic Petroleum Reserve. “Offsets through mandatory spending cuts and revenue increases would include increasing premiums companies pay to the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation to insure private pension plans, the sale of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and changes to the federal crop insurance program. It would prevent an estimated 52 percent premium increase for certain Medicare beneficiaries and instead provide for a lower increase, and would make changes to keep the Social Security disability insurance trust solvent until 2022. Motion agreed to 266-167. Note: A ‘yea’ was a vote in support of the president's position.” [CQ Billtrack, 11/4/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Clean Debt Limit Extension. In October, 2015, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of a vote on “a clean debt limit extension.” The previous question carried, 244-185. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on a clean debt limit bill. [HR 3762 Vote #566, 10/22/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 10/22/15]

Poliquin Voted For Debt Limit Bill That Would Only Allow Payments For The Nation’s Creditors And Social Security Recipients. In October 2015, Poliquin voted for the Default Prevention Act, a bill that would force a partial government shutdown by only funding payments towards the nation’s creditors and Social Security recipients. “With less than two weeks until the federal government is expected to reach its borrowing limit, House Republican leaders are readying a vote on legislation intended to avoid a financial meltdown should that ceiling be reached. … The Default Prevention Act … would allow the federal government to keep borrowing above the statutory debt limit for the sole purpose of paying principal and interest on debt held by the public or the Social Security Trust Fund.” The bill passed, 235 to 194. [HR 692, Vote #557, 10/21/15; Washington Post, 10/16/15]

Bill Criticized For Being A “Cop-Out” And Prioritizing Foreign Bondholders Over Military Members, Medicare, And Medicaid Recipients. “Democrats oppose the bill, calling it a cop-out that would pave the way for a partial government shutdown where military members and federal workers would go without paychecks, doctors and hospitals would go without Medicaid and Medicare payments, and federal contractors would be hung out to dry. Rep. Sander M. Levin (D-Mich.), ranking member of Ways and Means, called the bill ‘reckless and indefensible’ last month and doubted whether the bill could even be implemented under current Treasury systems and procedures. ‘Even if such prioritization were possible, it would put China and other foreign bondholders before our own citizens at a time when they can least afford it,’ he said.” [Washington Post, 10/16/15]

Bill Falls “Far Short Of The Needed Debt-Limit Increase.” “With the potential for an unprecedented federal default two weeks away, House Republicans on Wednesday plan to pass legislation not to avert disaster, but rather to manage it… Yet with time running out, what the House will vote on Wednesday and send to the
Senate falls far short of the needed debt-limit increase. … Privately, some Republicans concede the vote is a way for members to seem to oppose default. Douglas Holtz-Eakin, an economics adviser to Republicans and the former director of the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, called it ‘political cover but not a solution of any type. There’s no way that you can pretend that taking out the Pentagon budget and a huge chunk of the domestic budget is not going to be damaging,’ he said.” [New York Times, 10/20/15]

**HEADLINE: “House GOP Brings Back Debt Ceiling Cop-Out Bill For A Floor Vote This Week”**

[Talking Points Memo, 10/19/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Clean Debt Limit Extension That Would Avoid A Government Default.** In October 2015, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of a clean debt limit extension that would avoid a government default and an increase of interest rates on mortgages, student loans, credit cards, and car payments. The previous question passed, 241 to 181. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H.Res. 480, Vote #553, 10/21/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 10/21/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Short-Term Continuing Resolution To Prevent A Government Shutdown.** In September 2015, Poliquin voted for a motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would continue funding the government through Dec. 11, 2015 at an annualized rate of $1,017 trillion, the top-line post-sequester discretionary spending level for FY 2016 set by the Budget Control Act. It also would fund for Overseas Contingency Operations at a rate of $74.8 billion, roughly equal to the FY 2015 level. Under the bill, most programs would be funded at a rate that is 0.21 percent less than their FY 2015 funding level, although the measure would include increases for certain activities including $700 million in emergency funding for fighting fire in western states; it would give the VA budget flexibility in constructing a facility in Denver, and would not defund Planned Parenthood. Further, the measure would extend through Dec. 11 the ban on state taxation of Internet access and the E-Verify employment verification system. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 277-151. [HR 719, Vote #528, 9/30/15; CQ Floor Votes, 9/30/15]

**All Of The Votes Against Were Republicans, Who Were Upset By Their Inability To Force The Obama Administration To Defund Planned Parenthood.** “With only hours to spare on the last day of the fiscal year, Congress averted a government shutdown on Wednesday by approving a temporary spending measure to keep federal agencies operating through Dec. 11. In the House, the legislation was approved only because of strong support by Democrats — a sign of how angry rank-and-file Republicans remain over their powerlessness to force policy changes on the Obama administration. The House vote was 257 to 151, with 186 Democrats and 91 Republicans in favor. All of the ‘no’ votes were by Republicans. In one last display of their fury, House Republicans on Wednesday adopted another resolution to cut off government financing to Planned Parenthood.” [New York Times, 9/30/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment Allowing Republican Leaders To Fast-Track Stopgap Spending Bill.** In September 2015, Poliquin voted for consideration of an amendment to H.Res.420. “CR Could be Fast-Track Under Rule Passed by House …. The House Thursday quietly granted itself a method for speeding consideration of legislation after the papal visit next week, presumably for a must-pass stopgap spending bill. The chamber approved an amendment to a rule (H Res 420) that waives the requirement that two-thirds of lawmakers vote to allow the House Rules Committee to bring a report to the floor the same day it is advanced out of the panel.” The amendment passed 237 to 187. [H.Res. 420, Vote #498, 9/17/15; CQ News, 9/17/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Republican Conference Report On Budget For Fiscal Year 2016.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted for a conference report outlining the Republican Congressional budget for fiscal year 2016 and budget levels for 2017 through 2025. “House and Senate Republicans agreed on a unified budget plan Wednesday that would allow them to bypass Democrats and send President Barack Obama legislation to repeal or revise his landmark health-care law. The budget proposal spells out the Republican Party’s priorities by calling for $5.3 trillion in spending cuts to reach balance in nine years.” An agreement to pass the Conference Report passed 226 to 197. [S CON RES 11, Vote #183; On Agreeing to the Conference Report, 4/30/15; Bloomberg, 4/29/15]
Called For $4.1 Trillion In Reductions To Entitlement Programs While War Funding Totaled $96 Billion. “Of this, $4.1 trillion in reductions would come from programs including entitlements like Medicare. Discretionary spending in 2016 would be limited to $1.016 trillion, while war funding would total $96 billion, far above Obama’s request.” [Bloomberg, 4/29/15]

Conference Report Reduced Funding For Pell Grants, Low-Income Housing Assistance Programs, And Food Stamp Program. “The budget slashes domestic discretionary spending by trimming away at several major priorities for Democrats. The final bill includes a reduction in funding for federal Pell Grants and housing programs for low-income earners, and cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as food stamps.” [Washington Post, 4/29/15]

Poliquin Voted For FY16 Republican Budget To Repeal The Affordable Care Act, Slash Pell Grants And Alter Medicare. In March 2015, Poliquin voted for the FY16 Republican House budget that would repeal the Affordable Care Act, slash Pell grants and alter Medicare. “It also includes parliamentary language, called reconciliation that orders House committees to draft legislation repealing the Affordable Care Act. Under budget rules, that reconciliation repeal bill cannot be filibustered in the Senate and would need only a majority vote to pass. The budget would turn Medicaid into block grants to the states, cutting health care spending for the poor by $900 billion. The food stamp program would also be turned into block grants and cut by hundreds of billions of dollars. Special education, Pell Grants, job training and housing assistance would all be cut. Medicare would transition to a system where future seniors would be encouraged to use government-funded vouchers to purchase insurance in the private market.” The resolution passed 228 to 199. [H. Con Res. 27, Vote #142, 3/25/15; New York Times, 3/25/15]

Poliquin Voted For FY16 Budget Amendment To Repeal The Affordable Care Act, Slash Pell Grants And Alter Medicare While Requiring No Offsets For Increased OCO Defense Spending. In March 2015, Poliquin voted for a budget alternative known as Price amendment #2 offered as an amendment on the floor that would repeal the Affordable Care Act, slash Pell grants and alter Medicare while requiring no offsets for increased OCO defense spending. “Tom Price, R-Ga., also submitted an amended version that included increased defense funding without requiring cuts in other areas to offset the spending. Price’s plan increased funding to the Overseas Contingency Operations Fund by $2 billion over the committee plan, to $96 billion, and requires no offsets. The version that passed out of committee would have required offsets over $73.5 billion in the OCO fund, which pays for wars and other overseas activities and is not subject to sequester caps.” The resolution passed 219 to 208. [H. Con Res. 27, Vote #141, 3/25/15; US News and World Report, 3/25/15]

Poliquin Voted Against FY2016 Democratic Alternative Budget Plan. In March 2015, Poliquin voted against the Democratic alternative budget that “proposed more investment in education and infrastructure, new taxes on the wealthiest Americans, and several pet ideas including a higher minimum wage, paid sick leave, expanded early childhood education and a ban on tax breaks for executives unless they increase their employees’ wages.” The amendment failed 160 to 264. [H Con Res 27, Vote #139, 3/25/15; RealClearPolitics, 3/23/15]

Increased Investments In Head Start, Universal Preschool, And College Affordability. “On education, the Democratic budget would increase investments in Head Start, which provides early childhood education to low-income children, as well as fund President Obama’s proposal for universal preschool for children. It would also increase funding aimed at making college more affordable.” [RealClearPolitics, 3/23/15]

Promoted Obamacare And Made Medicare More Efficient. “While Republicans’ budget fully repeals Obamacare, turns Medicare into a voucher program and cuts funding to Medicaid, the Democratic budget promotes Obamacare and maintains Medicare while promoting more efficiency, Van Hollen said.” [RealClearPolitics, 3/23/15]

Poliquin Voted Against FY2016 Republican Study Committee Budget. In March 2015, Poliquin voted against the Republican Study Committee budget that would cut spending by $7.1 trillion over 10 years. “A conservative
budget released by the House Republican Study Committee (RSC) on Monday would balance in five years by cutting $7.1 trillion in spending over the next decade. The cuts are much more than the $5.5 trillion in proposed cuts included in the main House GOP blueprint unveiled last week by Budget Committee Chairman Tom Price (R-Ga.). The RSC budget, prepared by RSC and Budget Committee member Marlin Stutzman (R-Ind.), would increase spending for the Pentagon.” The amendment failed 132 to 294. [H Con Res 27, Vote #138, 3/25/15; The Hill, 3/23/15]

RSC Budget Would Cut FY16 Nondefense Discretionary Spending By $88 Billion Below Sequestration Levels. “The RSC blueprint would lower nondefense discretionary spending for domestic programs next year to $405 billion, $88 billion below the baseline set by the 2011 deal. Altogether, discretionary spending next year would total $975 billion under the RSC’s budget, much lower than the $1.018 trillion top-line number established by the 2011 law. Over the 10-year window, the RSC budget would cut nondefense spending by $1.3 trillion and increase defense spending by $435 billion.” [The Hill, 3/23/15]

RSC Proposed “Aggressive” Budget That Would Balance In Six Years. “Conservative members of the House Republican caucus outbid their party's official budget Monday, offering a plan to cut planned government spending by more than $7.1 trillion and balance the budget in just six years. The aggressive plan to cut spending from all areas of government and erase deficits was introduced by the Republican Study Committee, a group of congressmen organized to push policy to the right.” [Washington Examiner, 3/23/15]

RSC Budget Balanced By “Cutting More Deeply Into Federal Healthcare And Retirement Programs.” “The Republican Study Committee on Monday unveiled its plan to cut spending by $7.1 trillion over 10 years, reaching a surplus in six years by cutting more deeply into federal healthcare and retirement programs as well as domestic agency budgets.” [Reuters, 3/23/15]

RSC Budget Called For Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution. “It is the policy of this resolution that Congress should pass a joint resolution incorporating the provisions set forth in subsection (b), and send such joint resolution to the States for their approval, to amend the Constitution of the United States to require an annual balanced budget.” [RSC Budget Proposal, 3/22/15]

Poliquin Voted Against FY16 Congressional Black Caucus Budget. In March 2015, Poliquin voted against the Congressional Black Caucus budget that “focuses on increasing economic opportunities through robust investments in education, infrastructure, affordable housing, domestic manufacturing, small businesses, and job training. It also protects and enhances social safety net programs…” The amendment failed 120 to 306. [H Con Res 27, Vote #137, 3/25/15; Congressional Black Caucus Website, 3/23/15]


Civil Rights

Poliquin Voted For To Block Restoration Of Federal Oversight To Protect The Right To Vote. In November 2015, Poliquin voted for a motion to block consideration of a vote on the “Voting Rights Advancement Act, which would restore federal oversight to protect the most sacred right and responsibility of American citizenship; the right to vote.” The previous question carried, 241-178. A vote against the previous question would call for an immediate vote on the Voting Rights Advancement Act. [H Res 507, Vote #583, 11/3/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 11/3/15]
Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration On An Immediate Vote For A Resolution To Remove Any State Flag Containing The Confederate Battle Flag From The U.S. Capitol Grounds. In July 2015, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration “for an immediate vote on Leader Pelosi’s privileged resolution to remove any state flag containing the Confederate Battle flag from the U.S. Capitol grounds.” A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on removing state flags containing the Confederate battle flag from the U.S. Capitol grounds. The motion to order the previous question passed, 242 to 185. [H Res 350, Vote #429, 7/9/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 7/9/15]

Poliquin Voted For Referring A Motion To Remove Any State Flag Containing The Confederate Battle Flag From US Capitol Grounds To The House Administration Committee. In July 2015, Poliquin voted for a motion to refer a privileged resolution to “remove any state flag containing the Confederate Battle flag - images of hate and division in our nation's history that deserve to be stored in a museum and not displayed in a place of honor in the United States Capitol” to the House Administration Committee. The motion passed, 238 to 176. [H RES 355, Vote #426, 7/9/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/9/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 7/9/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Removing Any State Flag Containing The Confederate Battle Flag From US Capitol Grounds. In July 2015, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of a vote to “call for an immediate vote on Leader Pelosi’s privileged resolution to remove any state flag containing the Confederate Battle flag from the U.S. Capitol grounds.” The previous question carried, 238-185. The previous question passed, 238 to 185. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H RES 355, Vote #425, 7/9/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 7/9/15]

Poliquin Voted For Delaying A Resolution That Would Require Removal Of All Confederate Symbols From The House. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for delaying a “privileged resolution that would require the Speaker of the House to remove all symbols of the Confederacy from the House wing of U.S. Capitol and donate such symbols to the Library of Congress.” The motion passed 240-184 [HR 341, Vote #385, 6/25/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/25/15]

The Hill: House Delays Floor Vote On Removing Confederate Symbol From Capitol. “The House referred a resolution on Thursday that would remove symbols of the Confederacy from the Capitol and adjacent office buildings to the committee level for possible later consideration, … [Democratic Rep. Bennie] Thompson’s resolution is privileged, which forces the House to expedite its consideration. The House vote on Thursday of 240-184 sends his resolution to the House Administration Committee for further review, instead of immediately voting on the measure. Democrats uniformly opposed the move to delay consideration, while all but one Republican voted in favor. [The Hill, 6/25/15]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Display Of Confederate Flag Imagery in VA Cemeteries. In May 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment “that would prohibit the use of appropriated funds to display Confederate flag imagery in Veterans Administration cemeteries.” The amendment passed, 265-159. [HR 4974, Vote #223, 5/19/16]

Poliquin Voted Against A Motion Striking Exception Allowing Schools With ROTC Program To Fly Confederate Flag. In May 2016, Poliquin voted against a motion that would “strike section 1094 of the bill, which would allow religious organizations contracting with the federal government to discriminate against LGBT individuals whom they may employ, in blatant violation of President Obama’s Executive Order prohibiting federal contractors discriminating against LGBT people in employment.” The motion failed, 181-243. [HR 4909, Vote #215, 5/18/16; Democratic Leader, MTRs]

Consumer Protections And Regulations
Poliquin Voted For Allowing A New Congress To Disapprove En Bloc Of Regulations Passed During A President’s Final Year In Office. In November 2016, Poliquin voted for the Midnight Rules Relief Act of 2016 that “permit a new Congress to use the procedures under the Congressional Review Act to disapprove en bloc multiple regulations issued during the final year of a president’s term.” The bill passed 240 to 179. [H.R. 5982, Vote #585, 11/17/16; CQ, 11/17/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Regulations From Being Overturned Relating To Earnings And Workforce Participation. In November 2016, Poliquin voted against “Pocan, D-Wis., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill's provisions any rule related to employment, retention, and earnings of workforce participants.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would add an exemption to the underlying bill for any rule that pertains to improving employment, job retention, or the quality of the workforce in order to ensure the continued productivity and competitiveness of the country.” The motion failed 181 to 239. [H.R. 5982, Vote #584, 11/17/16; DemocraticLeader.gov, 11/17/16 CQ, 11/17/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Exempting Regulations From Being Overturned Whose Benefits Exceed Their Costs And That Address Effects Of Climate Change. In November 2016, Poliquin voted against two Connolly (D-VA) amendment to the Midnight Rules Relief Act of 2016 that “would exempt from the bill's provisions rules that the director of the Office of Management and Budget determines would have benefits that exceed their costs. The amendments also would exempt from the bill's provisions rules that would address effects of climate change.” The amendments were rejected 180 to 237. [H.R. 5982, Vote #583, 11/17/16; CQ, 11/17/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Exempting Regulations From Being Overturned That Respond To National Security Matters. In November 2016, Poliquin voted against a Jackson-Lee (D-TX) amendment to the Midnight Rules Relief Act of 2016 that “would exempt from the bill's provisions any rule related to responding to matters of national security.” The amendment was rejected 179 to 238. [H.R. 5982, Vote #582, 11/17/16; CQ, 11/17/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Exempting Regulations From Being Overturned That Address Imminent Health And Safety Emergencies. In November 2016, Poliquin voted against a Conyers (D-MI) amendment to the Midnight Rules Relief Act of 2016 that “would exempt from the bill's provisions rules relating to imminent health threats, safety and other emergencies.” The amendment was rejected 180 to 233. [H.R. 5982, Vote #581, 11/17/16; CQ, 11/17/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Prevent Registered Lobbyists From Serving On Presidential Transition Teams. In November 2016, Poliquin voted for the “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 921) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 5711) that would prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from authorizing certain transactions by a U.S. financial institution in connection with the export or re-export of a commercial passenger aircraft to the Islamic Republic of Iran, and would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 5982) that would permit a new Congress to use the procedures under the Congressional Review Act to disapprove, en bloc, multiple regulations issued during the final year of a president's term.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would force a vote on H.R. 6324, to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963, which would by law prevent registered lobbyists from serving on presidential transition teams.” The motion passed 231 to 181. [H.Res. 921, Vote #579, 11/16/16; DemocraticLeader.gov, 11/16/16; CQ, 11/16/16]

Poliquin Voted For Preventing Wireless Callers From Using False Caller ID Information. In November 2016, Poliquin voted for the Anti-Spoofing Act of 2016 which “would make the transmission of inaccurate caller identification information through Voice-over-Internet calls or text messages illegal, and would require the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Trade Commission to develop information to help consumers identify scams related to inaccurate caller ID information.” The bill passed 382 to 5. [H.R. 2669, Vote #576, 11/14/16; CQ, 11/14/16]
Poliquin Voted For A Bill To Require D.C. Judges To Disclose Financial Ties. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Carter, R-Ga., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require judges in the District of Columbia to disclose: any income exceeding $200 or of the judge's spouse exceeding $1,000, except for income from the federal government; each foundation or business in which the judge holds a leadership position; and gifts worth more than $250.” The motion was agreed to 414 to 17. [HR 4419, Vote #551, 9/22/16 CQ, 9/22/16]

Prior To HR 4419, D.C. Judges Were Paid By The Federal Government But Were Not “Held To The Same Standard As Federal Judges” In Terms Of Publicly Disclosing Their Finances. “A new congressional bill is calling for greater transparency in how District of Columbia judges report their financial ties, a response to a 2013 Center for Public Integrity investigation that gave the city a failing grade. […] And that quirk highlights the oddity of the existing situation: District of Columbia Court judges’ paychecks come from the federal government, but the judges currently aren’t held to the same standard as federal judges when it comes to publicly disclosing where they invest that money.” [Center for Public Integrity, 2/1/16]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill That Would Require The Office Of Management And Budget To Adopt New Government-Wide Standards And Policies For Project Management. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Carter, R-Ga., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the deputy director for management at the Office of Management and Budget to adopt and oversee implementation of government-wide standards, policies and guidelines for program and project management. The deputy director of the OMB would be required to conduct portfolio reviews to address programs identified as ‘high risk’ by the Government Accountability Office and establish a five-year strategic plan for program and project management.” The motion was agreed to 404 to 11. [S 1550, Vote #550, 9/22/16; CQ, 9/22/16]

The Project Management Improvement Act Was “Built Around Private-Sector Efficiency Practices.” “The Program Management Improvement and Accountability Act (S. 1550), introduced by Sens. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, and Heidi Heitkamp, D-N.D., […] is built around private-sector efficiency practices. It would create a formal federal job series and career path for program managers, spur development of a standards-based program management policy governmentwide, and highlight the key role of executive sponsorship by having each agency designate an official to be in charge and share best practices through the new interagency body.” [Government Executive, 9/23/16]

Poliquin Voted For Providing Regulations For Federal Employees To Use Transportation Alternatives While Traveling On Official Business. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Carter, R-Ga., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Government Services Administration (GSA) to issue regulations, within 90 days of the bill's enactment, that would provide for federal employees to use transportation alternatives to driving alone, such as car-share, bike-share, and application-based mobility providers, while traveling on official business. The bill would require the GSA to annually submit a report to Congress on any government savings from such regulatory changes.” According to Congress.gov, “This bill requires the General Services Administration (GSA) to prescribe regulations to provide for the reimbursement of federal employees traveling on official business for the use of a transportation network company or innovative mobility technology. The Administrative Office of the United States Courts shall prescribe such regulations with respect to judicial branch employees.” The motion was agreed to 415 to 0. [HR 5625, Vote #549, 9/22/16; CQ, 9/22/16, Congress.gov, 9/22/16]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill To Ensure That The Social Security Administration Does Not Include Full Social Security Numbers On Documents Sent By Mail Unless Necessary. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Johnson, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would restrict the inclusion of complete Social Security account numbers on documents sent by mail by the Social Security Administration to situations in which the administration determines that inclusion of the complete number is necessary, and would be required to submit a rationale for situations deemed to require the number's inclusion.” According to Congress.gov, “this bill amends title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) of the Social Security Act to direct the Social Security Administration to ensure that no document it sends by mail includes a complete Social Security account number
unless necessary.” The motion was agreed to 414 to 17. [HR 5320, Vote #545, 9/22/16; CQ, 9/22/16, Congress.gov, 9/22/16]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill That Prohibits Final Agency Rules From Taking Effect Until The Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs Determines Its Value. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for passage of a “bill that would require all federal rules that would have an economic impact of $1 billion or more per year have implementation postponed until all related legal challenges would be completed. The measure would require all rules be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget’s Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs to determine their annual cost to the U.S. economy.” The bill passed 244 to 180. [HR 3438, Vote #535, 9/21/16; CQ, 9/21/16]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill To Expand The Types Of Records The Government Accountability Office (GAO) Can Access During Investigations. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Carter, R-Ga., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to access federal agency records that would be necessary for completing the GAO’s duties, and would allow the GAO to bring a civil action in court against an agency that would refuse to disclose information required to fulfill GAO’s oversight and investigation duties.” The bill passed 404 to 27. [HR 5690, Vote #523, 9/20/16; CQ, 9/20/16]

Poliquin Did Not Vote On A Bill To Provide An Annuity Supplement To Certain Air Traffic Controllers. In September 2016, Poliquin did not vote on a “Russell, R-Okla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would exempt retired federal air traffic controllers who choose to work full-time as Federal Aviation Administration air traffic instructors from a limit to their supplemental income during retirement.” The bill passed 399 to 4. [HR 5785, Vote #522, 9/20/16; CQ, 12/2/16]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill To Remove Arbitrary Legal Barriers That Prevented People With Disabilities From Creating Special Needs Trusts. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Guthrie, R-Ky., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would allow disabled individuals to set up their own special needs trusts for the purposes of Medicaid eligibility, and would extend Medicaid coverage of tobacco cessation services to mothers through the first year following the birth of their child. The measure would eliminate federal Medicaid matching funds for prescription drugs used for cosmetic or hair growth purposes.” The bill passed 383 to 22. [HR 670, Vote #521, 9/20/16; CQ, 9/20/16]

Poliquin Voted For Passage Of HR 5226, The Regulatory Integrity Act Of 2016. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would require federal agencies to maintain and regularly update detailed online databases of regulatory actions taken and pending before the agency. Under the measure, an agency would be required to list whether it is considering alternatives, whether it is accepting comments, and information on analyses conducted for each pending regulation.” The bill was passed 250 to 171. [HR 5226, Vote #510, 9/14/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/14/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Recommitting The Regulatory Databases Bill To The House Oversight And Government Reform Committee. In September 2016, Poliquin voted against a “motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt public communications related to combating public health crises from the bill's requirement that the agency making the communication state whether it is considering alternatives to its regulatory actions.” The motion was rejected 185 to 238. [HR 5226, Vote #509, 9/14/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/14/16]

Poliquin Voted For Requiring Regulatory Analysis To Be Disclosed. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for an “amendment that would require an agency to post, in the database required by the bill, the findings of a regulatory impact analysis or similar cost-benefit analysis along with any data or formula used in conducting the analysis for pending regulations.” The amendment was adopted 241 to 154. [HR 5226, Vote #508, 9/14/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/14/16]
Poliquin Voted Against A Motion To Add Requirements For Funds Owning Emergency Service Companies To Report Rural And Urban Vehicle Response Times. In September 2016, Poliquin voted against a “motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require the adviser of a private fund with a controlling interest in an emergency service company to annually file a report on emergency vehicle response times in both rural and urban areas. It also would require the report to describe the impact on the company’s value when emergency vehicle response times do not meet standards set by the local government.” The motion was rejected 176 to 232. [HR 5424, Vote #494, 9/9/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/9/16]

Poliquin Voted For Passage Of HR 5063. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would prohibit settlement agreements involving the U.S. government from requiring the non-governmental party to make a payment to any party other than the U.S. government. Prohibitions would not apply if the payment under the settlement is for restitution to affected parties or is a direct remedy for actual harm.” The bill was passed, 241 to 174. [HR 5063, Vote #488, 9/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 9/7/16]

Poliquin Voted Against A Motion To Recommit HR 5063 With Instructions. In September 2016, Poliquin voted against an “motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt settlement agreements that would reduce the cost of medical devices through the enforcement of anti-trust laws from the bill’s provisions that would limit settlement payments to third parties.” The amendment failed, 155-262. [HR 5063, Vote #487, 9/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 9/7/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Establish Attorney Fee Limits On Environmental Cases. In September 2016, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would prohibit settlement agreements related to environmental cases from including payments for attorney fees with rates exceeding $125 an hour.” The amendment failed, 178 to 235. [HR 5063, Vote #486, 9/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 9/7/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Exempt Settlement Agreements That Resolve A Workplace-Harassment/Discrimination Related Civil Action. In September 2016, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would exempt settlement agreements that would resolve a civil action or potential civil action related to work place harassment or discrimination from the bill’s provisions that would limit settlement payments to third parties.” The amendment failed, 178 to 235. [HR 5063, Vote #485, 9/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 9/7/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Exempt Discriminatory Settlement Agreements. In September 2016, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would exempt settlement agreements related to discrimination based on race, religion, national origin from the bill’s provisions that would limit settlement payments to third parties.” The amendment failed, 175 to 236. [HR 5063, Vote #484, 9/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 9/7/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Exempt Discriminatory Settlement Agreements. In September 2016, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would exempt settlement agreements related to discrimination based on race, religion, national origin from the bill’s provisions that would limit settlement payments to third parties.” The amendment failed, 178 to 234. [HR 5063, Vote #483, 9/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 9/7/16]

Poliquin Voted For Ending Requirement That Federal Courts Defer To An Agency’s Interpretation Of The Underlying Law Or Rule When Considering Challenges To Agency Rules And Regulations. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would require that federal courts decide ‘de novo’ all relevant questions of law in an agency rule-making, including the interpretation of constitutional and statutory provisions as well as the interpretation of the rule developed by the agency.” The bill passed 240-171. [HR 4768, Vote #416, 7/12/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/12/16]

Separation Of Powers Restoration Act Overturned Legal Precedent That Said Courts Must Defer To Agency Interpretations Of “Ambiguous” Statutes When Disputes Arise, Unless The Interpretation Is Unreasonable. “A GOP-backed bill to limit federal agencies’ rulemaking power passed the House on Tuesday. The Separation of Powers Restoration Act overturns the 1984 Supreme Court decision that created Chevron
deference. The legal precedent says courts must defer to agency interpretations of ‘ambiguous’ statutes when disputes arise, unless the interpretation is unreasonable.” [The Hill, 7/12/16]

The Hill: “Democrats Argued The Legislation Raised Concerns About The Separation Of Power It Purports To Restore.” “A GOP-backed bill to limit federal agencies’ rulemaking power passed the House on Tuesday. […] Democrats argue the legislation raises concerns about the separation of power it purports to restore. ‘By eliminating judicial deference, the bill would effectively empower the courts to make public policy from the bench, even though they may lack the specialized expertise and democratic accountability that agencies possess, through delegated authority from and oversight by the American people’s elected representatives.’ Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.) said.” [The Hill, 7/12/16]

The Hill: Obama Administration Said It Would Veto Bill “Because It Would Unnecessarily Overrule Decades Of Supreme Court Precedent, It Was Not In The Public Interest, And It Would Add Needless Complexity And Delay To Judicial Review Of Regulatory Actions.” “A GOP-backed bill to limit federal agencies’ rulemaking power passed the House on Tuesday. […] The Obama administration said senior advisors would recommend the president veto HR 4768 because it would unnecessarily overrule decades of Supreme Court precedent, it is not in the public interest, and it would add needless complexity and delay to judicial review of regulatory actions.” [The Hill, 7/12/16]

Poliquin Voted For Statutorily Authorizing The Presidential Innovation Fellows Program Within The General Services Administration And The Advisory Board That Advises The Program. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “Farenthold, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would statutorily authorize the Presidential Innovation Fellows program within the General Services Administration (GSA) and the advisory board that advises the program.” The motion was agreed to 409-8. [HR 5658, Vote #410, 7/12/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/12/16]

Presidential Innovation Fellows Program Paired Technologists And Innovators With Civil Servants To Address Challenges. “The Presidential Innovation Fellows program brings the principles, values, and practices of the innovation economy into government through the most effective agents of change we know: our people. This highly-competitive program pairs talented, diverse technologists and innovators with top civil-servants and change-makers working at the highest levels of the federal government to tackle some our nation’s biggest challenges. These teams of entrepreneurs-in-residence and government experts take a user-centric approach to issues at the intersection of people, processes, products, and policy to achieve lasting impact at startup speed.” [General Services Administration, accessed 3/15/16]

Poliquin Voted For Expanding Geographic Targeting Orders To Combat Money Laundering. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “Fitzpatrick, R-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would expand geographic targeting orders, issued by the Treasury Department to combat money laundering, to include all funds, including funds involved in electronic transfers.” The motion was agreed to 356-47. [HR 5602, Vote #401, 7/11/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/11/16]

Poliquin Voted For Defunding The Consumer Product Safety Commission’s Proposed Rule On Voluntary Remedial Actions And Guidelines For Voluntary Recall Notices. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “Mullin, R-Okla., amendment that would prohibit funds from being used to finalize, implement, administer or enforce the Consumer Product Safety Commission’s proposed rule on Voluntary Remedial Actions and Guidelines for Voluntary Recall Notices.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole 240-179. [H Amdt 1260 to HR5485, Vote #391, 7/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/7/16]

Poliquin Voted For Expanding Agencies’ Ability To Suspend, Fire Or Demote Senior Executive Service. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would expand agencies’ ability to suspend, fire or demote Senior Executive Service (SES) employees based on performance or misconduct and double probationary periods for civil service employees before they receive federal job protections. The measure would also require that SES employees be reassigned every five years. The measure would require annual reports on the
Opponents said the bill limited “due process rights for senior executives” and made them “more susceptible to politically motivated reprisals.” “The bill passed ‘the Government Reform and Improvement Act’ early Thursday morning. [...] The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) wrote its own letter to House lawmakers, arguing that many provisions in the bill undo federal employees’ due process rights. ‘Limits on due process rights for senior executives make them more susceptible to politically motivated reprisals, undermining the goal of a merit-based civil service and hearkening back to a spoils-based system operated by political appointees,’ NARFE National President Richard Thissen wrote.” [Federal News Radio, 7/6/16]

Opponents said the bill could cut “off a vital feedback channel for improving veterans’ care” by hurting Department of Veteran Affairs employees. “The bill passed ‘the Government Reform and Improvement Act’ early Thursday morning. [...] The American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), which represents about 230,000 VA employees, spoke out against the latest VA legislation, arguing that the department’s employees will be held more accountable if they’re empowered to speak about the issues they see in the workplace. ‘Chipping away at vital due process rights leaves these employees more exposed to retaliatory acts, cutting off a vital feedback channel for improving veterans’ care,’ AFGE National President J. David Cox said. ‘Whistleblower protections can only do so much to right these wrongs, and the surest way to keep the VA accountable to veterans is stronger, not weaker due process rights.” [Federal News Radio, 7/6/16]

Poliquin voted against exempting from midnight rule moratorium any rule that has been included in the Unified Regulatory Agenda for at least one year. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against a “Watson Coleman, D-N.J., amendment that would exempt from the bill’s midnight rule moratorium any rule that has been included in the Unified Regulatory Agenda for at least one year.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole 179-243. [H Amdt 1225 to HR 4361, Vote #374, 7/6/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/6/16]

Poliquin voted against an amendment striking language related to extended probationary period and undermining due process for senior federal employees. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against “Norton, D-D.C., amendment that would strike bill language related to suspension and termination procedures for Senior Executive Service (SES) employees.” The bill was rejected in committee of the Whole 183-239. [H Amdt 1224 to HR 4361, Vote #373, 7/6/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/6/16]

Norton amendment took out provisions that extended the probationary period for Senior Executive Service employees from one to two years. “Norton’s amendment specifically strikes provisions in the bill that extend the probationary period for Senior Executive Service (SES) employees from one to two years, a period under which these employees have few due process or appeal rights and are essentially at-will employees; reduce the time SES employees have to file an appeal to an adverse personnel decision, potentially interfering with employees’ due process rights to receive notice and be given an opportunity to respond; and allow agencies to place an employee on mandatory leave using the employee’s own accrued leave, among others.” [Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, Press Release, 7/6/16]

Norton argued the bill undermined constitutional due process rights, enabled retaliation against whistleblowers, and overrode collective bargaining rights. “An amendment offered by Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) to strike harmful provisions from a bill that would significantly hinder federal employee due process rights has been made in order and she will speak on it today on the House floor, likely between 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Norton said that the Republican-sponsored bill, the Federal Information Systems Safeguards Act of 2016 (HR 4361), undermines constitutional due process rights to which federal employees are entitled, enables retaliation against whistleblowers, and overrides collective bargaining rights.” [Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, Press Release, 7/6/16]
Poliquin Voted Against Reprograming Existing Funds To Create An “Office Of Good Jobs” For The Treasury Department. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to “reprogram already appropriated funds to create an Office of Good Jobs for the Treasury Department.” The amendment failed 173-245. [HR 5485, Vote #357, 7/6/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/6/16]

Poliquin Voted For Amendment That Would Reduce Spending Levels For The Legislative Branch By One Percent. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the Legislative Branch Appropriations for FY17 bill that would “reduce spending levels throughout the bill by one percent, except for funding for the Capitol Police and its buildings and the Office of the Sergeant at Arms.” The amendment failed 165-237. [HR 5325, Vote #290, 6/10/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/10/16]

Legislative Appropriations Bill Funds U.S. House Operations, Library Of Congress, Capitol Police, GAO, GPO, And Other Government Agencies. “The bill provides $3.5 billion for operations of the House of Representatives, joint House-Senate items and legislative branch entities such as the Library of Congress, the Capitol Police, Government Accountability Office (GAO) and Government Publishing Office (GPO). In keeping with long-established practice, the measure contains no funding for the Senate, which will add funds to its version. The total is $73 million more than current funding but $153 million (4%) less than requested by the offices and agencies covered by the bill. It increases funding for the Capitol Police (4%), Library of Congress (5%) and Architect of the Capitol (4%). And for the first time since 2010, it increases funds to operate members’ offices, providing a 1.5% boost; that funding has been flat for the past three years after being reduced by 16% from FY 2010. The bill also continues to freeze the pay of lawmakers.” [CQ House Action Reports, 6/6/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment That Would Provide Funding For A New “Office Of Good Jobs” Government Agency. In June 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Legislative Branch Appropriations for FY17 bill that would “reduce funding for the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer by $1 million, and increase funding by an equal amount, with the aim of creating an Office of Good Jobs.” The amendment failed 157-241. [HR 5325, Vote #289, 6/10/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/10/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Bill That Would Bailout Puerto Rico From $72 Billion Debt, Establish Financial Oversight And Decrease Minimum Wage On The Island. In June 2016, Poliquin voted against bill that would “establish a financial oversight board for Puerto Rico that would have authority to initiate a proceeding for restructuring the island’s debts in federal district court if negotiations between creditors and the Puerto Rican government do not result in agreement. The Puerto Rican government would need to develop fiscal plans and budgets, which the board would approve or reject. The panel could take corrective actions related to compliance, such as preventing laws passed by the Puerto Rican legislature that are significantly inconsistent with the fiscal plan from being enforced. It also would temporarily allow a lower minimum wage in Puerto Rico for some young workers.” The bill passed 297-127. [HR 5278, Vote #288, 6/9/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/9/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment That Would Block Republican Effort To Decrease Minimum Wage In Puerto Rico. In June 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act (HR 5278) that would “remove the bill’s provisions that would temporarily allow a lower minimum wage in Puerto Rico for some young workers.” The amendment failed 196-225. [HR 5278, Vote #287, 6/9/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/9/16]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill Prohibiting The IRS From Rehiring Employees Previously Removed For Misconduct Or Dismissed For Cause. In April 2016, Poliquin Poliquin Voted For a bill that would prohibit the IRS from rehiring individuals “previously employed by the IRS but was removed for misconduct or whose employment was terminated for cause.” The Bill would achieve this by making amendments to the Internal Revenue Code. The bill Passed 345 to 78. [H Res 3724, Vote #163, 4/21/16; Congress.Gov, 4/21/16]
Poliquin Voted For A Bill Prohibiting The Treasury From Paying Bonuses To IRS Employees Until The Treasury Develops A Comprehensive Customer Service Strategy. In April 2016, Poliquin Poliquin voted for HR 4890, under which no new “bonuses, awards, or similar cash payments” could be paid to IRS employees until the Treasury “develops and submits to Congress a comprehensive customer service strategy that has been reviewed and approved by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration. The strategy must include: (1) appropriate telephone and correspondence levels of service; (2) a thorough assessment of which services the IRS can shift to self-service options; and (3) proposals to improve customer service over the short-term, the medium-term, and the long-term.” The bill passed, 260 to 158. [H Res 4890, Vote #162, 4/21/16; Congress.gov, 4/21/16]

Poliquin Voted For Requiring The IRS To Funnel All User-Fee Revenue Into The Treasury General Fund Instead Of Towards Operating Costs. On April 20, 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill that would require the IRS to deposit all user-fee revenue into the general fund of the Treasury. HR 4885 “aims to give Congress more oversight power by requiring the (IRS) receive Congressional approval before spending funds are collected through user fees. The IRS would have to deposit fees into a general fund at the Department of Treasury, which is slated to be used to improve services for taxpayers.” The resolution passed, 245—179. [H Res 4885, Vote #161, 4/20/16; The Daily Caller, 4/20/16]

Obama Administration OMB: Repealing User Fee Authority Undercuts IRS’s Ability To Cover Costs And Provide Service To Taxpayers. “H.R. 4885 would repeal the IRS’s longstanding legal authority to offset the cost of providing services to taxpayers with user fees. The IRS has had this authority since 1995, and charges user fees for a variety of services. Repealing this authority would reduce overall IRS resources by roughly 4 percent…These cuts cost the Nation billions of dollars each year in lost tax revenue and have been enacted despite the IRS’s crucial and growing responsibilities to implement new mandates and enhance cybersecurity protections.” [White House Office Of Management and Budget, 4/18/16]

Poliquin Voted For Bill To Weaken Government Oversight On Mergers. In April 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill that would “require the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to comply with the same procedures as the Department of Justice under the Clayton Act (PL 63-212) for cases of antitrust laws that could ‘substantially lessen competition’ or ‘tend to create a monopoly.’. Additionally, the bill would require the Attorney General and the FTC to notify a state attorney general in writing, on cases in which a state could bring action on an antitrust case, would give the FTC subpoena authority for such cases, and would give United States district courts jurisdiction in relevant cases.” The bill passed 235-171. [HR 2745, Vote #137, 3/23/16; CQ Floor Votes, 3/23/16]


Opponents Of The Bill Argued It Would Gut An Independent Process And Make The FTC A Redundant Agency. “The U.S. House approved a bipartisan bill last week…Democrats warn it would gut an independent process that protects competition and consumers… He [Rep. Conyers] said Farenthold’s bill would transform the FTC from an independent agency to just another enforcement agency with redundant powers that might be headed for elimination. The Obama administration also voiced strong opposition to the bill. In its official statement of administration policy, it said the changes proposed by the legislation are not only unnecessary but threaten to undermine the FTC’s important role in protecting competition and consumers.” [Las Vegas Review-Journal, 3/27/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Preventing Federal Trade Commission From Being Forced To Use Same Procedures As Department Of Justice In Reviewing Mergers That Would Increase Pharmaceutical Drug Costs. In March 2016, Poliquin voted against a motion that would add an exception for “mergers that would unreasonably increase the costs of pharmaceutical drugs” to a bill that would make the Federal Trade Commission review mergers using...
the same procedures as the Department of Justice. The motion failed 174-235. [HR 2745, Vote #136, 3/23/16; Democratic Leader, 3/23/16]

**Poliquin Voted For To Set New Standard On Deciding “Whether Certain Lawsuits Are Heard In Federal Instead Of State Court.”** In February 2016, Poliquin voted for ‘The Fraudulent Joinder Prevention Act’, which “would set a new, national standard for deciding whether certain lawsuits are heard in federal instead of state court because an in-state co-defendant should not have been joined to the case. The bill would require district courts to deny motions to send a lawsuit back to state court because a defendant is from the same state as a plaintiff if: there was fraud in the pleading of jurisdictional facts in relation to the co-defendant joined to the lawsuit, it is not plausible that state law would impose liability against the co-defendant, state or federal law bars claims against the co-defendant, or if there is no good faith intention to seek a judgment against the co-defendant.” The bill passed, 229 to 189. [HR 3624, Vote #89, 2/25/16; CQ, 2/25/16]

**Legislation Would “Make It More Difficult For Americans To Enforce Their Rights In State Courts.”** On February 23, 2016, the Center for Justice and Democracy sent a group letter to Speaker Ryan and Leader Pelosi opposing ‘The Fraudulent Joinder Prevention Act.’ “The House will soon be voting on H.R. 3624, the ‘Fraudulent Joinder Prevention Act.’ “This bill would upend long established law in the area of federal court jurisdiction, place unreasonable burdens on the federal judiciary, and make it more difficult for Americans to enforce their rights in state courts. … H.R. 3624 would undermine this fundamental precept and force state cases into federal court when they don’t belong there. The bill would do this by transforming the centuries-old concept called ‘fraudulent joinder,’ which is a way to defeat complete diversity i.e., when non-diverse defendants are in case.” [Center for Justice and Democracy, 2/23/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Motion Exempting Cases Where Plaintiff “Seeks Relief In Connection With The Sexual Abuse And Exploitation Of A Minor” From Lawsuit Reform Bill.** In February 2016, Poliquin voted against “motion to recommit the ‘Fraudulent Joinder Prevention Act’ to the Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt from the bill cases in which the plaintiff seeks relief in connection with the sexual abuse and exploitation of a minor.” The motion failed, 180 to 239. [HR 3624, Vote #88, 2/25/16; CQ, 2/25/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Exempting Cases In Which Plaintiffs Seek Compensation Because Of Bad Faith Of Insurer.** In February 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment “that would exempt cases in which plaintiffs seek compensation because of the bad faith of an insurer” from Fraudulent Joinder Prevention Act. The amendment failed, 178 to 237. [HR 3624, Vote #87, 2/25/16; CQ Floor Vote 87, 2/25/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act To Protect Privacy Of Asbestos Exposure Victims.** In January 2016, Poliquin Poliquin Voted Against an amendment to the Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act that that would “require asbestos trusts to provide a report available to the public regarding demands received and payments made, and would repeal the requirement that the report contain the personal information of people paid by the trust.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 179-222. [HR 1927, Vote #31, 1/8/16; CQ Floor Votes, 1/8/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To The Fairness In Class Action Litigation Act To Allow Plaintiffs Access To Information Held In Trusts.** In January 2016, Poliquin Poliquin Voted Against an amendment to the Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act that would “allow litigants in a pending class action suit to access information held in a trust that is directly related to a plaintiff’s claim for asbestos exposure.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 174-228. [HR 1927, Vote #30, 1/8/16; CQ Floor Votes, 1/8/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Exempting Lawsuits Involving Fraudulent College And Universities From Bill Tightening Class Action Lawsuit Requirements.** In January 2016, Poliquin Poliquin Voted Against an amendment to the Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act that would “exempt claims against institutions under Title IV of the Higher Education Act, education loan institutions as defined by section 221 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or educational institutions as defined by chapter 33 of Title 38 United States Code.” The amendment
was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 177-223. [H R 1927, Vote #28, 1/8/16; CQ Floor Votes, 1/8/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Exempting Equal Pay Lawsuits From Bill Tightening Class Action Lawsuit Requirements. In January 2016, Poliquin Poliquin Voted Against an amendment to the Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act that would “exempt a pay equity claim under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act or the Fair Labor Standards (Equal Pay) Act.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 177-224. [H R 1927, Vote #27, 1/8/16; CQ Floor Votes, 1/8/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Exempting Housing Discrimination Lawsuits From Bill Tightening Class Action Lawsuit Requirements. In January 2016, Poliquin Poliquin Voted Against an amendment to the Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act that would “exempt claims under the Fair Housing Act or the Equal Credit Opportunity Act.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 172-229. [H R 1927, Vote #26, 1/8/16; CQ Floor Votes, 1/8/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Claims Seeking Monetary Relief Under Civil Rights Act. In January 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment that “would exempt claims seeking monetary relief under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.” The amendment failed, 163-221. [HR 1927, Vote #24, 1/8/16; CQ Floor Votes, 1/8/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Claims Against Perpetrator Of Terrorist Attack By Victims Of Attack. In January 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment that “would exempt claims against the perpetrator of a terrorist attack by victims of the attack.” The amendment failed, 158-211. [HR 1927, Vote #23, 1/8/16; CQ Floor Votes, 1/8/16]

Poliquin Voted For Establishing “Cut-Go” To Require Agencies To Repeal Existing Rules Before Issuing New Ones. In January 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill that “would establish a nine-member commission to review existing federal regulations and identify regulations that should be repealed on the basis of reducing costs on the U.S. economy. The commission would identify those regulatory policies that should be repealed immediately, and would set up a "Cut-Go" system that would require agencies to repeal existing rules to offset costs before issuing a new rule. The measure, as amended, would require the commission to review a rule or regulation's unfunded mandate, whether the rule or regulation limits or prevents government agencies from adopting technology to improve efficiency, and the rule or regulation's impact on wage growth, when determining if the rule or regulation should be repealed.” The bill passed, 245-174. [HR 1155, Vote #20, 1/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 1/7/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Exempt FDA Consumer Safety Rules From The SCRUB Act. In January 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome (SCRUB) Act that would “exempt rules issued by the Food and Drug Administration concerning consumer safety.” The amendment was rejected 173-245. [HR 1155, Vote #18, 1/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 2/2/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Exempt DHS Rules From The SCRUB Act. In January 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome (SCRUB) Act that would “exempt rules issued by the Homeland Security Department.” The amendment was rejected 173-244. [HR 1155, Vote #17, 1/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 2/2/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Exempt Rules Issued In Response To Emergencies From The SCRUB Act. In January 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome (SCRUB) Act that would “exempt rules issued in response to an emergency.” The amendment was rejected 176-239. [HR 1155, Vote #16, 1/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 2/2/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Exempt Veterans’ Affairs Department Rules From The SCRUB Act. In January 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are
Unnecessarily Burdensome (SCRUB) Act that would “exempt rules issued by the Veterans' Affairs Department.” The amendment was rejected 176-241. [HR 1155, Vote #15, 1/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 2/2/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Exempt Rules Issued By Independent Establishments From The SCRUB Act. In January 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome (SCRUB) Act that would “exempt rules issued by independent establishments from the bill's provisions.” The amendment was rejected 172-244. [HR 1155, Vote #14, 1/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 2/2/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Removing Requirement That Federal Agencies File Monthly Rule-Making Status Reports. In January 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would remove from HR 712, the Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act, the requirement that federal agencies file monthly status reports of their rule-making activities. “The bill is intended to limit special interest groups’ ability to push federal agencies to adopt rules through litigation by prohibiting the same-day filing of complaints, pre-negotiated consent decrees and settlement agreements in cases seeking to compel agency action … The White House said this week that the president would veto both bills because they would limit authority federal agencies have to issue rules.” The amendment failed 174-244. [HR 712, Vote #8, 1/7/16; CQ, 1/7/16; The Hill, 1/7/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Rules The OMB Determines Would Create Jobs From Actions That May Delay The Rulemaking Process. In January 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to HR 712, the Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act, proposed by Rep. Hank Johnson. When introducing the amendment Johnson said, “H.R. 712 would significantly delay and possibly stop the Federal rulemaking process by making it easier for regulated industries and well-funded antiregulatory entities to delay or prevent agency action and prohibiting any rule from being finalized until certain information is posted online for 6 months. This assault on the regulations is based on the false premise that Federal regulation stifles economic growth and job creation. My amendment confronts this fallacious assumption by excepting from H.R. 712 all rules that the Office of Management and Budget determines would result in net job creation.” The amendment failed 175-242. [HR 712, Vote #7, 1/7/16; Congressional Record, 1/7/16]

Poliquin Voted For Requiring Federal Agencies To Post Data And Cost-Benefit Analysis Relating To Federal Rule Changes Online. In November 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment, “that would require, for each publication in the Federal Register related to a rule that would be required under the measure, the inclusion by the agency of information on which the rule is based, including data, studies and cost-benefit analyses. It also would need to identify how the public can access the information online.” The amendment passed 236-192. [HR 22, Vote #617, 11/4/15; CQ, accessed 1/7/16]

Poliquin Voted Against A Motion To Ensure Enforcement Of Laws And Regulations Necessary To Protect Human Health, Environment, Or Public Safety. In October 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion to ensure nothing in HR 702, a bill that would allow for the export of crude oil, would prevent the “enforcement of federal laws that protect human health, the environment, and public safety.” The motion failed 179 to 242. [HR 702, Vote #548, 10/9/15; Motion to Recommit, 10/9/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To State That Nothing In RAPID Act Would Limit Agencies From Public Comment Or Participation In Decision-Making. In September 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Responsibly And Professionally Invigorating Development (RAPID) Act of 2015 which would “state that nothing the bill would limit agencies from allowing public comment or participation in the decision-making process.” The amendment failed 176 to 232. [HR 348, Vote #516, 9/25/15; CQ, 9/25/15]

RAPID Act Would Modify Environmental Review For Federally Funded Projects And Permits By Setting Deadlines On Agency Reviews, Limiting Grounds For Civil Actions Against Approvals. The Responsibly And Professionally Invigorating Development (RAPID) Act “modifies the environmental review process for federally funded projects and for federal permits for private projects by setting deadlines on agency
reviews, and by limiting the grounds for civil actions filed against an environmental review or permit approval.” [CQ, 9/18/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Bar The Bill From Affecting Permitting Projects That Could Be Terror Targets, Critical Infrastructure.** In September 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Responsibly And Professionally Invigorating Development (RAPID) Act of 2015 that would “bar the bill's provisions from affecting permitting projects that could be a potential target for a terrorist attack or that involve chemical facilities and other critical infrastructure.” The amendment failed 176 to 232. [HR 348, Vote #515, 9/25/15; CQ, 9/25/15]

**RAPID Act Would Modify Environmental Review For Federally Funded Projects And Permits By Setting Deadlines On Agency Reviews, Limiting Grounds For Civil Actions Against Approvals.** “The Responsibly And Professionally Invigorating Development (RAPID) Act “modifies the environmental review process for federally funded projects and for federal permits for private projects by setting deadlines on agency reviews, and by limiting the grounds for civil actions filed against an environmental review or permit approval.” [CQ, 9/18/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Removing Automatic Project Approval In Absence Of Agency Decision Within 90 To 120 Day Deadline.** In September 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment “that would remove the bill’s provision that would automatically approve any project for which the reviewing agency does not make a decision within the bill’s deadlines.” The bill stipulated a deadline of between 90 and 120 days. The amendment failed, 173 to 237. [HR 348, Amendment #5 Vote #511, 9/25/15; CQ, 9/25/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Requiring Federal Courts To Impose Monetary Sanctions On Parties That File Frivolous Lawsuits.** In September 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill that “would change federal rules governing civil lawsuits to require federal courts to impose sanctions on parties that file frivolous civil lawsuits. The sanctions would need to include monetary payments to the other party to cover the other party's attorney fees and costs. The bill also would eliminate the so-called ‘safe harbor’ clause by removing the ability of parties to withdraw of correct claims considered frivolous within 21 days of firing.” The bill passed 241 to 185. [HR 758, Vote #501, 9/17/15; CQ, 9/17/15]

Democratic Rep. Frankel: Bill Reinstates Procedural Rules; Strips Ability Of Federal Judges To Impose Sanctions Deemed Appropriate To Bring Frivolous Lawsuits. “This misguided bill would reinstate procedural rules that failed thirty years ago, stripping federal judges of the ability to impose the sanctions they deem appropriate for bringing frivolous lawsuits. During the ten years the old rules were in effect, judges completely lost their discretion about whether or not to impose sanctions on attorneys and were forced to issue harsh penalties for even the smallest infractions. Heavy punishments under the old system lead to endless motions that clogged our already burdened legal system, preventing access to justice.” [Rep. Lois Frankel Statement, 9/22/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Bill To Stifle Government’s Ability To Enact Rules To Protect Americans.** In July 2015, Poliquin voted for the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act, “a bid to roll back the executive branch's rulemaking authority … Democrats fear the legislation would pave the way for Republicans to block what they believe to be much-needed public health and environmental protections. Rep. Hank Johnson (D-Ga.) said the REINS Act is a ‘gift to the economic elites’ that would ‘stop all future regulations.’” The bill passed 243 to 165. [HR 427, Vote #482, 7/28/15; The Hill, 7/28/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Motion To Protect The Regulatory Process For Social Security And Medicare.** In July 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion to exempt rulemaking for Social Security and Medicare from the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act which would require congressional approval for new rules written by federal agencies. The motion failed 167 to 241. [HR 427, Vote #481, 7/28/15; Motion to Recommit, 7/28/15]
Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Rules Changes Regarding Availability Of Medication & Healthcare Management For Veterans From Requirement For Congressional Approval. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that “would exempt rules issued by the Veterans Affairs Department relating to the availability of medication and healthcare management for veterans from the Congressional approval process outlined in the bill.” The amendment failed, 167-239. [HR 427, Vote #480; CQ Floor Votes, 7/28/15]

**Amendment Was To REINS Act Which Would Give “Congress The Final Say Over All Major Regulations.”** “The controversial regulatory reform bill, which the House will vote on later this week, would give Congress the final say over all major regulations. […]The regulatory reform measure would give Congress final say over any rule with an annual economic impact of $100 million or more. Federal agencies would be required to submit major rules to Congress for approval before they could take effect. This would all but guarantee Republicans the ability to block dozens of controversial rules from the Obama administration and drastically slow the pace of regulations.” [The Hill, 7/27/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Safety Regulations For Nuclear Reactors From Congressional Approval On Major Rule Changes. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that “would exempt any rule relating to nuclear reactor safety standards from the Congressional approval process outlined in the bill.” The amendment failed, 167-241. [HR 427, Vote #479, 7/28/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/28/15]

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Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Product Safety Regulations Intended To Protect Children Under Two From Congressional Approval On Major Rules Changes. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that “would exempt rules pertaining to the safety of any product designed for children under two from the Congressional approval process outlined in the bill.” The amendment failed, 167-243. [HR 427, Vote #478, 7/28/15 CQ Floor Votes, 7/28/15]

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Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Public Health And Safety Regulations From Congressional Approval On Major Rule Changes. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that “would exempt rules pertaining to public health and safety from the Congressional approval process outlined in the bill.” The amendment failed, 166-242. [HR 427, Vote #477, 7/28/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/28/15]

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Poliquin Voted Against Exempting From Requirement For Congressional Approval Rules Governing Pipelines Carrying Natural Gas and Hazardous Materials. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that “would exempt rules intended to ensure the safety of natural gas or hazardous materials pipelines from the Congressional approval process outlined in the bill.” The amendment failed, 166-244. [HR 427, Vote #476, 7/28/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/28/15]

Amendment Was To REINS Act Which Would Give “Congress The Final Say Over All Major Regulations.” “The controversial regulatory reform bill, which the House will vote on later this week, would give Congress final say over all major regulations. [...] The regulatory reform measure would give Congress authority to refer any rule with an annual economic impact of $100 million or more. Federal agencies would be required to submit major rules to Congress for approval before they could take effect. This would all but guarantee Republicans the ability to block dozens of controversial rules from the Obama administration and drastically slow the pace of regulations.” [The Hill, 7/27/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Exempting From Requirement For Congressional Approval Rules That Would Increase Jobs. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that “would exempt rules that the Office of Management and Budget determined would increase jobs from the congressional approval process established in the bill.” The amendment failed, 163-246. [HR 427, Vote #475, 7/28/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/28/15]

Amendment Was To REINS Act Which Would Give “Congress The Final Say Over All Major Regulations.” “The controversial regulatory reform bill, which the House will vote on later this week, would give Congress final say over all major regulations. [...] The regulatory reform measure would give Congress authority to refer any rule with an annual economic impact of $100 million or more. Federal agencies would be required to submit major rules to Congress for approval before they could take effect. This would all but guarantee Republicans the ability to block dozens of controversial rules from the Obama administration and drastically slow the pace of regulations.” [The Hill, 7/27/15]

Poliquin Voted For To Require Regulations and Rule Changes In The Affordable Care Act Must Be Subject To Congressional Approval. In July 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment that would require “rule and regulations under the Affordable Care Act to be subject to the congressional approval process established in the bill.” The amendment passed, 242-167. [HR 427, Vote #474, 7/28/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/28/15]

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Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Require Agencies To Publish Data On Proposed Executive Branch Rules. In July 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the REINS Act that would “require agencies to publish information online on which [an executive branch] rule is based, including data, scientific and economic studies, and cost-benefit analyses, and make such information publically accessible.” The amendment was adopted 250-159. [HR 427, Vote #473, 7/28/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/28/15]

Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of Appropriations Bill Providing For $55 Billion In Funding For The Departments Of Transportation, And Housing And Urban Development. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for a resolution providing for the consideration of H.R. 2557 and H.R. 2578. According to CQ Bill Track, “A resolution providing for consideration of HR 2577, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2015, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of HR 2578, bill making appropriations for the Departments of
Commerce and Justice, Science and related agencies for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2015, and for other purposes.” According to the Hill, “The House is scheduled to vote Tuesday on a $55 billion Republican funding bill for the departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development. The measure, which is known as THUD, provides $55.3 billion in funding the departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, which is a $1.5 billion increase over the agencies' current 2015 spending levels.” The bill passed 242 to 180. [H. Res. 287, Vote #268, 6/2/15; CQ Bill Track, 6/1/15; The Hill, 6/9/15]

**Appropriations Bill Opposed By Trucker Safety Groups For Eliminating Industry Safety Regulations.**

“President Obama is threatening to veto a $55 billion Republican funding bill for the departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development. The White House said Tuesday that Obama would reject the measure, which is known as THUD, on the grounds that it underfunds federal transportation and housing programs, and includes a number of policy riders involving travel restrictions between the U.S. and Cuba, and truck driver scheduling. … Truck safety groups have accused GOP lawmakers of using the appropriations process to undo a series of trucking regulations they say makes U.S. roads safer, including limits on the length and weight of trucks. Trucking companies have opposed these limits for years.” [The Hill, 6/2/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Bill Regulating Commercial Space Ventures, Exempting Industry From Passenger Safety Regulations For 10-Years.** In May 2015, Poliquin voted for the SPACE Act of 2015, a bill to regulate the commercial space industry. “Led by House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R., Calif.), senior Republican lawmakers supported the bill to extend and update federal protection for commercial launches from some potential liability involving property damage or personal injuries and fatalities on the ground. The legislation, which also effectively bars the Federal Aviation Administration from closely regulating fledgling space-tourism ventures for up to 10 more years, garnered widespread support from closely held companies and industry leaders.” The measure passed 284 to 133. [HR 2262, Vote #262, 5/21/15; Wall Street Journal, 5/21/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Increasing Review Of SBA Regulations, Expand Right To Challenge New Rules.** In February 2015, Poliquin voted for the Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2015 to “give the Small Business Administration more authority to ensure federal agencies grant small businesses flexibility in following regulations… Under the bill, the SBA would have new authority to ensure agencies comply with the law’s regulatory review requirements, including by getting more directly involved with agency reviews of proposed rules. It would expand the ability of small businesses and other small entities affected by an agency’s regulations to legally challenge those rules.” The bill passed 260 to 163. [HR 527, Vote #68, 2/5/15; CQ News, 2/5/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Exempting FDA Consumer Protections From Greater Regulatory Review And Legal Challenges.** In February 2015, Poliquin voted against Jackson Lee of Texas Part A Amendment No. 6, an amendment to the Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2015 that “sought to exempt from the bill all regulations issued by the Food and Drug Administration relating to consumer safety, including those issued pursuant to the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act.” HR 527 was a bill under which “the SBA would have new authority to ensure agencies comply with the law's regulatory review requirements, including by getting more directly involved with agency reviews of proposed rules. It would expand the ability of small businesses and other small entities affected by an agency's regulations to legally challenge those rules.” The amendment failed 184 to 234. [HR 527, Vote #66, 2/5/15; Thomas.loc.gov, 2/5/15; CQ News HR 527 Coverage, 2/5/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Remove Anti-Consumer Rights Provisions From Bill Tightening Class Action Lawsuit Requirements.** In January 2016, Poliquin Poliquin Voted Against an amendment to the Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act. The original bill would “eliminate most consumer class actions by forcing consumers to prove that they’ve each suffered the exact same type and scope of injury from a company in order for their case to be certified—and move forward as a group—in court.” The amendment would eliminate the same “scope” of injury clause from the bill. The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 177-223. [H R 1927, Vote #29, 1/8/16; CQ Floor Votes, 1/8/16; The Hill, 10/7/15]

**Poliquin Voted For “Dramatically” Restricting Government’s Ability to Enact New Safety Standards.** In January 2015, Poliquin voted for restricting the government’s ability to enact new regulations or safety standards.
“The House passed a measure Tuesday to dramatically restrict the government's ability to enact any significant new regulations or safety standards, potentially hamstringing the efforts of every federal agency, from financial regulators to safety watchdogs. …The primary way the bill would work is by making just about every step an agency takes on a major new rule subject to numerous legal challenges. It does that by defining major rules as ones that have direct costs of more than $100 million or indirect costs above $1 billion, or would have significant costs for just about anyone, including government. Then it requires that for any such rule, agencies must make public their cost-benefit analyses of the new regulation and choose the cheapest option.” The bill passed 250 to 175. [HR 185, Vote #28, 1/13/15; Huffington Post, 1/13/15; CQ Floor Votes, 1/13/15]

Law Professor: “Irresponsible Reform: The House Favors Extreme Legislation That Would Delay Public Protections by Ten Years or More.” [Center For Progressive Reform Blog, 1/13/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Protecting Public Health And Safety Regulations From Significant Delays. In January 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment exempting public health and safety regulations from the bill’s burdensome requirements on creating new rules. “The House has rejected an amendment sponsored by Rep. Gerald E. Connolly, D-Va., to the Regulatory Accountability Act (H.R. 185) … Connolly said the exemption was needed to ensure that regulations needed to protect food and drug safety and air and water quality can move forward promptly.” The amendment failed 178 to 248. [HR 185, Amendment No. 4, Vote #26, 1/13/15; Albany Herald, 1/16/15]

Poliquin Voted For Requiring Agency Rulemakers To Consider Low-Income Populations. In January 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment “that would require agencies to review the potential effects of new rules on low-income populations.” The amendment passed 254 to 168. [HR 185, Vote #23, 1/13/15; The Hill, 1/13/15]

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Poliquin Voted For To Allow D.C. Courts And The Public Defender Service To Establish A Voluntary Separation Incentive Program. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Carter, R-Ga., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize the District of Columbia's Joint Committee on Judicial Administration to establish a voluntary separation incentive payment program for non-judicial employees of the D.C. courts, and would limit voluntary incentive payments to $25,000.” The motion was agreed to 413 to 1. [HR 5037, Vote #555, 9/22/16; CQ, 9/22/16]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill Reauthorizing The Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Block Grant. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Curbelo, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would convert the existing Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Block Grant program into a competitive evidence-based program, and would authorize $92 million for the competitive grant program in fiscal 2018, and would gradually increase the annual authorization to $96 million in fiscal 2022. The measure would also modify requirements for state plans under the juvenile justice and delinquency prevention program, and would increase emphasis on the reduction of the use of physical restraints and on providing mental health services, and would require programs for girls and minorities.” The motion was agreed to 382 to 29. [HR 5963, Vote #552, 9/22/16; CQ, 9/22/16]

HR 5963 Sought To Withhold Federal Funding To States That Held Minors In Adult Jails. “Yesterday, the U.S. House of House of Representatives overwhelmingly voted for the passage of H.R. 5963, the Supporting Youth Opportunity and Preventing Delinquency Act of 2016, which strengthens and updates the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (JJDPA). The measure passed with a vote of 382 to 29. The act, which was originally introduced by the Education and Workforce Committee, garnered support from both Republicans and Democrats. The bill is an update of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, which has been expired since 2007. It would withhold federal funding from states that hold minors in adult jails. Unlike previous versions of the law, the new bill would extend that protection to juveniles who have been charged with adult crimes but are still awaiting trial.” [Campaign for Youth Justice, 9/23/16]
HR 5963 Also “Promotes The Use Of Alternatives To Incarceration,” “Improves Conditions And Educational Services For Incarcerated Youth,” And “Increases Accountability.” “H.R. 5963 would build upon these national standards by reducing the placement of youth in adult jails pre-trial, providing more structure to the law’s requirement to decrease racial and ethnic disparities, and calling on states to phase out exceptions that allow the detention of youth who have engaged in status offense behaviors. The bill also promotes the use of alternatives to incarceration; supports the implementation of trauma-informed, evidence-based practices; calls for the elimination of dangerous practices in confinement, including eliminating the use of restraints on pregnant girls; improves conditions and educational services for incarcerated youth; focuses on the particular needs of special youth population such as trafficked youth and Tribal youth; and increases accountability.” [Campaign for Youth Justice, 9/23/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment Restricting Law Enforcement’s Ability To Gather License Plate Information.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the FY16 Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill that would bar funds from being used to acquire a camera for the purpose of collecting or storing vehicle license plate numbers. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 297-129. [HR 2577, Vote #327, 6/9/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/9/15; Congressional Record, 6/9/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Underfunding Agencies And Relax Gun Restrictions.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted for Justice and Commerce spending bill that underfunded agencies. “The House on Wednesday passed the fourth of a dozen spending bills for fiscal 2016, funding the Justice and Commerce departments as well as science agencies. Lawmakers approved the $51.4 billion measure in a 242-183 vote, after adopting amendments regarding gun control, immigration, U.S.-Cuba relations, Guantánamo Bay and marijuana. Passage of the bill came after the White House threatened to veto the legislation because of insufficient funding levels, capped by sequestration, and controversial policy riders that would undermine President Obama’s policy to normalize relations with Cuba, relax gun restrictions and block funds for the transfer of any detainees at Guantánamo Bay prison to the United States.” The amendment failed, 208 to 215. [HR 2578, Vote #297, 6/3/15; The Hill, 6/3/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Motion That Provided Additional Funding For Programs That Countered Sexual Assault, Violence Against Women And Exploitation Of Children.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted against motion that would provide an additional $3 million for sexual assault victims assistance within the Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs account and an additional $3 million for missing and exploited children programs in the Juvenile Justice Programs account. It would decrease funding for the Justice Information Technology Account by $6 million. The amendment failed, 190 to 232. [HR 2578, Vote #296, 6/3/15; CQ, 6/3/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment That Proposed Cutting Funding In The Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations Bill By 2.48 Percent.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment that proposed cutting funding in the Commerce-Justice-Science appropriations bill by 2.48%. The amendment failed 134 to 290. [HR 2578, Vote #292; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 6/3/15]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment That Prevented The National Institute Of Standards And Technology From Consulting With The NSA Or CIA To Change Cryptographic Or Computer Standards.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment that prevented the National Institute of Standards and Technology from consulting with the NSA or CIA to change cryptographic or computer standards. The amendment passed 383 to 43. [HR 2578, Vote #290; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 6/3/15]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment That Prevented The ATF From Banning Some Forms Of Armor-Piercing Ammunition And Military Style Handguns.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment that prevented the ATF from banning some forms of armor-piercing ammunition and military style handguns. “The Commerce-Justice-Science appropriations bill, which cruised through the House this week, contains several provisions directed squarely at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives’ (ATF) rule-making authority. Under the measure, the ATF would be prohibited from banning certain forms of armor-piercing ammunition or blocking the importation of military-style shotguns. Another provision would block federal agents from creating what critics say is a gun registry … Among them is the ATF’s proposed — and later withdrawn —
ban on certain forms of armor-piercing ammunition used in AR-15 rifles … Eventually, the ATF relented and pulled back the bullet ban, but the agency left the door open to reconsider the rule in the future. To make sure this doesn’t happen again, Republicans included multiple provisions, authored by Reps. Richard Hudson (R-N.C.) and Thomas Massie (R-Ky.), in the bill barring future action.” The amendment passed 250 to 171. [HR 2578, Vote #289, 6/3/15; On Agreeing to the Amendment. 6/3/15; The Hill; 6/5/15]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Prohibited The DOJ And DEA From Enforcement Actions Against Commercial Hemp Growers. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that prohibited the DOJ and DEA from taking enforcement actions against commercial hemp growers. The amendment passed 289 to 132. [HR 2578, Vote #288, 6/3/15; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 6/3/15]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment That Stopped Use Of Federal Funds To Prevent States From Establishing Laws Related To Cannibidiol Oil. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment that stopped use of federal funds to prevent states from establishing laws related to cannabidiol oil. “An amendment by Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, D-Oregon, that would block federal money from being used to prevent states from allowing the use, distribution, possession, or cultivation of industrial hemp also passed. So did an amendment from Rep. Scott Perry, R-Pennsylvania, would prevent federal funds from stopping states from implementing laws relating to cannabidiol oil.” The amendment passed 297 to 130. [HR 2578, Vote #286, 6/3/15; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 6/3/15; NBC News, 6/3/15]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Prohibited The Department Of Justice From Preventing States From Establishing Their Own Rules Governing The Use, Distribution, Cultivation Or Possession Of Marijuana. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would have prohibited the Department of Justice from preventing states from establishing their own rules governing the use, distribution, cultivation or possession of marijuana. “Marijuana advocates have their sights set on legalization after lawmakers approved a number of pot-friendly measures Wednesday in a government spending bill. The marijuana vote-a-rama was capped off by a provision that would prohibit the Department of Justice (DOJ) from interfering with state medical marijuana laws. But it’s a marijuana amendment that was rejected that has pot advocates even more excited. A provision that would have blocked the Justice Department from interfering with state laws permitting the use of recreational marijuana came just a few votes shy of passing. The measure would have essentially ended the federal prohibition on pot, advocates say … An amendment from Reps. Tom McClintock (R-Calif.) and Jared Polis (D-Colo.) would have blocked the DOJ from interfering with any state marijuana law, including laws that permit the recreational use of pot. The provision failed, but not before garnering 206 votes, just a handful shy of the number needed to be approved.” The amendment failed 206 to 222. [HR 2578, Vote #285, 6/3/15; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 6/3/15; The Hill, 6/3/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Prohibit Use Of Funds To Compel Journalists To Testify About Information Obtained From Confidential Sources. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act that “prohibit[s] the use of funds to compel a person to testify about information or sources that the person states in a motion to quash the subpoena that he has obtained as a journalist or reporter and that he regards as confidential.” [HR 2578, Vote #284, 6/3/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Ban Federal Money Going To Discriminating Profiling By Law Enforcement. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act that “prohibits use of funds for law enforcement agencies that engage in discriminatory profiling based on gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or national origin and also prohibits the use of funds to repeal the December 14 revised profiling guidance issued by the Department of Justice.” The amendment failed 184-244. [HR 2578, Vote #281, 6/3/15]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting The Use Of Funds To Prevent States From Creating Laws That Authorize Use And Distribution Of Hemp Laws. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, that “prohibits the use of funds to prevent a State from
implementing its own State laws that authorize the use, distribution, possession, or cultivation of industrial hemp.” The amendment passed 282-146. [HR 2578, Vote #280, 6/3/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Increasing Funding For FBI Salaries And Expenses By $25 Million. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment increasing funding intended for FBI salaries and expenses by $25 million in the FY 2016. “House Vote 275 Fiscal 2016 Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations — FBI. Pittenger, R-N.C., amendment that would increase by $25 million the amount that would be provided for FBI salaries and expenses, and would be offset by an equal reduction to the Legal Services Corporation.” The amendment failed 163 to 263. [HR 275, Pittenger Amendment, Vote #275, 6/3/15; CQ Bill Tracker, 6/3/15]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment Cutting $1 Million From Justice Department. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment cutting $1 million from the Justice Department’ general legal activities. “House Vote 273 Fiscal 2016 Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations — Justice Department General Legal Activities. Gosar, R-Ariz., amendment that would reduce funding for Justice Department general legal activities by $1 million, and increase the spending reduction account by $1 million.” The amendment passed 228 to 198. [H.R. 2578, Gosar Amendment, Vote #273, 6/2/15; CQ Bill Tracker, 6/2/15]

Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Increase Funding For Mental Health Courts By $2 Million. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment increasing funding for mental health courts and adult and juvenile collaborations programs by $2 million in FY 2016. “House Vote 272 Fiscal 2016 Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations — Mental Health Courts and Adult and Juvenile Collaboration Program Grants. Lujan Grisham, D-N.M., amendment that would increase funding for mental health courts and adult and juvenile collaboration program grants by $2 million, which would be offset by a $2 million reduction in funding for the Justice Department’s general administration salaries and expenses account.” The amendment was adopted 417 to 10. [HR 2578, Grisham Amendment, Vote #272, 6/2/15; CQ Bill Tracker, 6/2/15]

Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of Bill Providing For $51.4 Billion In Funding For The Departments Of Justice And Commerce. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for a resolution providing for the consideration of H.R. 2557 and H.R. 2578. According to CQ Bill Track, “A resolution providing for consideration of HR 2577, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2015, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of HR 2578, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science and related agencies for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2015, and for other purposes.” According to the Hill, “The House on Wednesday passed the fourth of a dozen spending bills for fiscal 2016, funding the Justice and Commerce departments as well as science agencies. Lawmakers approved the $51.4 billion measure in a 242-183 vote, after adopting amendments regarding gun control, immigration, U.S.-Cuba relations, Guantánamo Bay and marijuana. Passage of the bill came after the White House threatened to veto the legislation because of insufficient funding levels, capped by sequestration, and controversial policy riders that would undermine President Obama’s policy to normalize relations with Cuba, relax gun restrictions and block funds for the transfer of any detainees at Guantánamo Bay prison to the United States.” The resolution passed 242 to 180. [H. Res. 287, Vote #268, 6/2/15; CQ Bill Track, 6/1/15; The Hill, 6/3/15]

Appropriations Bill Would Have Relaxed Gun Restrictions. “The House on Wednesday passed the fourth of a dozen spending bills for fiscal 2016, funding the Justice and Commerce departments as well as science agencies. Lawmakers approved the $51.4 billion measure in a 242-183 vote, after adopting amendments regarding gun control, immigration, U.S.-Cuba relations, Guantánamo Bay and marijuana…. Passage of the bill came after the White House threatened to veto the legislation because of insufficient funding levels, capped by sequestration, and controversial policy riders that would undermine President Obama’s policy to normalize relations with Cuba, relax gun restrictions and block funds for the transfer of any detainees at Guantánamo Bay prison to the United States.” [The Hill, 6/3/15]
Poliquin Voted For Expanding Protections For FBI Whistleblowers. In December 2016, Poliquin voted for “Chaffetz, R-Utah, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend new protections to FBI employees who file grievances authorized by a law or regulation, disclose information to the inspector general or refuse to obey an order that would require the employee to violate a law.” The motion passed 404 to 0. [H.R. 5790, Vote #616, 12/7/16; CQ, 12/7/16]

Poliquin Voted For FY 2017 National Defense Authorization Act. In December 2016, Poliquin voted for “Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would authorize $611.2 billion for defense programs in fiscal 2017, including $59.5 billion for overseas operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria. It would authorize $222.4 billion for operations and maintenance; $139.6 billion for military personnel; $7.9 billion for military construction and family housing; $10 billion for ballistic-missile defense; and $33.5 billion for defense health care programs, including $374 million from the overseas operations account. It would prohibit the use of funds for a new round of base closures. The bill would authorize a 2.1 percent pay raise for military personnel. It would elevate U.S. Cyber Command to an independent major command within the Defense Department. It would prohibit detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, from being transferred to U.S. soil, and would prohibit the closing of the main base and detention facility at Guantanamo. It would extend, through 2017, the authority for several bonus and special payments for military members.” The bill passed 375 to 34. [S. 2943, Vote #600, 12/2/16; CQ, 12/2/16]

Poliquin Voted For Requiring The Treasury Department To Submit A Number Of Reports To Congress Related To National Security. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “Fitzpatrick, R-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Treasury Department to submit a number of reports to Congress, including a report on U.S. embassies with full-time or temporary Treasury attaches, a report on the advisability and implications of transforming the Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence into a stand-alone bureau within the Treasury, and an assessment of a pilot program to provide technical assistance to depository institutions and credit unions operating in Somalia. The measure would also expand geographic targeting orders issued by the Treasury Department to include all funds, including funds involved in electronic transfers.” The motion was agreed to 362-45. [HR 5607, Vote #402, 7/11/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/11/16]

Poliquin Voted For Closing Meetings Of The Conference Committee On National Defense Authorization To Members Of The Public When Classified National Security Information May Be Discussed. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “Thornberry, R-Texas, motion that the meetings of the conference between the House and the Senate on S 2943 (National Defense Authorization) may be closed to the public at such times as classified national security information may be discussed, provided that any sitting member of Congress shall be entitled to attend any meeting of the conference.” The motion was agreed to 397-14. [S 2943, Vote #400, 7/8/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/8/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Defunding Changes To The Selective Service System Registration Requirements. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against “Davidson, R-Ohio, amendment that would prohibit the use of funds to change the Selective Service System registration requirements.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole 217-203. [H Amdt 1244 to HR 5485, Vote #379, 7/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/7/16]

Amendment Effectively Prevented Women From Having To Register For The Draft. “The House on Thursday adopted an amendment that would effectively prevent women from having to register for the draft. The amendment to a general government spending bill, offered by Rep. Warren Davidson, R-Ohio, was approved 217-203. It would prohibit federal funds from being used to change the Selective Service registration requirements.” [Roll Call, 7/7/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Decreasing Funding For The Selective Service System By $23 Million. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would “decrease funding for the Selective Service System by $23 million and increase the spending reduction account by the same amount.” The amendment failed 128-294. [HR 5485, Vote #363, 7/6/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/6/16]
Poliquin Voted For Amendment That Would Prohibit DOD From Moving Guantanamo Detainees To The United States. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the FY17 Department of Defense Appropriations Act (HR 5293) that would “prohibit use of funds by the Defense Department to survey, assess or review potential locations in the United States to house Guantanamo Bay detainees.” The amendment passed 245-175. [HR 5293, Vote #319, 6/16/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]

Poliquin Voted For Amendment That Would Prohibit Funding For DOD Directive That Addressed Climate Change. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the FY17 Department of Defense Appropriations Act (HR 5293) that would “prohibit use of funds to implement a Defense Department directive related to climate change.” The amendment passed 216-205. [HR 5293, Vote #314, 6/16/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]

DOD Climate Change Directive Helps Prepare For And Address Effects Of Climate Change. “The Department of Defense’s Directive 4715.21, released in mid-January in accordance with Obama’s 2013 executive order requiring government agencies to prepare for climate change, received little coverage when it was first published. … [A]ccording to military and climate experts, it’s a critical step toward streamlining how different offices prepare for climate change, including designating specific officials to attend to specific tasks. The assistant secretary of defense for energy, installations and environment is named as DOD’s ‘primary climate change adaption official’ and charged with building infrastructure that will accommodate warming temperatures. The assistant secretary of defense for acquisition is responsible for ensuring weapons systems and equipment acquisitions are adapted for changing weather patterns. Another official is charged with drawing up plans for future disasters resulting from climate change, from offering humanitarian assistance to preparing for new conflicts.” [Politico, 6/23/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment That Would Allow DOD To Provide New Military Recruits With Cash Voucher For Running Shoes. In June 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the FY17 Department of Defense Appropriations Act (HR 5293) that sought to “ensure that the Department of Defense retains its statutory authority to provide new military recruits a small cash voucher that they can use to purchase running shoes for training.” The amendment failed 155-265. [HR 5293, Vote #313, 6/16/16; Congress.gov, 6/16/16]

Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Cut $200 Million From Reimbursements Owed To Pakistan For Supporting U.S. Military Efforts To Counter ISIS. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the FY17 Department of Defense Appropriations Act (HR 5293) that would “reduce by $200 million funding for payments to reimburse nations for support provided to U.S. military and stability operations in Afghanistan and to counter the Islamic State, with the aim of reducing funding to Pakistan from $900 million to $700 million.” The amendment failed 191-230. [HR 5293, Vote #312, 6/16/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Eliminating Requirement That U.S. Air Force Base In Germany Only Use U.S.-Sourced Energy. In June 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the FY17 Department of Defense Appropriations Act (HR 5293) that would “remove a section of the bill that would require the Air Force to use U.S.-sourced energy as the base load energy for heating at U.S. defense installations in Kaiserslautern, Germany.” The amendment passed 268-153. [HR 5293, Vote #311, 6/16/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Prevent Funding For Military Base Closures. In June 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the FY17 Department of Defense Appropriations Act (HR 5293) that would “remove a section of the bill that would prohibit use of funds for a new Base Realignment and Closure round.” The amendment failed 157-263. [HR 5293, Vote #310, 6/16/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment That Would Cut $76 Million From Air Force’s Long Range Standoff Weapon. In June 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the FY17 Department of Defense Appropriations Act (HR 5293) that would “decrease funding for Air Force research and development by $76 million and would transfer the money to the spending reduction account, with the aim of reducing funding for the Long Range Standoff weapon by $76 million.” The amendment failed 159-261. [HR 5293, Vote #309, 6/16/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]
Poliquin Voted For Amendment That Would Reallocate $109 Million From The Air Force To Defense-Wide R&D, Missile Defense Agency. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the FY17 Department of Defense Appropriations Act (HR 5293) that would “increase funding for defense-wide research and development by approximately $109 million, and would reduce funding for Air Force research and development by the same amount, with the aim of adding additional funding for directed energy and other research and development at the Missile Defense Agency.” The amendment failed 177-243. [HR 5293, Vote #308, 6/16/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Provide $1 Million For “Office Of Good Jobs” At DOD By Cutting The Same Amount From Defense-Wide Operations. In June 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the FY17 Department of Defense Appropriations Act (HR 5293) that would “decrease funding for defense-wide operations and maintenance by $1 million, and increase funding by the same amount, with the aim of creating an Office of Good Jobs for the Defense Department.” The amendment failed 172-248. [HR 5293, Vote #307, 6/16/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]

Poliquin Voted For Amendment Increasing Funding For Army Operations And Maintenance, While Cutting Defense-Wide Operations. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the FY17 Department of Defense Appropriations Act (HR 5293) that would “increase funding for Army operations and maintenance by $170 million, with the aim of preventing a cut to depots and the Organic Industrial Base, which would be offset by reductions in funding for defense-wide operations and maintenance and certain environmental restoration accounts.” The amendment failed 205-216. [HR 5293, Vote #306, 6/16/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]

Poliquin Voted For FY2017 Military Construction And Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill. In May 2016, Poliquin voted for the House Military Construction-Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill that “would provide $81.6 billion in discretionary spending, including $172 million in Overseas Contingency Operations funding. The Veterans Health Administration's medical services account would receive a total of $52.5 billion for veterans medical services for fiscal 2017, the bulk of which would be advance funding that was provided by prior-year appropriations laws. It would provide $7.9 billion for military construction, including $1.3 billion for family and military housing. The bill would provide $66.4 billion in advance appropriations for certain VA medical accounts for fiscal 2018. It also would include $103.9 billion in advance fiscal 2018 appropriations for mandatory VA benefits.” The bill passed, 295-129. [HR 4974, Vote #228, 5/19/16; CQ Floor Votes, 5/19/16]

Poliquin Voted For FY2017 National Defense Authorization Act. In May 2016, Poliquin voted for the FY2017 National Defense Authorization ActNDAA, “that would authorize $602.2 billion in discretionary funding for defense programs in fiscal 2017. The total would include $58.8 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations funding, of which $23.1 billion of would be used for non-war, base defense budget needs. As amended, the bill would require the president to seek Senate confirmation of his national security adviser if the staff of the National Security Council exceeds 100 employees.” The bill passed, 277-147. [HR 4909, Vote #216, 5/18/16]


FY 2016 NDAA Included $715 Million For Iraqi Forces Fighting ISIS. “Fiscal 2016 Defense Authorization — Passage...It also would authorize $715 million for security assistance to Iraqi forces fighting the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).” [CQ, accessed 1/7/16]
FY 2016 NDAA Included $599 Billion In Discretionary Funding For Defense Programs. “Fiscal 2016 Defense Authorization — Passage… the bill that, as amended, would authorize $599 billion in discretionary funding for defense programs in fiscal 2016.” [CQ, accessed 1/7/16]

FY 2016 NDAA Included Provisions Restricting The Ability Of The President To Transfer Prisoners From Guantanamo Bay Detention Center To Third Party Countries. “Fiscal 2016 Defense Authorization — Passage… The measure would place new restrictions on the ability of the president to transfer prisoners from the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, detention center to third-party countries.” [CQ, accessed 1/7/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Eliminating $500 Million In New Funding For The Maritime Security Program. In October 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to strip $500 million in new funding for the Maritime Security Program. According to Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer, “This amendment would harm America's national security. Under the program that it seeks to eliminate, the Pentagon reserves capacity on roughly 60 U.S.-flagged commercial ships to ensure the supply and transport of American troops. It is a program that supports our private sector as well, requiring the Defense Department to contract private commercial ships rather than building their own. So there was not redundancy, but complementary ability. It is a program that enhances America's national security by ensuring that our military can depend on U.S.-flagged and crewed vessels instead of foreign ones. It is a program that supports important domestic maritime jobs.” The amendment failed 109 to 306. [HR 702, Vote #545, 10/9/15; Amash Amendment, 10/9/15]

Poliquin Voted For Agreeing To The Conference Report Of The FY16 National Defense Authorization Act. In October 2015, Poliquin voted for “Adoption of a conference report to accompany the National Defense Authorization Act (HR 1735) that would authorize $604.2 billion for discretionary defense spending, including $515 billion for discretionary spending subject to sequester-reduced spending caps for FY 2016 for the base defense budget and $89.2 billion for the Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO).” The conference report was adopted, 270-156. [HR 1735, Vote #532, 10/1/15; CQ, 10/1/15]

President Obama Vetoed The Bill Because It Sidestepped Budget Limitations And Restricted Transfer Of Detainees Held At Guantanamo Bay. “President Obama exercised his veto power Thursday for just the fifth time in his presidency, rejecting a defense authorization bill because of the way it would sidestep budget limitations for the military and because it would restrict the transfer of detainees being held at Guantanamo Bay. The White House said that the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) would tap an overseas contingency operations account designed for emergencies and war costs and use it as a ‘slush fund’ to avoid budget restrictions. Those restrictions — known as sequestration — would impose offsetting across-the-board cuts if spending passed certain levels.” [Washington Post, 10/22/15]

Bill Included 1.3 Percent Military Pay Raise. “The bill includes a host of military pay and benefits authorizations, and would allow Obama to set the 2016 military pay raise at 1.3 percent.” [Military Times, 10/1/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Shifting $38 Billion From OCO Account To Defense Base Budget. In October 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion that “would transfer $38.3 billion from the Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) account to the Department of the Defense based budget by striking the requirement that the administration treat these funds as emergency war funding.” The motion failed, 186-241. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/1/15; HR 1735, Vote #531, 10/1/15]

Poliquin Voted For The House Version Of The Fiscal Year 2016 $578.6 Billion Defense Appropriations Bill. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for legislation to “provide $578.6 billion in discretionary funding for the Defense department in fiscal 2016. The total would include $490.2 billion in base Defense department funds and $88.4 billion for the Overseas Contingency Operations account, and would provide that $37.5 billion in OCO funding be used in support of base budget requirements. The bill would provide roughly $218.8 billion for operations and maintenance, approximately $116.7 billion for procurement, approximately $67.9 billion for research and
development and $133.2 billion for military personnel, including a 2.3 percent pay raise. It also would provide roughly $31.7 billion for the Defense Health Program. The measure would provide $715 million for security assistance to Iraqi forces fighting the Islamic State and at least $600 million to aid Jordan in its fight against that group. It also would provide $600 million to continue training and equipping moderate Syrian opposition forces and would appropriate $200 million for lethal weapons for Ukraine. As amended, the bill would bar use of funds by the National Security Agency or the Central Intelligence Agency to mandate that a company alter products or services to permit electronic surveillance of users, except for mandates or requests authorized under the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act.” The bill passed 278-149. [HR 2685, Vote #358; CQ Floor Votes, 6/11/15]

**Bill Added $38 Billion Above The Budget Caps Created By The Sequester.** “The House on Thursday approved this year's spending bill for the Pentagon in a 278-149 vote. Passage of the $579 billion bill came after the White House threatened a veto of the legislation over insufficient funding levels and controversial policy riders that would prohibit funds from being used to transfer detainees imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay to the United States. It also passed despite heavy opposition among Democrats and some conservatives over the use of a war fund to boost defense spending next year. Republicans added $38 billion to the war fund to give the Pentagon spending above the budget caps created by the sequester, but they left the limits in place for nondefense spending. Democrats and the White House want the sequester lifted in full.” [The Hill, 6/11/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Additional $5 Million For Funding Army Medical Research.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted against “an additional $5 million for the U.S. Army Medical Research and Material Command to implement congressionally-directed medical research programs and an additional $2 million for the Operation and Maintenance Army account. It also would provide an additional $2 million for the Operation and Maintenance Defense-Wide account and reduce funding for that account by $9 million.” The motion to recommit failed 186-240. [HR 2685, Vote #357; CQ Floor Votes, 6/11/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting Department Of Defense From Transferring Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected Vehicles To Local Law Enforcement Agencies.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted against the prohibition of “funds to transfer mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicles from the Defense Department to local law enforcement agencies.” The amendment failed, 166-262. [HR 2685, Vote #353; CQ Floor Votes, 6/11/15]

**The Pentagon Has Transferred Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles To Law Enforcement Agencies In Recent Years.** “Here at The Watch, we’re looking for the smallest town in America to acquire an MRAP, or Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected armored personnel vehicle. For the past few years, the Pentagon has been giving these vehicles to police departments across the country. The unwieldy behemoths have little real application in domestic police work. They’re designed for use on a battlefield. (The Pentagon offers no training to police departments when it gives the vehicles away. And they’ve been known to tip over.)” [Washington Post, 4/18/14]

**Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting Funds For Army Aircrew Combat Uniforms.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would have prohibited the “use of funds to procure any Army aircrew combat uniforms.” The amendment failed, 51-378. [HR 2685, Vote #352; CQ Floor Votes, 6/11/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Prohibit Transferring Flash-Bang Grenades To Local Law Enforcement.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would “prohibit use of funds to transfer flash-bang grenades from the Defense Department to local law enforcement agencies.” The amendment failed, 165-265. [H.R. 2685, Vote #351, 6/11/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/11/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Prohibit Navy From Divesting Or Transferring Search And Rescue Units From Marine Corps.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment that would “prohibit use of funds by the Navy to divest or transfer any search and rescue units from the Marine Corps.” The amendment failed, 81-347. [H.R. 2685, Vote #350, 6/11/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/11/15]
Poliquin Voted For Reducing Funding For Defense Operation And Maintenance Account By $430 Million. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment “that would reduce the Defense-wide operation and maintenance account by $430 million.” The amendment failed, 117-315. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/10/15; HR 2685, Vote #340, 6/10/15]

Poliquin Voted For Ending Prohibition On Transferring Funds To Sea Based Deterrence Fund. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an “amendment that would strike section 8122 of the bill, which bars funds from being transferred to the National Sea Based Deterrence Fund.” The amendment passed, 321-111. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/10/15; HR 2685, Vote #339, 6/10/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Striking Measure To Require Including U.S. Coal For Heating At U.S. Defense Installations Overseas. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment “that would strike section 8053 of the bill, which would require the secretary of the Air Force to implement cost-effective facility heating agreements in the Kaiselautern Military Community in Germany provided that such agreements include U.S. coal as the base load energy for municipal district heat at U.S. defense installations.” The amendment passed, 252-179. [HR 2685, Vote #335, 6/10/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Increasing Funding For Defense Wide Operations. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment “that would reduce the Army's operation and maintenance funding by $3 million and increase Defense-wide operations and maintenance by a net $2 million.” The amendment was rejected, 195-237. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/10/15; HR 2685, Vote #334, 6/10/15]


Bill Allowed Concealed Carry Of Firearms On Military Installations. “The U.S. House passed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for the 2016 fiscal year on Friday, including an amendment that would allow military base commanders to authorize the concealed carry of firearms on military installations.” [KVUE, 5/15/15]

Bill Placed Restrictions On President To Transfer Prisoners From Guantanamo Bay. “The measure would place new restrictions on the ability of the president to transfer prisoners from the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, detention center to third-party countries and would continue existing prohibitions against transferring such detainees to the United States or its territories.” [CQ Floor Votes, 5/15/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Ensuring A Pay Raise For Servicemembers & To Ensure They Were Paid In Event Of Government Shutdown. In May 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion to recommit that would ensure a 2.3% pay increase for fiscal year 2016 for servicemembers and would ensure that servicemembers are paid in the event of a government shutdown. [HR 1735, Vote #238, 5/15/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Striking Provision Placing Limits On Funding Used To Dismantle Nuclear Weapons. In May 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would “strike a section of the bill that would place limits on the use of funding authorized for the National Nuclear Security Administration in fiscals 2016 through 2020 for dismantlement of nuclear weapons.” The amendment failed, 178-242. [H.R 1735, Vote #237, 5/15/15; CQ Floor Votes, 5/15/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Requiring Funding For Replacement Submarines To Come From Navy Accounts Instead Of Sea-Based Deterrent Fund. In May 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would “require funding for the Navy's new Ohio-class replacement submarines to come from their traditional Navy accounts, instead of the Sea-Based Deterrent Fund…” The amendment failed, 43 to 375. [H.R. 1735, Vote #235, 5/15/15; Congress.gov, accessed 5/26/15]
Amendment Would Transfer Funds From Sea-Based Deterrent Fund To Navy’s Budget. The amendment would also “[transfer] funds from the Sea-Based Deterrent Fund back into their historic Navy budget lines.” [Congress.gov, accessed 5/26/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Reducing The Number Of Naval Operation Carriers From 11 To 10. In May 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment reducing from 11 to 10 the statutory requirement for the number of operational carriers that the U.S. Navy must have. The amendment failed, 60-363. [HR 1735, Vote #228; CQ Floor Votes, 5/14/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Reducing Atomic Energy Defense By $25 Million And Apply Savings To Deficit Reduction. In April 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the energy and water development funding bill that reduce the Atomic Energy Defense Activities National Nuclear Security Administration, Weapons Activities Account by $25 million and to apply the savings to the spending reduction account. “The first amendment the National Nuclear Security Administration's Weapons Activities Account for the W80-4 Life Extension Program by $25,000,000, applying this savings to deficit reduction. This technology is used in our Long Range Stand Off (LRSO) weapon.” The amendment was rejected 149 to 272. [H.AMDT.181, Vote #204, 4/30/15; Congressional Documents, 5/1/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Reducing National Nuclear Security Administration Funding By $167 Million. In April 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the energy and water development funding bill that would apply $167,050,000 to the savings reduction account for the new nuclear arm cruise missile. “Quigley, D-III., amendment that would reduce the National Nuclear Security Administration weapons activities by $167 million and transfer the same amount to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected 164 to 257. [H.AMDT.181, Vote #203, 4/30/15; CQ 4/30/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment That Prevented Use Of OCO Funds For Defense Military Construction Projects. In April 2015, Poliquin voted against the second Mulvaney amendment that prevented the use of funds under the Pentagon’s Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) account for Defense military construction projects. “Reps. Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.), the top Democrat on the House Budget Committee, and Rep. Mick Mulvaney (R-S.C.), a member of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, offered an amendment to strike provisions of the bill for military construction projects that use funds from the Pentagon's war fund, known as the Overseas Contingency Operations account.” The amendment failed to pass 190 to 231. [HR 2029, Vote #186; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 4/29/15; The Hill, 4/30/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment That Prevented Use Of OCO Funds For Air Force Construction Projects. In April 2015, Poliquin voted against the first Mulvaney amendment that prevented the use of OCO funds for Air Force construction projects. “Mick Mulvaney, a South Carolina Republican, and Chris Van Hollen, a Maryland Democrat running for Senate, are joining forces to block a series of Pentagon spending increases that underpin the GOP’s spending strategy this year … they could jeopardize a $38 billion Pentagon boost that GOP leaders used to woo support from defense hawks … Mulvaney and Van Hollen plan to propose amendments to strike every penny of OCO money not used for war from here on out, including in Defense and State department bills … The Mulvaney-Van Hollen duo’s test vote Thursday night showed they still have some support work to do. The three Mulvaney-Van Hollen amendments would have eliminate $530 million of OCO money that’s supposed to be used for construction projects on military bases and installations.” The amendment failed to pass 192 to 229. [HR 2029, Vote #185; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 4/29/15; Politico, 4/30/15]

Mulvaney Amendments Cut $530 Million In Funds Under Pentagon’s Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) Account For Military Construction Projects. “Mick Mulvaney, a South Carolina Republican, and Chris Van Hollen, a Maryland Democrat running for Senate, are joining forces to block a series of Pentagon spending increases that underpin the GOP’s spending strategy this year … they could jeopardize a $38 billion Pentagon boost that GOP leaders used to woo support from defense hawks … Defense funds were supposed to be frozen below caps laid out in a 2011 deficit-reduction law. But GOP leadership planned to dole out an extra $38 billion for the Pentagon using OCO, which isn’t subject to the caps … The three Mulvaney-Van Hollen
amendments would have eliminate $530 million of OCO money that’s supposed to be used for construction projects on military bases and installations.” [Politico, 4/30/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amendment That Prevented Use Of OCO Funds For Navy And Marine Corps Construction Projects.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted against the Van Hollen amendment that prevented the use of OCO funds for Navy and Marine Corps construction projects. “Mick Mulvaney, a South Carolina Republican, and Chris Van Hollen, a Maryland Democrat running for Senate, are joining forces to block a series of Pentagon spending increases that underpin the GOP’s spending strategy this year … they could jeopardize a $38 billion Pentagon boost that GOP leaders used to woo support from defense hawks … Mulvaney and Van Hollen plan to propose amendments to strike every penny of OCO money not used for war from here on out, including in Defense and State department bills … The Mulvaney-Van Hollen duo’s test vote Thursday night showed they still have some support work to do. The three Mulvaney-Van Hollen amendments would have eliminate $530 million of OCO money that’s supposed to be used for construction projects on military bases and installations.” The amendment failed to pass 191 to 229. [HR 2029, Vote #184; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 4/29/15; Politico, 4/30/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Budget Plan That Prohibited Increased OCO Defense Spending Without Offsetting Cuts.** In March 2015, Poliquin voted for a budget that would set funding for the Overseas Contingency Operations war funding account at $94 billion in FY2016. This budget plan “would have required offsets over $73.5 billion in the OCO fund, which pays for wars and other overseas activities and is not subject to sequester caps.” The amendment failed 105 to 319. [H Con Res 27, Vote #140, 3/25/15; US News, 3/25/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against A Motion Exempting Federal Regulations Aimed At Halting Nuclear Proliferation From New Rulemaking Requirement.** In February 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion that would “would provide exemptions for rules and regulations that stop the proliferation, spread or development of nuclear weapons” from the new rulemaking requirements in HR 527, under which “the SBA would have new authority to ensure agencies comply with the law's regulatory review requirements, including by getting more directly involved with agency reviews of proposed rules. It would expand the ability of small businesses and other small entities affected by an agency's regulations to legally challenge those rules.” The motion failed, 182-240. [HR 527, Vote #67, 2/5/15; CQ News, 2/5/15, 2/5/15]

**Disaster Aid**

**Poliquin Voted For Codifying FEMA’s Search And Rescue System.** In December 2016, Poliquin voted for “Barletta, R-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would codify the operational requirements of the U.S. search and rescue system and would affirm the Federal Emergency Management Agency's responsibility for the system's administration, and would ensure that private citizens who leave their jobs as part of a FEMA disaster response would be guaranteed their jobs when they return. The measure would require the FEMA administrator to develop a comprehensive plan to finance and replace search and rescue equipment.” The motion passed 405 to 7. [S. 2971, Vote #615, 12/7/16; CQ, 12/7/16]

**Poliquin Voted For A Tax Deduction For Citrus Growers To Expense The Cost Of Replanting Crops Damaged Or Destroyed By Natural Disaster.** In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Buchanan, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would allow citrus growers with at least a majority interest in replanted citrus crops to, under the tax code, expense the cost of replanting crops damaged or destroyed by natural disaster. The measure would allow the expensing the costs of replanting such crops through Dec. 31, 2025.” The bill passed 400 to 20. [HR 3957, Vote #528, 9/21/16; CQ, 9/21/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Preserving Legal Recourse To Salvage And Reforestation Projects Conducted In Response To Catastrophic Events.** In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would “strike section 203 and Title III from the bill, which impose restrictions on lawsuits. Section 203 prohibits restraining orders, preliminary injunctions and injunctions pending appeal against salvage and reforestation projects conducted in
response to catastrophic events.” The amendment failed, 181 to 247. [HR 2647, Vote #427, 7/9/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/9/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Striking Provision Allowing Vacant Public Land Grazing Allotments When Existing Allotment Is Unusable Due To Drought Or Wild Fire.** In July 2015, Poliquin voted against “an amendment to strike section 433, which provides for vacant public land grazing allotments when an existing allotment is unusable due to drought or wildfire.” The amendment failed 178 to 251. [HR 2822, Vote #399, 7/8/15; H AMDT 570, 7/8/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Increase Funding For Inland Oil Spill Programs. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to increase funding for inland oil spill programs. The Amendment would reduce funding for Bureau of Ocean Energy Management by $5,434,000 and to increase funding for Inland Oil Spill Programs by a similar amount. According to the amendment’s sponsor, Rep. Lois Capps, “When it comes to oil spills, the damage gets worse by the minute, so ensuring that spill response teams are properly trained and prepared to respond quickly is essential to minimizing the impacts. This is precisely why the EPA has jurisdiction over the inland oil spill program. … Despite its scope and importance, this program has been seriously underfunded for years, and H.R. 2822 only makes things worse by funding this program at nearly 25 percent less than the President Requested. My amendment would simply increase funding for this program by 5.4 million, to match the President’s requested amount of $23.4 million for fiscal year 2016.” The amendment failed, 184 to 243. [HR 2822, Vote #394, 7/8/15; Bill Summary, Library of Congress, 7/8/15, House Congressional Record, Page H4741, 6/25/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Storm Impact Prevention, FEMA Funding.** In January 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill “that would authorize $21 million per year from fiscal 2015-2017 for the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program. For each year, it would authorize $5.3 million for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, $9.7 million for the National Science Foundation, $4.1 million for the National Institutes for Standards and Technology and $2.3 million for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.” The bill passed 381-39. [HR 23, Vote #10, 1/7/15; CQ Votes]

## Economy & Business

**Poliquin Voted For Establishing New Entities In The Securities And Exchange Commission To Help Small Businesses Comply With Agency Rules And Raise Capital.** In December 2016, Poliquin voted for the “Garrett, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would establish two new entities within the Securities and Exchange Commission to help small businesses navigate and comply with the agency and regulations, and raise capital. The measure would also increase the number of accredited investors who can form a qualifying venture capital fund to invest in small businesses, would clarify who is considered an accredited investor eligible to make certain small-business investments, and would define a ‘crowdfunding’ vehicle.” The motion passed 391 to 2. [H.R. 6427, Vote #602, 12/5/16; CQ, 12/5/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Allowing The Department Of Commerce To Promote Concrete Masonry Production.** In November 2016, Poliquin voted for a motion to suspend the rules and pass, as Amended the Concrete Masonry Products Research, Education, and Promotion Act of 2015 that “would allow concrete masonry producers, through Commerce Department orders, to establish a program of research, generic promotion and education to improve, maintain and develop markets for concrete masonry products.” The motion passed 355 to 38. [H.R. 985, Vote #575, 11/14/16; CQ, 11/14/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Narrowing The Exemption From XBRL Reporting Requirements To Only “Emerging Growth Companies.”** In February 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment “narrow[ed] the underlying bill’s exemption from XBRL requirements to only ‘Emerging Growth Companies’ and only for a period
of three years, while permitting such companies to elect to use XBRL for such reporting.” The amendment failed 173 to 248. [HR 1675, Vote #59, 2/3/16; Daily Whip, 2/3/16; CQ Floor Votes, 2/3/16]

**XBRL Is A Financial Reporting Language Provides Faster And More Efficient Reporting For Compliance, Performance, And Business Reports.** “In a nutshell, XBRL provides a language in which reporting terms can be authoritatively defined. Those terms can then be used to uniquely represent the contents of financial statements or other kinds of compliance, performance and business reports. XBRL lets reporting information move between organisations(sic) rapidly, accurately and digitally.” [XBRL.org, accessed 3/9/16]

“Emerging Growth Companies” Are Companies With Gross Annual Revenues Less Than $1 Billion. “An ‘emerging growth company’ is defined in the Securities Act and the Exchange Act as an issuer with “total annual gross revenues” of less than $1 billion during its most recently completed fiscal year.” [Securities and Exchange Commission, 12/21/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Limiting The Exemption From XBRL Reporting For Emerging Growth Companies To Companies That Are First Required To File With The SEC After The Bill's Enactment.** In February 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would “limit the exemption under the bill for emerging growth companies and companies with annual revenues of less than $250 million from the current requirement for companies to use eXtensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL), an interactive data format, for filing financial statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Specifically, the amendment would limit the exemption to issuers that are first required to file financial statements after the bill's enactment.” The amendment failed 194 to 221. [HR 1675, Vote #58, 2/3/16; CQ Floor Votes, 2/3/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Bill To Undercut The Federal Reserve’s Ability To Independently Set U.S. Monetary Policy.** In November 2015, Poliquin Poliquin Voted Forthe Fed Oversight Reform and Modernization (FORM) Act, a bill that would direct the Federal Reserve to be “more open in communicating monetary policy decisions and require it to use a mathematical rule in deciding on interest rates… Under the bill, the Fed would be required to use a formula to set interest rates but would be allowed to deviate from that strategy if economic conditions warranted a change. The Fed’s chosen formula would be subject to a review by the Government Accountability Office, and the GAO would be required to audit the Fed anytime the central bank chose to make changes to its rule.” The bill passed by a vote of 241-185. [H R 3189, Vote #641, 11/19/15; Associated Press, 11/19/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Directing Securities And Exchange Commission (SEC) To Study Prevalence Of Employee Ownership Plans In Companies That Include Social Benefit.** In February 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would have “direct[ed] the Securities and Exchange Commission to study and report to Congress on the prevalence of employee ownership plans within companies that include a flexible or social benefit component in their articles of incorporation, as permitted by relevant state laws.” The amendment failed 180 to 243. [HR 1675, Vote #57, 2/3/16; CQ Floor Votes, 2/3/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amendment That Increased The Freight Program Small Project Funding.** In November 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that “sought to increase the freight program small project set aside from 10 percent to 20 percent” The amendment failed, 160 to 263. [HR 22, H Amdt. 764, Vote #592, 11/3/15]

**Transportation Bill Included Funding For National Freight Program.** “Several members also praised the creation of a national freight program, funded at $725 million in fiscal 2016, $735 million in fiscal 2017 and $750 million each year thereafter. California transportation agencies, such as the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority in the San Gabriel Valley, supported the idea, Napolitano’s staff said. The program
designates certain highways as part of a national freight network, providing $4.5 billion a year to expand the network’s capacity and reduce congestion.” [Los Angeles Times, 11/12/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment That Allowed Government Projects To Be Combined To Meet Higher Project Threshold.** In November 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment that “sought to allow for a program of eligible projects to count as a single project to meet the $100 million threshold of project costs. An amendment numbered 31 printed in Part B of House Report 114-325 to allow for a program of eligible projects to count as a single project to meet the $100,000,000 threshold of project costs.” The amendment failed, 174 to 248. [HR 22, Amdt. 763, Vote #591, 11/3/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Extending The Redesignation Period For Historically Underutilized Business Zones To Seven Years.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “Carney, D-Del., amendment that would extend the redesignation period for HUBZones, a Small Business Administration program for small companies, to seven years.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole 131-292. [H Amdt 1265 to HR5485, Vote #393, 7/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/7/16]

**Historically Underutilized Business Zone Program Helped Small Businesses In Urban And Rural Communities.** “The Historically Underutilized Business Zones (HUBZone) program helps small businesses in urban and rural communities gain preferential access to federal procurement opportunities.” [U.S. Small Business Administration, accessed 3/15/17]

**Poliquin Voted For A Motion To Suspend The Rules And Vote On A Bill Creating A Special Investment Vehicle To Pool Funds To Invest In Small Companies.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted for a motion to “suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would create a special purpose investment vehicle (‘crowdfunding vehicle’) through which multiple investors can pool funds to invest in small companies. The measure would also increase the individual investor and investment thresholds that trigger a requirement to register with the Securities and Exchange Commission.” The motion passed 394-4. [HR 4855, Vote #350, 7/5/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/5/16]

**Poliquin Voted For A Motion To Suspend The Rules And Pass A Bill Increasing The Number Of Accredited Investors Who Can Form A Venture Capital Fund To Form Small Businesses.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted for a motion to “suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would increase from 100 to 250 the number of accredited investors who can form a venture capital fund to invest in small businesses.” The motion passed 388-9. [HR 4854, Vote #349, 7/5/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/5/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Requiring Minority And Women Owned Small Business Representatives On Small Business Advisory Council.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment “that would require the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to include representatives of minority- and women-owned small-business concerns as members of the Small Business Advisory Board.” The amendment was passed 244-173. [HR 1195, Vote #165, 4/22/15; CQ News, 4/22/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Considering Bill Establishing Small Business, Credit Union, and Community Bank Advisory Boards On House Floor.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted for considering a bill establishing a small business advisory board, credit union advisory council, and community bank advisory council as a part of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. The rule was adopted, 242-182. [HRes 200, Vote #155, 4/15/15; CQ Votes, 4/15/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Striking Provision In Bill Which Allowed SBA’s Chief Counsel To Set Size Small Business Size Standards.** In February 2015, Poliquin voted against Schrader of Oregon Part A Amendment No. 4, an amendment to the Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2015 that would strike a provision in the bill that would provide the Small Business Administration’s chief counsel with authority to set size standards for small businesses and approve such standards. The amendment failed 184 to 234. [HR 527, Vote #65, 2/5/15; CQ]
Poliquin Voted Against Repealing Statutory Changes Of Bill If GDP Growth Remained Under 5% First Year After Enactment. In February 2015, Poliquin voted against Connolly of Virginia Part C Amendment No. 3, an amendment to the Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2015 that would “provide that in the event that the average annual rate of real gross domestic product (GDP) growth remains below 5 percent over the first four calendar quarters occurring after the date of enactment of H.R. 50, then the statutory changes made by the bill would be repealed.” HR 50 itself “would expand and modify the 1995 Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (PL 104-4) that requires all federal agencies to consult with the private sector when developing rules... The measure would extend judicial review of agency rules and permit a court to stay, enjoin or invalidate a rule if an agency fails to complete the required UMRA analysis or adhere to the regulatory principles.” The amendment failed 173 to 249. [HR 50, Vote #62, 2/4/15; Congress.gov, 2/4/15; CQ News HR 50 Coverage, 2/4/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Eliminating Requirement That Agencies Provide Regulatory Cost-Benefit Analysis At Congressional Request. In February 2015, Poliquin voted against Cummings of Maryland Part C Amendment No. 2, an amendment to the Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2015 that would “strike section 12 of the bill, which would require Federal agencies to conduct a retrospective cost-benefit analysis of any regulation at the request of the Chairman or Ranking Member of a Congressional Committee.” The amendment failed 179 to 245. [HR 50, Vote #61, 2/4/15; Congress.gov, 2/4/15]

**Education**

Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Vote On A Bill That Would Allow Student Loan Borrowers To Refinance Their Existing Loans At Lower Interest Rates. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 897) that would provide for additional House floor consideration of the bill (HR 5303) that would authorize 31 Army Corps of Engineers water resources projects, including navigation, flood control, environmental restoration and natural disaster damage projects, and would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 6094) that would delay, by six months, implementation of a Labor Department overtime rules revision.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would force a vote on H.R. 1434, the Bank on Students Emergency Loan Refinancing Act, which would allow millions of borrowers to refinance their existing student loans at lower interest rates, similar to those currently available to new borrowers.” The previous question passed 242 to 183. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 897, Vote #565, 9/28/16; CQ, 9/28/16, Democratic Leader, 9/28/16]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Exempt From The Bill’s Requirements Rules Relating To Improving The Affordability Of Higher Education. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for an “amendment that would exempt rules related to improving the affordability of higher education from the bill’s requirement that federal rules that would have an economic impact of $1 billion or more per year have implementation postponed until all legal challenges would be completed.” The amendment failed 184 to 237. [HR 3438, Vote #533, 9/21/16; CQ, 9/21/16]

Poliquin Voted For Passage Of The Strengthening Career And Technical Education For The 21st Century Act. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for “motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would reauthorize various career and technical education programs at both secondary and postsecondary levels of education through fiscal 2022. The measure would authorize $1.1 billion for such programs in 2017, would gradually increase the authorization annually, and would peak at $1.2 billion annually in fiscal 2022. The measure would allow states to set their own standards for career and technical education programs, instead of requiring the states to negotiate standards with the Education Department.” The motion was agreed to 405 to 5. [HR 5587, Vote #503, 9/13/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/13/16]

Poliquin Voted For D.C. Private School Voucher Program Criticized For Low Educational Standards And Diverting Money Away From Public Schools. In April 2016, Poliquin voted for passage of the Scholarship for Opportunity and Results Reauthorization Act, a bill providing funds for a private school voucher program for K-12 students in the District of Columbia, “the only federally funded, private school voucher program for K-12 students. Local D.C. leaders have long been against the voucher program, arguing that it diverts money and students away...
from the public school system.” The bill passed, 224 to 181. [H Res 4901, Vote #179, 4/29/16; Washington Post, 4/29/16]

**Voucher Program Criticized For Lax Educational Standards For Participating Schools.** “A Washington Post investigation in 2012 found that quality controls for schools accepting the vouchers in D.C. were lacking. Hundreds of D.C. students were using their voucher dollars to attend schools that are unaccredited or are in unconventional settings, such as a family-run K-12 school operating out of a storefront, a Nation of Islam school based in a converted Deanwood residence, and a school built around the philosophy of a Bulgarian psychotherapist.” [Washington Post, 4/29/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Replacing No Child Left Behind And Shifting Accountability Back To States And School Districts.** In December 2015, Poliquin voted for the Every Student Succeeds Act, which would “replace the No Child Left Behind Act, ending the federal accountability system and shifting academic standards and school accountability authority back to states and local school districts.” The bill passed 359-64. [S 1177, Vote #665, 12/2/15; CQ Floor Votes, 12/2/15]

**States Still Required To Test Students Annually And Report Scores.** “States will still be required to test students annually in math and reading in grades three through eight and once in high school and to publicly report the scores according to race, income, ethnicity, disability and whether students are English-language learners.” [Washington Post, 12/10/15]

**States Will Decide How To Remedy Troubled Schools, How To Weigh Test Scores, And How To Evaluate Teachers.** “[S]tates will decide what to do about the most troubled schools, those where test scores are in the lowest 5 percent, achievement gaps between groups of students are greatest, or where fewer than two-thirds of students graduate on time. And states will decide how to weigh test scores and whether or how to evaluate teachers. They will be allowed to consider other factors, such as whether a school offers challenging courses or the degree of parent involvement. They will set their own goals and timelines for academic progress, though their plans must be approved by the federal Department of Education.” [Washington Post, 12/10/15]

**Poliquin Voted For D.C. Private School Voucher Program.** In October 2015, Poliquin voted for the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act, a bill providing funds for a private school voucher program for K-12 students in the District of Columbia. “House Republicans approved a bill Wednesday to extend the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program, the only federally funded, private school voucher program for K-12 students, through 2021. House Speaker John A. Boehner (R-Ohio) authored the bill, which for the first time would require that some students with vouchers take the same standardized tests in math and reading administered to public school students in the District.” The bill passed, 240 to 191. [HR 10, Vote #559, 10/21/15; Washington Post, 10/21/15]

**Critics Cite Lack Of Academic Gains And Poor Management.** “[F]ederal studies have found that the program does not result in statistically significant academic gains for students. And at a time when public schools face increasing scrutiny, the private schools that have received millions of federal voucher dollars have been subject to few quality controls and offer widely disparate experiences, according to a 2012 Washington Post investigation. A Government Accountability Office report the following year found that the voucher program was poorly managed.” [Washington Post, 10/21/15]


**Poliquin Voted Against Ensuring D.C. Students Be Protected By Civil Rights Laws.** In October 2015, Poliquin voted against requiring voucher students in the District of Columbia be protected by civil rights, age discrimination, and disability laws, a guarantee not found in the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Reauthorization Act. The motion failed, 185 to 242. [H.R. 10, Vote #558, 10/21/15; CQ Floor Votes, 10/21/15]
Poliquin Voted For Student Success Act To Renew And Overhaul No Child Left Behind. In July 2015, Poliquin voted for the Student Success Act, a bill to “renew and overhaul the 2001 landmark elementary and secondary education law (PL 107-110) known as ‘No Child Left Behind.’” The bill passed, 218 to 213. [H R 5, Vote #423, 7/8/15; CQ Synopsis, 7/8/15]

Student Success Act Would Allow Funding To Follow Students From Lower Income Families To Other Schools, Eliminate And Merge The Funding Of 65 Programs. “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) and would make fundamental changes to many of its programs through Fiscal 2019. The bill would allow Title I funding to follow individual students to other schools, and eliminates more than 65 elementary and secondary education programs and merges their funding.” [CQ Floor Votes, 7/8/15]

Student Success Act Would Distribute New Title 1 Block Grants To States, Allow Them To Establish Their Own Teach Evaluation Systems Tied To Student Achievement. “The new Title I block grant would give states greater flexibility in how funds are used. It would also allow states to establish their own teacher evaluation systems tied to student achievement.” [CQ Floor Votes, 7/8/15]

Student Success Act Would Reauthorize And Expand Charter School Programs, Increase Parental Choice. “The bill would also reauthorize and expand the charter school program and includes other provisions to increase parental choice.” [CQ Floor Votes, 7/8/15]

Poliquin Voted Against A Motion To Guarantee Continued Funding For The Individuals With Disabilities Education Act. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against a Democratic motion to recommit that “guarantees continued funding for IDEA [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act], including for students with autism and cognitive disabilities; and protects children with disabilities from abusive seclusion and restraint practices, which, according to the GAO, have resulted in severe injury and even death.” The motion failed, 185 to 244. [HR 5, Vote #422, 7/8/15; Democratic Leader – Motion To Recommit, 7/8/15]

Poliquin Voted For Allowing Parents To Have Their Children Opt Out Of Federally-Required Standardized Tests. In July 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the Student Success Act that, “grants parents the right to opt their children out of federally-required standardized tests.” The amendment passed 251 to 178. [HR 5, Vote #420, 7/8/15; Daily Caller, 7/9/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Allowing States To Opt Out Of Federal Education Requirements Without Losing Federal Funds. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Student Success Act that, “would have allowed states to opt out of federal requirements entirely without losing federal funds.” The amendment failed 195 to 235. [HR 5, Vote #419, 7/8/15; Daily Caller, 7/9/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Ensuring That Minority And Low-Income Students Are College-Ready. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Student Success Act that would determine, “that the enactment of this Act, and the amendments made by this Act, will not decrease the college and career readiness of students who are racial or ethnic minority, students with disabilities, English learners, and low-income student.” The amendment failed 189 to 241. [HR 5, Vote #418, 7/8/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Authorizing Funds For Early Childhood Education Scholarships. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Student Success Act that would authorize funds for the Secretary of Education to provide grants for early-childhood education scholarships, professional development and licensing credentials, or increased compensation for educators who have attained specific qualifications.” The amendment failed 205 to 224. [HR 5, Vote #417, 7/8/15]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Awarding Grants For Digital Learning Technologies In Rural Schools. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Student Success Act that would “authorize the issuance of Education Department grants to rural schools for the deployment of digital learning technologies.
Loebsack said educational software and other technology held the promise of ‘vastly expanding the educational options and opportunities available to students in rural areas,’ providing them with an advanced education similar to that available for urban students.” The amendment passed 218 to 213. [HR 5, Vote #416, 7/8/15; Albany Herald, 7/12/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Awarding Grants To States To Establish Programs To Recognize Bilingual Students. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Student Success Act that would have, “The Secretary of Education shall award grants to States to establish or improve a Seal of Biliteracy program to recognize student proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in both English and a second language.” The amendment failed 191 to 239. [HR 5, Amendment 39, Vote #415, 7/8/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Developing A National Research Strategy That Evaluates Student Learning And Effective Teacher Preparation. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Student Success Act that would, “develop a national research strategy with respect to elementary and secondary education that includes advancing—an annual measure of student learning, including a system of assessments; effective teacher preparation and continuing professional development; education administration; and international comparisons of education.” The amendment failed 186 to 245. [HR 5, Amendment 35, Vote #414, 7/8/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Providing School Dropout Prevention And Grants For Raising Academic Achievement Levels. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against providing dropout protection and grants to raise academic achievement. “The U.S. House of Representative reconsidered and ultimately passed Wednesday a Republican-backed reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act—though it’s far from the measure that President Barack Obama may eventually sign into law when it's all said and done … Rep. Wilson: Would provide for school dropout prevention and reentry and provide grants to raise academic achievement levels for all students.” The amendment failed, 192 to 237. [HR 5, Vote #413, 7/7/15; Education Week, 7/8/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Requiring The Secretary Of Education To Study The Impacts Of School Start Times On Student Health. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against requiring the Secretary of Education to study the impacts of school start times on student health. “The U.S. House of Representative reconsidered and ultimately passed Wednesday a Republican-backed reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act—though it’s far from the measure that President Barack Obama may eventually sign into law when it's all said and done … Rep. Alan Grayson, D-Fla.: Would require the Secretary of Education to conduct an assessment of the impact of school start times on student health, well-being, and performance. Failed 198-228.” The amendment failed, 199 to 228. [HR 5, Vote #412, 7/7/15; Education Week, 7/8/15]

Poliquin Voted For Amendment Allowing States To Withdraw From Common Core Without Jeopardizing Federal Funding. In July 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment allowing states to withdraw from common core without losing their funding. “The first piece of legislation Rep. Lee Zeldin introduced since his election to Congress was an amendment to an education law that would allow states to withdraw from the Common Core standards without jeopardizing federal. States are not required under federal law to adopt the Common Core. Rather, some states that have been recipients of federal grants through President Obama’s Race To The Top program were required to implement curriculum guidelines that boost college and career readiness.” The amendment passed, 373 to 206. [HR 5, Vote #410, 7/7/15; Politico, 3/3/15]

Poliquin Voted Against A Substitute Amendment To Overhaul Elementary And Secondary Education Standards And Funding. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against a substitute amendment to the Student Success Act that would “require states to establish college-and career-ready standards in English, math and science for grades K-12 and high-quality assessments aligned to those standards. The amendment would also require state education plans for youth in juvenile institutions, require districts to include teacher salaries in their calculations for Title I funds and require states and districts to publicly report progress in making funding equitable. Furthermore, the amendment would reauthorize and modify the Charter School Program similar to those in HR 5 and create programs for STEM education and literacy from preschool through grade 12, as well as grants for technology
formation and for nongovernmental entities to develop curricula in various subject matters. Finally, it would authorize grants to states for high-quality preschool programs and increase authorizations for Native Indian, Hawaiian and Alaska Native education programs, as well as for the education of homeless children and youth.” The amendment failed, 187 to 244. [HR 5, Vote #421, 7/8/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/8/15]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Protect Title II Funding For High Poverty Schools. In February 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would delay implementation of the new formula for Title II funding until the Education secretary determines that the implementation will not reduce funding for schools serving high percentages of students in poverty. According to the amendment’s sponsor, Rep. Gwen Moore, “Specifically, the No Child Left Behind title II formula for school districts focuses 65 percent of funds on students in poverty and 35 percent on the number of students, which is students in poverty versus just the number of students. The State formula focuses 80 percent of its funding on poverty and 20 percent on student population. H.R. 5 completely upends this … As written, we have strong reasons to fear that H.R. 5 would result in Federal dollars being siphoned away from States and school districts with the poorest students and being awarded to States and schools with higher affluence.” The amendment failed, 185 to 239. [HR 5, Vote #99, 2/26/15; House Congressional Record, Page H1265, 2/26/15]

Poliquin Did Not Vote On An Amendment To Restore Qualification Requirements For Paraprofessional Educators Like Teachers’ Aides & Assistants. In February 2015, Poliquin did not vote on an amendment to restore paraprofessional qualification requirements in the Student Success Act, “requirements that existed in the original [No Child Left Behind] NCLB but had been removed from this legislation. Under NCLB, this provision stopped school districts from hiring paras with little experience in education and mandated that they provide training … ‘We must ensure that paraprofessionals are qualified to provide much-needed instructional support, support that is often targeted to students who are struggling academically or who need additional help, such as English learners, or students with disabilities. That support is crucial to students, parents, and teachers, particularly in communities where resources are scarce and children are already at a disadvantage,’ said [Illinois Federation of Teachers Secretary-Treasurer Marcia] Campbell.” The amendment passed, 218 to 201. [HR 5, Vote #98, 2/26/15; IFT, 2/27/15]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Create A Federal Ombudsman For School Textbooks. In February 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to establish an ombudsman within the Department of Education to act as a neutral reviewer to ensure that textbooks meet academic standards. “Under Castro's proposal, students, teachers and administrators could submit complaints to the Department of Education ombudsman. The ombudsman would not be able to undo state decisions over textbooks, but could help resolve disagreements over textbook content.” The amendment failed, 182 to 243. [HR 5, Vote #97, 2/26/15; The Hill, 2/26/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Decreasing Length Of No Child Left Behind Reauthorization From Six To Three Years. In February 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to decrease the length of the bill's reauthorization of existing elementary and secondary education law from Fiscal Year 2021 to Fiscal Year 2018. According to Rep. Jared Polis, “Having the Federal education policy in place for long enough for all of its systems around public education to catch up and create rules, create policies to see the new law succeed to the extent that it can are absolutely critical for any Federal education law. The worst possible outcome would be every single 2 or 3 years, this body goes in a radically different direction with regard to Federal education policy, causing every State, every district, every educator, every principal--instead of spending time teaching kids and helping educate children in the classroom--studying up on Federal education policy, trying to fill out new forms, trying to figure out new testing regimes; and, just as they figure them out, we are going to move the ball again. Whatever the Federal education policy is, it is very important to have some consistency.” [HR 5, Vote #96, 2/26/15; House Congressional Record, Page H1255, 2/26/15]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Authorize STEM Education Grants For Women, Minorities, And Low-Income Students. In February 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that “would have established a STEM Gateways program for state education agencies to issue grants for educating girls, underrepresented minorities and low-income students in the science, technology, engineering and math fields at elementary schools
and secondary schools.” The amendment failed, 204 to 217. [HR 5, Vote #95, 2/26/15; Bangor Daily News, 2/27/15]

**Election Law & Campaign Finance**

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Vote On A Constitutional Amendment To Bring Increased Transparency To Outside Spending In U.S. Elections.** In September 2016, Poliquin voted fora “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 876) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 5461) that would require the Treasury secretary to compile and submit to Congress a report detailing the known assets of the top political and military leaders of Iran.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “the Democratic Previous Question will force a House vote on a constitutional amendment to bring increased transparency to outside spending in our elections.” The motion was agreed to 242 to 181. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 876, Vote #526, 9/21/16; CQ, 9/21/16, Democrat ic Leader, 11/17/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Funding For Broadcast Announcements That Do Not State The Entity Responsible.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “Yarmuth, D-Ky., amendment that would prohibit funds from being used in contravention of section 317 of the Communications Act of 1934, which requires that if payment is made for the broadcast of an announcement, that fact and the identity of the entity making the payment must be announced.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole 189-232. [H Amdt 1268 to HR 5485, Vote #394, 7/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/7/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Funds From Enforcing FEC Rule That Members’ Corporation’s Stockholders Or Personnel From Trade Associations Be Approved By Member Corporations Prior To Solicitation.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted for the amendment that would “prohibit funds from being used to enforce the requirement of the Federal Election Campaign Act that solicitation of contribution from member corporation's stockholders or personnel from a trade association be separately and specifically approved by the member corporation involved prior to the solicitation and that such member corporation does not approve any such solicitation by more than one trade association in any calendar year.” The amendment passed 235-185. [HR 5485, Vote #371, 7/6/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/6/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Striking Section Of Appropriations Bill Forbidding The Securities And Exchange Commission From Developing A Rule Requiring The Disclosure Of Political Contributions To Tax Exempt Organizations.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment “that would strike a section of the bill that would prohibit the Securities and Exchange Commission from developing or finalizing a rule requiring the disclosure of political contributions to tax exempt organizations.” The amendment failed 186-236. [HR 5471, Vote #365, 7/6/16; CRS Bill Digest, 8/2/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Bill That Would Prohibit The IRS From Requiring Tax-Exempt Organizations To Disclose Donor Information.** In June 2016, Poliquin voted for bill that would amend “the Internal Revenue Code to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from requiring a tax-exempt organization to include in annual returns the name, address, or other identifying information of any contributor. The bill includes exceptions for: (1) required disclosures regarding prohibited tax shelter transactions; and (2) contributions by the organization’s officers, directors, or five highest compensated employees (including compensation paid by related organizations).” The bill passed 240-182. [HR 5053, Vote #303, 6/14/16; CRS Bill Digest, 8/2/16]

**Bill Would Eliminate Requirement That 501(c) Organizations Disclose Gifts Larger Than $5K Along With The Donor’s Information; Proponents Argued That Bill Would Protect Personal Information Of Donors, Critics Contended Foreign Donations Would Not Be Prevented.** “House Republicans took a step Tuesday aimed at limiting the reach of the Internal Revenue Service with a bill that would end a requirement for tax-exempt advocacy groups to list large donors as part of their annual tax returns. The [bill] … would eliminate the mandatory listing of gifts larger than $5,000, along with the names and addresses of donors, in the Form 990 for tax-exempt groups organized under section 501(c) of the tax code. … Speaker Paul D. Ryan of
Wisconsin and other proponents said the measure was needed to prevent the inadvertent release of confidential data such as donor names and addresses, which are supposed to be redacted when the IRS releases public copies of the annual returns for tax-exempt groups. … Rep. Sander M. Levin … has argued Roskam’s proposal could open the door to donations from abroad to so-called social welfare groups that are organized under Section 501(c)(4) of the tax code. Such groups are authorized to spend unlimited amounts on political activity, so long as politics is not their main function.” [CQ Roll Call, 6/14/16]

**Obama Administration: Bill Would Constrain IRS’s Ability To Enforce Tax Laws And Limit Transparency.** “The Administration opposes H.R. 5053, the Preventing IRS Abuse and Protecting Free Speech Act, which would constrain the Internal Revenue Service’s (IRS) ability to enforce tax laws and reduce transparency.” [Executive Office of the President, Statement of Administration Policy, 6/13/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Motion Requiring 501(c) Groups That Participate In Political Campaigns To Disclose Donations.** In June 2016, Poliquin voted against a motion that “would block Republicans’ assault on our campaign finance system by requiring disclosure to the IRS of any substantial donations to tax-exempt 501(c) groups that participate in political campaigns.” The motion failed 180-238. [HR 5053, Vote #302, 6/14/16; Office of the Democratic Leader, 114th Congress Motions to Recommit, 6/14/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Opioid Abuse Crisis Act And The DISCLOSE Act.** In May 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of a vote that would “force a vote on: The Opioid Abuse Crisis Act, which provides $600 million in fully paid-for vital new resources to address the opioid epidemic that kills 78 Americans every day; and The DISCLOSE Act, which would bring desperately needed transparency to the enormous amounts of special interest secret money unleashed by the Supreme Court’s wildly destructive Citizens United decision.” The previous question carried, 239-176. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on the Opioid Abuse Crisis Act and the DISCLOSE Act. [H Res 744, Vote #239, 5/25/16; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 5/25/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Legislation To Require Dark Money Groups To Disclose Their Donors.** In May 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of “the DISCLOSE Act, which would bring desperately needed transparency to the tidal wave of secret money unleashed by the Supreme Court’s wildly destructive Citizen’s United decision, requiring corporate CEOs to stand by their ads in the same way candidates do; and compelling corporations and outside groups to disclose their campaign spending to shareholders, members, and the public.” The previous question passed, 239 to 177. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 732, Vote #196, 5/17/16; Democratic Leader – 114th Congress Previous Questions, 5/17/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Constitutional Amendment To Overturn Citizens United.** In January 2015, Poliquin voted for blocking a motion to require Congress to vote on a constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court’s Citizens United decision and promote transparency in our political system. The previous question carried, 238-182. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 38, Vote #38, 1/21/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 1/21/15]

**Energy**

**Poliquin Voted For Allowing The House Energy And Commerce Committee To Spend An Additional $800,000 During The 114th Congress.** In December 2016, Poliquin voted for “Adoption of the resolution that would allow the House Energy and Commerce Committee to spend an additional $800,000 during the remainder of the 114th Congress.” The resolution was agreed to 234 to 181. [H.Res. 933, Vote #595, 12/1/16; CQ, 12/1/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Continuing To Sell Three Oil Leases In Alaskan Waters.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted for prohibiting “funds to remove three Alaskan sites from a schedule of potential lease sales within the Bureau of Ocean Management’s 2017-2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Program.” The amendment passed 242-185. [HR 5538, Vote #461, 7/13/16; CQ, 7/13/16]
Poliquin Voted For Bill To Streamline The Permitting Process For Pipelines And Natural Gas Exports. In May 2016, Poliquin voted for the House version of the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2016. The bill, as amended, that would increase the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) authority with regard to licensing and permitting of natural gas pipelines and hydropower projects, and would set statutory deadlines for agencies. It also would set a deadline for the Energy Department to approve or deny applications to export natural gas to within 30 days of the bill's enactment or the close of the application's public comment period, whichever is later. The bill would require FERC to facilitate voluntary information sharing between federal, state, and local authorities and operators and users of the U.S. bulk power system. It would deem mining operations of "strategic and critical minerals" as "infrastructure projects" as described in a 2012 presidential order regarding permitting of infrastructure projects. The measure also would require that additional water be pumped south from Northern California when water levels in the state are generally low rather than retaining water in the north for habitat restoration and other environmental purposes. [S 2012, Vote #250, 5/25/16; CQ Floor Votes, 5/25/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Motion To Halt Lifting The 40-Year Ban On Crude Oil Exports. In December 2015, Poliquin voted for blocking a motion to halt lifting a crude oil export ban. According to the Democratic Leader, “The Democratic Previous Question would stop Republicans from lifting the 40-year old ban on crude oil exports, protecting vital American refinery jobs and low gas prices from Republicans’ spectacular special-interest giveaway.” The previous question carried, 244-177. A vote against the previous question was to prevent lifting the crude oil export ban. [H Res 566, Vote #701, 12/17/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 12/17/15]

Poliquin Voted For Comprehensive Energy Bill Which Authorized Crude Oil Exports. In December 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill that “that would revise national energy efficiency standards, require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to designate at least 10 corridors across federal lands in the Eastern U.S. where pipelines could be built, and require the Department of Energy to expedite decisions on applications to export liquefied natural gas. As amended, the bill would create a permitting process for cross-border infrastructure projects, allow U.S. export of crude oil, prohibit U.S. officials from imposing or enforcing restrictions on U.S. crude oil exports, require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to satisfy regulatory planning and review requirements, place a filing deadline on judicial cases involving energy projects on federal lands, require studies on barriers to the export of natural energy resources and on the shipment of crude oil, and incentivize community solar projects.” The bill passed 249-174. [HR 8, Vote #672, 12/3/15; CQ Floor Votes, 12/3/15]


Poliquin Voted Against Clean Energy Development. In December 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion to “recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report back to the House with an amendment that would remove market barriers that inhibit the development of renewable energy infrastructure in response to the scientific consensus on climate change.” The motion to recommit failed 243-180. [HR 8, Vote #671, 12/3/15; CQ Floor Votes, 12/3/15]


Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Lift Ban On Exporting Oil. In December 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act that would “allow the export of crude oil
produced in the United States by removing the export ban imposed by the 1975 Energy Policy and Conservation Act. The amendment would prohibit U.S. officials from imposing or enforcing restrictions on U.S. crude oil exports, and would require separate reports on how lifting the ban will affect greenhouse gas emissions, national security, and jobs for veterans and women.” The amendment was adopted 255-168. [HR 8, Vote #664, 12/2/15; CQ Floor Votes, 12/2/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Require Notification To Land Owners When Federally Owned Minerals Have Been Leased For Oil And Gas Development.** In December 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act that would “would require the Department of the Interior to notify land owners when federally owned minerals beneath their land have been leased for oil and gas development.” The amendment was rejected 206-216. [HR 8, Vote #663, 12/2/15; CQ Floor Votes, 12/2/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Incentivize Use Of Local Renewable Thermal Energy And Waste Heat.** In December 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act that would “would incentivize local renewable thermal energy and waste heat such as combined heat and power, and would provide technical assistance to eligible entities to establish distributed energy systems.” The amendment was rejected 175-247. [HR 8, Vote #662, 12/2/15; CQ Floor Votes, 12/2/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Providing Energy Efficiency Grants To Low Income Families.** In December 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment that would “reauthorize the Weatherization Assistance Program, under the Energy Conservation and Production Act, and the State Energy Program, under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, through FY 2020.” The program provides grants to improve energy efficiency grants in the homes of low-income families. The amendment failed, 198-224. [CQ Floor Votes, 12/2/15; HR 8, Vote #661, 12/2/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Keeping Consumer Protection In Place When Purchasing Energy Star Products Not Delivering Associated Energy Savings.** In December 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment “that would remove the bill's provisions that would prohibit lawsuits when consumers purchase Energy Star products that do not deliver the associated energy savings.” The amendment was rejected, 183-239. [CQ Floor Votes, 12/2/15; HR 8, Vote #660, 12/2/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Continuing Reducing Energy From Fossil Fuels In Federal Buildings.** In December 2015, Poliquin voted against against an amendment “that would continue currently enacted targets for reducing energy from fossil fuels in federal buildings.” The amendment failed, 172-246. [CQ Floor Votes, 12/2/15; HR 8, Vote #659, 12/2/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Creating a Permitting Process For Cross-Border Infrastructure Permitting.** In December 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment that would “create a permitting process including the Department of Energy, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and Department of State for cross-border infrastructure projects, including the import and export of water, petroleum, natural gas, and the transmission of electricity.” The amendment passed, 263-158. [HR 8, Vote #658, 12/2/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Keeping Permitting Process Of Pipelines In Place.** In December 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that “would remove the bill's changes to the permitting process of pipelines.” The amendment failed, 179-244. [CQ Floor Votes, 12/2/15; HR 8, Vote #657, 12/2/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Striking Incentives For Hydropower Operators To Make Energy Efficiency Improvements.** In December 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment that “would strike incentives to hydropower operators to make energy efficient improvements and would end the requirement that the Energy Department report on energy savings performance contracts that a federal agency has with electrical utilities. The bill would create an Energy Security and Infrastructure Modernization Fund paid for with sales of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, as well as a program to improve education and training for energy and manufacturing-related jobs. The
The amendment would also make a number of technical corrections.” The amendment passed, 246-177. [CQ Floor Votes, 12/2/15; HR 8, Vote #656, 12/2/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment Exempting Low-Volume Manufacturers Of Replica Cars From Safety And Emissions Standards.** In November 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act which would “exempt low-volume vehicle manufacturers of replica cars from safety and emissions standards. It also would include other provisions related to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.” The amendment passed 235 to 192. [HR 22, Vote #621, 11/5/15; CQ, 11/5/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment Requiring The EPA To Ensure Natural Gas Vehicles Would Receive Same Incentives As Electric Vehicles.** In November 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act which would require the Environmental Protection Agency's administrator to ensure that preference or incentives provided to electric vehicles would also be provided to natural gas vehicles, and to revise regulations as necessary to do so.” The amendment passed 246 to 178. [HR 22, Vote #620, 11/5/15; CQ, 11/5/15]

**Poliquin Voted For A Bill To Expedite The Mining Permitting Process, And Restrict Civil Suits Over Mining Permits.** In October 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill to “streamline the permitting process for new mining on federal lands. … H.R. 1937 — the National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2015 — which shortens the time for the federal permit process, limits lawsuits against mining permits and gives states more power in the process.” The bill passed 254-177. [HR 1937, Vote #565, 10/22/15; Duluth News Tribune, 10/23/15]

The Bill Would Have Designated Mines Of “Strategic And Critical Minerals” As “Infrastructure Projects.” Passage of the bill that would deem mining operations of ‘strategic and critical minerals’ as ‘infrastructure projects’ as described in a 2012 presidential order regarding permitting of infrastructure projects. The bill would define "strategic and critical minerals" as those that are essential for national defense, energy infrastructure, domestic manufacturing, and for the nation's economic security. [CQ, 10/22/15]

The Bill Would Have Required “The Lead Agency Responsible For Issuing Mining Permits To Appoint A Project Lead.” “The bill would require the lead agency responsible for issuing mining permits to appoint a project lead to coordinate interagency permitting to minimize delays and set timelines.” [CQ, 10/22/15]

The Bill Would Have “Deem[ed] Requirements Under The National Environmental Policy Act” Fulfilled If The Lead Agency Determines “Certain Factors Specified In The Bill” Will Be Addressed By The State Or A Federal Agency. “The bill also would deem requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act to have been met if the lead agency determines that any state or federal agency has or will address certain factors specified in the bill, including the environmental impact and public participation.” [CQ, 10/22/15]

The Bill Would Have “Limit[ed] To 60 Days The Period In Which Civil Action Could Be Taken” And “Prevent[ed] The Awarding Of Attorney’s Fees.” “The bill also would limit to 60 days the period in which civil action could be taken against the federal government regarding a mining permit and prevent the awarding of attorney's fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act.” [CQ, 10/22/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Require Proposed Mining Operations Demonstrate Insufficient Supply Of The Mineral To Be Mined.** In October 2015, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would require proposed mining operations, in order to be covered under the bill, to demonstrate that the combined capacity of existing domestic mining operations that produce the same mineral is less than 80 percent of the domestic demand for the mineral.” The amendment failed 183-246. [HR 1937, Vote #563, 10/22/15; CQ, 10/22/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Eliminating The Prohibition On Awarding Attorneys Fees & Eliminating Restrictions On The Judicial Review Period Regarding Mining Permits.** In October 2015, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would remove the portion of the bill regarding judicial review. The section of the bill that would be removed includes provisions that would limit to 60 days the period in which civil action could be
taken against the federal government regarding a mining permit and that would prevent the awarding of attorney’s fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act.” The amendment failed, 184-245. [HR 1937, Vote #562, 10/22/15; CQ, 10/22/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Lifting A 40-Year Ban On The Export Of Crude Oil Produced In The U.S.** In October 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill that would allow the export of crude oil produced in the United States by removing the export ban imposed by the 1975 Energy Policy and Conservation Act. “Most [Democrats], though, opposed Barton’s bill, arguing that its economic impact is overblown and that it will endanger jobs in the refining sector. They also cite environmental risks in pumping more oil for exports. ‘This legislation eagerly embraces short-term profits and benefits without understanding — or even considering — the cost of such a major action,’’ Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. (D-N.J.) said.” According to the Wall Street Journal, “The White House has threatened to veto the bill, saying it ‘is not needed at this time.’” The bill passed 261 to 159. [HR 702, Vote #549, 10/9/15; The Hill, 10/9/15; Wall Street Journal, 10/9/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Allowing States To Create Their Own Coal Ash Disposal And Storage Programs.** In July 2015, Poliquin voted against a bill that “would establish minimum federal standards regarding the disposal and storage of coal combustion residuals (CCR) that would codify parts of the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) rule regarding coal ash, while superseding other elements of the rule. Additionally, the bill would permit states to create their own coal ash permit programs, but would provide for EPA oversight of the bill’s standards in cases when a state lacks its own program or fails to meet the standards set in the bill. It also would provide that coal ash received by manufacturers who intend to use it for other beneficial uses would not to be considered as a receipt of CCR for state permitting purposes.” The amendment passed, 258-166. [HR 1734, Vote #458, 7/22/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/22/15]

**Bill Would Allow Coal Ash Into Groundwater.** “The Republican-led House of Representatives struck another blow to environmental regulation Wednesday night, passing a bill that will undercut the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) coal ash regulations, opponents said . . . . Among the differences, she said, is the fact that the EPA rule prohibits disposing coal ash waste directly into the water supply, while the House bill does not. In a survey the EPA did of state laws on coal ash, only five of the 25 states surveyed specifically prohibited disposing of coal ash into groundwater, Evans said.” [Think Progress, 7/23/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting Coal Rules To Go Into Effect If It Harmed Infants, Children, And The Elderly.** In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that “would prohibit the measure from going into effect if the Environmental Protection Agency determines it will have a negative impact on vulnerable populations, such as infants, children, the elderly, and other subsections of the population identified as vulnerable.” The amendment failed, 180-240. [HR 1734, Vote #456, 3/25/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/22/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment Prohibiting Use Of Funds To Increase Royalties Paid To The United States For Oil And Gas Produced On Federal Land.** In July 2015, Poliquin voted for amendment to prohibit the use of funds to increase the rate of any royalty required to be paid to the United States for oil and gas produced on Federal land, or to prepare or publish a proposed rule relating to such an increase. “Finally, two amendments aimed to allow dirty energy companies to continue paying below-market rates for fossil fuels extracted from public lands. An amendment from Rep. Steve Pearce would prohibit any increase in the royalty rates paid for oil and gas.” The amendment passed, 231 to 198. [HR 2822, Vote #408, 7/7/15; Huffington Post, 8/11/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Prioritized Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions.** In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would have prioritized reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Specifically, the amendment would “prohibit funds from being used in contravention of an executive order establishing an integrated strategy towards sustainability in the federal government and making reduction of greenhouse gas emissions a priority.” The amendment failed 237 to 189. [HR 2822, H.AMDT.588, Vote #406, 7/8/15; Congressional Quarterly’s House Action Reports, 7/8/15]
Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Would Allow Rules To Consider The Social Cost Of Carbon. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to “allow rules to consider the social cost of carbon.” Specifically, the amendment “prohibits the use of funds for the social cost of carbon to be incorporated into any rulemaking or guidance document until a new Interagency Working Group revises the estimates.” The amendment failed 237 to 192. [HR 2822, H.AMDT.580, Vote #403, 7/8/15; Congressional Quarterly’s House Action Reports, 7/8/15]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Prevented Hydraulic Fracturing On Federal Land. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment “that would remove the bill’s prohibition on BLM from implementing its final rule governing fracking on federal lands.” Specifically, the amendment struck “section 439 from the bill which provides for prohibitions regarding hydraulic fracturing.” The amendment failed 250 to 179. [HR 2822, H.AMDT.576, Vote #402, 7/8/15; Congressional Quarterly’s House Action Reports, 7/8/15]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Removed A Limitation In FY 2016 EPA Funding Bill Updating Ozone Standards So That 85 Percent Of Counties That Do Not Meet Current Standards Comply. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that struck section 438 from HR 2822, which provided for a limitation on the use of funds regarding ozone standards. Specially, the amendment would have removed “the bill’s limitation on EPA from updating its ozone standards until 85% of counties that do not meet the current standard come into compliance.” The amendment failed 249 to 180. [HR 2822, H.AMDT.573, Vote #401, 7/8/15; Congressional Quarterly’s House Action Reports, 7/8/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Ending Prohibition On Using Funds For The Social Cost Of Carbon To Be Incorporated Into Rulemaking Until A New Working Group Revised Estimates. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against “an amendment to strike section 437, which prohibits the use of funds for the social cost of carbon to be incorporated into any rulemaking or guidance document until a new Interagency Working Group revises the estimates using the discount rates and domestic-only limitation on benefits estimates in accordance with Executive Order 12866.” The amendment failed 186 to 243. [HR 2822, H.AMDT.579, Vote #400, 7/8/15; H AMDT 571, 7/8/15]

Poliquin Voted For Postponing Enforcement Of EPA Carbon Emission Reduction Rules Until Completion Of All Judicial Challenges. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for “passage of a bill that would postpone the dates by when states and existing fossil-fuel power plants must comply with current or future EPA rules to reduce carbon emissions until all judicial challenges are completed, and it allows state governors to opt out of developing an emissions reduction plan or complying with a federal plan for existing plants if he or she determines that the requirement would have an adverse effect on electricity ratepayers.” The bill passed 247 to 180. A “nay” was a vote in support of the president’s position. [HR 2042, Vote #384, 6/24/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/24/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Replacing Ability Of Governor To Opt Out Of Clean Power Plan With Requirement That Public Utility Commissions Issue Reliability Analysis On State Or Federal Carbon Emission Plans. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to Ratepayer Protection Act of 2015. “EPA Carbon Emission Rules — Judicial Review of EPA Carbon Rules McNerney, D-Calif., amendment that would remove the bill’s requirements that EPA’s rules are to be delayed pending to resolution of all judicial reviews and instead require a state's public utility commission to conduct an analysis of any state or federal plan.” The amendment failed 177 to 250. [HR 2042, Vote #383, 6/24/15; CQ Billtrack, 6/24/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Requiring Governors To Certify That Any Electricity Rate Increases Associated With Implementing Clean Power Plan To Be Greater Than Any Cost Associated With Weather Events Associated With Human-Induced Climate Change. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Ratepayer Protection Act of 2015. “EPA Carbon Emission Rules — Governor Certification On Weather Events Rush, D-III., amendment that would require a governor's certification that any ratepayer increase associated with implementing a state or federal plan would be greater than any cost associated with responding to extreme weather events associated with human-caused climate change, including sea level rise, flooding, frequent and intense
storms, frequent and intense wildfires or drought.” The amendment failed 182 to 243. [HR 2042, H.AMDT.527, Vote #382, 6/24/15; CQ Billtrack, 6/24/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Requiring A Governor Opting Out Of Clean Power Plan To Include Certification That Electric Generating Units Contribute To Human-Caused Climate Change. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Ratepayer Protection Act of 2015. “Amendment sought to require a Governor wishing to opt out of the Clean Power Plan to include a certification that electric generating units are sources of carbon pollution that contribute to human-induced climate change; and that the state or federal plan to reduce carbon emissions from electric generating units would promote national security, economic growth and public health by addressing human induced climate change through the increased use of clean energy, energy efficiency and reductions in carbon pollution.” The amendment failed 181 to 245. [HR 2042, H.AMDT.526, Vote #381, 6/24/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Increasing Fees On Oil Companies To Bolster The Pipeline And Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 that would have “raised fees on oil companies to increase funding for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, which regulates oil pipelines.” The amendment failed 202 to 222. [HR 2577, Vote #305, 6/4/15; Scripps Howard Foundation, 6/16/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Continuing ARPA Goal Of Reducing Imports Of Foreign Energy, Through The Development Of Energy Efficiency Technology. In May 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015 maintaining greenhouse gas emission goals for ARPA-E projects. The amendment would strike a provision in the bill that removed Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) goals for pursuing the development of energy technologies to reduce foreign energy imports, the reduction of energy-related emissions, including greenhouse gases, and improvement in the energy efficiency of all economic sectors. The amendment failed, 190 to 232. [HR 1806, Amendment #11, Vote #256, 5/20/15; CQ, 5/20/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Allow Commercial Biofuels Production For Defense Purposes. In May 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment allowing DOE research funds to be used for commercial biofuels production for defense purposes. “Bonamici, D-Ore., amendment that would remove a provision in the bill that would bar funds authorized for an Energy Department bioenergy research program from being used to fund commercial biofuels production for defense purposes.” The amendment failed, 208 to 215. [HR 1806, Amendment #10, Vote #255, 5/20/15; Science Magazine, 5/20/15; CQ, 5/20/15]

Poliquin Voted For FY16 Energy-Water Appropriations Bill Appropriating $35.4 Billion For Army Corps Of Engineers, Department Of Energy And Nuclear Weapons Programs. In May 2015, Poliquin voted for the Energy and Water Development bill, which increased funding to weapons programs, Army Corps of Engineers projects and nuclear weapons programs. “The House passed its second 2016 appropriations bill on Friday, this time to fund the Department of Energy and water infrastructure projects. Passed 240-177 along party lines, the measure would provide $35.4 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Energy and nuclear weapons programs. The measure provides $1.2 billion more than the current enacted spending level, but $633 million less than what the Obama administration requested.” The bill passed, 240 to 177. [H.R. 2028, Vote #215, 5/1/15; The Hill, 5/1/15]

Bill Kept Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Site From Being Completely Closed. In May 2015, Poliquin voted for the Energy and Water Development bill, which contained funding to ensure that Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Site remained open. “House Republicans Friday passed the second of 12 spending bills for the upcoming budget year, a $35 billion measure funding the Energy Department and popular water projects constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers. The measure includes a big boost to modernize the U.S. nuclear arsenal and also contains money that would keep the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste site in Nevada from being completely shuttered, a challenge to Senate powerhouse Harry Reid, D-Nev., who has been largely
responsible for blocking the project in the past.” The bill passed, 240 to 177. [H.R. 2028, Vote #215, 5/1/15; Associated Press, 5/1/15]

**Bill Provided $150 Million Towards Nuclear Waste Disposal Fund.** “The House passed its second 2016 appropriations bill on Friday, this time to fund the Department of Energy and water infrastructure projects. … In total, the measure provides $150 million for the Nuclear Waste Disposal Program.” [The Hill, 5/1/15]

**Bill Cut $279 Million From Renewable Energy Programs.** “Fearing an escalation of nuclear weapons, Rep. John Garamendi, D-Walnut Grove, on Friday voted against HR 2028, a $35.4 billion appropriations bill that also includes energy and water development projects. The bill passed, 240-177. …Meanwhile, renewable energy programs are funded at only $1.7 billion, a cut of $279 million compared to FY 2015, Garamendi said. The bill also includes language that would weaken the Clean Water Act in some circumstances.” [Davis Enterprise, 5/3/15]

**Bill “Locks In Sequestration.”** “The House on Friday passed a spending bill that would boost funding for the nation’s weapons programs, Army Corps of Engineers projects and nuclear research, after beating back amendments that would drastically slash funding for various Department of Energy research programs. …Democrats criticized spending levels and individual policy riders in the bill, including one that would bar the Obama administration from implementing its National Oceans Policy and another that would permanently block the White House from moving forward on the so-called clean water rule. But their main point of contention was the bill’s adherance to an overall spending framework that locks in sequestration.” [CQ Roll Call, 5/1/15]

**Bill Contained Rider Allowing Guns To Be Carried On All Corps Of Engineers’ Lands.** In May 2015, Poliquin voted for the Energy and Water Development bill, which contained a rider allowing guns to be carried on all Corps of Engineers’ Lands. “Some provisions in the House energy and water bill approved Friday range far afield, such as a so-called legislative ‘rider’ allowing guns to be carried on all Corps of Engineers’ lands. Citing the politically divisive firearms policy, among other reasons, the White House issued a veto threat against the legislation.” The bill passed, 240 to 177. [H.R. 2028, Vote #215, 5/1/15; San Jose Mercury News, 5/1/15]

**FY16 Water-Energy Appropriations Bill Increasing Funding For Weapons Programs, Army Corps Of Engineer Projects And Nuclear Research.** “The House on Friday passed a spending bill that would boost funding for the nation’s weapons programs, Army Corps of Engineers projects and nuclear research, after beating back amendments that would drastically slash funding for various Department of Energy research programs. …Nearly all Democrats united to vote against the $35.4 billion spending measure (HR 2028), which advanced by a vote of 240-177 after lawmakers debated amendments late into the night Thursday and early Friday.” The bill passed, 240 to 177. [H.R. 2028, Vote #215, 5/1/15; The Hill, 5/1/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Appropriating $30 Million Towards Drought Relief, State Electricity Energy Reliability And Assurance.** In May 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion that would increase funding for drought relief and state electricity energy reliability and assurance by $30 million. The motion failed, 180 to 235. [H.R. 2028, Vote #214, 5/1/15; CQ Floor Votes, 5/1/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment Reducing Appropriations In FY16 Energy And Water Bill By 1%.** In May 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment reducing appropriations in energy and water bill by 1%. “Blackburn, R-Tenn., amendment that would reduce each amount made available under the act by 1 percent.” The amendment was rejected, 159-248. [H.R. 2028, Vote #210, 5/1/15; CQ Floor Votes, 5/1/15]

232-172 a provision from Pennsylvania Republican Keith Rothfus that would bar funding for the Department of Energy to consider a report that analyzed the life cycle of greenhouse gas emissions when making determinations on liquefied natural gas exports.” The measure passed, 232 to 172. [H.R. 2028, Vote #208, 5/1/15; CQ Roll Call, 5/1/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment Prohibiting Use Of Funds To Enforce Energy Efficiency Standards For Incandescent Light Bulbs.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment prohibiting the use of funds regulate energy efficiency standards for incandescent bulbs. “The House adopted an amendment from Rep. Michael Burgess (R-Texas) late Thursday night that would prohibit the use of funds to enforce energy efficiency standards for incandescent light bulbs. The Texan likened the energy conservation measure to an issue of individual liberty. ‘We should not be forcing these light bulbs on the American public,’ Burgess said. ‘The bottom line is the federal government has no business taking away the freedom of Americans to choose what bulbs to put in their homes.’” The amendment passed, 232 to 189. [H.R. 2028, Vote #207, 4/30/15; The Hill, 5/1/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment Eliminating Funding For Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment eliminating funding for advanced technology vehicles program. “The House also rejected 171-250 an amendment by South Carolina Republican Mark Sanford to eliminate funding for the Energy Department’s loan guarantee program for advanced technology vehicle manufacturing. Sanford argued that the program is dated and has outlived its purpose, but Energy-Water cardinal Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, said zeroing out its funding would hamper oversight of the $8 billion in loans already doled out.” The amendment failed, 171 to 250. [H.R. 2028, Vote #206, 4/30/15; CQ Roll Call, 4/30/15]

**Republican Rep. Mike Simpson Opposed Eliminating Funding, Believing It Would “Hamper Oversight Of The $8 Billion In Loans Already Doled Out.”** “Sanford argued that the program is dated and has outlived its purpose, but Energy-Water cardinal Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, said zeroing out its funding would hamper oversight of the $8 billion in loans already doled out.” [CQ Roll Call, 4/30/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment Reducing Appropriations In Energy And Water Bill By 11%; National Nuclear Security Administration And Defense Activities Exempted.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment reducing appropriations in energy and water bill by 11%, with the National Nuclear Security Administration, Environmental, defense activities and the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. “Hudson, R-La., amendment that would reduce funds in the bill by 11 percent across the board, except for those designated for the National Nuclear Security Administration, Environmental and Other Defense Activities or Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.” The amendment failed, 143 to 278. [H.R. 2028, Vote #205, 4/30/15; CQ Floor Votes, 4/30/15]

**Amendment Would Have “Slashed Spending By 11.2% Across The Board.”** “The House on Friday passed a spending bill that would boost funding for the nation’s weapons programs, Army Corps of Engineers projects and nuclear research, after beating back amendments that would drastically slash funding for various Department of Energy research programs. … Simpson and his allies were able to hold off a bevy of amendments seeking to drastically shift or cut funding in the bill, including one from North Carolina Republican Richard Hudson that would have slashed spending by 11.2 percent across the board.” [CQ Roll Call, 5/1/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Add $20 Million To Keep Funding For Energy Technology Research At Current Levels.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the energy and water development funding bill that would increase funding for Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) by $20 million and to reduce funding for Departmental Administration by a similar amount. “Earlier in the evening, California Democrat Eric Swalwell proposed an amendment bumping funding for the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy up $20 million from the $280 million level in the underlying bill, using funds directed toward departmental administrative functions. The measure would keep funding for the agency, which supports breakthrough energy technology research, at the current level.” The amendment was rejected 202 to 219. [H.AMDT.178, Vote #202, 4/30/15; Congressional Quarterly News, 4/30/15]
Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Decrease Funding For Fossil Energy Research And Development By $45 Million. In April 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the energy and water development funding bill that would reduce funding for Fossil Energy Research and Development by $45 million and to apply the savings to the spending reduction account. “Page 22, line 20, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by $45,000,000)” The amendment was rejected 175 to 246. [H.AMDT.174, Vote #201, 4/30/15; Congressional Quarterly, 4/30/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Cut $3.2 Billion By Eliminating Funding For Renewable Energy And Decreasing Funding For Nuclear Energy. In April 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the energy and water development funding bill that would zero out funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, reduce Nuclear Energy by $691,886,000, and zero out funding for Fossil Energy and to apply the aggregate savings of $2,954,660,000 to the spending reduction account. “REP. TOM McCINTOCK, R-Calif, that would eliminate funding for the energy efficiency and renewable energy program, nuclear energy and fossil fuel research and apply the $3.2 billion savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected 110 to 311. [H.AMDT.172, Vote #200, 4/30/15; Congressional Quarterly House Action Report, 4/30/15]

Poliquin Voted For Amendment That Would Have Eliminated Funding For Renewable Energy And Decreased Funding For Nuclear Energy. In April 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the energy and water development funding bill that would zero out funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and apply the savings of $1,657,774,000 to the spending reduction account. The amendment was rejected 139 to 282. [H.AMDT.172, Vote #199, 4/30/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment That Would Have Increased Funding For Renewable Energy And Decreased Funding For Fossil Fuel Energy. In April 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to increase funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by $25,500,000 and to reduce funding for Fossil Energy by $34,000,000. The amendment was rejected 173 to 248. [H.AMDT.167, Vote #198, 4/29/15]

Poliquin Voted For Increasing Fossil Energy Research Funding By $50 Million While Cutting Renewable Energy Funding. In April 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the energy and water development funding bill that would have increased funding for Fossil Energy Research and Development by $50 million and to reduce funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by a similar amount. The amendment was rejected 177 to 244. [H.AMDT.164, Vote #197, 4/29/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment That Would Have Increased Funding For Water And Drought Work While Cutting Fossil Fuel Funding. In April 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would have increased funding for Water and Related Resources by $5 million and reduced funding for Fossil Energy Research and Development by $20 million. “The same goes for the second amendment Ruiz introduced last week, which moves $5 million away from the study of fossil fuels and towards the study of drought mitigation in the West via the Bureau of Reclamation.” The amendment was rejected 172 to 249. [H.AMDT.162, Vote #196, 4/29/15; Desert Sun, 5/2/15]

Poliquin Voted For Cutting Funding For Sundry Accounts. In April 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the energy and water development funding bill that would have reduced funding for sundry accounts and to apply the aggregate savings of $128,920,000 to the spending reduction account. The amendment was rejected 126 to 295. [H.AMDT.159, Vote #195, 4/29/15]

Poliquin Voted For Legislation To Require Expedited Consideration Of LNG Export Permit Applications. In January 2015, Poliquin voted for legislation that “would require the Energy Department to make a decision on pending applications to export liquefied natural gas within 30 days of the bill's enactment or at the end of the public comment period, whichever is later. Under the bill, applications would have to publicly disclose the countries that would receive the proposed exports. It also would authorize the U.S. Court of Appeals for the circuit where the proposed export facility will be located to exercise original and exclusive jurisdiction over any civil action pertaining to such applications. The court would be required to order the Energy Department to approve any
applications within 30 days if it finds the agency did not issue a decision by the bill's deadline.” [HR 351, Vote #50, 1/28/15; CQ, 1/28/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against A Motion To Prohibit LNG Exports To State Sponsors Of Terrorism & Ensure LNG Exports Are On US-Built Ships.** In January 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion that would prohibit LNG exports to any nation that is a state sponsor of terrorism, or to any nation or corporation that engages in cyber-attacks against the United States, and would ensure that U.S. flagged and built ships are used to export LNG. The motion to recommit failed, 175-237. [HR 351, Vote #49, 1/28/15; Democratic Leader – Motions to Recommit, 1/22/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against A Motion To Require Pipeline Owners, Not Taxpayers, Are Liable For Any Cleanup Costs Associated With Pipeline Explosion.** In January 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion to recommit that would require that natural gas pipeline owners, not taxpayers, are liable for any damages, repair, and cleanup in the wake of a natural gas pipeline explosion. [HR 161, Vote #40, 1/21/15; Democratic Leader – Motions to Recommit, 1/21/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Bill To Expedite FERC Permitting For Natural Gas Pipeline Projects.** In January 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill that “would require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to approve or deny a natural gas pipeline project within one year after receiving a completed application. Federal agencies responsible for issuing permits would have to issue a ruling within 90 days of when FERC issues its final environmental statement for the project. Under the bill, FERC could extend that period for another 30 days. The bill would provide that if a federal agency does not rule within the required time period, the permit will be deemed approved 30 days later.” The bill passed, 253 to 169. [HR 161, Vote #41, 1/21/15; CQ, 1/21/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Making Permanent A 9-Month Buy American Requirement For Iron And Steel Products Used In Drinking Water Projects.** In December 2016, Poliquin voted against the “Doyle, D-Pa., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would make permanent the requirement that certain drinking water infrastructure projects only use iron and steel products produced in the United States.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would replace the underlying bill’s provision that would create a temporary 9-month Buy American requirement for iron and steel products used in drinking water projects with a permanent Buy American requirement for such products.” The motion failed 184 to 236. [S. 612, Vote #621, 12/8/16; DemocraticLeader.gov, 12/8/16; CQ, 12/8/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Renaming The Olympic Wilderness In Washington.** In December 2016, Poliquin voted for the “Bishop, R-Utah, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would re-designate the Olympic Wilderness
in the state of Washington as the ‘Daniel J. Evans Olympic National Park Wilderness.’” The motion passed 401 to 8. [S. 3028, Vote #612, 12/7/16; CQ, 12/7/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Ordering Land In The Federal Arbuckle Water Project In Oklahoma To Be Conveyed To Murray County, Oklahoma.** In December 2016, Poliquin voted for the “Bishop, R-Utah, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Bureau of Reclamation to convey all land in the maintenance complex and district office of the federal Arbuckle water project in Oklahoma to the Arbuckle Master Conservancy District in Murray County, Okla.” The motion passed 412 to 1. [H.R. 1219, Vote #611, 12/7/16; CQ, 12/7/16]

**Poliquin Voted For The Water Resources Development Act Authorizing 31 Army Corps Of Engineers Projects, Including Flood Control And Natural Disaster Damage Projects.** In September 2016, Poliquin voted for the Water Resources Development Act that “would authorize 31 Army Corps of Engineers water resources projects, including navigation, flood control, environmental restoration and natural disaster damage projects.” The bill passed, 399 to 25. [H.R. 5303, Vote #572, 9/28/16; CQ, 9/28/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against A Motion That Would Prevent The U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers From Using Their Resources On A $810 Development Project.** In September 2016, Poliquin voted against a “DeFazio, D-Ore., motion to recommit the bill to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would would prohibit the Secretary of the Army from carrying out a construction project in Upper Trinity River, Modified Central City, Fort Worth, Texas if any part of the project would be the construction of soccer fields, baseball fields, basketball courts or splash parks.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, ‘Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would stop Republicans’ latest bill from squandering the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ limited resources by preventing the use of Army Corps resources for the construction of soccer fields, baseball fields, covered basketball courts, and a water splash park as part of a lavish $810 million waterfront development project.” The motion failed 181 to 243. [HR 5303, Vote #571, 9/28/16; CQ, 9/28/16, Democratic Leader, 9/28/16]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Provide Additional Assistance To States That The President Declared An Emergency Due To Unhealthy Constituents In The Water System.** In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Kildee, D-Mich., amendment that would authorize the Army Corps of Engineers to provide additional assistance to any community in any state in which the president has declared an emergency as a result of the presence of chemical, physical or biological constituents, including lead or other contaminants in the water system, for the repair or replacement of public and private infrastructure. The amendment would authorize the appropriation of $170 million to remain available until expended.” The amendment was adopted 284 to 141. [HR 5303, Vote #570, 9/28/16; CQ, 9/28/16]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To The Clean Water Act That Would Authorize Funds To The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.** In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Joyce, R-Ohio, amendment that would amend the Clean Water Act (PL 92-500) to authorize the appropriation of $300 million annually for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative for fiscal 2017 through fiscal 2021. The initiative would carry out projects to improve water quality in the Great Lakes area.” The amendment was adopted 407 to 18. [HR 5303, Vote #569, 9/28/16; CQ, 9/28/16]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment That Would Allow Non-Federal Interests To Undertake Army Corps Of Engineer Projects If It Proved Cost-Effective.** In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Graves, R-La., amendment that would require the Secretary of the Army to allow non-federal interests to undertake Army Corps of Engineers projects if the non-federal interest could demonstrate greater cost effectiveness and project delivery efficiency than the Army Corps of Engineers, and would direct 20 percent of the savings back to other Corps projects.” The amendment failed 190 to 233. [HR 5303, Vote #568, 9/28/16; CQ, 9/28/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking An Amendment That Would Provide Urgent Resources To Address The Flint Water Crisis.** In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 892) that would provide for House floor
consideration of the bill (HR 5303) that would authorize 31 Army Corps of Engineers water resources projects, including navigation, flood control, environmental restoration and natural disaster damage projects. The rule would waive, for resolutions related to a measure making or continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 and reported through the legislative day of Sept. 30, 2016, the two-thirds majority vote requirement to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the House Rules Committee. It would grant suspension authority on the legislative days of Sept. 29, 2016 and Sept. 30, 2016.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “Democrats’ Previous Question demands an immediate vote on the amendment to H.R. 5303 offered by Congressman Kildee of Michigan, blocked by the GOP rule, which would provide urgent resources to address the Flint Water Crisis.” The previous question passed 243 to 178. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [HR 5303, Vote #561, 9/27/16; CQ, 9/27/16]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill To Rename A Postal Facility In Illinois To “Abner J. Mikva Post Office.” In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Hice, R-Ga., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate the postal facility located at 1101 Davis St. in Evanston, Ill., as the ‘Abner J. Mikva Post Office Building.’” The motion was agreed to 391 to 22. [HR 5798, Vote #556; 9/22/16; CW, 9/22/16]

The Late Abner Mikva Served As A Congressman From Illinois And A Federal Judge Under President Bill Clinton. “Former congressman Abner J. Mikva, who represented Evanston in Washington for two decades, was honored Tuesday by the renaming of the Davis Street post office as the Abner J. Mikva Post Office Building. […] In 1974, Mikva was elected to represent Illinois’ 10th Congressional District that was based in Evanston. He was reelected three times. During his third term, he was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, where he served with Clarence Thomas, Antonin Scalia, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg before their appointments to the U.S. Supreme Court.” [Evanston Now, 3/13/17]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking An Immediate House Vote On The Families Of Flint Act To Address The Flint Water Crisis. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 879) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 5931) that would prohibit, in most instances, the U.S. government from directly or indirectly providing U.S. or foreign promissory notes, including currency, to the government of Iran. The rule would waive, for resolutions related to a measure making or continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 and reported through the legislative day of Sept. 27, 2016, the two-thirds majority vote requirement to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the House Rules Committee.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “Democrats’ Previous Question demands an immediate vote on H.R. 4479, the Families of Flint Act to address the Flint Water Crisis.” The previous question passed 236 to 175. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [HR 5931, Vote #542, 9/22/16; CQ, 9/22/16. Democratic Leader, 9/22/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Environmental Protection Agency Rules Pertaining To Regulation Of Lead Or Copper In Drinking Water From The Separation Of Powers Restoration Act. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against “Johnson, D-Ga., for Conyers, D-Mich., amendment that would exempt rules issued by the Environmental Protection Agency pertaining to regulation of lead or copper in drinking water from the bill’s requirements. The bill would end the requirement that federal courts defer to an agency’s interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering challenges to agency rules and regulations.” The amendment was rejected 194-223. [H Amdt 1272 to HR 4768, Vote #411, 7/12/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/12/16]

Separation Of Powers Restoration Act Overturned Legal Precedent That Said Courts Must Defer To Agency Interpretations Of “Ambiguous” Statutes When Disputes Arise, Unless The Interpretation Is Unreasonable. “A GOP-backed bill to limit federal agencies’ rulemaking power passed the House on Tuesday. The Separation of Powers Restoration Act overturns the 1984 Supreme Court decision that created Chevron deference. The legal precedent says courts must defer to agency interpretations of ‘ambiguous’ statutes when disputes arise, unless the interpretation is unreasonable.” [The Hill, 7/12/16]
Poliquin Voted For To Suspend The Rules And Pass The Cooperate Management Of Mineral Rights Act Of 2016. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would remove a requirement that prior to the commencement of surface-disturbing activities related to gas and oil development in the Allegheny National Forest in Pennsylvania, the Forest Service be permitted to sell marketable timber cut in relation to such surface-disturbing activities.” The motion was agreed to, 395-3. [HR 3881, Vote #480, 9/6/16; CQ Floor Votes, 9/6/16]

Poliquin Voted For To Pass The Department Of The Interior, Environment, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for the passage of HR 5538, a “bill that would provide $32.1 billion in fiscal 2017 for the Interior Department, the EPA and related agencies. The bill would provide $12.1 billion for the Interior Department, $8 billion for the EPA, $5.4 billion for the Forest Service, $1.2 billion for the Bureau of Land Management and $5.1 billion for the Indian Health Service. The measure would prohibit the EPA from limiting greenhouse gas, methane, and air emissions from power plants and the oil and gas industry. The measure would also block the EPA from completing its "Waters of the United States" rule-making to clarify which bodies of water are subject to regulation under the clean air act. As amended, the measure would prohibit funds from being used to finalize, implement or enforce new regulations on offshore Arctic energy exploration and development.” The bill passed, 231 to 196. [HR 5538, Vote #477, 7/14/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/14/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Using Funds For Light Vehicles Which Do Not Meet The Requirements Of Obama's Federal Fleet Performance Executive Order. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against “amendment no. 122, that would prohibit funds from being used to lease or purchase new light duty vehicles unless those vehicles meet the requirements of President Obama's May 24, 2011 Executive Order on Federal Fleet Performance.” The amendment failed, 213 to 214. [HR 5538, Vote #476, 7/14/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/14/16]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment That Would Increase Funding For The EPA’s Hazardous Substance Superfund Account. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for an “amendment that would increase by $15.3 million funding for the Hazardous Substance Superfund account.” The amendment failed, 195 to 232. [HR 5538, Vote #475, 7/14/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/14/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Prevent Part Of The Bill That Would Block BLM Management Plans From Going Forward If It Failed To Meet Its Multiple Use Obligations. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would prohibit Bureau of Land Management management plans from going into effect if failing to implement the plans would limit the agency's ability to meet its multiple use obligations, including providing opportunities for hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation.” The amendment failed, 184 to 241. [HR 5538, Vote #474, 7/14/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/14/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Would Discourage Transferring Federal Lands To Private Owners. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would prohibit funds from being used to pursue any additional legal ways to transfer federal lands to private owners in contravention of existing law.” The amendment failed, 188 to 239. [HR 5538, Vote #473, 7/14/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/14/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Protect The Obama Administration’s Climate Change And Environmental Sustainability Executive Order. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would protect the administration's climate change and environmental sustainability executive order to ensure that no funds be used to weaken the executive order within this act.” The amendment failed, 191 to 236. [HR 5538, Vote #472, 7/14/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/14/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Insert A Sentence At The End Of The Act Asserting That None Of The Funds From The Act Could Be Used In Contravention Of The Interior’s Promise To Address Impacts Of Climate Change. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would prohibit funds from being used in contravention to a 2009 Interior Department Secretarial Order that called for renewable energy on public lands and a response to the impact of climate change on the land, ocean, fish, wildlife, and cultural heritage
resources. The bill would provide $32.1 billion for the Interior Department, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Forest Service and other agencies.” The amendment failed, 192 to 233. [HR 5538, Vote #Vote #471, 7/14/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/14/16]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Bar Funds From The Department Of The Interior, Environment, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act From Being Used To Abolish Law Enforcement Offices At The Bureau Of Land Management And The U.S. Forest Service. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for an “amendment barring funds in the bill from being used to abolish law enforcement offices at the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service. The bill would provide $32.1 billion for the Interior Department, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Forest Service and other agencies.” The amendment failed, 194 to 233. [HR 5538, Vote #470, 7/14/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/14/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting Fracking On The Pacific Continental Shelf. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to bar the “use of hydraulic fracturing or acid well stimulation treatment in the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf.” The amendment failed 172-254. [HR 5538, Vote #469, 7/14/16; CQ, 7/14/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Allowing the EPA To Develop Regulations Related To Stream Buffers And The Waters Of The US Rule. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to prohibit preventing “the EPA from developing or enforcing regulations related to stream buffers, fill material, or the ‘Waters of the United States’ rule.” The amendment failed 178-246. [HR 5538, Vote #468, 7/14/16; CQ, 7/14/16]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Activities To Support Drilling In Some Of The Atlantic Ocean. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for prohibiting “funds from being used to authorize, permit or conduct geological or geophysical activities in support of oil, gas, or methane hydrate exploration and development in certain areas of the Atlantic Ocean.” The amendment failed 192-236. [HR 5538, Vote #465, 7/13/16; CQ, 7/13/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Allowing Agencies To Prepare For Climate Change. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to “prohibit funds from being used to oppose” executive orders requiring agencies prepare for the impacts of climate change. The amendment failed 194-234. [HR 5538, Vote #464, 7/13/16; CQ, 7/13/16; E&E Daily, 7/12/16; President Obama Press Release, 3/19/15; EPA, accessed 3/15/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Removing Three Provisions Relating To Specific Species And The Endangered Species List. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to “allow for the review of the status of the greater sage-grouse as an endangered species, remove the bill's requirement that a new rule be issued concerning the gray wolf, and allow funds to be used to treat the lesser prairie chicken as an endangered species.” The amendment failed, 193-235. [HR 5538, Vote #463, 7/13/16; E&E Daily, 7/12/16; CQ, 7/13/16]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting A National Marine Monument Established Between 12 And 200 Nautical Miles Off The American Coast. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for prohibiting “funds from being used to establish a national marine monument” in waters between 12 and 200 nautical miles off the American coast. The amendment passed, 225-202. [HR 5538, Vote #462, 7/13/16; CQ, 7/13/16; NOAA, accessed 3/15/17]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting The President From Designating Much Of The Alaska National Wildlife Refuge A Wilderness And Thus Preventing Drilling. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment to prevent the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from designating the Alaska Wildlife Refuge a wilderness, which would prevent drilling there. The amendment passed 237-191. [HR 5538, Vote #460, 7/13/16; Rep. Young Press Release, 7/14/16; Washington Post, 1/26/15; Alaska Dispatch News, 4/3/15]

Poliquin Voted For Preventing The Government From Paying Legal Fees In Settlements After Suits More Than Three Environmental Laws. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment to “prohibit funds from being used to pay legal fees related to settlements for cases in which the federal government is a party and that arise under the Clean Air Act, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act or the Endangered Species Act.” The amendment passed 226-202. [HR 5538, Vote #459, 7/13/16; CQ, 7/13/16]
Clean Water Action: “This Amendment Seeks To Discourage Citizens From Enforcing Essential Protections” By Discouraging Suit Against The Federal Government. “This amendment seeks to discourage citizens from enforcing essential protections of the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Clean Water Act and targets settlements involving congressionally mandated federal agency actions, including requirements to protect public health and the environment. … This nonsensical amendment would change this by barring payment of citizens’ legal fees whenever parties avoid costly litigation by agreeing to a settlement.” [Clean Water Action, 7/12/16]

Poliquin Voted For Allowing Funds Recovered Following Pollution Of A Resource To Be Used For Things Other Than Restoration Of The Resource. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for allowing “funds recovered following damage to a natural resource to be used for other purposes beyond the restoration or replacement of the natural resource.” The amendment failed, 170-257. [HR 5538, Vote #458, 7/13/16; CQ, 7/13/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Barring Implementation Of A Voluntary Program To Reduce Carbon Emissions. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to “prohibit funds from being used to finalize or implement a proposed Environmental Protection Agency rule related to the design details of a voluntary program for states to incentivize certain early emission reduction projects.” The amendment failed 231-197. [HR 5538, Vote #457, 7/13/16; CQ, 7/13/16]

The EPA’s Clean Energy Incentive Program Was To Provide Early Credit To States For Carbon Reduction Between 2020 And 2021. In April 2016, the National Conference of State Legislators wrote, “the Clean Energy Incentive Program (CEIP), a voluntary program that will provide participating states with emission rate credits (up to the equivalent of 300 million short tons of carbon dioxide emissions) for reductions made in 2020-21 due to investments in renewable energy or energy efficiency measures. These credits can be used to offset targets during the 2022-30 steps.” [NCSL, 4/18/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Cutting The EPA By 17%. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to “decrease all appropriations under the bill for the Environmental Protection Agency by 17 percent.” The amendment failed 188-239. [HR 5538, Vote #456, 7/13/16; CQ, 7/13/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Preventing Interior And The EPA From Having Mapping Or Surveying Drones. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to “prohibit funds from being used for the Interior Department or the Environmental Protection Agency to develop, acquire or operate an unmanned aircraft system for surveying, mapping or collecting remote sensing data.” The amendment failed 161-262. [HR 5538, Vote #455, 7/13/16; CQ, 7/13/16]

Poliquin Voted For Preventing The Mexican Wolf From Being Listed As An Endangered Species. In July Poliquin Voted For an amendment to “prohibit funds from being used to treat the Mexican wolf as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act or to implement recovery programs outside of the Mexican wolf’s historic range.” The amendment was adopted 219-203. [HR 5538, Vote #454, 7/13/16; CQ, 7/13/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Eliminating The EPA’s Law Enforcement And Criminal Investigations Division. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to “prohibit funds from being used for the Environmental Protection Agency's law enforcement and criminal investigations division.” The amendment failed 195-223. [HR 5538, Vote #453, 7/13/16; CQ, 7/13/16]

Poliquin Voted For Delisting The Gray Wolf From The Endangered Species List In 2017. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment to “enable the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to move forward with its proposal made three years ago to delist the gray wolf under the federal Endangered Species Act by 2017.” The amendment passed 223-201. [HR 5538, Vote #452, 7/13/16; AP, 7/14/16]
Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Seismic Airgun Testing On The Outer Continental Shelf Bordering Florida. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “prohibit use of funds to carry out seismic airgun testing or seismic airgun surveys in the Outer Continental Shelf planning areas located within the exclusive economic zone bordering Florida.” The amendment failed 197-231. [HR 5538, Vote #451, 7/13/16; CQ, 7/13/16]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting The Listing Of Preble’s Meadow Jumping Mouse As Threatened On The Endangered Species List. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment to “prohibit the use of funds to implement or enforce the threatened species listing of the Preble's meadow jumping mouse.” The amendment passed 228-199. [HR 5538, Vote #450, 7/13/16; CQ, 7/13/16]

Preble’s Meadow Jumping Mouse Only Inhabits Colorado And Wyoming. “The Preble’s meadow jumping mouse … inhabits the foothills in southeastern Wyoming, southward along the eastern edge of the front range of Colorado to Colorado Springs.” [Fish And Wildlife Service, accessed 3/14/17]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Interior Or The EPA From Enforcing Threatened Or Endangered Species Listing Of Any Species Which Had Not Undergone A 5 Year Review. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment to “prohibit the use of funds to implement or enforce the threatened species or endangered species listing of any plant or wildlife that has not undergone a periodic five-year review.” The amendment passed 238-190. [HR 5538, Vote #449, 7/13/16; CQ, 7/13/16]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting The Interior Department, The EPA And The Forest Service From Administering Or Enforcing Prevailing Wage Requirements. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for amendment to “prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer or enforce Davis-Bacon prevailing rate wage requirements.” The amendment failed 188-238. [HR 5538, Vote #448, 7/13/16; CQ, 7/13/16]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting The Study Of Offshore Drilling Off Of Florida’s Gulf Coast. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment to “prohibit funds made available by the bill to be used to research, investigate, or study offshore drilling in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico Planning Area.” The Eastern Gulf Of Mexico Planning Area is the portion that borders Florida. The amendment failed 185-243. [HR 5538, Vote #447, 7/13/16; CQ, 7/13/16; BOEM, 3/1/17]

Poliquin Voted For Preventing The EPA From Taking Action Against States That Fail To Meet Their Goals Cleaning Chesapeake Bay. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment to “strip the Environmental Protection Agency of its authority to take action against states that fall short of meeting their Chesapeake Bay cleanup goals.” The amendment was adopted 231-197. [HR 5538, Vote #446, 7/13/16; Bay Journal, 7/14/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Preventing The Obama Administration’s National Ocean Policy. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to “prohibit funds to implement, administer or enforce the Obama administration's National Ocean Policy.” The National Ocean Policy sought to coordinate agencies enforcement of maritime laws, and was opposed by anglers and energy firms. The amendment passed 237-189. [HR 5538, Vote #445, 7/13/16; CQ, 7/13/16; Washington Post, 10/28/12]

Poliquin Voted For Preventing Stricter Rules For Oil Wells On The Continental Shelf. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment to “prohibit any funds from being used for the implementation of the April 2015 ‘Well Control’ rule, which mandates more stringent design requirements and operational procedures for critical well control equipment used in oil and gas operations on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf.” The amendment was adopted 234-195. [HR 5538, Vote #444, 7/13/16; CQ, 7/13/16]

Poliquin Voted For Cutting Spending In The Bill By One Percent Across The Board. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment “that would impose a one percent across-the-board spending cut to the bill. The bill would provide $32.1 billion for the Interior Department, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Forest Service and other agencies.” The amendment failed 171-258. [HR 5538, Vote #438, 7/13/16; CQ, 7/13/16]
Poliquin Voted Against Eliminating A Provision Prohibiting The President From Designating Grand Canyon Watershed, Sedona, And Bears Ear National Monuments. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment which would eliminate a provision allowing the President to designate “the proposed Grand Canyon Watershed and Sedona Monuments in Arizona and Bears Ears National Monument in Utah.” The amendment failed 202-225. [HR 5538, Vote #437, 7/12/16; Rep. Gosar Press Release, 7/13/16; Grand Canyon News, 6/21/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Allowing The Interior Department To Update Royalty Rates On Coal, Oil And Gas. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment which would “would allow the Interior Department to proceed with updating royalty rates and valuation for federal coal, oil, and gas.” The amendment failed 183-246. [HR 5538, Vote #435, 7/13/16; CQ, 7/13/16]

The Obama Administration Proposed Closing A Loophole That Benefits Companies Exporting Hydrocarbons At The Cost Of Taxpayer Revenue. “The changes, crafted under the administration of President Barack Obama, were aimed at ensuring companies don't shortchange taxpayers on coal sales to Asia and other markets. … Yet federal lawmakers and watchdog groups have long complained that taxpayers were losing hundreds of millions of dollars annually because royalties on coal from public lands were being improperly calculated. … Rules in place since the 1980s have allowed companies to sell their fuel to affiliates and pay royalties to the government on that price, then turn around and sell the coal at higher prices, often overseas. Under the suspended rule change, the royalty rate would be determined at the time the coal is leased, and revenue will be based on the price paid by an outside entity, not an interim sale to an affiliated company. … The Interior Department rule also included changes to oil and gas valuations, but those changes have attracted far less attention than coal royalties.” [Associated Press, 2/25/17]

Poliquin Voted Against To Preserve The EPA’s Authority To Develop Rules Relating To Methane Emissions. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against “remove the bill's provisions prohibiting the use of funds by the Environmental Protection Agency to develop rules or guidelines relating to methane emissions.” The amendment failed 187-240. [HR 5538, Vote #434, 7/13/16; CQ, 7/13/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Preserve The EPA’s Authority To Enforce Worker Protection Standards. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to “remove the bill's prohibition on the Environmental Protection Agency enforcing worker protection standards.” The amendment failed 177-249. [HR 5538, Vote #433, 7/13/16; CQ, 7/13/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Preserve Agencies’ Ability To Account For The Social Cost Of Carbon In Rulemaking. In July 2016 Poliquin Voted Against an amendment which would strike provisions from the bill in order to “allow federal agencies to use the social cost of carbon in rule makings and guidance documents.” The amendment failed 185-241. [HR 5538, Vote #432, 7/12/16; RSC, 7/12/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Preserve EPA Limits On Greenhouse Gasses From Power Plants. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to “remove the bill's provisions that would prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from limiting greenhouse gas emissions from new and existing power plants.” The amendment failed 182-244. [HR 5538, Vote #431, 7/12/16; CQ 7/12/16]

Clean Power Plan Was To Reduce Carbon Emissions, To Meet The American Target It Pledged At The Paris Talks. “The Clean Power Plan was designed to lower carbon emissions from U.S. power plants by 2030 to 32 percent below 2005 levels. Power plants are the largest source of U.S. carbon emissions. The Clean Power Plan is the main tool for the United States to meet the emissions reduction target it pledged to reach at U.N. climate talks in Paris last December.” [Reuters, 9/27/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Removing A Provision Regarding Insurance Requirements For Hazardous Waste Shipping To Compensate Victims In Crashes. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to remove the provision preventing new rules on the amount of “financial responsibility, either through insurance, a bond, or other financial security, as a means to protect the public in the event of a crash. An April 2014 Report to Congress found
that while catastrophic motor carrier crashes are rare, the costs for resulting severe and critical injuries can exceed $1 million; current insurance limits do not adequately cover these costs, which are primarily due to increases in medical expenses and other crash-related costs.” The amendment failed 190-236. [HR 5538, Vote #430, CQ 7/12/16; Lashly & Baer, P.C., undated]

Poliquin Voted For Eliminating Provisions Delaying An EPA Rule Requiring Certification Those Who Disturb Lead Paint. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment to “remove the bill's provisions that would delay implementation of an Environmental Protection Agency rule related to lead renovation, repair and painting.” The rule “requires that firms performing renovation, repair, and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities and pre-schools” use renovators with EPA approved training. The amendment failed 195-231. [HR 5538, Vote #429, 7/12/16; CQ, 7/12/16; EPA, accessed 3/13/17]

Poliquin Voted Against Eliminating Provisions Barring Environmental Assessments For Certain Forest Management Activities. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment “that would remove the bill's provisions that would bar environmental assessments for forest management activities related to insect infestations, increasing water yields or other purposes.” The amendment was rejected 170-256. [HR 5538, Vote #428, 7/12/16; CQ, 7/12/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Implementing A Monitoring Program For Water Quality In response To The Gold King Mine Spill. In July 2016 Poliquin Voted Against an “amendment that would decrease funding to state and tribal assistance grants by $6 million and increase funding by the same amount for the purpose of directing the Environmental Protection Agency to implement a long-term monitoring program for water quality of the Animas and San Juan Rivers in response to the Gold King Mine spill.” The amendment was adopted 219-207. [HR 5538, Vote #427, 7/12/16; CQ, 7/12/16]

Poliquin Voted For Eliminating Diesel Emission Reduction Grants. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment to eliminate Diesel Emission Reduction Grants. The amendment was rejected 175-250. [HR 5538, Vote #426, 7/12/16; E&E Daily, 7/12/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Eliminating EPA Funding For Climate And Energy Research. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to eliminate the EPA’s Air, Climate and Energy Research Program. The amendment was rejected 208-217. [HR 5538, Vote #425, 7/12/16; House Republican Caucus, 7/12/16; Clean Water Action, 7/12/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Allowing A Rule Restricting Emissions By Offshore Drilling Activity. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to remove the language from the bill prohibiting the finalization of “new air standards for offshore activity for the first time in more than three decades. Looking at operations in the Gulf of Mexico and the Arctic Ocean, the proposed rules are designed to rein in emissions on everything from offshore platforms to the icebreakers that clear the way off Alaska.” The amendment was rejected 181-244. [HR 5538, Vote #424, 7/12/16; CQ, 7/12/16; Houston Chronicle, 3/17/16]

Poliquin Voted For Allowing Development And Enforcement Of Regulation On Drilling Related To Oil, Gas, And Sulphur Operations In The Outer Continental Shelf. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “Castor, D-Fla., amendment that would remove the bill’s prohibition on developing, enforcing or updating regulations pertaining to drilling margins or static downhole mud weight as related to oil, gas and sulphur operations in the outer continental shelf. The bill would provide $32.1 billion for the Interior Department, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Forest Service and other agencies.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole 186-237. [H Amdt 1290 to HR5538, Vote #423, 7/12/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/12/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Establishing Criteria For When Flared Natural Gas Would Qualify As Waste And Thus Be Subject To Royalties. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against “Huffman, D-Calif., for Lujan Grisham, D-N.M., amendment that would remove the bill’s prohibition on finalizing or implementing proposed rules by the Bureau of Land Management that would establish criteria for when flared natural gas would qualify as waste and
thus be subject to royalties. The bill would provide $32.1 billion for the Interior Department, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Forest Service and other agencies.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole 184-240. [H Amdt 1289 to HR5538, Vote #422, 7/12/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/12/16]

**Environmental Groups Said Flaring Natural Gas Was A Strong Contributor To Climate Change And Resulted In Public Health Problems.** “The Republican-controlled House voted on Friday to overturn an Obama administration rule that sought to reduce harmful methane emissions into the environment, part of the Democrat’s campaign to combat climate change. […] Environmental groups and public health organizations opposed the rollback, saying the new rule will reduce the risk of ozone formation in the air and ozone-related health problems, including asthma attacks, hospital admissions and premature deaths. Methane, the primary gas burned off during flaring operations, is strong contributor to climate change. It is about 25 times more potent at trapping heat than carbon dioxide, although it does not stay in the air as long. Methane emissions make up about 9 percent of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, according to government estimates.” [Fox News, 2/3/17]

**Poliquin Voted For Allowing Interior Department Rules That Prevented River Contamination From Mines.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “Beyer, D-Va., amendment that would remove the bill’s prohibition on finalizing or implementing proposed Interior Department rules that would require a ‘stream buffer zone’ between a mining operation and a surface body of water for the purposes of preventing river contamination. The bill would provide $32.1 billion for the Interior Department, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Forest Service and other agencies.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole 190-235. [H Amdt 1288 to HR5538, Vote #421, 7/12/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/12/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Decreasing Funding For Payments To The Interior Department In Lieu Of Taxes By $13 Million And Increase Funding For The Hazardous Substance Superfund By The Same Amount.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “Norcross, D-N.J., amendment that would decrease funding for payments to the Interior Department in lieu of taxes by $13 million and increase funding for the Hazardous Substance Superfund by the same amount. The bill would provide $32.1 billion for the Interior Department, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Forest Service and other agencies.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole 143-282. [H Amdt 1287 to HR5538, Vote #420, 7/12/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/12/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Decreasing Funding For The Management Of Interior Department By $1 Million And Increase Funding By The Same Amount To Create An “Office Of Good Jobs” At The Department Of The Interior.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted against “Ellison, D-Minn., amendment that would decrease funding for the management of the Department of the Interior by $1 million and increase funding by the same amount for the purpose of creating an Office of Good Jobs at the Department of the Interior. The bill would provide $32.1 billion for the Interior Department, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Forest Service and other agencies.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole 173-251. [H Amdt 1286 to HR5538, Vote #419, 7/12/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/12/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Decreasing Funding For National Park Service Operations By $300,000, And Increase Funding By The Same Amount To Fund The New England National Scenic Trail.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “Himes, D-Conn., for Courtney, D-Conn., amendment that would decrease funding for operation of the National Park Service by $300,000 and increase funding by the same amount for the purpose of funding the New England National Scenic Trail. The bill would provide $32.1 billion for the Interior Department, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Forest Service and other agencies.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole 183-241. [H Amdt 1282 to HR 5538, Vote #418, 7/12/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/12/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Increasing The Funding For Law Enforcement Of The National Wildlife Refuge System By $2.4 Million, And Decrease Funding For The Management Of The Interior Department By The Same Amount.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “Castor, D-Fla., amendment that would increase the funding for the law enforcement of the National Wildlife Refuge System by $2.4 million and decrease funding for the management of the Interior Department by the same amount. The bill would provide $32.1 billion for the Interior Department, the
Environmental Protection Agency, the Forest Service and other agencies.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole 197-225. [H Amdt 1280 to HR 5538, Vote #417, 7/12/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/12/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Defunding Securities And Exchange Commission’s Guidance Relating To Climate Change.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted against “Posey, R-Fla., amendment that would prohibit funds from being used to implement, administer, enforce or codify into regulation the Securities and Exchange Commission’s guidance relating to "Commission Guidance Regarding Disclosure Related to Climate Change.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole 230-193. [H Amdt 1261 to HR5485, Vote #392, 7/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/7/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Bar Use Of Funds For Implementing Certain Green Energy Mandates.** In June 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment “that would bar use of funds for implementing certain green energy mandates.” The amendment passed 221-197. [HR 5293, Vote #322, 6/16/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Bill That Would Gut Clean Air Act Protections And Block Efforts To Reduce Pollution.** In June 2016, Poliquin voted against the Ozone Standards Implementation Act (HR 4775), which would “delay the implementation of the final rule promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2015 related to ambient-air-quality standards for ozone emissions. That rule, published in the Federal Register on October 26, 2015, requires states to determine whether different geographical areas in the states are in compliance with federal limits on ozone pollution and to submit plans to reduce ozone emissions to EPA starting in 2020. The legislation would delay the requirement for states to submit those plans until 2026. The bill also would require EPA to make several changes to its process for reviewing National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone and other pollutants. Notably, the bill would extend the review cycle for certain pollutants from 5 to 10 years and would allow EPA to consider technological feasibility when setting standards for safe levels of those pollutants.” The bill passed 234-177. [HR 4775, Vote #282, 6/8/16; Congressional Budget Office, 6/6/16]

**American Lung Association: HR 4775 An “Attack On Lifesaving Protections From Air Pollution.”** “The American Lung Association is deeply disappointed by the passage of H.R. 4775 in the U.S. House of Representatives, and calls upon the U.S. Senate to reject this dangerous bill. The ‘Smoggy Skies Act’ is a sweeping attack on lifesaving protections from air pollution. Not only would it block essential steps to protect Americans from dangerous ozone pollution for years, but it would also permanently weaken the Clean Air Act, undermining future health protections from dangerous pollutants such as particle pollution, carbon monoxide and lead.” [American Lung Association press release, 6/8/16]

**U.S. Chamber Of Commerce: HR 4775 Streamlines Air Permitting Process For Businesses To Expand Operations And Create Jobs, Criticized 2015 Ozone Standards For Being Duplicative.** “This legislation provides a common-sense approach for implementing national ambient air quality standards, recognizes ongoing state efforts to improve air quality through a reasonable implementation schedule for the 2015 ozone standards, streamlines the air permitting process for businesses to expand operations and create jobs, and includes other reforms that bring more regulatory certainty to federal air quality standards. … We have significant concerns that the 2015 ozone standards overlap with existing state plans to implement the 2008 standards, leading to duplicative and wasteful implementation schedules, and unnecessary and severe economic impacts.” [U.S. Chamber of Commerce press release, 4/18/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Motion To Block Republican Bill That Would Gut Air Protections If It Would Be Harmful To Human Health.** In June 2016, Poliquin voted against a motion that would “strike Republicans’ ozone implementation delay if the Environmental Protection Agency finds that doing so would increase asthma attacks, respiratory disease, cardiovascular disease, stroke, and heart attacks; Babies born with low birth weight and impaired fetal growth; Neurological damage, premature mortality; or other serious harms to human health, especially for vulnerable populations such as pregnant women, children, seniors, outdoor workers, and low-income communities.” The motion failed 173-239. [HR 4775, Vote #281, 6/8/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/8/16]
Ozone Standards Implementation Act Would Block Efforts To Reduce Pollution And Delay Reviews For Harmful Pollutants. The Ozone Standards Implementation Act (HR 4775) “would delay the implementation of the final rule promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2015 related to ambient-air-quality standards for ozone emissions. That rule, published in the Federal Register on October 26, 2015, requires states to determine whether different geographical areas in the states are in compliance with federal limits on ozone pollution and to submit plans to reduce ozone emissions to EPA starting in 2020. The legislation would delay the requirement for states to submit those plans until 2026. The bill also would require EPA to make several changes to its process for reviewing National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone and other pollutants. Notably, the bill would extend the review cycle for certain pollutants from 5 to 10 years and would allow EPA to consider technological feasibility when setting standards for safe levels of those pollutants.” [Congressional Budget Office, 6/6/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment That Would Prohibit Ozone Standards Bill From Taking Affect If EPA Finds That It Could Harm Human Health Or The Environment. In June 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Ozone Standards Implementation Act (HR 4775) that would “prohibit the bill from taking effect if the EPA finds that it could harm human health or the environment.” The amendment failed 171-239. [HR 4775, Vote #280, 6/8/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/8/16]

Ozone Standards Implementation Act Would Block Efforts To Reduce Pollution And Delay Reviews For Harmful Pollutants. The Ozone Standards Implementation Act (HR 4775) “would delay the implementation of the final rule promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2015 related to ambient-air-quality standards for ozone emissions. That rule, published in the Federal Register on October 26, 2015, requires states to determine whether different geographical areas in the states are in compliance with federal limits on ozone pollution and to submit plans to reduce ozone emissions to EPA starting in 2020. The legislation would delay the requirement for states to submit those plans until 2026. The bill also would require EPA to make several changes to its process for reviewing National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone and other pollutants. Notably, the bill would extend the review cycle for certain pollutants from 5 to 10 years and would allow EPA to consider technological feasibility when setting standards for safe levels of those pollutants.” [Congressional Budget Office, 6/6/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment That Would Add Hydrogen Sulfide To The List Of Hazardous Air Pollutants. In June 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Ozone Standards Implementation Act (HR 4775) that would “require the EPA to issue a rule that would add hydrogen sulfide to the list of hazardous air pollutants.” The amendment failed 160-251. [HR 4775, Vote #279, 6/8/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/8/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment That Would Prohibit The EPA From Considering “Technological Feasibility” When Establishing Air Quality Standards. In June 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Ozone Standards Implementation Act (HR 4775) that would “remove a portion of the bill that would allow the EPA to consider ‘technological feasibility’ when establishing new National Ambient Air Quality Standards.” The amendment failed 169-242. [HR 4775, Vote #278, 6/8/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/8/16]
Ozone Standards Implementation Act Would Block Efforts To Reduce Pollution And Delay Reviews For Harmful Pollutants. The Ozone Standards Implementation Act (HR 4775) “would delay the implementation of the final rule promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2015 related to ambient-air-quality standards for ozone emissions. That rule, published in the Federal Register on October 26, 2015, requires states to determine whether different geographical areas in the states are in compliance with federal limits on ozone pollution and to submit plans to reduce ozone emissions to EPA starting in 2020. The legislation would delay the requirement for states to submit those plans until 2026. The bill also would require EPA to make several changes to its process for reviewing National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone and other pollutants. Notably, the bill would extend the review cycle for certain pollutants from 5 to 10 years and would allow EPA to consider technological feasibility when setting standards for safe levels of those pollutants.” [Congressional Budget Office, 6/6/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment That Would Block Governments From Opting Out Of Pre-Construction Permit Applications. In June 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Ozone Standards Implementation Act (HR 4775) that would “allow federal, state, local and tribal permitting authorities to opt out of a provision that would exempt pre-construction permit applications from new National Ambient Air Quality Standards if the EPA does not also issue implementation guidance at the same time. The provision would not apply if the entities determine that application of the provision would increase air pollution, slow issuance of final pre-construction permits or increase the cost of achieving the new air quality standard in the area.” The amendment failed 171-235. [HR 4775, Vote #277, 6/8/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/9/16]

Poliquin Voted For Amendment That Would Limit Funding To Implement Ozone Standards Implementation Act. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the Ozone Standards Implementation Act (HR 4775) that would “state that no additional funds would be authorized to implement the bill.” The amendment passed 236-170. [HR 4775, Vote #276, 6/8/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/8/16]

Poliquin Voted For Bill That Would Modify The Terms Of A Land Exchange In Oregon. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill “that would modify the terms of a land exchange between the Forest Service and Mount Hood Meadows ski area in Oregon by reducing the amount of land the Forest Service can convey and modifying the required easements.” The bill passed 401-2. [HR 3862, Vote #275, 6/8/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/8/16]

Poliquin Voted For Bill To Implement Conservation Plan, Direct Funding To Wildfire Planning And Hazardous Fuel Reduction Projects, And Reduce The Size Of Three Wilderness Areas In Nevada. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill allowing “for implementation of a conservation plan associated with the Virgin River, authorize the Bureau of Land Management to use a portion of proceeds from certain land sales in Lincoln County, Nev., for wildfire planning and hazardous fuel reduction projects, and reduce the size of three wilderness areas in Nevada.” The bill passed 360-7. [HR 1815, Vote #272, 6/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/7/16]

Poliquin Voted For Bill To Allow Time-Limited Employees Of A Land Management Agency To Be Eligible For Permanent Positions. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for bill to allow “otherwise eligible employees of a land management agency serving under a time-limited appointment in the competitive service to compete for a permanent appointment in the competitive service: (1) at such agency when the agency is accepting applications from individuals within the agency’s workforce under merit promotion procedures; or (2) at any agency when the agency is accepting applications from individuals outside its own workforce under its merit promotion procedures.” The bill passed 363-0. [HR 4906, Vote #270, 6/7/16; CQ CRS Bill Digest, 7/18/16]

Poliquin Voted For Motion In Support Of Permanently Authorizing the Land and Water Conservation Fund. In May 2016, Poliquin voted for a motion to instruct House conferees to insist on the inclusion of Senate-passed provisions to the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2016 that would permanently authorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Motion rejected 205-212. [S 2012, Vote #264, 5/26/16; CQ Floor Votes, 5/25/16]
Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Prohibit Funds To Promulgate Regulations Based On The Analysis Of The Social Costs Of Carbon. In May 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment that would prohibit use of funds made available by the bill to issue regulations or guidance that references or relies on the social cost of carbon analysis. The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole 230-188. [HR 5055, Vote #256, 5/25/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Adding Amendment Stating That North American Energy Security And Infrastructure Act Will Not Prevent Federal Agencies From Considering Potential Impacts On Climate Change. In May 2016, Poliquin voted against a motion that would “commit the bill [North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act], as amended, to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would add a section to the bill that would state that it would not prevent a federal agency from considering potential impacts on climate change during permitting or approval processes undertaken in accordance with the measure.” The motion failed, 178-239. [S 2012, Vote #249, 5/25/16; CQ Bill Track, 5/25/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Remove California Drought Provisions From The Energy And Water Appropriations Bill. In May 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Energy and Water Appropriations bill that would remove California drought provisions from the bill. The amendment failed 169-247. [HR 5055, Vote #242, 5/25/16; CQ Bill Track, 6/6/16; Sacramento Bee, 5/25/16]

Poliquin Voted For Motion To Modify The Process EPA Uses To Test Chemicals. In May 2016, Poliquin voted for a motion to concur “that would modify how the EPA decides what existing chemicals to test and would require that decisions concerning whether chemicals may pose an unreasonable risk to health or the environment would need to be made without consideration of cost or other non-risk factors. It also would change the process the agency must follow regarding new chemicals, require the EPA to make science-based decisions in conducting risk evaluations and expand the EPA’s ability to collect and use fees to pay for chemical tests. Under the measure, state chemical safety laws would not be pre-empted under certain circumstances. The measure also would specify under what circumstances states could continue to regulate chemicals the EPA is already regulating.” The motion passed 403-12. [HR 2576, Vote #238, 5/24/16; CQ Bill Track, 6/6/16]

Poliquin Voted For Temporarily Prohibiting EPA & States From Requiring A Permit For Use Of Registered Pesticides Near Navigable Waters. In May 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill that would “temporarily modify the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) to prohibit the EPA or a state government from requiring a permit for the use of registered pesticides near navigable waters. The measure also would modify the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to prohibit the EPA and states from requiring permits for the point source use of a pesticide registered under FIFRA, with certain exceptions. The temporary prohibitions would end on Sept. 30, 2018.” The bill passed 258-156. [HR 897, Vote #237, 5/24/16; CQ Bill Track, 6/6/16]

Poliquin Voted Against A Motion To Prohibit Zika Vector Control Act From Applying If There Is Evidence That A Pesticide Causes Adverse Health Effects On Pregnant Women Or Fetal Development. In May 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion that would “prohibit the underlying bill from applying to the discharge of a pesticide if there is any evidence, based on peer-reviewed science, that the pesticide is known or suspected to cause adverse health effects on pregnant women, or cause adverse impacts to fetal growth or development, or early childhood development.” The motion failed, 182-232. [HR 897, Vote #236, 5/24/16; Democratic Leader – Motions to Recommit, 5/24/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Ensure Flint Children Obtain Safe Drinking Water And Health, Nutritional, And Educational Support. In May 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of a vote that would “address this public health emergency by helping Flint residents obtain safe drinking water and ensuring that the nearly 9,000 Flint children under the age of 6 who are at risk due to their exposure to lead-contaminated water receive the health, nutritional, and educational support they need to thrive.” The previous question carried, 233-174. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on safe drinking water and support for Flint children. [H Res 743, Vote #231, 5/24/16; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 5/24/16]
Poliquin Voted Against Establishing EPA Compliance Standards For Waste Coal Power Plants. In March 2016, Poliquin voted against legislation “that would establish EPA compliance standards for…power plants where at least 75 percent of the fuel used is waste coal from bituminous coal mining.” The bill passed 231-183. [HR 3797, Vote #123, 3/15/16; CQ, 3/14/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Preventing Establishment Of EPA Compliance Standards For Waste Coal Power Plants Until It Is Shown Doing So Will Not Increase Harmful Air Emissions. In March 2016, Poliquin voted against a motion that would prevent an act that would establish EPA compliance standards for waste coal power plants from taking effect until it can be proven that the act will not increase air emissions that harm “brain development or causes learning disabilities in infants or children” or increase “mercury deposition to lakes, rivers, streams, and other bodies of water, that are used as a source of public drinking water.” The motion failed 173-236. [HR 3797, Vote #122, 3/15/16; Democratic Leader, 3/15/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Requiring Report On Emissions Resulting From A Bill To Establish EPA Compliance Standards For Waste Coal Power Plants. In March 2016, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would require the Government Accountability Office to issue a report on the emissions of sulfur dioxide and other air pollutants that were a result of” a bill to that would establish EPA compliance standards for waste coal power plants. The amendment failed 179-235. [HR 3797, Vote #120, 3/15/16; CQ, 3/15/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Clean Air Act Rules Governing The Emissions Of Air Pollutants From Brick And Clay Manufacturers. In March 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill that would prohibit the EPA from regulating emissions of air pollutants caused by the manufacturing of brick and clay products. “The bill would prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from implementing two 2015 final Clean Air Act rules governing the emissions of air pollutants: the Brick and Structural Clay Products rule and the final Clay Ceramics Manufacturing… H.R. 4557 would delay implementation of these rules until litigation related to the rules is completed,” judgment becomes final, and (is) no longer subject to further appeal or review.”” [HR 4557, Vote #109, 3/3/16; Office of the Democratic Whip, 3/3/16]

Bill Supported By The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce. “The U.S. Chamber of Commerce… strongly supports H.R. 4557… The bill would ensure that the U.S. brick industry will not be forced to comply with the Brick Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) air quality issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) until after judicial challenges to the rule are resolved. … The Chamber released a report last month examining how the new Brick MACT rule could devastate the U.S. brick manufacturing industry… It is important that American industries are not unfairly penalized when they are compelled to comply with costly rules that are later overturned by the courts. This wasteful and unreasonable outcome must be avoided.” [U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 3/3/16]

Environmental Groups And LWV Opposed Bill, Cited Harmful Toxins Emitted From Facilities. “[B]rick manufacturing facilities … emit mercury, a dangerous neurotoxin that harms children’s developing brains, and other dangerous toxins including arsenic and chromium, that are known to cause cancer. … The BRICK Act aims to help the polluters avoid regulation, since it seeks to further delay implementation of toxic air pollution standards for brick facilities until every polluter’s lawsuit has been fully litigated and appealed, including to the Supreme Court. … Not only would the BRICK Act delay needed health protections, exposing Americans to more deadly toxic air pollution, but the BRICK Act would also insert the legislative branch into ongoing litigation and interfere with the authority of our judicial branch of government.” [League of Women Voters, 3/2/16]

Poliquin Voted For Requiring Hunters’ Access To Federal Lands, Blocking Prohibitions On Ivory Trafficking And Regulations On Lead In Bullets. In February 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill that would allow hunters greater access to federal land managed by the Departments of Interior and Forest Service while blocking restrictions on the trafficking of elephant ivory, combat regulations on lead contained in bullets, and prevent the Army Corps of Engineers from restricting firearms on Corps properties. “This bill would require the Interior Department and the U.S. Forest Service to provide access to lands managed by those agencies for hunting, fishing,
and recreational shooting. … Additionally, the bill blocks the Administration’s rule to restrict trade in elephant ivory and allows the importation into the U.S. of polar bear hunting trophies taken prior to when polar bears were listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The measure also amends the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from regulating lead contained in bullets, angling lures, and other hunting and fishing equipment.” [HR 2406, Vote #101, 2/26/16; Office of the Democratic Whip, 2/23/16]

**Obama Administration: Bill Would Combat Environmental Protections, Restrict Regulations On Firearm Possession And Hunting And Fishing Activities.** “[T]he Administration strongly opposes Title VI, which would: (1) exclude management decisions from the National Environmental Policy Act, the cornerstone law guiding environmental protection and public involvement in Federal actions; … (3) undermine the Wilderness Act of 1964. The Administration also strongly opposes the following: … Title IV, which would prohibit the Secretary of the Army from promulgating or enforcing any regulations that would prohibit the possession of firearms at water resources development projects with limited exceptions; … (5) Title XIV, which would restrict the ability of the Secretaries of the Interior and Commerce to regulate certain recreational or commercial fishing access to certain waters; (6) Title XV, which would potentially create public safety issues by restricting the ability of the Secretary of Agriculture and Forest Service Chief to regulate certain hunting and fishing activities within the National Forest System…” [Statement of Administration Policy, Executive Office of the President, 2/24/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Requiring Companies To Report Chemicals That Could Contaminate Public Drinking Water.** In February 2016, Poliquin voted against a motion “that would require any manufacturer of items that contain chemicals that could contaminate public drinking water to submit data to relevant state and federal agencies on the product's risks to human health and the environment, including studies on neurotoxicity and cancer-causing effects. Exposing the public to such items without these studies would be considered prohibited under a federal toxic substances law.” The motion failed 165-238. [HR 2406, Vote #100, CQ, 2/26/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Designate The Coastal Plain Of The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge As Wilderness.** In February 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment which “would designate the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness, and therefore a part of the National Wilderness Preservation System.” The amendment failed 176-227. [HR 2406, Vote #99, CQ, 2/26/16]

**Designating The Coastal Area Of ANWR A Wilderness “Would Put Oil Development In The Coastal Plain Further Out Of Reach.”** “Alaska’s congressional delegation has long sought oil exploration and production in ANWR, but there has been a stalemate over that idea for decades, with environmental groups strongly opposed and clashing with pro-development forces. Over 7 million acres of the refuge are currently managed as wilderness. Obama is asking Congress to approve another 12 million acres as wilderness, including the coastal plain. … Both sides of the long-running debate have said a wilderness expansion would put oil development in the coastal plain further out of reach.” [Alaska Dispatch News, 4/3/15]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Repeal The National Park Service Rule On Hunting And Trapping Practices In Alaskan National Preserves.** In February 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment which “would require the National Park Service director to withdraw a 2015 final rule on hunting and trapping in Alaskan national preserves, and would prohibit the director from issuing a similar rule.” The amendment was adopted 236-169. [HR 2406, Vote #98, CQ, 2/26/16]

**Natural Park Service’s Rule “Banned A Handful Of Controversial Hunting Practices On The 20 Million Acres Of Alaska’s National Preserves.”** “Driving a deeper wedge between state and federal game managers, the National Park Service on Friday banned a handful of controversial hunting practices on the 20 million acres of Alaska's national preserves where sport hunting is allowed. Among the “state-authorized practices being prohibited (because they) conflict with National Park Service law” are: Taking wolves and coyotes (including pups) during the animals’ denning season. Taking black bears with artificial light at den sites. Taking brown or black bears attracted to bait. Using dogs in black bear hunts. State law currently prohibits using dogs to hunt
big game, with an exception for black bears. … Shooting swimming caribou, a practice primarily used in the Noatak National Preserve in Northwest Alaska. Currently, state law prohibits taking big game that is swimming, but hunters may shoot a swimming caribou from a boat under power, and hunters can also shoot a caribou that has emerged from the water on the shoreline while the hunter is still in a moving boat. … The new rules, published Friday, override state regulations, and state officials contend they subjugate the state’s role, established under the Alaska National Interest Lands Act, as the managing authority of fish and wildlife on all Alaska lands. But the Park Service countered that the new rules only cement temporary regulations that have been imposed annually for several years.” [Alaska Dispatch News, 10/23/15]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Remove Gray Wolves From The Endangered Species List. In February 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment which “would reinstate the 2011 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service decisions to remove the gray wolf in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming from protection under the Endangered Species Act.” The amendment was adopted 232-171. [HR 2406, Vote #97, CQ, 2/26/16]

2014: Federal Judge “Threw Out An Obama Administration Decision To Remove The Gray Wolf … From The Endangered Species List – A Decision That Will Ban Further Wolf Hunting.” “A federal judge on Friday threw out an Obama administration decision to remove the gray wolf population in the western Great Lakes region from the endangered species list -- a decision that will ban further wolf hunting and trapping in three states.” [CBS News/AP, 12/19/14]

Poliquin Voted For Congressional Disapproval Of “Waters Of The United States” Rule, Which Expanded Jurisdiction Of EPA And Army Corps Of Engineers Under Clean Water Act. In January 2016, Poliquin voted for a resolution expressing congressional disapproval of the “Waters of the United States” rule. “The Obama administration announced new protections Wednesday for thousands of waterways and wetlands … On its face, the Waters of the United States rule is largely a technical document, defining which rivers, streams, lakes and marshes fall under the jurisdiction of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers. … The agencies and their supporters say the safety of drinking water and stream health are threatened because of weak state and local regulation and a lack of enforcement. The rule is meant to make it clearer which waterways EPA and the Corps of Engineers can oversee under the 43-year-old Clean Water Act, which covers ‘navigable waters’ such as the Mississippi River and Lake Erie but is vague on how far upstream protections must go to keep those water bodies clean.” The resolution passed 253 to 166. [S J Res 22, Vote #45, 1/13/16; Politico, 5/27/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Eliminate An Exemption Which Allowed Importing Polar Bear Trophies Taken In Sport. In February 2016, Poliquin voted against amendment to HR 2406. “An amendment No. 3 printed in House Report 114-429 to strike Title III, the exemption to import polar bear trophies taken in sport.” The amendment failed, 159 to 242. [HR 2406, Vote #93, 2/26/16]

2014: Hunters Who Killed Polar Bears In Canada Were Not Allowed To Import Their Game Into The United States. “Since 2008, dozens of polar bears have been held in frozen, climate-controlled conditions in Canada, waiting for the U.S. government to allow them into the country. There’s just one issue: These bears are dead. A complicated series of conservation laws and disagreements between the governments of Canada and the U.S. have left 41 American polar bear hunters and their prizes trapped in a bureaucratic limbo over the past six years. Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, who claims to be the only member of Congress to have killed one of the massive mammals himself, aims to remedy that this week. While the United States outlawed polar bear hunting in the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (except among Alaskan natives, who are still allowed to hunt the bears), the practice remains legal in Canada, attracting dozens of American big-game hunters every year.” [The Atlantic, 2/4/14]

Poliquin Voted For Legislation That Would Block Obama Administration Efforts To Restrict Mountaintop Removal Coal Mining Process. In January 2016, Poliquin voted for legislation that would block Administration attempts to restrict a controversial coal mining process. “A House Republican introduced a bill Monday that would block the Obama administration’s efforts to restrict the controversial mountaintop removal coal mining process. The Interior Department is planning to propose soon a regulation to restrict mountaintop removal mining near
streams in an effort to protect streams in Appalachia from the mining waste. … Mooney’s bill would stop Interior’s Office of Surface Mining from going forward with the rule for at least a year, stop it from using the Clean Water Act to justify the rule and require the agency to conduct a study into the industry impacts of the regulation.” The bill passed 235 to 188. [HR 1644, Vote #42, 1/12/16; The Hill, 3/30/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Preventing Delays To Rules That Address Imminent Or Long-Term Threats To Human Life And Removing Delays To Rules That Protect Public Health.** In January 2016, Poliquin voted against a Democratic Motion to Recommit that would prevent delays to rules that address imminent or long-term threats to human life. “The Democratic Motion to Recommit would protect American families and communities by preventing delays to rules that address imminent or long-term threats to human life, and removing delays to rules that protect public health in the event of an increase of life-threatening illnesses such as: heavy metal contamination, lung cancer, heart or kidney disease or birth defects in communities near mountaintop removal coal mining projects.” The Motion to Recommit failed 186 to 237. [H R 1644, Vote #41, 1/12/16; Motion to Recommit, 1/12/16]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Make It Easier To Postpone Delay Of A Rule If Delay Would Significantly Contribute To Development Of Negative Chronic Or Long-Term Health Conditions.** In January 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment to H.R. 1644 that would make it easier to delay the postponement of a rule “if there is a threat that a delay would cause or significantly contribute to the development of negative chronic or long-term health conditions.” The amendment failed 190 to 235. [HR 1644, Vote #40, 1/12/16; Morning Consult, 1/12/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit The North American Energy Security And Infrastructure Act From Taking Effect Until Carbon Impacts Are Analyzed.** In December 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act that would “prohibit the provisions of the bill from taking effect until after the Energy Information Administration has analyzed and published a report on the carbon impacts of its provisions.” The amendment failed 181-243. [HR 8, Vote #670, 12/3/15; CQ Floor Votes, 12/3/15]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Allow Some Voluntary Vegetation Management Without Being Held Liable For Wildlife Damage.** In December 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act that would “permit voluntary vegetation management within 150 feet of certain right-of-ways near structures for selective thinning and fuel reduction without being held liable for wildlife damage, loss, or injury, including the cost of fire suppression, except in cases of gross negligence or criminal misconduct.” The amendment was adopted 252-170. [HR 8, Vote #668, 12/3/15; CQ Floor Votes, 12/3/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Resolution Disapproving Of New Regulations Mandating Steep Cuts In Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Future U.S. Power Plants.** In December 2015, Poliquin voted for the passage of a resolution that would “disapprove of the Environmental Protection Agency emissions rule for new power plants issued on Oct. 23, 2015. The resolution provides that the rule will have no force or effect. The EPA rule sets specific emission limits for new fossil-fuel electrical power plants, limiting large new natural-gas-fired turbines to 1,000 pounds of carbon dioxide per megawatt-hour and smaller turbines to 1,100 pounds of carbon dioxide per megawatt-hour, with the option of averaging emissions over multiple years to allow for operational flexibility.” The resolution was adopted 235-188. [S J RES 23, Vote #651, 12/1/15; CQ Floor Votes, 12/1/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Resolution Disapproving Of New Regulations Forcing Steep Cuts In Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Existing U.S. Power Plants.** In December 2015, Poliquin voted for a resolution that would “disapprove of the Environmental Protection Agency emissions rule for existing power plants issued on Oct. 23, 2015. The resolution provides that the rule will have no force or effect. The EPA rule sets different emissions targets for 49 states based on their existing energy profile and requires each state to reduce emissions by a certain amount by 2030. Under the rule, states are required to submit proposed plans on how to reduce emissions to the EPA by June 2016, with the agency evaluating whether the plans reduce emissions and are enforceable.” The resolution was adopted by a vote of 242-180: [S J RES 24, Vote #650, 12/1/15; CQ Floor Votes, 12/1/15]
Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Require Website Post Number Of Environmental Reviews Initiated & Total Average Cost And Time For Infrastructure Projects. In November 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment “that would specify that a website required under the bill that would make publicly available the status of infrastructure projects that require environmental review would need to include the total number of environmental reviews that were initiated and the total average cost and time to conduct environmental reviews.” The amendment failed, 196 to 225. [HR 22, Vote #587, 11/3/15; CQ, 11/3/15]

Poliquin Voted Against A Measure To Ensure The Underlying Bill Wouldn’t Prevent Agencies From Assessing A Proposal’s Contribution To Climate Change. In October 2015, Poliquin voted against a “motion to recommit the bill to the House Natural Resources Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would state that the bill would not limit the authority of the lead permitting agency to assess the proposed activity's potential contribution to climate change.” The amendment failed 184-246. [HR 1937, Vote #564, 10/22/15; CQ, 10/22/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Mining Deregulation Bill Ensuring Environmental Impact Reviews For Mining Permits. In October 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act that would ensure environmental impact reviews for mining permits. “The bill would reduce or eliminate environmental reviews, and give mining companies control over the timing of permitting decisions, for virtually all types of mining operations on federal public land… [I]t requires the Interior Department to waive compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) if the federal or state permitting process is deemed ‘adequate’… Dingell Amendment … [c]larifies that mining permits are fully reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act.” The amendment failed, 181 to 248. [HR 1937, Vote #561, 10/11/15; CQ Floor Votes, 10/22/15; Office of the Democratic Whip, 10/22/15]

Evidence Of “Environmental Damage” From Rare Earth Mining. “Republicans pushed a bill through the House Thursday that allows the government to exempt gold, copper, silver and uranium mining on federal land from formal environmental reviews. … China is by far the world’s largest producer of rare earth minerals. But in June, China’s cabinet issued a paper saying that poor regulation of mining there had caused widespread environmental damage. In the U.S., there has also been evidence of environmental damage. The process not only disturbs land, uncovering naturally radioactive materials and toxic metals in rock and soil, but the chemicals and compounds used to refine the minerals can also cause contamination.” [Associated Press, 7/12/12]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment That Would Eliminate Mining Industry Giveaways. In October 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act that would eliminate giveaways to the mining industry by declassifying sand, gravel, and clay as “strategic and critical” national security minerals, a designation that would “reduce or eliminate environmental reviews, and give mining companies control over the timing of permitting decisions, for … mining operations … involving strategic or critical minerals. It does this by defining ‘strategic and critical’ minerals so broadly that they would include … materials such as sand, clay, [and] gravel…” Democratic Rep. Alan Lowenthal’s amendment “[c]larifies that the definition of ‘Strategic and Critical Minerals’ only includes the minerals identified by the National Research Council (NRC) as strategic and critical minerals (and any additional minerals added by the Secretary that meet the NRC’s criteria), and does not include sand, gravel or clay.” The amendment failed, 176 to 253. [H.R. 1937, Vote #560, 10/22/15; House Rules Committee, accessed 1/22/16; Office of the Democratic Whip, 10/22/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill That Would Fund Local And National Parks, Forests, And Wildlife Refuges. In October 2015, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of the Land and Water Conservation Act, a bill that provides funds and support for local and national parks, forests, wildlife refuges, and historical places. The previous question passed, 243 to 184. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H.Res. 481, Vote #555, 10/21/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 10/21/15]
Poliquin Voted For Weakening Environmental Review, Including Banning Carbon Costs Considerations, Of Major Federal Actions Related To Construction Projects. In September 2015, Poliquin voted for the Responsibly and Professionally Invigorating Development Act of 2015 (RAPID Act) which would weaken the environmental review and permitting process for federal construction projects. “This bill establishes procedures to streamline the regulatory review, environmental decision making, and permitting process for major federal actions that are construction activities undertaken, reviewed, or funded by federal agencies. … No more than one environmental impact statement and one environmental assessment for a project must be prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) for a project, except for supplemental environmental documents prepared under NEPA or environmental documents prepared pursuant to a court order. After the lead agency issues a record of decision, federal agencies may only rely on the environmental document prepared by the lead agency. … A lead agency may not use the social cost of carbon in the environmental review or environmental decision making process.” The bill passed, 233 to 170. [HR 348, Vote #518, 9/25/15; CRS, 1/14/15]

The RAPID Act Was Opposed By The Obama Administration. “The Administration strongly opposes H.R. 348, which would undercut responsible decisionmaking and public involvement in the Federal environmental review and permitting processes. As the Administration said when virtually identical legislation was considered previously, H.R. 348 would increase litigation, regulatory delays, and potentially force agencies to approve a project if the review and analysis cannot be completed before the proposed arbitrary deadlines. This legislation would complicate the regulatory process and create two sets of standards for Federal agencies to follow to review projects – one for "construction projects" and one for all other Federal actions, such as rulemakings or management plans.” [Office of Management and Budget, Statement of Administration Policy, 9/16/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Preventing The Weakening Of Any Provisions That Preserve Safe Drinking Water, Private Property Rights, And The Health, Safety, And Sovereignty Of Native American Tribes. In September 2015 Poliquin Voted Against a motion that would ensure provisions that safeguard drinking water, private property rights, and Native American sovereignty rights would not be weakened by the RAPID Act. The motion failed 175 to 229. [HR 348, Vote #517, 9/25/15; Motion to Recommit, 9/25/15]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Federal Agencies From Considering Greenhouse Gasses And Their Link To Climate Change When Reviewing Environmental Permits For Government Construction Projects. In September 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to HR 348 that would “bar federal agencies from using draft guidance for accounting for greenhouse gas emissions and their link to climate change in reviewing environmental permits for federal government construction projects.” The amendment passed 223 to 186. [HR 348, Vote #514, 9/25/15; Citizen Times, 10/2/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting Federal Agencies From Using Social Cost Of Carbon In Environmental Reviews And Decision Making. In September 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would have removed language “prohibit[ing] agencies from using the social cost of carbon in an environmental review or environmental decision making process.” The amendment failed 179 to 229. [HR 348, Vote #513, 9/25/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Exclude Projects That Would Limit Access To Hunting Or Fishing, Affect Endangered Species Or Automatically Approved By Lack Of Agency Decision. In September 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment “that would exclude projects that would limit access to or opportunities for hunting or fishing, or that would affect an endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act from the bill’s provision that would automatically approve projects if the agency has not made a decision within the bill’s deadlines.” The bill stipulated a deadline of between 90 and 120 days. The amendment failed, 187 to 223. [HR 348, Amendment #6, Vote #512, 9/25/15; CQ, 9/25/15]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Allow State, Local, And Tribal Officials To Extend Deadlines For Environmental Impact Studies. In September 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would have allowed state, local, and tribal officials to extend deadlines for environmental impact studies. The amendment failed 179 to 230. [HR 348, Vote #510, 9/25/15; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 9/25/15]
Amendment Was Part Of The RAPID Act, Which Rejected Inclusion Of Social Cost Of Carbon And Required Environmental Impact Studies To Be Completed Within Two Years. “The House passed a bill (HR 348) to scale back the National Environmental Policy Act as a regulator of large construction projects in the United States. The bill disavows the social cost of carbon emissions; sets a two-year deadline for completing environmental reviews; requires lawsuits challenging reviews to be filed within 180 days; limits the number of reviews per project; authorizes states to prepare alternative environmental assessments; and allows agencies to accept secondary rather than original analyses of environmental effects.” [Washington Post, 10/1/15]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Include Impact On Low-Income And Minority Communities In Environmental Impact Statements For New Construction Projects. In September 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to include potential impacts on low-income and minority communities in environmental impact statements for new construction projects. “The House has passed an amendment sponsored by Rep. Raul M. Grijalva, D-Ariz., to the RAPID Act (H.R. 348). The amendment would require regulators to include impacts on low-income and minority communities in their assessments of environmental impact statements for construction projects. Grijalva said the requirement would seek to fulfill ‘the promise of environmental justice for all communities.’” The amendment passed 320 to 88. [HR 348, Vote #509, 9/25/15; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 9/25/15; Albany Herald, 10/4/15]

The Amendment Was Part Of The RAPID Act, Which Streamlined Environmental Review Processes For Infrastructure Projects. “The House passed legislation on Friday to streamline the environmental review process for infrastructure projects. The bill passed largely along party lines by a vote of 233-170, with seven mostly centrist Democrats joining all Republicans in support. Under the measure, federal agencies would only have to use one environmental impact statement and one environmental assessment as required by the National Environmental Policy Act.” [The Hill, 9/25/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Prevent “Further Evaluation Or Adoption” Of Environmental Impact Processes That Did Not Address Risks Associated With Climate Change. In September 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that “sought to prevent further evaluation or adoption of an alternative that does not adequately address risks associated with flooding, wildfire, and climate change.” The amendment “would reform the review process for the environmental impact of federally-funded construction projects. The goal of these reforms would be to streamline the review process under the National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA. The bill also would prohibit the consideration of the ‘social cost of carbon’ in any environmental review or decision making process.” The bill failed, 170 to 228. [H Amdt 699, Vote #508, 9/25/15; Govtrack, 9/25/15]

Poliquin Voted Against To Require Criteria To Prevent Toxic Contamination Of Groundwater And To Protect Water Sources, Including Great Lakes. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that “would require implementing agencies to require that all surface impoundment structures meet criteria sufficient to prevent toxic contamination of ground water and to protect drinking water sources, including the Great Lakes.” The amendment failed, 184-240. [HR 1734, Vote #457, 3/25/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/22/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Requiring Alternate Safe Drinking Water Within 24 Hours If Drinking Water Had Unsafe Coal Pollution Levels. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that “would require the owner or operator of a coal combustion residuals surface impoundment to survey all nearby drinking water supply wells and to supply an alternative source of safe drinking water within 24 hours if well water sampling exceeds groundwater quality standards for constituents associated with the presence of coal combustion residuals.” The amendment failed, 192-231. [HR 1734, Vote #455, 3/25/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/22/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Requiring Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites To Follow Groundwater Monitoring Standards. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that “would require all inactive surface impoundments to follow post-closure groundwater monitoring standards in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) rule.” The amendment failed, 177-245. [HR 1734, Vote #454, 3/25/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/22/15]
Poliquin Voted Against Requiring Increased Disclosure On Groundwater Monitoring. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that “would require all inactive surface impoundments follow post-closure groundwater monitoring standards to meet current public disclosure requirements.” The amendment failed, 177-244. [HR 1734, Vote #453, 3/25/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/22/15]

Poliquin Voted For Overriding Legal Protections For Fish And Wildlife To Funnel Additional California Water To The San Joaquin Valley. In July 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill that would require that more water from Northern California be pumped south for agricultural uses in the Central Valley in times of drought. “The House bill aims to funnel more water to San Joaquin Valley growers by reducing the amount used to support endangered fish populations … environmental groups and commercial fishermen called the measure a bid to override legal protections for salmon, migratory birds and other fish and wildlife. They said it would repeal the settlement of an 18-year lawsuit involving the restoration of the San Joaquin River, and limit the federal government's ability to protect commercial and tribal fisheries on the Trinity and Klamath rivers.” The bill passed by a vote of 245-176. [HR 2898, Vote #447, 7/16/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/16/15; Los Angeles Times, 7/17/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Overriding The Supply Of Water For Drinking And To Fight Wildfires In The Western United States. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion to recommit that would ensure an adequate supply of water for safe drinking that is untainted by arsenic, salt, or other toxins which become concentrated in diminished water supplies, to fight wild fires, and to honor tribal water rights. The motion was rejected by a vote of 183-239. [HR 2898, Vote #446, 7/16/2015; Democratic Leader – Motions to Recommit, 7/16/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Provide Funding For Water Recycling And Reuse Projects. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would fund water reclamation programs and water reuse projects so that the Bureau of Reclamation can investigate additional opportunities to reclaim and reuse wastewater and naturally impaired ground and surface water. The amendment was rejected by a vote of 179-242. [HR 2898, Vote #445, 7/16/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/15/15]

Poliquin Voted For Providing Klamath River Basin Contractors More Formal Role In The Endangered Species Act Consultation Process. In July 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment that would provide contractors operating at the Klamath Project in Oregon and California, if Reclamation initiates actions under the Endangered Species Act, all the "rights and responsibilities" extended to applicants in the consultation process. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 246-172. [HR 2898, Vote #444, 7/16/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/15/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Collaborating With California Officials To Install A Fish Screen To Protect Migrating Salmon. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would direct federal agencies to collaborate with the California Department of Water Resources to “help installation of a fish screen at the Delta Cross Channel Gates to protect migrating salmon.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 182-236. [HR 2898, Vote #443, 7/16/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/15/15; Sacramento Bee, 7/15/15]

Poliquin Voted For Expediting Environmental Reviews Of Logging And Underbrush Removal Projects On Tribal And Federal Lands. In July 2015, Poliquin voted for the Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2015 that “would speed up environmental reviews of logging and underbrush removal projects on tribal and federal lands. The Obama administration opposes the measure … The bill would allow shortened environmental reviews for projects to remove trees after natural disasters such as floods, landslides or insect or disease outbreaks; tree removal to comply with forest management plans such as wildlife habitat improvement; and thinning to reduce the risk of wildfires. Democrats questioned a provision that would require individuals or groups that want to challenge approved projects in court to post bonds large enough to cover estimated legal fees and expenses.” The bill passed, 262 to 167, and then referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. [HR 2647, Vote #428, 7/9/15; CQ News, 7/9/15]

The Office Of Management And Budget Claimed HR 2647 Will Undermine Public Trust In Forest Management Projects. “HR 2647 includes several provisions that will undermine collaborative, landscape-
scale forest restoration by undermining public trust in forest management projects and by limiting public participation in decision-making.” [Office of Management and Budget, 7/8/15]

**Would Also Reduce Available Funding In The Forest Service’s Budget For Restoration And Risk Reduction Programs.** “[T]he requirement in H.R. 2647 to fully fund the ten-year average for wildland fire suppression would mean that less funding is available each year in the agencies’ budgets for restoration and risk reduction programs as it is diverted to the ever-increasing ten-year average.” [Office of Management and Budget, 7/8/15]

**Would Make It More Difficult To Challenge Forest Restoration Projects In Court.** “[T]he Administration opposes provisions in the bill that require litigants to post a bond when challenging forest restoration projects. As the Forest Service has demonstrated, the best way to address concerns about litigation is to develop restoration projects in partnership with broad stakeholder interests through a transparent process informed by the best available science.” [Office of Management and Budget, 7/8/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment Prohibiting President From Creating National Monuments Against Local Objection In States, Including Oregon, California, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah And Nevada.** In July 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment blocking the President from creating National Monuments in certain counties if there was local objection. “Cresent Hardy introduced an amendment to an Interior Department bill that would block Obama from creating monuments in areas with local opposition. His amendment made its way into the bill on a 222-206 vote, and lists counties in Nevada, Arizona, California, New Mexico, Oregon and Utah as off-limits. ‘This Antiquities Act has been abused,’ Hardy said in an interview Friday. ‘I am a huge supporter of protecting certain lands, but I think there’s a right process to go through it.’ Hardy accused Obama and Reid of pushing the Nevada monument to burnish their legacies.” The amendment passed, 222 to 206. [HR 2822, Vote #409, 7/7/15; Star-Tribune, 7/10/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment Cutting Funds By One Percent Across-The-Board For The Department Of The Interior, Environment, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2016.** In July 2015, Poliquin voted for the Blackburn amendment cutting funds from the Department Of The Interior, Environment, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2016 by one percent across-the-board. The amendment failed, 168 to 258. [HR 2822, Amendment #59, Vote #407, 7/7/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Sought To Disrupt The Ivory Market And Prevent Killing Of Elephants For Their Ivory.** In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would have sought to disrupt the ivory market and prevent killing of elephants for their ivory. The amendment “would block implementation of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service rules and policies necessary to disrupt ivory markets and ensure that U.S. citizens do not contribute to the ongoing slaughter of African elephants.” The amendment failed 244 to 183. [HR 2822, H.AMDT.584, Vote #405, 7/8/15; Congressional Quarterly’s House Action Reports, 7/8/15; NRDC June & July 2015 Legislative Threats to the Endangered Species Act, 8/3/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Maintain Endangered Species Protections For Gray Wolves, Sage-Grouse, And Long-Eared Bats.** In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to maintain endangered species protections for gray wolves, sage-grouse, and long-eared bats. The “House Interior Appropriations bill (H.R. 2822) which, as usual, contained numerous anti-ESA riders. One would strip gray wolves in Wyoming and the Great Lakes of ESA protections. One would eliminate tools that have been developed by industry and federal and state governments to protect the greater sage grouse and limit our options to properly manage this species and its habitat. One would increase the threats to the threatened northern long-eared bat.” The amendment failed 243 to 186. [HR 2822, H.AMDT.582, Vote #404, 7/8/15; Congressional Quarterly’s House Action Reports, 7/8/15; NRDC June & July 2015 Legislative Threats to the Endangered Species Act, 8/3/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Ending Prohibition On Using Funds To Implement Coastal And Marine Spatial Planning And Management Components Of The National Ocean Policy.** In July 2015, Poliquin voted against
“an amendment to strike section 425, which prohibits the use of funds to further implement coastal and marine spatial planning and management components of the National Ocean Policy” The amendment failed 191-238. [HR 2822, Vote #398, 7/8/15; H. Amdt 568, 7/8/15]


Costal And Marine Spatial Planning Involves Agencies Working Together And Sharing Information To Preserve Coasts And Ocean Ecosystems. “Coastal and marine spatial planning—or marine planning—is a science-based tool that regions can use to address specific ocean management challenges and advance their goals for economic development and conservation. Just as federal agencies work with states, tribes, local governments, and others to manage forests, grasslands, and other areas, they also can use marine planning to coordinate activities among all coastal and ocean interests and provide the opportunity to share information. This process is designed to decrease user conflict, improve planning and regulatory efficiencies, decrease associated costs and delays, engage affected communities and stakeholders, and preserve critical ecosystem functions and services.” [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, accessed 10/21/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Reducing Funding For The Secretary Departmental Operations To Increase Funding For The Environmental Programs And Management By More Than $1.9 Million. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against “an amendment to reduce funding for the Office of the Secretary Departmental Operations by 1,913,000 and increase the funding for the Environmental Programs and Management by a similar amount..” The amendment failed 188-239. [HR 2822, Vote #396, 7/8/15; H AMDT 550, 7/8/15]

No Funds From The Act Could Be Used To Reclassify The West Indian Manatee From An Endangered Species To A Threatened Species. “None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to consider a petition to reclassify the West Indian manatee from an endangered species to a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.” [CQ Floor Amendment Analysis, 7/7/15]

Environmental Programs And Management Is Focused On Running Programs To Reduce Negative Environmental Impacts. “Environmental management programs support the NIEHS Environmental Policy and the overall goal of reducing negative environmental impacts. These programs were established to assure compliance with federal, state, and local environmental regulations. Each program includes specific requirements that are documented in the NIEHS EMS Manual as well as a corresponding written plan, procedure, or instruction.” [National Institute of Environmental health Sciences, accessed 10/21/15]

Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Shift $4 Million From BLM To Fish And Wildlife Service To Fight Against Invasive Species. In July 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to reduce the Bureau of Land Management by $4,010,000 and increase the US Fish and Wildlife Service by $3,902,000. According to the amendment’s sponsor, Rep. John Garamendi, “There is a problem in the [Sacramento-San Joaquin River] delta … The delta is being totally overrun by water hyacinths. Other parts of the United States and the West are also finding these invasive water squats plants plugging their pumps, reducing water supply … What this amendment does is address that problem by adding $3,902,000 to the aquatic habitat and species conservation fund, thereby allowing the Federal agencies to work with the State and local agencies to attack the aquatic plants … those who want to have more water flowing south to the San Joaquin Valley and southern California’s great metropolitan areas, including Orange County, ought to be in favor of unplugging the pumps and getting the water hyacinths reduced in the delta.” The amendment failed, 181 to 244. [HR 2822, Vote #393, 7/8/15; Bill Summary, Library of Congress, 7/8/15, House Congressional Record, Page H4733, 6/25/15]
Poliquin Voted For An Amendment That Blocked Funding To Establish National Ocean Policy, A Policy Initiative Aimed At Increasing Planning And Coordination On Ocean Use. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment that blocked funding to establish national ocean policy, a policy initiative aimed at increasing planning and coordination on ocean use. “The House voted along party lines to attach an amendment from Rep. Bill Flores (R-Texas) prohibiting the use of funds to establishing the National Ocean Policy, an effort the Obama administration began in 2010 with the aim of improving coordination and planning. The House has attached the rider to spending bills in the past, driven by Republican assertions that the policy is akin to ‘zoning the oceans.’” 

The amendment passed 236 to 190. [HR 2578, Vote #291, 6/3/15; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 6/3/15; Environment & Energy Publishing, 6/4/15]

Poliquin Voted For Allowing The Speaker Of The House And Senate Majority Leader To Appoint Members To Committee Reviewing Energy Department Carbon Capture Research Program. In May 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment that would allow the Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate to appoint members to the STEM Education Advisory Panel and a second advisory committee that would oversee the Energy Department’s carbon capture and sequestration research program. The amendment passed 234 to 183. [HR 1806, H.Amdt. 248, Vote #253, 5/20/15; CQ Floor Votes, 5/20/15]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Listing Of Prairie Chicken As Threatened Or Endangered Species. In May 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment that would “prohibit the listing of the lesser prairie chicken as a threatened or endangered species until 2021. The amendment also would de-list the American burying beetle as a threatened or endangered species.” The amendment passed, 229-190. [H.R. 1732, Vote #236, 5/15/15; CQ Floor Votes, 5/15/16]

Poliquin Voted For Halting EPA’s Waters Of The United States Rulemaking Relating To Smaller Waterways That Feed Into Larger Ones. In May 2015, Poliquin voted for the Regulatory Integrity Protection Act which “would require the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers to withdraw its Waters of the United States rule. The rule would define the EPA’s oversight authority over streams, ponds and small waterways that feed into larger ones...” According to Rep. Donna Edwards, “H.R. 1732 would halt the current Clean Water rulemaking, and require the agencies to withdraw the proposed rule and restart the rulemaking process. This is after one million public comments, a 208 day comment period, and over 400 public hearings.” The bill passed 261 to 155. [HR 1732, Vote #219, 5/12/15; The Hill, 4/29/15; Edwards Press Release, 4/29/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Protecting America’s Waterways To Ensure Safe Drinking Water Supply. In May 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion that would “protect the quality of America’s water supply for safe drinking, particularly in the Great Lakes, which has been affected by harmful algal blooms; drought mitigation in California and the West; agriculture and irrigation; and flood and coastal storm protection from wetlands.” The motion failed 175 to 241. [HR 1732, Vote #218, 5/12/15; Democratic Leader, 5/12/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Prohibit Issuing Final Clean Water Rules If They Violated Previous Court Decisions. In May 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Regulatory Integrity Protection Act proposed by Rep. Donna Edwards. According to Edwards, “Under my amendment, the administration cannot expand the scope beyond those water bodies covered prior to the decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court in those two cases, and it cannot be inconsistent with Justices Scalia’s and Kennedy’s judicial opinions in Rapanos. In addition to that, they can’t increase the regulation of ditches.” The amendment failed 167 to 248. [HR 1732, Vote #217, 5/12/15; Edwards Press Release, 4/29/15]

Poliquin Voted For Amendment Limiting Water Used To “Flush Fish Diseases Out Of Klamath River.” In May 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment limiting the amount of water released from Lewiston Dam into the Trinity River, which protects salmon from becoming infected by fish diseases. “An amendment to a House appropriations bill to limit the amount of water sent down the Trinity River has come under fire from fish and wildlife groups that say the move could lead to a massive fish die-off downstream in the Klamath River. The amendment, by U.S. Rep. Doug LaMalfa, R-Richvale, would prohibit releasing more water from Lewiston Dam into the Trinity River in late summer to keep salmon from becoming sickened by fish diseases. LaMalfa said the
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which controls the dam, should not be allowed to send more water downstream than allowed under 15-year-old agreement called the ‘Record of Decision.’” The amendment passed, 228 to 183. [H.R. 2028, Vote #213, 5/1/15; Record Searchlight, 5/7/15]

Amendment Limited Amount Of Water Released From Dam Into Trinity River. “An amendment to a House appropriations bill to limit the amount of water sent down the Trinity River has come under fire from fish and wildlife groups that say the move could lead to a massive fish die-off downstream in the Klamath River. The amendment, by U.S. Rep. Doug LaMalfa, R-Richvale, would prohibit releasing more water from Lewiston Dam into the Trinity River in late summer to keep salmon from becoming sickened by fish diseases.” [Record Searchlight, 5/7/15]

Record Searchlight: 2012-2015: U.S. Bureau Of Reclamation Sent Higher Levels Of Colder Water To “Flush Disease-Causing Pathogens Out Of The River.” “During the past three years, the bureau has sent higher levels of colder water down the river to flush fish diseases out of the Klamath River. In the fall thousands of salmon annually swim up the Klamath River, crowding into pools, where fish diseases can spread in the warmer water conditions. The past three years, the bureau has used water from the Trinity, which flows into the Klamath, to flush disease-causing pathogens out of the river, ease fish crowding and lower the water temperature.” [Record Searchlight, 5/7/15]

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Fisheries And Environmental Groups Believed Measure Had Potential To Cause Massive Fish Die Offs. “An amendment to a House appropriations bill to limit the amount of water sent down the Trinity River has come under fire from fish and wildlife groups that say the move could lead to a massive fish die-off downstream in the Klamath River. The amendment, by U.S. Rep. Doug LaMalfa, R-Richvale, would prohibit releasing more water from Lewiston Dam into the Trinity River in late summer to keep salmon from becoming sickened by fish diseases. LaMalfa said the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which controls the dam, should not be allowed to send more water downstream than allowed under 15-year-old agreement called the ‘Record of Decision.’ … The amendment was added to the Energy and Water Appropriations bill, which the House approved last week.” [Record Searchlight, 5/7/15]

Pacific Coast Federation Of Fishermen’s Association Believed Fish Kill Would Negatively Affect West Coast Commercial And Recreational Fishing Industry. “Glen Spain, Northwest regional director of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Associations, said a fish kill would also hurt the West Coast commercial and recreational fishing industry. ‘Again, it’s going to affect the economy of the whole Northern California if we have another fish kill,’ Spain said.” [Record Searchlight, 5/7/15]

Higher Flows Into River Meant Less Water Was Piped Into Powerhouses, Forcing Redding To Buy More Expensive Electricity Elsewhere. “Higher flows down the Trinity River mean that less water is piped over the mountains from Lewiston Lake to the Carr Powerhouse at Whiskeytown Lake and the Spring Creek Powerhouse at Keswick Lake. When those two powerhouses generate less electricity, Redding Electric Utility has to purchase more expensive power from other sources, Eastman said. ‘Requiring the Bureau to maintain Trinity flows under the Record of Decision keeps more water available to all Central Valley Project water recipients, including Redding and agriculture in the North State,’ he said. REU pays about $6.5 million per year for electricity from the Western Area Power Administration, which distributes the power, said Barry Tippin, Redding’s assistant city manager. The city pays hundreds of thousands of dollars more for power if it has to get electricity from other sources when hydropower generation runs low, he said.” [Record Searchlight, 5/7/15]
Poliquin Voted For Amendment Prohibiting Funds To Regulate “Agricultural Activities” Identified As Exemptions Under Clean Water Act. In May 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment prohibiting the use of funds to regulate certain agricultural activities under the Clean Water Act. “LaMalfa, R-Calif., amendment that would prohibit funds made available under the act from being used to regulate agricultural activities identified as exemptions under certain sections of the Clean Water Act.” The amendment passed, 239 to 174. [H.R. 2028, Vote #212, 5/1/15; CQ Floor Votes, 5/1/15]

Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Block Bureau Of Reclamation From Buying Water To Increase Instream Flow To Help Fish. In May 2015, Poliquin voted for amendment to prohibit the buying of water for the purpose of enhancing river flow to help fish. “The House briefly debated at about 1:20 a.m. Friday, and eventually approved along nearly party lines, an amendment by Rep. Tom McClintock, R-Calif., that would block the Bureau of Reclamation from buying water for the purpose of supplementing river flows to help fish.” The amendment passed, 228 to 183. [HR 2028, Vote #211, 5/1/15; Associated Press, 5/1/15]

U.S. Bureau Of Reclamation Public Affairs Officer: Major Water Purchases Were Made To Meet Water Quality Standards. “Rep. Tom McClintock’s amendment to forbid federal agencies from purchasing water during California’s catastrophic drought in order to release it into rivers to meet environmental requirements was adopted May1 as part of the House of Representatives’ Fiscal Year 2016 Energy and Water Appropriations Act. The amendment was adopted on a vote of 226-9, and final passage of the Appropriations Act on a vote of 230-7. … Public Affairs Officer Erin Curtis said the agency’s major water purchases in recent years have been on the San Joaquin River in order to comply with the Vernalis Adaptive Management Plan intended to meet water quality standards at Vernalis, not far from where the Stanislaus River meets the San Joaquin River.” [Calaveras Enterprise, 5/8/15]

U.S. Bureau Of Reclamation Public Affairs Officer: Bureau Required By Law To Release Water To Protect Water Quality, Fish And Wildlife. “Curtis noted in an email that the bureau is required by a variety of environmental laws to release water to protect water quality as well as fish and wildlife. Among the beneficiaries of those releases are farms and cities that draw water from the San Joaquin River Delta.” [Calaveras Enterprise, 5/8/15]

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Poliquin Voted For Amendment Prohibiting Funding For Energy Department’s Climate Models Program. In May 2015, Poliquin voted for amendment prohibiting funding for the Energy Department’s climate models program. “The House has passed an amendment sponsored by Rep. Paul A. Gosar, R-Arizona, to the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. The amendment would bar funding for the Energy Department’s Climate Model Development and Validation program. Gosar said funding Energy’s ‘duplicative and wasteful’ climate modeling effort was not central to Energy’s mission and was redundant, given an abundance of other global climate models being adopted by other U.S. and foreign governments and private businesses.” The amendment passed, 224 to 184. [H.R. 2028, Vote #209, 5/1/15; Bangor Daily News, 5/8/15]

CQ Roll Call: Program “Evaluates Predictive Models Of The Earth’s Climate.” “Nearly all Democrats united to vote against the $35.4 billion spending measure (HR 2028), which advanced by a vote of 240-177
after lawmakers debated amendments late into the night Thursday and early Friday. … Lawmakers also approved an amendment 224-184 that would bar funding for a DOE program that evaluates predictive models of the Earth's climate.” [CQ Roll Call, 5/1/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting EPA Regulations That Relied Upon Non-Public Scientific Research.** In March 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill that “prohibits EPA from proposing, finalizing or disseminating a rule or other ‘covered action’ unless all scientific and technical information used to decide upon the rule is made available to the public so the research can be independently analyzed and reproduced.” The bill passed 241 to 175. [HR 1030, Vote #125, 3/18/15; CQ House Action Reports, 3/13/15]

*Would Limit EPA’s Ability To Write Regulations To Combat Pollution And Climate Change.* “Critics say the bill would severely handicap the EPA’s ability to write regulations necessary to fight pollution and climate change and protect the environment and human health, and would require the EPA to violate patient confidentiality. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy has criticized the accusation from the GOP, saying transparency and sound science are among the agency’s priorities.” [The Hill, 2/27/15]

### Ethics & Government Reform

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Require All Presidential Candidates To Release Their Tax Returns.** In December 2016, Poliquin voted for the “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 937) that would provide for House floor consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (S 2943) that would authorize $611.2 billion for defense programs in fiscal 2017.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would force a vote on H.R. 5386, which would require all presidential candidates to release their tax returns.” The motion passed 235 to 180. [H.Res. 937, Vote #596, 12/1/16; DemocraticLeader.gov, 12/1/16; CQ, 12/1/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amendment That Would Cut More Than $190K From The Office Of Congressional Ethics.** In June 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Continuing Appropriations and Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017, and Zika Response and Preparedness Act (HR 5325) that would “reduce funding for the Office of Congressional Ethics by $190,970, to the fiscal 2016 level, and transfer the same amount to the spending reduction account.” The amendment failed 137-270. [HR 5325, Vote #292, 6/10/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/10/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Limiting Power Of OCE And House Ethics In Investigating Members.** In January 2015, Poliquin voted for a House Rules package that contained a rules change that would help members under ethics investigations by the Office of Congressional Ethics and House Ethics Committee. “In one of its first actions of the new year, the House of Representatives on Tuesday approved rules changes that could give lawmakers a new defense against ethics investigations. The new language, added Monday night to the sections that establish the House Ethics Committee and the independent Office of Congressional Ethics, says the two bodies ‘may not take any action that would deny any person any right or protection provided under the Constitution of the United States.’ The language also states that a person subject to a review by the Office of Congressional Ethics ‘shall be informed of the right to be represented by counsel and invoking that right should not be held negatively against them.’ … ‘Clearly (the new language) was put in there to allow members of Congress to restrain certain activities of the ethics committees based on their own interpretation of what the Constitution means,’ said Craig Holman of the watchdog group Public Citizen.” The resolution passed, 234-172. [H Res 5, Vote #6, 1/6/15; USA Today, 1/6/15]

### Financial Protections & Wall Street

**Poliquin Voted For Requiring The US Government To Publish International Insurance Standards Before Agreeing To Them.** In December 2016, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill that would, as amended, prohibit the United States from agreeing to any proposed international insurance standards until the government had
publicly published the proposal, and would prohibit the adoption of any international insurance capital standards until the Federal Reserve had issued domestic capital standards for insurance companies. The measure would also specify objectives for U.S. officials negotiating international insurance standards, and would reduce, from $50 million to $43 million, the maximum amount of money that the Securities and Exchange Commission could deposit into its reserve fund during fiscal 2017.’” The bill passed 239 to 170. [H.R. 5143, Vote #613, 12/7/16; CQ, 12/7/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Modifying Dodd-Frank To Eliminate Requiring The Federal Reserve To Automatically Review Bank Holding Companies With Assets Over $50 Billion.** In December 2016, Poliquin voted for “Passage of the bill that would modify the Dodd-Frank Act to eliminate the requirement that the Federal Reserve automatically review bank holding companies with assets greater than $50 billion. The measure would authorize the Financial Stability Oversight Council to require enhanced Federal Reserve supervision and regulation of any bank holding company based on the FSOC's determination of the individual institution's riskiness.” The bill passed 254 to 161. [H.R. 6392, Vote #599, 12/1/16; CQ, 12/1/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Subjecting Banks With Over $50 Billion In Assets To Higher Scrutiny If They Are Being Sued By The US Government In Relation To The Financial Crisis.** In December 2016, Poliquin voted against the “Waters, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report back with an amendment that would subject certain bank holding companies to enhanced supervision and standards. The provisions of the amendment would apply to any bank holding company that has assets greater than $50 billion and against which the U.S. government has a pending lawsuit related to residential mortgage backed securities.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would add an exemption to the underlying bill for any bank holding company over $50B that has any pending litigation or enforcement matters with an agency of the U.S. government, including similar activities that occurred during the financial crisis.” The motion failed 178 to 236. [H.R. 6392, Vote #598, 12/1/16; DemocraticLeader.gov, 12/1/16; CQ, 12/1/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Allowing Employees To Defer Income Attributable To Certain Stocks That Are Transferred To The Employee By The Employer.** In September 2016, Poliquin voted for passage of a bill “that would allow certain employee stockholders in startup businesses to defer income taxes on stock options in their companies for up to seven years if the business offers stock options to 80 percent of their U.S. workforce. Chief executives or officers of the business and the highest-paid employees would not be eligible to defer taxes on the company's stock options, and the bill would require none of the company's stock could be publicly traded in any preceding year to be eligible for tax deferral.” According to Congress.gov, “this bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow an employee to elect to defer, for income tax purposes, income attributable to certain stock transferred to the employee by an employer.” The bill passed 287 to 124. [HR 5719, Vote #544, 9/22/16; Q, 9/22/16, Congress.gov, 9/22/16]

**HR 5719, The Empowering Employees Through Stock Ownership Act, “Would Ease The Tax Burden Of Private-Company Stock Options.** “A bill introduced in Congress this summer would ease the burden by letting some private-company employees defer the income, and thus the federal tax due, for up to seven years. (The bill would not affect state taxes.) But it would not eliminate the risk of paying taxes on paper profits. […] SB3152, the Empowering Employees Through Stock Ownership Act, is sponsored by Sens. Mark Warner, D-Va., and Dean Heller, R-Nev. A companion bill in the House, HR5719, also has a sponsor from each party. Both are early in the legislative process. The bill would apply to both stock options and restricted stock, but the main target is options.” [San Francisco Chronicle, 8/17/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Passage Of The Investment Advisers Modernization Act Of 2016.** In September 2016, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would eliminate requirements for private equity funds to annually submit an investment report to the Securities and Exchange Commission. The measure would exempt private equity funds from existing requirements regarding the relationship between investment fund managers and their investors. As amended, the measure would maintain the requirement in current law for private equity funds to submit to unannounced, independent audits.” The bill passed 261 to 145. [HR 5424, Vote #495, 9/9/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/9/16]
Poliquin Voted For The Accelerating Access to Capital Act, Which Expanded The Types Of Companies Who Could Use Simplified Disclosure Forms For Security Sales. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would expand the types of companies that can use a simplified disclosure form to register securities sales, and would exempt certain securities sales, like those to accredited investors, from the Securities and Exchange Commission's registration process.” The bill passed 236 to 178. [HR 2357, Vote #493, 9/8/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/8/16]

Poliquin Voted Against A Motion To Add Requirement That Investors Disclose Cybersecurity Risks To Be Eligible For Some SEC Filing Exemptions. In September 2016, Poliquin voted against a “motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would require accredited investors to disclose cybersecurity risks in order to be eligible for exemptions from certain filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.” The motion was rejected 180 to 233. [HR 2357, Vote #492, 9/8/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/8/16; Congressional Record, 9/8/16]

Poliquin Voted For Providing For Consideration Of HR 2357, Accelerating Access To Capital Act Of 2015; And Providing For Consideration Of HR 5424, Investment Advisers Modernization Act Of 2016. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 844) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2357) that would require the Securities and Exchange Commission to expand the types of companies that can use a simplified disclosure form to register securities, and the bill (HR 5424) that would reduce or eliminate certain reporting requirements for private equity funds.” The motion was agreed to 238 to 180. [HR 5063, Vote #489, 9/8/16; CQ Floor Votes, 9/8/16]

SEC Rule Required A Public Company To Disclose The Ratio Of The Compensation Of Its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) To The Median Compensation Of Its Employees. “The Securities and Exchange Commission today adopted a final rule that requires a public company to disclose the ratio of the compensation of its chief executive officer (CEO) to the median compensation of its employees. The new rule, mandated by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, provides companies with flexibility in calculating this pay ratio, and helps inform shareholders when voting on ‘say on pay.’” [Securities and Exchange Commission, Press Release, 8/5/15]

Poliquin Voted For Defunding Securities And Exchange Commission’s Pay Ratio Disclosure Rules. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against “Huizenga, R-Mich., amendment that would prohibit the use of funds to finalize, implement, administer or enforce the Securities and Exchange Commission’s Pay Ratio Disclosure rules.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole 236-185. [H Amdt 1254 to HR5485, Vote #385, 7/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/7/16]

Poliquin Voted For The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau To Implement Any Contract With A Vendor To Provide Consumer Awareness. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “Hartzler, R-Mo., amendment that would prohibit funds from being used by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to implement any contract with a vendor to provide informational messages.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole 242-179. [H Amdt 1271 to HR5485, Vote #396, 7/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/7/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Defunding Securities And Exchange Commission’s Pay Ratio Disclosure Rules. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against “Huizenga, R-Mich., amendment that would prohibit funds from being used to
enforce a Securities and Exchange Commission rule pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Act relating to ‘conflict minerals.’ The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole 236-188. [H Amdt 1253 to HR5485, Vote #384, 7/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/7/16]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau From Administering Guidance On Indirect Auto Lending. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “Guinta, R-N.H., amendment that would prohibit the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau from using funds to enforce or administer guidance pertaining to indirect auto lending.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole 260-162. [H Amdt 1251 to HR 5485, Vote #383, 7/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/7/16]

Opponents Said Amendment Could Stop The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau From Protecting Minorities Against Discriminatory Vehicle Loans. “The House has passed an amendment sponsored by Rep. Frank C. Guinta, a New Hampshire Republican, to the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act (HR 5485). The amendment would block funding for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to issue regulatory guidance for indirect auto lending. Guinta said guidance issued by the Bureau in 2013 could end the ability of car dealers to provide discounted interest rates on loans for vehicles purchased at the dealers, making it harder for consumers to finance vehicle purchases. An amendment opponent, Rep. Maxine Waters, a California Democrat, said it would stop the Bureau from protecting minorities against discriminatory vehicle loans.” [Targeted News Service, 7/10/16]

Poliquin Voted For Defunding The Designation Of Any Non-Bank Financial Company As “Too Big To Fail.” In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “Garrett, R-N.J., amendment that would prohibit the use of funds to designate any non-bank financial company as ‘too big to fail’ or as a ‘systemically important financial institution’ or to make a determination that material financial distress at a non-bank financial company could pose a threat to U.S. financial stability.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole 239-182. [H Amdt 1248 to HR5485, Vote #381, 7/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/7/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Defunding Proposal That Made It Easier For Investors To Defeat Corporate Boards’ Candidates During The Annual Proxy Process. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against “Garrett, R-N.J., amendment that would prohibit the Securities and Exchange Commission from proposing or implementing a rule that mandates the use of universal proxy ballots during proxy contests.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole 243-180. [H. Amdt.1247 to HR5485, Vote #380, 7/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/7/16]

Amendment Defunded Proposal That Made It Easier For Activist Investors To Defeat Corporate Boards’ Candidates During The Annual Proxy Process. “The U.S. House on Thursday nixed a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission proposal for ‘universal proxy ballots’ that would make it easier for activist investors to defeat corporate boards’ candidates during the annual proxy process. The House agreed 243-180 to an amendment by Rep. Scott Garrett, R-N.J., to its 2017 spending bill adding language that prohibits the SEC from proposing or implementing a rule that mandates the use of the universal ballots during proxy contests. The overall spending bill passed the House 239-185 vote, largely along party lines.” [Law360, 7/8/16]

Poliquin Voted For Striking A Section Of The Bill Prohibiting Funds From Being Used By The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau To Enforce Regulations Related To Payday Loans, Vehicle Loans, Or Other Similar Loans. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment that would “strike a section in the bill that would prohibit funds from being used by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to enforce regulations or rules with respect to payday loans, vehicle title loans or other similar loans during fiscal 2017.” The amendment failed 182-240. [HR 5485, Vote #369, 7/6/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/6/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Increasing Funding For The Securities And Exchange Commission By $50 Million. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to “increase funding for the Securities and Exchange Commission by $50 million.” The amendment failed 183-238. [HR 5485, Vote #362, 7/6/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/6/16]
Poliquin Voted Against Striking Sections Repealing Funding For The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau And Changing The Bureau’s Management Structure. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against en bloc amendments that would “strike sections that would: repeal provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act that fund the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) through transfer of funds directly from the Federal Reserve without the need for appropriations, require the CFPB to notify Congress and publicly post on its website when it requests a transfer of funds from the Federal Reserve during fiscal 2017, and change the CFPB’s management structure.” The amendment failed 179-243. [HR 5485, Vote #361, 7/6/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/6/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Barring The Use Of Funds For The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau To Regulate Pre-Dispute Arbitration Between Consumers And Firms. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to “strike the bill’s provision that would bar use of funds for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to regulate pre-dispute mandatory arbitration agreements in consumer contracts with firms offering financial products.” The amendment failed 181-236. [HR 5485, Vote #360, 7/6/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/6/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Striking A Provision Preventing The IRS From Issuing Guidance Defining Political Activity For 501c4s. In June 2016, Poliquin voted against Becerra amendment to “strike a provision that would prevent the Internal Revenue Service from issuing guidance to define political activity for 501(c)(4) (‘social welfare’) organizations.” The amendment failed 183-239. [HR 5485, Vote #359, 7/6/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/6/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Decreasing The Community Development Financial Institutions Account By $75 Million. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against Duffy amendment to “decrease the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) account by $75 million to offset an augmentation of this account by the Justice Department through settlement agreements, which required banks to donate $75 million to certified CDFI entities” The amendment failed 166-254. [HR 5485, Vote #358, 7/6/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/6/16]

Poliquin Voted For A Resolution Disapproving Labor Department’s Expansion Of “Fiduciary Rule” To Cover Conflict-Of-Interest Risks By Retirement Advisors. In April 2016, Poliquin voted for a joint resolution blocking a Labor Department rule imposing the ‘fiduciary rule’ for retirement advisers. The measure “would invalidate a rule to define ‘fiduciary’ as anyone compensated for individualized retirement investment advice, thus requiring them to act in the best interest of their clients…Financial advisers claim that brokers’ regulatory costs and liability concerns would increase if the rule goes into effect. But supporters argue the new guidelines would close loopholes that have allowed retirement advisers to promote substandard investment options for their own financial benefit.” The resolution passed, 234 to 183. [H J Res 88, Vote #176, 4/28/16; CQ Roll Call, 4/21/16]

Poliquin Voted For Easing Regulations That Safeguard Against General Solicitation From Companies Issuing Private Securities. In April 2016, Poliquin voted for the Helping Angels Lead Our Startups Act of 2016, a bill easing prohibitions of general solicitation by companies issuing private securities. “The bill…would create a new exemption to the prohibition on general solicitation for companies issuing private securities. It would require the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise its Regulation D so that the prohibition against general solicitation does not apply to presentations or communications made at an event sponsored by certain groups.” The bill passed, 325-89. [H Res 4498, Vote #171; CQ News, 4/26/16]

Obama Administration Office Of Management And Budget: Easing Capital-Raising Creates New Risks To Certain Investors. A White House OMB Statement of Administration Policy said that “Creating a new exemption…may make it easier for companies to access necessary capital, but providing such an exemption comes at the cost of potentially increasing undue risk for certain investors.” [White House Office of Management And Budget, 4/26/16]

Poliquin Voted For To Make It Easier For Small Bank To Take On Additional Debt To Make Acquisitions. In April 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill “that would direct the Federal Reserve Board to revise a policy statement that allows small bank holding companies to take on higher levels of debt to purchase an acquisition than permitted for larger holding companies. Specifically, the amount of consolidated assets a holding company can have and be
covered under the policy statement would be increased from less than $1 billion to less than $5 billion.” The bill passed 247-171. [HR 3791, Vote #149, 4/14/16; CQ Floor Votes, 4/14/16]

**Bill Would Make It Easier For Small Lenders To Make Acquisitions By Allowing To Operate With Higher Debt.** “The House Financial Services Committee approved a bill that would enable more small lenders to make acquisitions and form new bank and thrift holding companies… H.R. 3791, which would increase the consolidated asset threshold under the Federal Reserve’s Small Bank Holding Company Policy Statement to $5 billion from $1 billion.” [Bloomberg BNA, 12/9/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Would Provide Funding To The Financial Stability Oversight Council and Office Of Financial Research Through The Appropriations Process.** In April 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill that “would place funding for the Financial Stability Oversight Council and the Office of Financial Research (OFR) under the annual appropriations process. Additionally, the bill would require the OFR to quarterly report to Congress on its spending, staff and performance. It also would provide for a minimum 90-day public notice and comment period before the OFR could issue any proposed rule, report or regulation.” The bill passed 239-179. [HR 3340, Vote #146, 4/14/16; CQ Floor Votes, 4/14/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Preventing Bank Regulators From “Requesting Or Ordering Banks” To Close Customer Accounts Involved In Ongoing Law Enforcement Investigations.** In February 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill to “limit regulators’ ability to request shutting off bank accounts associated with businesses suspected of fraud. Passed largely along party lines by a vote of 250-169, the bill would prevent banking regulators from requesting or ordering banks to close specific customer accounts unless the reason isn’t based solely on reputation.” The bill passed 250 to 169. [H. 766, Vote #63, 2/4/16; The Hill, 2/4/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Motion Ensuring Financial Institutions Have Not Broken The Law By Taking Advantage Of Service Members Or Abusing Mortgage Market.** In February 2016, Poliquin voted against a motion that would have prevented the Financial Institution Customer Protection Act of 2016 from taking effect until it had been certified that financial institutions covered by bill haven’t broken the law, taken advantage of service members or perpetrated abuses in the mortgage market during the previous five years. The motion failed, 177 to 240. [H.R. 766, Vote #62, 2/4/16; Congressional Record, 2/4/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Reducing Transparency Requirements For Firms That Offer Stock Options.** In February 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill that “would reduce the disclosure burden on firms that offer stock options to their employees.” The bill passed 265 to 159. [HR 1675, Vote #61, 2/3/16; Business Wire, 2/4/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Excluding Individuals Convicted Of Securities-Related Crimes From Reduced Disclosure Over Employee Stock Options.** In February 2016, Poliquin voted against a motion that would have, “prohibit[ed] individuals convicted of felonies or misdemeanors involving securities from making use of the exemptions or other authorities that would be provided under the bill.” The underlying bill, “would reduce the disclosure burden on firms that offer stock options to their employees.” The motion failed 184 to 241. [HR 1675, Vote #60, 2/3/16; CQ Floor Votes, 2/3/16; Business Wire, 2/4/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Legislation That Would Revoke The CFPB’s Guidance On Auto Lending.** In November 2015, Poliquin voted for legislation which “would revoke 2013 auto lending guidance from the CFPB. The guidance suggests lenders should either impose limits on or eliminate dealerships’ ability to adjust, on a case-by-case basis, the amount of compensation they keep for arranging a consumer auto loan, a discretionary practice that the CFPB says can lead to discriminatory loan pricing.” The bill passed the House, 332 - 96. [HR 1737, Vote #637, 11/18/15; Automotive News, 11/18/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Legislation Providing Legal Protections For Lenders Who Issue Predatory Loans.** In November 2015, Poliquin voted for legislation that would prevent borrowers from filing claims against holders of loans that contain abusive and harmful terms. “Under the bill, depository institutions that hold a loan in portfolio would receive a legal safe harbor even if the loan contains terms and features that are abusive and harmful to
consumers. The bill would limit the right of borrowers to file claims against holders of such loans and against mortgage originators who directed them to the loans, the White House said.” The bill passed the House, 255 - 174. [HR 1210, Vote #636, 11/18/15; Housing Wire, 11/18/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Measure To Protect The Rights Of Veterans To File Lawsuits If Their Mortgages Violate Anti-Predatory Lending Laws.** In November 2015, Poliquin voted against a Democratic Motion to Recommit which would “protect veterans and members of the Armed Forces by preserving their right to file a lawsuit if their mortgages violate anti-predatory lending laws; and prevent mortgage brokers from receiving bonuses for steering servicemembers or veterans into mortgages that are more expensive than what they qualify for under their credit profile.” The motion to recommit failed in the House, 184 - 242. [HR 1210, Vote #635, 11/18/15; Motion to Recommit, 11/18/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Bill To Prevent Department Of Labor From Issuing Fiduciary Rule “Setting Standards Of Conduct For Brokers And Dealers Of Securities.”** In October 2015, Poliquin voted for HR 1090, the Retail Investor Protection Act. “H.R. 1090 would prohibit the Secretary of Labor from finalizing a regulation related to certain investment advisors until the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) issues a final rule setting standards of conduct for brokers and dealers of securities. The regulation that would be delayed by the bill will define the circumstances under which an individual is considered to be a fiduciary when providing investment advice to employee retirement and other benefit plans and their participants. Under current law, the SEC is authorized to develop regulations that establish the same standards of conduct for brokers and dealers that are already in place for investment advisors when providing advice to persons who use the information for personal reasons.” [HR 1090, Vote #575, 10/27/15; Congressional Budget Office, 10/21/15]

**Bill Did Not Direct Securities And Exchange Commission To Issue Fiduciary Rule; Commission Had Not Proposed Rule.** “Because the bill would not direct the SEC to issue a rule on standards of conduct, CBO expects that implementing H.R. 1090 would not affect the SEC’s workload or its costs. Enacting H.R. 1090 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.” [Congressional Budget Office, 10/21/15]

**TIME Money, Ian Salisbury Opinion: Bill Did Not Prohibit Instituting Of Fiduciary Standard, But Required Department Of Labor To Defer To Securities And Exchange Commission’s Parallel Efforts.** “To be sure, the mechanics get a bit more complicated: Tuesday’s bill technically doesn’t nix the fiduciary standard. It requires the Labor Department to defer to the Securities and Exchange Commission’s parallel efforts. There is some merit to that: It is certainly possible to quibble about the Labor Department’s proposal. But given the fact that many of the same lawmakers who voted for latest bill have also fought to squelch the S.E.C.’s own efforts, it seems unlikely their objections are purely a matter of defending bureaucratic jurisdiction.” [TIME Money, Ian Salisbury Opinion, 10/28/15]

**TIME Money, Ian Salisbury Opinion: Bill Preventing Rule To Protect Retail Investors Was “In True, It-Can-Only-Happen-In-Washington-Style.”** “On Tuesday, the House passed, ‘The Retail Investor Protection Act.’… Confused? You should be. In true, it-can-only-happen-in-Washington-style, the Act actually prevents the Department of Labor from implementing a rule retail investor advocates have been promoting for close to a decade. As Morningstar analyst and long-time industry watch John Rekenthaler recently lamented, ‘George Orwell would be amused.’” [TIME Money, Ian Salisbury Opinion, 10/28/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Allow Department Of Labor To Adopt Fiduciary Rule Regarding Investment Advisors.** In October 2015, Poliquin voted against amendment to HR 1090. “H.AMDT.732 to H.R.1090 Amendment sought to allow the Department of Labor to complete and adopt a rule to require that investment advisers act solely in the best interests of the workers and retirees who rely upon them in making financial decisions regarding their retirement.” The amendment failed 184 to 246. [HR 1090, Vote #574, 10/27/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Weakening Federal Oversight Of American Financial Institutions Trading Overseas.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted for final passage of HR 2289, The Commodity End-User Relief Act of 2015. The bill
limited “the CFTC’s authority to regulate cross-border derivatives trading. It would require the agency to issue rules that allow U.S. firms to carry out trades in the eight largest foreign markets without U.S. supervision, provided those countries have equivalent oversight.” The bill passed 246 to 171. [HR 2289, Vote #309, 6/9/15; CQ News, 6/9/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of Bill Restricting Ability Of Commodity Futures Trading Commission To Regulate Wall Streets’ Banks Overseas Trade.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted for the consideration of a bill reauthorizing the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. “The U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation to curb the power of the nation’s top derivatives regulator, advancing the measure over Democrats’ objections and in the face of a veto threat from President Barack Obama. The Republican-led House on Tuesday voted 246-171, mostly along party-lines, for a bill that would renew the responsibilities of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission while limiting its ability to regulate Wall Street banks’ overseas trades. It also would force the CFTC to do more cost-analysis of its rules, a key requirement that could stall the agency’s work.” The resolution passed 243 to 182. [H. Res. 288, Vote #274, 6/3/15; Bloomberg News, 6/9/15]

**Bloomberg News: Bill Would Force CFTC To Conduct Additional Cost Analysis Of Its Rules, “A Key Requirement That Could Stall The Agency’s Work.”** “The U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation to curb the power of the nation’s top derivatives regulator, advancing the measure over Democrats’ objections and in the face of a veto threat from President Barack Obama. The Republican-led House on Tuesday voted 246-171, mostly along party-lines, for a bill that would renew the responsibilities of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission while limiting its ability to regulate Wall Street banks’ overseas trades. It also would force the CFTC to do more cost-analysis of its rules, a key requirement that could stall the agency’s work.” [Bloomberg News, 6/9/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Limiting Funding For Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill that limited funding for the CFPB. “Passage of the bill that would formally establish three advisory boards with which the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) that must consult on matters regarding small businesses, credit unions and community banks. The measure is offset by limiting funding for the CFPB in future years. As amended, the bill would encourage the CFPB to ensure the participation of veteran-owned small-business concerns as members of the Small Business Advisory Board.” The bill passed 235-183. [HR 1195, Vote #167, 4/22/15; CQ News, 4/22/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Measure To Prohibit Individuals Or Companies Convicted Of Predatory Lending From Serving On CFPB Boards.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion that protected military bases and veterans from predatory lenders. The motion would “prohibit individuals from serving as members of the any of the advisory boards if within the last ten years they have been employed or acted as an agent of a company whose been subject to a state or federal enforcement action for predatory lending or fraud against veterans or servicemembers.” The motion was rejected, 184-234. [HR 1195, Vote #166, 4/22/15; CQ News, 4/22/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Mandating Private Sector Input On Federal Agency Rules, Expand Judicial Review, And Restrict CFPB Funding.** In February 2015, Poliquin voted for the Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2015. “in a new GOP attempt to roll back federal regulations, the House passed a measure Wednesday aimed at limiting agency rules that impose unfunded mandates. Lawmakers approved the bill 250-173, after adding a provision that would restrict funding for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau…The main part of the bill (HR 50) would expand and modify the 1995 Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (PL 104-4) that requires all federal agencies to consult with the private sector when developing rules... The measure would extend judicial review of agency rules and permit a court to stay, enjoin or invalidate a rule if an agency fails to complete the required UMRA analysis or adhere to the regulatory principles.” The bill passed 250 to 173. [HR 50, Vote #64, 2/4/15; CQ News, 2/4/15]

**Coalition For Sensible Safeguards: “The Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act Lets Big Business Write The Rules.”** “But the Coalition for Sensible Safeguards (CSS) says the bill would give businesses special access to regulators and block hypothetical future rules without the public knowing. “The
Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act lets big business write the rules,‘ Katherine McFate, president of the Center for Effective Government and CSS co-chair, said in a statement. ‘It doesn’t improve or streamline the regulatory process, which is already plagued by hurdles and delays. This act would make it even more difficult for agencies to implement laws enacted by Congress.’” [The Hill, 1/30/15]

HR 50 Cut CFPB Funding By $36 Million. “Limits the total budget authority which the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau may request from the Federal Reserve to $550 million in FY 2016. This limitation is needed to ensure that the CFPB will comply with the requirements contained elsewhere within HR 50 without increasing their drawdown of funds from the federal reserve, which would otherwise add a direct spending cost to the bill. The limitation is set at $36 million below the CBO baseline projection for CFPB Budget Authority in FY 2016.” [HR 50, Amendment #4, 2/4/15]

Poliquin Voted For Bill To Delay A Ban On Banks From Speculating In Securities Markets With Taxpayer Money. In January 2015, Poliquin voted for legislation that combined the text from eleven bills and would roll back or delay a number of regulations in the Dodd-Frank financial reform law. “The most serious attack of the bunch came in the form of a partial two-year delay of the Volcker Rule, which would ban banks from speculating in securities markets with taxpayer money. The bill would have allowed Citigroup and JPMorgan Chase to hold onto almost $50 billion in risky corporate debt packages known as collateralized loan obligations through 2019.” The bill passed, 271 to 154. [HR 37, Vote #37, 1/14/15; Huffington Post, 1/10/14]

Poliquin Voted Against A Motion To Prohibit Individuals & Entities Assisting Terrorist Groups From Receiving Benefits Under Wall Street Bill. In January 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion to recommit that would prohibit any person or financial entity that has been convicted of providing assistance to terrorist groups or state sponsors of terrorism from receiving the benefits of Republicans’ wall-street giveaway bill. The motion failed, 183-242. [HR 37, Vote #36, 1/14/15; Democratic Leader – Motions to Recommit, 1/14/15]

Poliquin Voted For Weakening Wall Street Reform And Roll Back Rules Limiting Risky Bank Investments. In January 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill “to relax some requirements under the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial regulatory law. The measure would delay until July 2019 a provision of the law’s Volcker Rule intended to limit risky investments by banks, and make other changes.” The vote failed to reach a 2/3 majority, 276 to 146. [HR 37, Vote #9, 1/7/15; Bloomberg, 1/7/15]

Foreign Policy

Poliquin Voted For Authorizing Additional Funding For US Embassy Security Overseas And Address Sexual Abuse Within UN Peacekeeping Operations. In December 2016, Poliquin voted for the “Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize certain programs and activities of the State Department, including a series of embassy security enhancements to protect U.S. diplomatic personnel overseas. The measure would include provisions to improve oversight of the State Department, and it would require the State Department to address sexual exploitation and abuse within U.N. peacekeeping operations.” The motion passed 374 to 16. [H.R. 6427, Vote #603, 12/5/16; CQ, 12/5/16]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Aircraft Exports To Iran. In November 2016, Poliquin voted for the No US Financing for Iran Act that “would prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from authorizing certain transactions by a U.S. financial institution in connection with the export or re-export of a commercial passenger aircraft to the Islamic Republic of Iran.” The bill passed 243 to 174. [H.R. 5711, Vote #587, 11/17/16; CQ, 11/17/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting U.S. Banks From Doing Business With Foreign Entities That Launched Cyberattacks Targeting U.S. Elections. In November 2016, Poliquin voted against “Swalwell, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would prevent the Treasury secretary from authorizing certain transactions by a U.S. financial institution with a foreign entity that has been found to have engaged in cyber attacks targeting any election held in the U.S.” According to the Democratic Leader’s Office, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would prohibit the
Secretary of the Treasury from authorizing a transaction by any U.S. financial institution engaged in business with a foreign entity that has been found to have engaged in or authorized cyber-attacks targeting any election held in the United States.” The motion failed 181 to 239. [H.R. 5711, Vote #586, 11/17/16; DemocraticLeader.gov, 11/17/16; CQ, 11/17/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of Bills Prohibiting Export Of Commercial Aircraft To Iran And A Bill Allowing Congress To Disapprove Of Midnight Regulations.** In November 2016, Poliquin voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 921) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 5711) that would prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from authorizing certain transactions by a U.S. financial institution in connection with the export or re-export of a commercial passenger aircraft to the Islamic Republic of Iran, and would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 5982) that would permit a new Congress to use the procedures under the Congressional Review Act to disapprove, en bloc, multiple regulations issued during the final year of a president's term.” The resolution passed 231 to 181. [H.Res. 921, Vote #580, 11/16/16; CQ, 11/16/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Urging The US To Impose Sanctions On Government Officials In The Democratic Republic Of Congo.** In November 2016, Poliquin voted for Urging respect for the constitution of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the democratic transition of power in 2016 which “would urge the U.S. to impose sanctions on government officials of the Democratic Republic of the Congo who obstruct a democratic transition of power during credible elections held in 2016.” The resolution passed 416 to 3. [H.Res. 780, Vote #578, 11/15/16; CQ, 11/15/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Extending Sanctions Against Iran For 10 More Years Until 2026.** In November 2016, Poliquin voted for the Iran Sanctions Extension Act which “would reauthorize the 1996 Iran Sanctions Act for 10 years through Dec. 31, 2026. The bill would reinstate sanctions that may be imposed against foreign companies or entities that invest in the development of Iran's oil and gas industry.” The bill passed 419 to 1. [H.R. 6297, Vote #577, 11/15/16; CQ, 11/15/16]

**Poliquin Voted For A Bill Prohibiting The U.S. From Providing Monetary Instruments To Iran And From Paying Ransom For U.S. Hostages.** In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would prohibit, in most instances, the U.S. government from directly or indirectly providing U.S. or foreign promissory notes, currency or precious metals, to the governments of Iran, North Korea, and any government that would qualify as a state sponsor of terrorism. The measure would require sanctions be imposed on any Iranian person who kidnaps a U.S. citizen or resident, and would also prohibit payments to any country for the release of unjustly detained U.S. nationals.” The bill passed 254 to 163. [HR 5931, Vote #554, 9/22/16; CQ, 9/22/16]

**HR 5931 Was Introduced After The Obama Administration Was Accused Of Paying $400 Million To Iran In Exchange For Four U.S. Hostages.** “House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Ed Royce introduced a bill Tuesday that "makes clear" President Obama violated U.S. policy by paying $400 million in cash in exchange for four U.S. citizens held in Iran. The legislation would also "ban cash payments to Iran — period," and would require "transparency on future settlements" to ensure they are not used to pay ransom. Royce has been one of the loudest critics of the payment, which was delivered in cash to Iran before the Americans were allowed to fly out of the country. Obama denied the payments were a form of ransom, but the State Department has admitted that the money was used as leverage at the last minute to ensure the release of the U.S. hostages, even though it insists the U.S. owed Iran that money.” [Washington Times, 9/6/16]

**Poliquin Voted For A Bill To Protect International Cultural Property And Develop Strategies To Reduce The Illegal Trade In Such Property.** In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Roskam, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to designate principal coordinators to arrange cross-department efforts to protect international cultural property and develop strategies to reduce the illegal trade in such property.” The motion was agreed to 415 to 0. [HR 2285, Vote #547, 9/22/16; CQ, 9/22/16]
Poliquin Voted For A Bill To Require The Treasury Secretary To Submit A Report To Congress On The Known Assets Of Top Iranian Officials. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for passage of a bill “that would require the Treasury secretary to compile and submit to Congress a report detailing the known assets of the top political and military leaders of Iran, and it would require an annual report for two years following the initial report. The report would need to be submitted in unclassified form and include a classified annex if necessary. It also would need to be published in English, Farsi, Arabic and Azeri.” The bill passed 282 to 143. [HR 5461, Vote #536, 9/21/16; CQ, 9/21/16]

Poliquin Voted For Expressing Support For Memorandum Of Understanding On Military Assistance To Israel. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution that would reaffirm that Israel is a major strategic partner of the United States, would reaffirm support for Israel’s maintenance of its qualitative military edge, and would urge the finalization of a new memorandum of understanding between the United States and Israel.” The motion was agreed to 405 to 4. [H RES 729, Vote #504, 9/13/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/13/16]

Poliquin Voted For Condemning Russian Occupation Of Georgia. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for “motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution that would condemn Russian occupation of Georgian territory in the Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region, and would urge the U.S. government to not recognize the sovereignty of Russia over any part of Georgia.” The motion was agreed to 410 to 6. [H RES 660, Vote #491, 9/8/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/8/16]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill Strengthening Sanctions On Iran And Specific Iranian Agencies, And Requiring Assistance To Promote Democracy In Iran. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill which expanded “existing U.S. sanctions against Iran related to its ballistic-missile program, support for international terrorism, and ongoing human rights abuses against its population. The measure would mandate sanctions against the Iran Revolutionary Guard, Iran's Aerospace Industries Organization, and would expand the list of persons subject to sanctions for human rights abuses. The measure would also require the Treasury Department to create and maintain a watch list for entities connected to the Revolutionary Guard. The measure would add ballistic missile and ballistic-missile launch technology to the list of sanctionable activities. The measure would also authorize the Secretary of State to provide assistance to individuals and entities working to promote democracy in Iran.” The bill passed 246-179. [HR 5631, Vote #467, 7/14/16; CQ, 7/14/16]

Poliquin Voted For Banning Purchases Of Heavy Water From Iran. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill to “prohibit federal funds from being used to purchase or issue licenses to purchase heavy water, a component of nuclear reactors, from Iran.” The bill passed 249-176. [HR 5119, Vote #441, 7/13/16; CQ, 7/13/16]

The Obama Administration Said America Would Import $8.6 Million Of Heavy Water From Iran, Opponents Of The Iran Deal Sought To Undermine The Effort. “Deal opponents have repeatedly introduced legislation that the administration sees as efforts to undermine the international agreement. … The Obama administration said in April the United States would buy $8.6 million worth of heavy water from Iran, angering Republicans who called it a subsidy of the country's nuclear program.” [Reuters, 7/13/16]

Poliquin Voted For Suspending The Rules To Pass A Bill Requiring The President To Implement A Comprehensive Strategy To Promote Global Food Security. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for a motion to “suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the president to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to promote global security and agricultural development, and would authorize almost $3.8 billion in fiscal 2017 and 2018 for this strategy and for international disaster assistance.” The motion passed 369-53. [S. 1252, Vote #354, 7/6/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/6/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of Funds For The 2001 Authorization For Use Of Military Force Beginning In April 2017. In June 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment “that would prohibit use of funds for the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force beginning April 30, 2017.” The amendment failed 146-274. [HR 5293, Vote #330, 6/16/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]
Amendment Intended To Require Debate On An ISIL Specific AUMF By Restricting Funding To Actions Under The Post-9/11 AUMF. “Today the House will debate the Lee-Jones-Welch amendment to the FY2017 Department of Defense Appropriations Act (HR 5293). Our amendment is very straightforward: it would require a debate and vote on an ISIL-specific AUMF by restricting funding for the overly-broad and outdated 2001 AUMF beginning April 30, 2017. Our amendment allows ample time for Congress to act on an updated and ISIL-specific AUMF. The 2001 AUMF opened the door for ANY president to wage endless war without a Congressional debate or vote. In fact, the Congressional Research Service issued a report just last month showing this authorization has become that blank check for war. In the more than 14 years since its passage, the 2001 AUMF has been used 37 times in 14 countries to wage war with little or no Congressional oversight.” [Lee Letter To Colleagues, 6/16/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of Funds For Counter-Drug Activities In Afghanistan. In June 2016, Poliquin voted against Massie amendment to “prohibit the use of funds for counter-drug activities in Afghanistan.” The amendment failed 135-285. [HR 5293, Vote #329, 6/16/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of Funds To Syria Train And Equip Programs. In June 2016, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would prohibit use of funds for the Syria train and equip program.” The amendment failed 135-283. [HR 5293, Vote #328, 6/16/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Prohibit Use Of Funds To Transfer Cluster Munitions To Saudi Arabia. In June 2016, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would prohibit use of funds to transfer or authorize the transfer of cluster munitions to Saudi Arabia.” The amendment failed 204-216. [HR 5293, Amendment 40, Vote #327, 6/16/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting The Use Of Funds To Implement A Provision Related To Paying For Existing Afghanistan Infrastructure Fund Projects. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for “an amendment that would prohibit use of funds to implement a provision in current law related to paying for existing Afghanistan Infrastructure Fund projects.” The amendment passed 218-201. [HR 5293, Amendment 37, Vote #326, 6/16/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of Funds For Assistance To Pakistan. In June 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment “that would prohibit use of funds for assistance to Pakistan.” The amendment failed 84-336. [HR 5293, Amendment 36, Vote #325, 6/16/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of Funds For Counter-Drug Activities In Afghanistan. In June 2016, Poliquin voted against Massie amendment to “prohibit the use of funds for counter-drug activities in Afghanistan.” The amendment failed 48-372. [HR 5293, Vote #320, 6/16/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]

Poliquin Voted For Bill Requiring The State Department To Craft A Multi-Year Strategy For U.S.-Caribbean Relations. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for bill that would “require the State Department to submit to Congress a multi-year strategy for U.S engagement with the Caribbean region.” The bill passed 386-6. [HR 4939, Vote #297, 6/13/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/13/16]

Poliquin Voted For Resolution Urging Germany To Provide Holocaust Victims With Medical And Financial Resources. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for a motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would “urge Germany to ensure that Holocaust victims receive all of the medical care, home care and other ‘vital services necessary to live in dignity’ and to immediately provide additional financial resources to address their unique needs.” The bill passed, 363-0. [HR Con Res 129, Vote #269, 6/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/7/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Increasing America’s Nuclear Nonproliferation Program Funding By $20 Million. In May 2016, Poliquin voted against motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would increase funding for National Nuclear
Security Administration nuclear nonproliferation programs by $20 million and reduce federal salaries and expenses at the National Nuclear Security Administration by the same amount. The motion was rejected, 178-236. [HR 5055, Vote #265, 5/26/16; CQ Floor Votes, 5/26/16]

Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Prohibit The Purchase Of Heavy Water From Iran. In May 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act that would prohibit use of funds made available by the bill to buy heavy water from Iran. The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole, 251-168. [HR 5055, Vote #263, 5/25/16; CQ Vote Floor Votes, 5/25/16]

Poliquin Voted For A Bill To Restrict The President’s Ability To Lift Sanctions On Iranian And Other Financial Institutions As Called For By The 2015 Iran Nuclear Agreement. In February 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill to “restrict the president's ability to lift sanctions on Iranian and other financial institutions, as called for by the 2015 Iran nuclear agreement, by requiring various certifications to Congress. Specifically, it would prohibit the president from removing the foreign financial institutions from the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Asset Control's list of blocked nationals and persons until the president submits to Congress a certification that the institutions have not knowingly facilitated a significant transaction for Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps, a foreign terrorist organization or anyone sanctioned in connection with Iran's weapons of mass destruction and ballistic-missile programs.” The bill passed 246 to 181. [H Res 3662, Vote #54, 2/2/16; CQ Floor Votes, 2/2/16]

Poliquin Voted For A Motion To Continue The Benghazi Select Committee. In October 2015, Poliquin voted for a motion to table the ruling of the Chair and continue the Select Committee on Benghazi, even after Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy admitted it was a partisan tactic. The motion failed, 240-183. [Motion, Vote #536, 10/7/15; Rep. Louise Slaughter, Press Release, 10/7/15; Congressional Record, 10/7/15]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Waiving Iran Sanctions Until Iran Pays Legal Terrorism Related Judgment. In October 2015, Poliquin voted for to “prohibit the president from waiving sanctions under the Iran Nuclear Agreement until Iran pays the legal terrorism-related judgment it owes. The president would be required to certify to Congress that the Iranian government has paid all outstanding judgments before Iran's sanctions are lifted or its assets released.” The bill passed, 251-173. [CQ Floor Votes, 10/1/15; HR 3457, Vote #533, 10/1/15]

Poliquin Voted For The Bill To Prevent The President From Reducing Iran’s Sanctions Until 2017. In September 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill that would suspend the President’s authority to reduce, waive, or suspend sanctions on Iran until January 21, 2017. The bill passed, 247 to 186. [HR 3460, Vote #494, 9/11/15; CQ, 9/11/15; AP, 9/11/15]

Poliquin Voted Against A Measure Expressing Congressional Approval Of The Iran Nuclear Deal. In September 2015, Poliquin voted against “a measure expressing congressional approval of the Iran nuclear agreement Friday, placing a majority of the chamber on the record against the accord. The measure … states simply that Congress favors the pact. The bill was likely to fail on the House floor, but in so doing put Democrats on the record in support of the deal.” The motion failed 169 to 269. [H.R. 3461, Vote #493, 9/11/15; CQ, 9/14/15]

Poliquin Voted For A Resolution Asserting That The President Did Not Provide Information For Congressional Review Of The Iran Nuclear Deal. In September 2015, Poliquin voted for a resolution “asserting that the Obama administration did not provide information required for congressional review of the Iran nuclear deal… The measure … would find that the review period under the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act has not officially started because the president has not transmitted all so-called side deals to Congress. Conservative Republicans … assert the mandated 60-day review period cannot legally be said to have begun since Congress has not had physical access to two separate arrangements between the International Atomic Energy Agency and Tehran. Specifically, Republicans are objecting to the absence of a ‘road map’ between Iran and the IAEA that lays out commitments by Tehran to disclose past and present alleged military research with nuclear dimensions.” The bill passed 245 to 186. [H.Res. 411, Vote #492, 9/10/15; CQ, 9/10/15]
Poliquin Voted Against Reducing Funding For The Secretary Departmental Operations To Increase Funding For Insular Affairs By $5 Million. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against “reduc[ing] funding for the Office of the Secretary Departmental Operations by 5 million and increase funding for the Insular Affair by a similar amount.” The amendment failed 183-245. [HR 2822, Vote #395, 7/8/15; H AMDT 549, 7/8/15]

Insular Affairs Coordinates Federal Policy For Island Territories Including American Samoa And Guam. “The Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas carries out the administrative responsibilities of the Secretary of the Interior in coordinating federal policy for the territories of American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Assistant Secretary is also responsible for administering and overseeing U.S. federal assistance to the freely associated states of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau under the Compacts of Free Association, as well as providing technical and financial assistance to all the Insular Areas.” [US Department of Interior, accessed 10/21/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Withdrawing Troops From Iraq By The End Of 2015 At The Latest. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against a resolution “which would have required Obama to remove the troops within 30 days, or by the end of 2015 if the administration determined it was not safe to do so within the 30-day timeframe.” The resolution failed 139 to 288. [H Con Res 55, Vote #370, 6/17/15; Reuters, 6/17/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Prohibit Funding For Live-Fire Ranges Or Training Courses Within Northern Marianas Islands. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would “prohibit use of funds to establish any live-fire range, training course, or maneuver area within the Northern Marianas Islands.” The amendment failed, 173-256. [H.R. 2685, Vote #349, 6/11/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/11/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Prohibit Funds For 2002 Authorization For Use Of Military Force Used To Justify Military Campaign Against ISIS. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would “prohibit use of funds pursuant to the 2002 Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq,” which President Obama cited as “legal justification for unilaterally launching a military campaign against ISIS.” The amendment failed, 165-264. [H.R. 2685, Vote #348, 6/11/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/11/15; Huffington Post, 6/11/15]


Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Limit Funds For Military Action Against ISIS Without Congressional Authorization Of War. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would have “halted funding for the war against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, or ISIS, after March 31, 2016, unless Congress passes an Authorization for the Use of Military Force. The amendment, an effort to spur a war authorization debate and vote in Congress, would have given lawmakers nine months to produce an AUMF before funds get cut off.” The amendment failed, 196-231. [H.R. 2685, Vote #346, 6/11/15; Huffington Post, 6/11/15]

Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Prohibit Secretary Of Defense From Waiving Restrictions On Aid For Pakistan. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment that would disallow “the secretary of Defense, in consultation with the secretary of State, to waive certain restrictions on aid to Pakistan by certifying in writing to congressional defense committees that it is in national security interest to do so.” The amendment failed, 114-318. [H.R. 2685, Vote #344, 6/10/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/10/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment That Eliminates $600 Million In Funding For Syria Train And Equip Fund. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would “eliminate the $600 million appropriated for
the Syria Train and Equip Fund and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment failed, 107-323. [H.R. 2685, Vote #343, 6/10/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/10/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Eliminating $715 Million To Equip Iraqi Government And Kurdish Military To Fight ISIS. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment “to further eliminate the $715 million allocated for equipping the Iraqi government and Kurdish military forces against ISIS.” The amendment was rejected, 56-375. [The Hill, 6/10/15; HR 2685, Vote #342, 6/10/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Ending Spending On Existing Projects Under Afghanistan Infrastructure Fund. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would strike provisions under the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund that allows the secretary of Defense to expend funds appropriated for existing projects under the Afghanistan Infrastructure Fund.” The amendment passed, 233-199. [HR 2685, Vote #341, 6/10/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/10/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting Flights And Maritime Commerce Between The United States And Cuba. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 that would have prohibited funding to implement provisions in the bill that would limit economic ties with Cuba by “bar[ring] use of funds to facilitate new flights originating from the United States that land, or pass through, property confiscated by the Cuban government,” and “bar[ring] use of funds by the Federal Maritime Commission to issue a license or certificate for a commercial vessel that docked or anchored within the previous 180 days within seven miles of a port on property that was confiscated by the Cuban government.” The amendment failed 176 to 247. [HR 2577, Vote #306, 6/4/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/4/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Ban Spending For Promoting The Cuban Military. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, that “prohibits use of funds to facilitate, permit, license, or promote exports to the Cuban military or intelligence service or to any officer of the Cuban military or intelligence service, or an immediate family member thereof.” The amendment failed 153-273. [HR 2578, Vote #277, 6/3/15]

Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Prohibit Funding To Implement START Treaty Until Russia Withdraws From Ukraine. In May 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment that would “bar funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for the Defense Department in fiscal 2016 from being used to implement the New START treaty until the president certifies that Russia's armed forces are ‘no longer illegally occupying Ukrainian territory,’ as well as certain other certifications.” The amendment was adopted, 235 to 182. [H.R. 1735, Vote #234, 5/15/15; CQ Floor Votes, 5/15/15]

Poliquin Voted For Extending Select Committee Investigation Of Benghazi. In January 2015, Poliquin voted for a House Rules package that extended the House select committee investigation into the 2012 attacks on the U.S. embassy in Benghazi. The resolution passed, 234-172. [H Res 5, Vote #6, 1/6/15]

Extension Set Not Limit On Budget Or Time Frame. “Five Democrats on the select committee lamented the reauthorization, which set no limit on the committee's budget or time frame, which means it could last well into the presidential election year.” [New York Times, 1/6/15]

Investigation Estimated To Cost $1.5 Million In 2014. “The House is on track to spend around $1.5 million this year on the Republican-created special committee to further investigate the 2012 attack on the U.S. diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya, according to congressional spending reports.” [USA Today, 12/3/14]

Previous House Investigations Into Benghazi Found No Wrongdoing. “Democrats call the committee a waste of time and money. No questions about the attack are left to answer, they say, particularly after a new House Intelligence Committee report found no wrongdoing by government agencies.” [USA Today, 12/3/14]
Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Vote To Prevent Individuals On The “No Fly” List From Buying A Firearm. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 893) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 954) that would temporarily exempt individuals with health care plans terminated by a Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan from the 2010 health care law's (PL 111-148, PL 111-152) penalties for the remainder of the year in which their plans were terminated.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “Democrats’ Previous Question continues to demand an immediate vote on H.R. 1076, the bipartisan “No Fly, No Buy” legislation authored by Republican Congressman Peter King.” The previous question passed 244 to 176. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [HR 954, Vote #559, 9/27/16; CQ, 9/27/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Demand For An Immediate Vote On A Bill To Prevent Individuals On The “No Fly” List From Buying A Firearm. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 875) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 5719) that would allow certain employee stockholders in startup businesses to defer income taxes on stock options in their companies for up to seven years, and would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3438) that would postpone the implementation of any new federal rule that would have an economic impact of $1 billion or more per year until all related legal challenges are completed.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “Democrats’ Previous Question continues to demand an immediate vote on H.R. 1076, the bipartisan ‘No Fly, No Buy’ legislation authored by Republican Congressman Peter King.” The motion was agreed to 247-171. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 875, Vote #524, 9/20/16; CQ, 9/20/16; Democratic Leader, 9/21/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Legislation To Close Terrorist Watchlist Gun Loophole. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of legislation that would deny the purchase of a firearm or explosive to known or suspected terrorists. With the Previous Question, Democrats are demanding an immediate vote on S. 764, the bipartisan “No Fly, No Buy” legislation to keep guns out of the hands of suspected terrorists, authored by Republican Congressman Peter King. The previous question carried, 245-183. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on closing the loophole. [H Res 822, Vote #439, 6/22/16; Democratic Leader – 114th Previous Questions, 7/13/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Excepting From Judicial Review Rules Regarding The Prevention Of Firearm Transfers To Criminals And Suspected Terrorists. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against “Keating, D-Mass., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report back to the House immediately with an amendment that would except from judicial review rules regarding the prevention of firearm transfers to criminals and suspected terrorists.” The motion was rejected 169-236. [HR 4768, Vote #415, 7/12/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/12/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill Preventing Suspected Terrorists From Buying Guns. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “demanding an immediate vote on HR 1076, the bipartisan ‘No Fly, No Buy’ legislation to keep guns out of the hands of suspected terrorists, authored by Republican Congressman Peter King.” The motion was agreed to 241-174. A vote against the previous question would have allowed a vote on the bill. [H Res 818, Vote #408, 7/12/16; Office of the Democratic Leader, 114th Congress Previous Questions, 7/12/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill Preventing Suspected Terrorists From Buying Guns. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “demanding an immediate vote on HR 1076, the bipartisan ‘No Fly, No Buy’ legislation to keep guns out of the hands of suspected terrorists, authored by Republican Congressman Peter King.” The motion was agreed to 236-174. A vote against the previous question would have allowed a vote on the bill. [H. Res. 820, Vote #406, 7/12/16; Office of the Democratic Leader, 114th Congress Previous Questions, 7/12/16]
Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill Preventing Suspected Terrorists From Buying Guns. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “demanding an immediate vote on HR 1076, the bipartisan ‘No Fly, No Buy’ legislation to keep guns out of the hands of suspected terrorists, authored by Republican Congressman Peter King.” The motion was agreed to 244-179. A vote against the previous question would have allowed a vote on the bill. [H. Res. 809, Vote #387, 7/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/7/16; Office of the Democratic Leader, 114th Congress Previous Questions, 7/7/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill Preventing Suspected Terrorists From Buying Guns. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking “an immediate vote on H.R. 1076, the bipartisan ‘No Fly, No Buy’ legislation keep guns out of the hands of suspected terrorists, authored by Republican Congressman Peter King.” The previous question passed 239-183. A vote against the previous question would have allowed a vote on the bill. [HR 4361, Vote #352, 7/6/16; Office of the Democratic Leader, 114th Congress Previous Questions, 7/6/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill Preventing Suspected Terrorists From Buying Guns. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking “an immediate vote on H.R. 1076, the bipartisan ‘No Fly, No Buy’ legislation keep guns out of the hands of suspected terrorists, authored by Republican Congressman Peter King.” The previous question passed 229-169. A vote against the previous question would have allowed a vote on the bill. [H.Res. 794, Vote #347, 7/5/16; Office of the Democratic Leader, 114th Congress Previous Questions, 7/5/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill Preventing Suspected Terrorists From Buying Guns. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking “an immediate vote on H.R. 1076, the bipartisan ‘No Fly, No Buy’ legislation keep guns out of the hands of suspected terrorists, authored by Republican Congressman Peter King.” The previous question passed 231-168. A vote against the previous question would have allowed a vote on the bill. [H.Res. 793, Vote #345, 7/5/16; Office of the Democratic Leader, 114th Congress Previous Questions, 7/5/16]

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Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill Preventing Suspected Terrorists From Buying Guns. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking “an immediate vote on HR 1076, the bipartisan ‘No Fly, No Buy’ legislation keep guns out of the hands of suspected terrorists, authored by Republican Congressman Peter King.” The previous question passed 229-175. A vote against the previous question would have allowed a vote on the bill. [HJ Res 88, Vote #337, 6/22/16; Office of the Democratic Leader, 114th Congress Previous Questions, 6/22/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill Preventing Suspected Terrorists From Buying Guns. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking “an immediate vote on H.R. 1076, the bipartisan ‘No Fly, No Buy’ legislation keep guns out of the hands of suspected terrorists, authored by Republican Congressman Peter King.” The previous question passed 239-183. A vote against the previous question would have allowed a vote on the bill. [H Res 783, Vote #304, 6/15/16; Office of the Democratic Leader, 114th Congress Previous Questions, 6/15/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill Preventing Suspected Terrorists From Buying Guns. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking “an immediate vote on H.R. 1076, the bipartisan ‘No Fly, No Buy’ legislation keep guns out of the hands of suspected terrorists, authored by Republican Congressman Peter King.” The previous question passed 236-171. A vote against the previous question would have allowed a vote on the bill. [H Res 778, Vote #299, 6/14/16; Office of the Democratic Leader, 114th Congress Previous Questions, 6/14/16]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Arrests Under State Law Of People Transporting Locked, Unloaded Guns. In February 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment which “would prohibit arrest under state law of individuals transporting a firearm if they are transporting an unloaded firearm that is stored in a locked container,

In April 2016, Poliquin voted for “amending the ‘No Fly, No Buy’ legislation which would prohibit arrest under state law of people transporting a firearm if they are transporting an unloaded firearm.” The motion was agreed to 244-179. A vote against the previous question would have allowed a vote on the amendment. [H.R. 4361, Vote #352, 7/6/16; Office of the Democratic Leader, 114th Congress Previous Questions, 7/6/16]
secured by a safety device or is not accessible from the vehicle's passenger compartment. Arrest would require probable cause to believe the person is transporting the firearm in a manner that is not provided for under standards outlined in the amendment. It also would provide for a defendant who prevails in asserting the amendment’s provisions as a defense in a criminal case to be awarded reasonable attorney's fees.” The amendment was adopted 239-165. [HR 2406, Vote #96, CQ, 2/26/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Not Allow A Person Prohibited From Possessing A Firearm From Using Public Target Ranges.** In February 2016, Poliquin voted for amendment to HR 2406. “An amendment No. 2 printed in House Report 114-429 to prohibit an individual who is prohibited from possessing a firearm by the Gun Control Act from using a public target range.” The amendment failed, 161 to 244. [HR 2406, Vote #92, 2/26/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill To Lift Ban On Gun Violence Research.** In February 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of “Congressman Mike Honda’s Gun Violence Research Act, H.R. 3926, to lift the ban on gun violence research.” The previous question carried, 237 to 178. [H Res 611, Vote #77, 2/11/16; Democratic Leadership, 2/11/16; HR 3926, 11/4/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Designating Gun Violence Research An NSF Priority.** In February 2016, Poliquin voted against a motion that “The House refused, 177-241, to designate gun-violence research as a National Science Foundation priority, so that science could potentially help reduce gun deaths as it has done for smoking and highway mortality. A yes vote was to adopt the amendment to HR 3293.” The motion failed, 177 to 241. [H.R. 3293, Vote #69, 2/10/16; St. Louis Post Dispatch, 2/12/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Allow The CDC To Study The Effects Of Gun Violence.** In February 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of a bill that “would lift a ban on allowing the Centers for Disease Control to research the causes of gun violence … The CDC’s self-imposed prohibition has been in place since 1996. In the 1990s, the National Rifle Association accused the CDC of trying to use scientific studies to promote gun control, such as one that found having a gun in the home increased the odds for injury. Congress later threatened to cut the CDC's budget by the same amount the CDC was spending on gun violence research. Lawmakers also enacted legislative language prohibiting the use of funds to ‘advocate or promote gun control.’ The CDC has since then shied away from pursuing the topic. Republicans have continued to defend the ban.” The previous question passed, 237 to 180. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H. Res. 609, Vote #65; Congressional Record, 2/10/16; The Hill, 11/5/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Gun Violence Research Act.** In February 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of “an immediate vote on Congressman Mike Honda’s Gun Violence Research Act, H.R. 3926, to lift the ban on gun violence research so we can confront the national gun violence epidemic.” The previous question passed, 240 to 176. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 595, Vote #55, 2/3/16; Democratic Leader, 2/3/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill That Would Lift The Ban On Gun Violence Research.** In February 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of the Gun Violence Research Act, H.R. 3926, “to lift the ban on gun violence research.” The Gun Violence Research Act will “[g]ive the CDC the authority to research the causes, mechanisms, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of injuries with respect to gun violence; encourage the improvement and expansion of National Violent Death Reporting Systems; and empower health care providers by not inhibiting a physician or other health care provider from asking a patient about the possession of a firearm, speaking to a patient about gun safety, or reporting to authorities a patient’s threat of violence.” The previous question passed, 236 to 178. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 594, Vote #48, 2/2/16; Democratic Leader, 2/2/16; Rep. Mike Honda Press Release, 11/5/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Claims By Gun Owners Seeking Monetary Relief On Defective Firearms.** In January 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment that “amendment that would exempt claims brought by a gun owner seeking monetary relief involving the defective design or manufacturing of a firearm.” The amendment failed, 163-232. [HR 1927, Vote #25, 1/8/16; CQ Floor Votes, 1/8/16]
Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill To Close Terrorist Gun Loophole And Prevent People On Terrorist Watchlist From Buying Firearms. In January 2016, Poliquin voted for consideration of a vote to “call for an immediate vote on Republican Congressman Peter King’s Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act, H.R. 1076, to protect the American people by closing the terrorist gun loophole and preventing people on the terrorist watchlist from buying firearms.” The previous question carried, 236-176. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [HRes 581, Vote #21, 1/7/16; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 1/7/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Legislation To Close Terrorist Watchlist Gun Loophole. In January 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of legislation that would deny the purchase of a firearm or explosive to know or suspected terrorists. The previous question carried, 241-176. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on closing the loophole. [HRes 580, Vote #4, 1/6/16; Democratic Leader – 114th Previous Questions, 1/6/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Legislation To Close Terrorist Watchlist Gun Loophole. In January 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of legislation that would deny the purchase of a firearm or explosive to know or suspected terrorists. A no vote would have The previous question carried, 239-175. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on closing the loophole. [H Res 579, Vote #2, 1/6/16; Democratic Leader – 114th Previous Questions, 1/6/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Close The Terrorist Gun Loophole. In December 2015, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of the Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act, a bill “to protect the American people by closing the terrorist gun loophole and preventing people on the terrorist watchlist from buying firearms.” The previous question carried, 236-177. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on closing the loophole. [H Res 560, Vote #690, 12/11/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 12/11/15]

Poliquin Voted For Tabling The Appeal Of The Chair Which Ruled Against Scheduling Vote On A Bill To Prohibit Those Listed On The Terror Watch List From Purchasing Firearms. In December 2015, Poliquin voted for a motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair that the “Pelosi privileged resolution is out of order. The Pelosi privileged resolution would direct the Speaker to place on the calendar the Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act (HR 1076), which would allow the Attorney General to deny the sale or transfer of firearms to individuals suspected of engaging in or assisting terrorist activities. The motion failed 242-173. [Motion to Table, Vote #688, 12/8/15; CQ Floor Votes, 12/10/15]

King’s Bill Would Prevent People On U.S. Terrorist Watch Lists From Buying Firearms. “At about the time Wednesday that two shooters under investigation for potentially having terrorist ties were gunning down people at a community center in San Bernardino, House Republicans blocked legislation that would help prevent people on U.S. terrorist watch lists from buying firearms legally.” [San Francisco Chronicle, 12/3/15]

Poliquin Voted For To Block Consideration Of A Bill Allowing Those Listed On The Terror Watch List To Own Firearms. In December 2015, Poliquin voted for blocking a measure to prohibit an “immediate vote on Republican Congressman Peter King’s Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act, H.R. 1076, to protect the American people by closing the terrorist gun loophole and preventing people on the terrorist watchlist from buying firearms. The previous question failed 242-178. [H Res 556 Vote #682, 12/8/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 12/9/15]

King’s Bill Would Prevent People On U.S. Terrorist Watch Lists From Buying Firearms. “At about the time Wednesday that two shooters under investigation for potentially having terrorist ties were gunning down people at a community center in San Bernardino, House Republicans blocked legislation that would help prevent people on U.S. terrorist watch lists from buying firearms legally.” [San Francisco Chronicle, 12/3/15]
Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill To Close Terrorist Gun Loophole And Prevent People On Terrorist Watchlist From Buying Firearms. In December 2015, Poliquin voted for to block consideration of a vote “to call for an immediate vote on Republican Congressman Peter King’s Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act, H.R. 1076, to protect the American people by closing the terrorist gun loophole and preventing people on the terrorist watchlist from buying firearms.” The previous question carried, 243-179. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on Rep. Peter King’s bill. [H Res 546, Vote #666, 12/3/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 12/3/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill Stopping Suspected Terrorists From Buying Firearms. In December 2015, Poliquin voted for to block consideration of a vote “to protect the American people by closing the terrorist gun loophole and preventing people on the terrorist watchlist from buying firearms.” The previous question carried, 243-179. [H Res 542, Vote #653, 12/2/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 2/3/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill Prohibiting Suspected Terrorists From Buying Guns. In December 2015, Poliquin voted for a motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule H Res 539. “The Democratic Previous Question would call for an immediate vote on Republican Congressman Peter King’s Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act, H.R. 1076, to protect the American people by closing the terrorist gun loophole and preventing people on the terrorist watchlist from buying firearms.” [H RES 539, Vote #646, 12/1/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 4/14/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Background Checks For Gun Purchases. In October 2015, Poliquin voted for to block consideration of a vote “on the bipartisan King-Thompson Public Safety and Second Amendment Rights Protection Act to strengthen the life-saving background checks that keep guns out of the wrong hands.” The previous question passed, 244-183. A vote against the previous question was to force a vote on background checks. [H Res 466, Vote #541, 10/8/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 10/23/15]

**Health Care**

Poliquin Voted For Reauthorizing Federal Programs To Locate Missing Alzheimer’s Patients. In December 2016, Poliquin voted for the “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program and would expand the program to include certain children with developmental disabilities. The measure would also provide grants to state and local agencies and non-profit organizations to provide training related to preventing individuals from wandering and to implement alert systems and locative tracking technology programs to find individuals who have wandered. The measure would authorize the appropriation of $2 million annually for fiscal 2017 through fiscal 2021.” The motion passed 346 to 66. [H.R. 4919, Vote #619, 12/8/16; CQ, 12/8/16]

Poliquin Voted For Requiring NASA To Create A Program To Treat Astronauts For Space-Flight Associated Medical Conditions. In December 2016, Poliquin voted for “Babin, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require NASA to establish a program that provides for the medical treatments of crewmembers for space flight-associated medical conditions. Treatments would be provided under the program without any cost sharing obligations required of participating crewmembers.” The motion passed 413 to 0. [H.R. 6076, Vote #614, 12/7/16; CQ, 12/7/16]

Poliquin Voted For $1 Billion In Health Funding For Opioid Addiction Treatment And Response Among Other Funding. In November 2016, Poliquin voted for the “Upton, R-Mich., motion to concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment that would reauthorize the National Institutes of Health and Food and Drug Administration, and would modify the FDA's drug and medical device review and approval process to accelerate the approval and distribution of new drugs and devices. The measure would create three dedicated offset funds within the Treasury into which $6.3 billion would be transferred over 10 years, through 2026. The accounts would include $4.8 billion for NIH medical research, $500 million for FDA approval and review modification and $1 billion for opioid addiction treatment and response. Funding for the accounts would not count against annual budget caps. Within the NIH funding, $1.8 billion would be for cancer therapy and test development, $1.5 would be for
brain-related research and $1.5 billion would be for medical treatments related to genetic characteristics. The measure would also expand the Health and Human Services Department's oversight of mental health issues, would modify the Medicare program for hospitals, and would allow small employers to provide certain reimbursement plans for employees to purchase their own health insurance.” The motion passed 392 to 26. [H.R. 34, Vote #592, 11/30/16; CQ, 11/30/16]

**Poliquin Voted For A Bill That Would Temporarily Exempt From The ACA Individual Mandate Individuals Whose COOP Health Care Plan Was Terminated Through.** In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Passage of the bill that would temporarily exempt (through the end of a given year) individuals whose health care coverage is terminated by the closure of a Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan from penalties set by the 2010 health care law (PL 111-148, PL 111-152). The bill's exemption would apply retroactively to any cancellation that occurred after Dec. 31, 2013, and would also apply to any future cancellations.” The bill passed 258 to 165. [HR 954, Vote #563, 9/27/16; CQ, 9/27/16]

**HR 954 Would Exempt Co-Op Enrollees From “Having To Pay The Individual Shared Responsibility Penalties That The Affordable Care Act Imposes” On People Who Do Not Have Health Coverage.** “The other bill, H.R. 954, the CO-OP Consumer Protection Act of 2016 bill, could affect enrollees in Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan carriers that fail in the middle of the year. H.R. 954 would exempt stranded CO-OP carrier enrollees from having to pay the individual shared responsibility penalties that the Affordable Care Act imposes on many people who fail to have what the government classifies as solid health coverage, or minimum essential coverage, for enough of the year.” [Life Health Pro, 9/28/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Adding 22 Synthetic Drug Compounds To The Controlled Substances Act.** In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Guthrie, R-Ky., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would place 22 synthetic drug compounds, including three synthetic opioid substances, on Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act.” The motion was agreed to 258 to 101. [HR 3537, Vote #557, 9/26/16; CQ, 9/26/16]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Exempt From The Requirements Of The Bill Any Rule That Would Reduce The Cost Of Health Care For People Over The Age Of 65.** In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Cicilline, D-R.I., amendment that would exempt rules related to the reduction of the cost of health care for people over the age of 65 from the bill's requirement that federal rules that would have an economic impact of $1 billion or more per year have implementation postponed until all related legal challenges would be completed.” The amendment failed 189 to 232. [HR 3438, Vote #532, 9/21/16; CQ, 9/21/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Extending An Exemption That Would Allow Certain Therapeutic Services In Rural Hospitals To Be Provided Without Direct Supervision Of Physicians.** In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Tiberi, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend an exemption, through Dec. 31, 2016, that would allow certain therapeutic services furnished in small rural hospitals be provided without the direct supervision of physicians. The measure would require the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to report to Congress on how the delays related to the exemption have affected the access to health care by Medicare beneficiaries and the quality of that care.” The bill passed 420 to 11. [HR 5613, Vote #531, 9/21/16; CQ, 9/21/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Providing “Regulatory Relief” To Long-Term Care Hospitals.** In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Tiberi, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend certain Medicare payment rules for long-term care hospitals through June 2017, including the reinstatement of the 50 percent threshold for patients from a single acute care hospital before lower site-neutral Medicare payment rates would apply. The measure would also prohibit Medicare from paying for items or services furnished by certain newly-enrolled medical providers in select areas of the country.” The bill passed 420 to 3. [HR 5713, Vote #530, 9/21/16; CQ, 9/21/16]

**Poliquin Voted For To Lower Threshold At Which People Can Deduct Unreimbursed Medical Expenses From Their Income.** In September 2016, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would lower the threshold at which individuals may deduct unreimbursed medical expenses from their income as set by the 2010 health care
law. Specifically, the measure would set the threshold at 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income for all taxpayers, and would prevent the threshold from increasing to 10 percent for seniors.” The bill passed 261 to 147. [HR 3590, Vote #502, 9/13/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/13/16]

Poliquin Voted For Amending The Internal Revenue Code Of 1986 To Repeal The Increase In The Income Threshold Used In Determining The Deduction For Medical Care. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 858) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 3590) that would lower the threshold at which individuals may deduct unreimbursed medical expenses from their income as set by the 2010 health care law.” According to the Democratic Minority Leader, “The Democratic Previous Question would force a vote on the Bank on Students Emergency Loan Refinancing Act that would allow millions of borrowers to refinance their existing student loans at lower interest rates, similar to those currently available to new borrowers.” The motion was agreed to 237 to 171. [H RES 858, Vote #500, 9/13/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/13/16, Democratic Leader News, 9/13/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A $1.9 Billion Emergency Supplemental For Zika. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 843.” According to the Democratic Leader, “The Democratic Previous Question would urge the House to vote on the full $1.9 billion emergency supplemental request needed to protect American families.” A vote against the previous question is a vote to allow consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to 231-177. [H RES 843, Vote #481, 9/7/16; Democratic Leader – Previous Question, 9/7/16]

President Obama Requested $1.9 Million To Support Response Efforts To The Zika Virus. “On February 22, the President sent a request to Congress for almost $1.9 billion in emergency Zaka funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016, which would support domestic (including U.S. territories) and international response efforts including: mosquito control (vector management), expanded surveillance of transmission and infections, research and development activities (vaccines, diagnostics, and vector control methods), health workforce training, public education campaigns, and maternal and child health programs.” [Kaiser Family Foundation, 9/9/16]

Poliquin Voted For Adopting The Conference Report Of Comprehensive Addiction And Recovery Act, Which Provided The DOJ Resources To Combat Opioid Abuse. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would authorize $103 million to the Justice Department each year through fiscal 2021 to award grants to state, local and tribal governments to provide services relating to opioid abuse, including first-responder training for opioid overdose reversal drugs and treatment alternatives to incarceration programs. The measure would create several new opioid treatment programs within the Health and Human Services Department, including state demonstration grants for comprehensive opioid abuse response and grants to recovery community organizations. The measure would require the Food and Drug Administration to seek recommendations from an advisory committee before approving the use of new opioid drugs. The measure would require Medicare prescription drug plans to develop a drug management program to limit access for beneficiaries who are at risk of abuse. The measure would also require the VA to more closely track opioid use by veterans within the VA health care system and to expand its opioid safety initiative at VA medical facilities.” The conference report was adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 407-3. [S 524, Vote #399, 7/8/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/8/16]

Poliquin Voted For A Motion To Suspend The Rules And Pass A Bill Creating A New Assistant Secretary For Mental Health And Substance Abuse. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for a “motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would create a new assistant secretary for mental health and substance abuse to replace the head of the Health and Human Services (HHS) Department's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and provide HHS greater data collection and identification of best practices. The measure would create a new grant program for community-based mental health care and expand Medicaid coverage of inpatient treatment services at mental health institutions. The measure would also require greater federal oversight of insurance companies to ensure parity between a health plan's mental health coverage and physical health coverage.” The motion passed 422-2. [HR 2646, Vote #355, 7/6/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/6/16]
Poliquin Voted For Doubling The Maximum Contribution Limit For Health Savings Accounts. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that, as amended, would modify rules related to health savings accounts (HSAs) by doubling the maximum contribution limit, allowing couples to divide their combined catch-up contributions among either of their HSAs, creating a special rule for certain medical expenses incurred before the establishment of an HSA, and repealing a rule under the 2010 health care law that made over-the-counter medications ineligible for coverage under HSAs.” The bill passed 243-164. [HR 1270, Vote #351, 7/6/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/6/16]

Poliquin Voted For Block Consideration Of Bill Urging The House Fund $1.9 Billion Zika Bill. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for the “Democratic Previous Question would urge the House to vote on the full $1.9 billion emergency supplemental request needed to protect American families.” The previous question passed 230-163. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 767, Vote #273, 6/8/16; Office of the Democratic Leader, 114th Congress Previous Questions, 6/8/16]

President Obama Requested $1.9 Billion To Combat Zika. “After nearly seven months of bickering and finger-pointing, Congress on Wednesday agreed to allocate $1.1 billion to help fight the spread and effects of the Zika virus. … President Obama asked for $1.9 billion in emergency federal funding back in February to fight Zika. The administration has been using money shifted from other accounts, including money that had been specified for studying and fighting Ebola, and for state-level emergency preparedness, to address the Zika threat.” [NPR, 9/28/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Vote To Fully Fund The President’s $1.9 Billion Request To Fight Zika Outbreak. In May 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of a vote to “remove House Republicans’ recklessly inadequate Zika bill and their cravenly rebranded Pesticides Trojan Horse legislation, and instead go to conference with the full $1.9 billion emergency supplemental needed to protect American families.” A vote against the previous question would call for an immediate vote to consider the Obama Administration’s $1.9 billion emergency supplemental to fight the Zika virus. The motion was agreed to 236-180. [H Res 751, Vote #267, 5/26/16; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 5/26/16; USA Today, 5/31/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Allowing DC To Use Local Funds To Prevent And Treat Zika Virus. In May 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion that would “add an exemption to the underlying bill [DC Home Rule Act] to allow the District of Columbia government to use local funds to prevent and treat the Zika virus.” The motion failed, 179-239. [HR 5233, Vote #247, 5/25/16; Democratic Leader – Motions to Recommit, 5/25/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Providing The Full $1.9 Billion Emergency Funding For Zika Requested By The Administration. In May 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of a vote that would “provide the full $1.9 billion in emergency resources needed to respond to the Zika virus.” The previous question carried, 234-175. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on Zika emergency funding. [H Res 742, Vote #233, 5/24/16; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 5/24/16]

Poliquin Voted For Supplemental Zika Virus Bill That Severely Underfunded Administration’s Request. In May 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill “ that would appropriate $622 million in supplemental funding for activities to combat the Zika virus, including $170 million for the Centers for Disease Control and $230 million for the National Institutes of Health. The funding would only be available during fiscal 2016 and would be subject to restrictions on appropriations included in the fiscal 2016 omnibus appropriations law, which includes a prohibition on the use of funds to pay for abortions. The cost of the measure would be offset by rescinding $352 million in funding appropriated under the fiscal 2015 omnibus appropriations law to combat the outbreak of Ebola and $270 million in Health and Human Services Department administrative funding.” The bill passed, 241-184. [HR 4909, Vote #207, 5/18/16]

Money Used Would Raid Programs For Ebola. “The amount the House approved, $622 million, would raid programs meant to battle the Ebola outbreak, even though continued U.S. spending is needed to produce a
vaccine, prepare regional centers to respond, and keep this deadly infection at bay in poor, vulnerable African countries.” [USA Today, 6/7/16]

**House Bill Provided $1.3 Billion Less Than Federal Health Officials Required.** “Republican House leaders introduced legislation Monday that would provide $622 million to combat Zika — about $1.3 billion less than federal health officials say they need. The House is expected to take up its bill this week.” [USA Today, 5/17/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Fully Funding Zika Prevention Efforts.** In May 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of legislation that would provide “provides the full $1.9 billion in emergency resources needed to respond to the Zika virus.” The previous question passed, 240 to 182. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 742, Vote #201, 5/18/16; Democratic Leader – 114th Congress Previous Questions, 5/18/16]

**Poliquin Voted For The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act.** In May 2016, Poliquin voted for legislation to address the opioid epidemic. “Lawmakers voted 400-5 on the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act — its version of the opioids legislation passed the Senate in March … The main provisions of the bill include an interagency task force to recommend new guidelines for pain management and prescribing and a new substance abuse program within the Department of Justice. The package also includes a measure to strengthen legal protections for “good samaritans” who help administer overdose-reversal drugs.” The bill passed, 400 to 5. [S 524, Vote #193, 5/13/16; The Hill, 5/13/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration To Provide $600 Million In Funding To Address The Opioid Epidemic.** In May 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of legislation that would provide $600 million in funding to help ensure that a package of bills passed by the House to address the opioid epidemic was fully funded. The previous question passed, 232 to 172. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 725, Vote #190, 5/13/16; Kuster Press Release, 5/11/16; Democratic Leader – 114th Congress Previous Questions, 5/13/16]

**Poliquin Voted For The Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Reduction Act.** In May 2016, Poliquin voted for the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Reduction Act of 2016, a bill that “would authorize the future appropriation of $103 million annually from 2017 – 2021 to allow the Department of Justice (DOJ) to give grants to state, local, and tribal governments for programs to combat opioid abuse.” The bill passed, 413 to 5. [HR 5046, Vote #187, 5/12/16; Democratic Whip, 5/12/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Expand Grants For Programs To Ensure The Security Of Opioids At Medical Facilities.** In May 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to expand grants to provide for developing, implementing, or expanding programs to ensure security of opioids at medical facilities. The amendment failed, 190 to 225. [HR 5046, Vote #186, 5/12/16; @RepStephenLynch, 5/12/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Creating A National Task Force On Opioid Policies.** In May 2016, Poliquin voted for “a bill to create a national task force on opioid policies, which advocates hope will spur a major overhaul to the government’s approach to addiction. Lawmakers voted 412 to 4 to support the bill from Rep. Susan Brooks (R-Ind.), one of 18 House bills this week aimed at halting the scourge of drug overdoses over the last decade. The task force would be led by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and would include a voice from nearly every corner of the healthcare sector, from hospitals CEOs to patients suffering from chronic pain.” The bill passed, 412 to 4. [HR 4641, Vote #184, 5/11/16; The Hill, 5/11/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Legislation To Provide $600 Million In Funding To Address The Opioid Epidemic.** In May 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of legislation that would provide $600 million in funding to help ensure that a package of bills passed by the House to address the opioid epidemic was fully funded. The previous question passed, 215 to 173. A vote against the previous question would have
allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 720, Vote #182, 5/11/16; USA Today, 5/1/16; Kuster Press Release, 5/11/16; Democratic Leader – 114th Congress Previous Questions, 5/11/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration For Emergency Supplemental Zika Funding.** In April 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking a vote on legislation that would provide emergency supplemental funding for addressing health risks presented by the Zika virus. According to the Office of the Democratic Leader, “The Democratic Previous Question would force an immediate vote on H.R. 5044, the Zika Emergency Supplemental, which provides emergency resources urgently needed to respond to the Zika virus.” The motion passed, 238 to181. A vote against the previous question would have forced an immediate vote on the Zika Emergency Supplemental. [H Res 706, Vote #173; Democratic Leader – 114th Previous Questions, 4/28/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration For Emergency Supplemental Zika Funding.** On April 27th, 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking a vote on legislation that would provide emergency supplemental funding for addressing health risks presented by the Zika virus. According to the Office of the Democratic Leader, “The Democratic Previous Question would force an immediate vote on H.R. 5044, the Zika Emergency Supplemental, which provides emergency resources urgently needed to respond to the Zika virus.” The motion passed 238 to181. A vote against the previous question would have forced an immediate vote on the Zika Emergency Supplemental. [H Res 706, Vote #168; Democratic Leader – 114th Previous Questions, 4/27/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Ensuring Transparency And Accountability, Removal Of Terminated Providers For Medicaid And CHIP.** In March 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill that would improve transparency and accountability for Medicaid and CHIP providers by instituting improved disclosure requirements. “The bill would create additional requirements for Medicaid and CHIP, like data reporting… The legislation … will increase the efficiency of the Medicaid program by creating a searchable database that is more patient friendly. It would provide beneficiaries served under the Medicaid fee-for-service or primary care case management programs with a directory of physicians participating in the program so those patients can receive the most up to date information and are able to find doctors who accept Medicaid more quickly and efficiently.” [HR 3716, Vote #105, 3/2/16; Office of the Democratic Whip, 3/2/16]

**Obama Administration Supported Bill, Cited Improved Ability Of States To Identify Terminated Providers.** “H.R. 3716 would improve the ability of States to identify health care providers who have been terminated from participating in Medicare or in another State’s Medicaid or CHIP program. The Affordable Care Act requires that State Medicaid programs terminate participation of health care providers that have been terminated by Medicare or another State Medicaid program. This legislation would improve States’ ability to fulfill this requirement by codifying this requirement in CHIP, requiring providers participating in Medicaid and CHIP managed care to enroll with the State, and increasing required reporting, sharing of information, and standardization of documentation of reasons for termination.” [Statement of Administration Policy, Executive Office of the President, 3/1/16]

**Bill Would Save $28 Million Over Ten Years.** “The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that the bill would reduce direct spending by $28 million over the next ten years.” [Office of the Democratic Whip, 3/2/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Motion Agreeing With Senate Amendment To Place A Moratorium On Health Care Reform’s Medical Device Tax.** In December 2015, Poliquin voted for to concur with a Senate amendment to a tax package that included a two year moratorium on the 2.3 percent medical device tax implemented under the Affordable Care Act. The amendment passed, 318-109. [HR 2029, Vote #703, 12/17/15; Med Device Online, 12/17/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Reconciliation Bill To Repeal Key Sections Of The Affordable Care Act And Defund Planned Parenthood.** In October, 2015, Poliquin voted for a “budget reconciliation bill that seeks to gut Obamacare by repealing key sections of the law, including the individual and employer mandate and the so-called ‘cadillac’ tax, which targets high-end employer-sponsored health plans. In addition, it would block funding for
Planned Parenthood for one year and divert that spending to other women’s health programs.” The bill passed 240-189. HR 3762, Vote #568, 10/23/15; Washington Post, 10/23/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Providing $9.3 Billion For Medical Research And Revamp Of The Drug And Medical Device Evaluation Process.** In July 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill that “would provide $9.3 billion for the National Institutes of Health and Food and Drug Administration over five years while revamping aspects of the FDA's drug and medical device evaluation processes. The cost would be fully offset, and the measure also would reauthorize NIH for three years.” The bill passed with strong bipartisan support, 344 – 77, and then referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. [HR 6, Vote #433, 7/10/15; CQ News, 7/10/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Eliminating Medicare Cost-Control Board.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted for the Protecting Seniors’ Access to Medicare Act of 2015. “The House easily passed a repeal of Obamacare's Independent Payment Advisory Board, with a handful of Democrats voting with Republicans against a part of the law aimed at checking the growth of Medicare spending. The Independent Payment Advisory Board has never been used. It consists of 15 members and was included in the law to control the rate of Medicare growth and to help the program come up with savings. The law said the board would make savings recommendations if Medicare spending was projected to exceed a certain target rate, but so far, spending hasn’t grown fast enough to trigger the IPAB. The 244-154 vote occurred days before an expected Supreme Court ruling on the legality of Obamacare subsidies.” The bill passed, 244-154. [HR 1190, Vote #376, 6/23/15; National Journal, 6/23/15]

**Bill Repealed Independent Payment Advisory Boards.** “H.R. 1190 would repeal the provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that established the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB) and that created a process by which the Board (or the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services) would be required under certain circumstances to modify the Medicare program to achieve specified savings.” [Congressional Budget Office, 6/11/15]

**Congressional Budget Office: Elimination Of Board Would “Probably Result In Higher Spending For The Medicare Program In The Years 2022 Through 2025,”** “CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1190 would not have any budgetary impact between 2015 and 2021, but would increase direct spending by $7.1 billion over the 2022-2025 period. That estimate is extremely uncertain because it is not clear whether the mechanism for spending reductions under the IPAB authority will be triggered under current law for most of the next ten years; under CBO’s current baseline projections such authority is projected to be triggered in 2025. However, given the uncertainty that surrounds those projections, it is possible that such authority would be triggered in more than one of those years; taking into account that possibility, CBO estimates that repealing the IPAB provision of the ACA would probably result in higher spending for the Medicare program in the years 2022 through 2025 than would occur under current law. CBO’s estimate represents the expected value of a broad range of possible effects of repealing the provision over that period.” [Congressional Budget Office, 6/11/15]

**Bill Offset By Cuts To Prevention And Public Health Fund.** “The House easily passed a repeal of Obamacare's Independent Payment Advisory Board, with a handful of Democrats voting with Republicans against a part of the law aimed at checking the growth of Medicare spending. ...Although only 11 Democrats ended up voting for the repeal, others might have done so if the bill wasn't offset by cuts to Obamacare's Prevention and Public Health Fund.” [National Journal, 6/23/15]

**Fund Trained More Primary-Care Doctors.** “The graph that my subconscious came up with charted all the cuts to the Prevention and Public Health Fund. That's a $15 billion Obamacare program initially meant to — you guessed it — fund prevention and public health activities. This has included everything from training more primary-care doctors to supporting healthy corner stores. The funds are not earmarked for any specific activity. Instead, they get doled out each year. And that has made the Prevention Fund a prime target for legislators looking to pay for other health-care activities.” [Washington Post, 4/19/13]

**Poliquin Voted For Repeal Of Medical Device Tax Under The Affordable Care Act.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted for repealing the medical device tax implemented under the Affordable Care Act. “The House defied a White
House veto threat and voted Thursday to abolish a tax on medical device makers as a group of Democrats uncharacteristically joined Republicans in moving to kill part of President Barack Obama’s health care law … The Republican-led House has voted more than 50 times since 2011 to void all or part of Obama’s health care overhaul, usually along party lines.” The bill passed 280 to 140. [HR 160, Vote #375, 6/18/15; Associated Press, 6/18/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Prohibit Funds For Medical Marijuana.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act that “prohibits the use of funds in the bill to supersede State law in those States that have legalized the use of medical marijuana.” The amendment passed 242 to 186. [HR 2578, Vote #283, 6/3/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Allowing Reform To Medicare Fee Payments For Doctors & To Reauthorize Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).** In March 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill to provide permanent solution for paying doctors that treat Medicare patients and reauthorize the CHIP program for an additional two years. “The Senate on Tuesday overwhelmingly approved sweeping changes in the way Medicare pays doctors, clearing the bill for President Obama and resolving an issue that has bedeviled Congress and the Medicare program for more than a decade. The 92-to-8 vote in the Senate, following passage in the House last month by a vote of 392 to 37, was a major success for Republicans, who devised a solution to a complex policy problem that had frustrated lawmakers of both parties. Mr. Obama has endorsed the bill, saying it ‘could help slow health care cost growth.’ The bill, drafted in the House in negotiations between Speaker John A. Boehner and Representative Nancy Pelosi, the Democratic leader, also extends the Children’s Health Insurance Program for two years, through 2017. Without action by Congress, doctors would have faced a 21 percent cut in Medicare fees.” The bill passed, 392 to 37. [HR 2, Vote #144, 3/26/15; New York Times, 4/14/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against A Full Repeal Of The ACA.** In February 2015, Poliquin voted against repealing the ACA. “The House voted … to abolish the 2010 health care law in Congress’ first repeal vote of the year … The House has voted more than 50 times to roll back all or portions of the law.” The bill passed 239 to 186. [HR 596, Vote #58, 2/3/15; CQ News, 2/3/15]

Vote Was Republicans’ 56th Attempt To Repeal Affordable Care Act. “In Tuesday’s repeal effort by House Republicans — their first of this Congress and their 56th overall — it became clear that they had succeeded at one thing: They had bored even themselves into a slumber.” [Washington Post, 2/3/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting 56th Republican Vote To Repeal The ACA.** In February 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion that would prohibit Republicans 56th vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act. The motion to recommit failed, 179 to 241. [HR 596, Vote #57, 2/3/15; Democratic Leadership Summary, 2/3/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Increasing Definition Of Full-Time From 30 Hours To 40 Hours Under Affordable Care Act.** In January 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill that would lengthen the Affordable Care Act’s definition of a full-time work week to 40 hours from 30 hours. “The House will vote again on Thursday to lengthen Obamacare’s full-time workweek definition to 40 hours, but the Senate has work to do before it can hope to get its first anti-Obamacare bill to the president’s desk.” The bill passed, 252-172. [HR 30, Vote #14, 1/8/15; Politico, 1/8/15]

Bill Would Increase Deficit By $53.2 Billion And Cut Healthcare For About 1 Million Workers. “The independent Congressional Budget Office said Wednesday that the House’s bill would add $53.2 billion to the deficit from 2015 to 2025. That’s because fewer businesses would pay fines and because some of the employees who would have been covered at work will instead get subsidies to buy plans on the Obamacare exchanges. The CBO estimated that about 1 million people would lose their work-based coverage, a fact that Democrats intend to highlight.” [Politico, 1/8/15]

**House Administration**

**Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Rules Issued Pursuant To An Express Grant Of Authority From Congress From The Separation Of Powers Restoration Act.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted against “Johnson, D-
House rule. [H Res 42, question carried, 239]

Rule that provides transparency for both the public and Members who must vote on legislation this Rule and their principles. The Democratic Previous Question would eliminate the waiver of this very important Republican Leadership filed the bill late on the night before the vote the following morning, in direct violation of this Rule and their principles. The Democratic Previous Question would eliminate the waiver of this very important Rule that provides transparency for both the public and Members who must vote on legislation.” The previous question carried, 239-183. A vote against ordering the previous question would have eliminated the waiver of the House rule. [H Res 42, Vote #42, 1/22/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 1/21/15]

**Separation Of Powers Restoration Act Overturned Legal Precedent That Said Courts Must Defer To Agency Interpretations Of “Ambiguous” Statutes When Disputes Arise, Unless The Interpretation Is Unreasonable.** “A GOP-backed bill to limit federal agencies’ rulemaking power passed the House on Tuesday. The Separation of Powers Restoration Act overturns the 1984 Supreme Court decision that created Chevron deference. The legal precedent says courts must defer to agency interpretations of ‘ambiguous’ statutes when disputes arise, unless the interpretation is unreasonable.” [The Hill, 7/12/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Striking The Repeal Of The District Of Columbia Budget Autonomy Referendum.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would strike the repeal of the District of Columbia budget autonomy referendum.” The amendment failed 182-238. [HR 5485, Vote #370, 7/6/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/6/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Preventing DC From Spending Local Tax Dollars Without Congressional Approval.** In May 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill that would “repeal a District of Columbia law that modified the district's home rule charter to allow locally-generated funds to be spent without congressional approval.” The bill passed 240-179. [HR 5233, Vote #248, 5/25/16; CQ Bill Track, 6/1/16]

**House Overturned Voter-Approved Ballot Measure Giving DC More Control Over Its Finances.** “The House passed legislation on Wednesday to gut a D.C. ballot measure that gives the city more control over its finances. Lawmakers voted 240-179, along party lines, to approve a bill that would prevent the District of Columbia from spending local tax dollars without congressional approval.” [The Hill, 5/25/16]

**Poliquin Voted For FY2016 Legislative Branch Budget That Extended Congressional Pay Freeze.** In May 2015, Poliquin voted for the bill that would provide $3.3 billion for legislative branch operations, excluding Senate operations, in fiscal 2016. “[The] annual legislative branch spending bill … [included] language extending the congressional salary freeze for a seventh consecutive year.” The bill was passed by a vote of 357-67. [HR 2250, Vote #247, 5/19/15; CQ Floor Votes, 5/19/15; Roll Call, 5/20/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Cut Legislative Branch Budget By 1 Percent.** In May 2015, Poliquin voted for the Blackburn, R-Tenn., amendment that would cut funding under the bill by one percent for all accounts except for the Capitol Police, the Sergeant at Arms, and the Architect of the Capitol's Capitol Police buildings, grounds and security account. The amendment was rejected by a vote of 172-250. [HR 2250, Vote #246, 5/19/15; CQ Floor Votes, 5/19/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Block Funding For Exchange Program To Promote American-Style Democracy In Post-Soviet Countries.** In May 2015, Poliquin voted for the Ratcliffe, R-Texas, amendment that would “block funding for the Open World Leadership Center, a program begun in 1999 and intended to educate politicians from the former Soviet Union about democracy in the U.S.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 224-199. [HR 2250, Vote #245, 5/19/15; Albany Herald, 5/19/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Requirement That Text Legislative Text Be Posted In Accordance With House Rules.** In January 2015, Poliquin voted for blocking requirement that legislative text be posted in accordance with House rules. “House Rules require a bill to be posted for 3 days so it can be read before it comes to the floor, and the Republican Leadership has made this particular rule sacrosanct above all others. However, on HR 7 the Republican Leadership filed the bill late on the night before the vote the following morning, in direct violation of this Rule and their principles. The Democratic Previous Question would eliminate the waiver of this very important Rule that provides transparency for both the public and Members who must vote on legislation.” The previous question carried, 239-183. A vote against ordering the previous question would have eliminated the waiver of the House rule. [H Res 42, Vote #42, 1/22/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 1/21/15]
Housing

Poliquin Voted Against Allowing HUD To Continue An FHA Program Automating An Alternative Credit Rating System For Borrowers With Insufficient Credit Histories. In February 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would “allow the Housing and Urban Development Department to continue a Federal Housing Administration pilot program for an automated process to provide alternative credit rating information to help determine creditworthiness of borrowers with insufficient credit histories.” The amendment was rejected, 181 to 239. [H R 3700, Vote #51, 2/2/16; 2/2/16; CQ Floor Votes, 2/2/16]

Poliquin Voted For Exempting Public Housing Agencies From Requirement For At Least One Board Member Receiving Housing Assistance If They Have A Resident Advisory Board. In February 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment that would “exempt certain public housing agencies from a requirement that their boards of directors include at least one member who directly receives public housing agency assistance, if the public housing agency establishes an advisory board of at least six public housing residents.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 236 to 178. [H R 3700, Vote #50, 2/2/16; 2/2/16; CQ Floor Votes, 2/2/16]

Poliquin Voted For Delaying Implementation Of Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Rules For Home Buyers. In October 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill that would “delay implementation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's rules regarding lender disclosures to consumers applying for home mortgage loans until Feb. 1, 2016. Enforcement of the rules and lawsuits against lenders would be prohibited as long as the lender makes a good-faith effort to comply with the rules.” The bill passed 303-121. [HR 3192, Vote #540, 10/7/15; CQ Floor Votes, 10/7/15]

Poliquin Voted Against A Motion To Allow Home Buyers To Seek Court Remedy Against Predatory Practices. In October 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion that would “protect the rights of servicemembers, seniors, and students to seek a court remedy against predatory practices in the home-buying process.” The motion failed, 185-240. [HR 3192, Vote #539, 10/7/15; Democratic Leader – Motions to Recommit, 10/7/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Rules Issued By The Housing And Urban Development Department From The Separation Of Powers Restoration Act. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against “Meeks, D-N.Y., amendment that would exempt rules issued by the Housing and Urban Development Department from the bill’s requirements. The bill would end the requirement that federal courts defer to an agency’s interpretation of the underlying law or rule when considering challenges to agency rules and regulations.” The amendment was rejected 174-243. [H Amdt 1274 to HR 4768, Vote #412, 7/12/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/12/16]

Separation Of Powers Restoration Act Overturned Legal Precedent That Said Courts Must Defer To Agency Interpretations Of “Ambiguous” Statutes When Disputes Arise, Unless The Interpretation Is Unreasonable. “A GOP-backed bill to limit federal agencies’ rulemaking power passed the House on Tuesday. The Separation of Powers Restoration Act overturns the 1984 Supreme Court decision that created Chevron deference. The legal precedent says courts must defer to agency interpretations of ‘ambiguous’ statutes when disputes arise, unless the interpretation is unreasonable.” [The Hill, 7/12/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Striking A Section Of The Bill Prohibiting Funds From Being Used To Enforce Truth In Lending Act Disclosure Requirements For Loans Under $75,000. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against amendment that would “strike a section of the bill that would prohibit funds from being used to enforce Truth in Lending Act disclosure requirements for loans less than $75,000 secured by a personal dwelling or that do not include the purchase of property on which the interest rate is below 10 percentage points and the total points and fees are below 5 percent or $3,000.” The amendment failed 162-255. [HR 5485, Vote #368, 7/6/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/6/16]

Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Bar HUD From Enforcing Regulation Combating Discrimination In the Housing Market. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the FY16 Transportation-HUD
Appropriations bill that would bar funds from being used by HUD to administer a federal regulation that dictates, “If the policies of governmental agencies, banks or private real estate companies unjustifiably perpetuate segregation, regardless of their intent, they could be found in violation of the Fair Housing Act.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 231-195. [HR 2577, Vote #323, 6/9/15; ProPublica, 1/21/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Baring Use Of Funds For Providing Need-Based Housing For Unauthorized Aliens.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to a DOT and HUD appropriations bill that would “bar funds from being used to provide financial assistance in contravention of section 214 (d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980, regarding non-citizen eligibility for need-based housing.” Section 214 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980 states that “only certain categories of noncitizens are eligible for benefits under the housing programs covered by Section 214. Unauthorized aliens are not eligible for benefits under Section 214.” The amendment was adopted 246 to 180. [HR 2577, Vote #320, 6/9/15; CQ Summary, 6/9/15; CRS, 1/23/12]

**Poliquin Voted For Baring Use Of Funds In Violation Of HUD Regulations On Assistance To Non-Citizens.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to a DOT and HUD appropriations bill that would “bar funds from being used in violation of HUD regulations relating to restrictions on assistance to non-citizens. “ The amendment was adopted 244-181. [HR 2577, Vote #319, 6/9/15; CQ Summary, 6/9/15]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment That Barred Funding For The Private Enforcement Initiative Of The Fair Housing Initiatives Program.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 that would “bar funds from being used for the Private Enforcement Initiative of the Fair Housing Initiatives Program.” The amendment passed 224 to 198. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/4/15; HR 2577, Vote #307, 6/4/15]

**National Council On Independent Living: PEI Grantees Are “Critical” To Enforcement Of The Fair Housing Act.** “PEI grants support local, private fair housing groups’ testing, complaint intake, and investigation efforts. PEI grantees are critical to enforcement efforts for the Fair Housing Act. Disability-related complaints is the largest category of Fair Housing complaints. To remove funding for the PEI program would damage Fair Housing enforcement in many communities. This harms people with disabilities when fair housing enforcement is not readily available in communities.” [NCIL, 6/5/15]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment That Prevented The Department Of Justice From Enforcing Disparate Impact Claims Under The Fair Housing Act.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment that prevented the department of justice from enforcing disparate impact claims under the Fair Housing Act. “Housing discrimination claims: The House has passed an amendment sponsored by Rep. Scott Garrett, R-N.J., to the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (H.R. 2578). The amendment would bar funding for Justice Department enforcement actions under the Fair Housing Act that rely on the theory of disparate impact to allege racial and other forms of discrimination by mortgage lenders, landlords, and home insurers. Garrett said the threat of prosecution for treating various classes of homeowners and renters differently, based on their economic status, would impede the ability ‘for lenders to make rational economic decisions about risk’ rather than based on the possibility that the Justice Department will consider their actions discriminatory.” The amendment passed 232 to 196. [HR 2578, Vote #287, 6/3/15; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 6/3/15; Citizen-Times, 6/5/15]

**Poliquin Voted For A Bill That Changed The Definition Of A Qualified Mortgage Under The Truth In Lending Act.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted for the Mortgage Choice Act. “The bill excludes insurance paid at closing into escrow, as well as fees paid for related services to lender-affiliated companies, from the 3% cap on points and fees imposed on ‘qualified mortgages’ by redefining ‘points and fees’ under the Truth in Lending Act. The measure is intended to clarify conflicting definitions under current law and thereby ensure that mortgage loans to low- and middle-income borrowers remain affordable.” The bill passed, 286 to 140. [HR 685, Vote #152, 4/14/15; CQ, 4/10/15]
**Bill They Voted On Would “Weaken Regulations On Mortgage Lenders.”** “Ranking second behind the Chamber was the National Association of Realtors. The group spent $7.7 million lobbying on issues like flood insurance premiums, which have risen sharply in the past few years. NAR also lobbied for the Mortgage Choice Act, a bill that would weaken regulations on mortgage lenders enacted following the 2007 collapse of the housing market. The Mortgage Choice Act passed in the House of Representatives on April 14.” [Huffington Post, 4/23/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Weakening Aspects Of Wall Street Reform Allowing Mortgage Lenders To Disclose Less Information To Borrowers.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted for legislation that would roll back regulations in the Wall Street reform law. “Regulations from the Dodd-Frank Act that went into effect in early 2014 tightened requirements and restrictions on ‘high-cost’ loans. For example, if the interest rate and fees on loans reach a certain level, lenders have to verify a borrower’s ability to repay loans and disclose consequences of default and loan terms … the Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2015. HR 650 would raise the threshold for which loans are considered ‘high cost,’ from 8.5 percent above the average rate to 10 percent above the average rate. President Obama has threatened to veto it if it passes both houses. The change may seem minor, but the higher threshold would mean the lender has to do less work and disclose less information to borrowers. The majority of loans on manufactured homes carry high interest rates, especially compared with a typical mortgage.” The bill passed, 263 to 162. [HR 650, Vote #151, 4/14/15; Seattle Times Editorial, 4/14/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Preventing Those Convicted Of Mortgage Fraud And Predatory Lenders From Providing Loans To Homeowners.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion that would prevent those convicted of mortgage fraud and predatory lenders from providing loans to homeowners. “No person or lender that has been found to have engaged in unfair, deceptive, predatory, or abusive lending practices, or convicted of mortgage fraud under Federal or relevant State law may make use of the amendments made by this Act ” The motion failed 184 to 239. [HR 650, Vote #150, 4/14/15; Motion to Recomit, 4/14/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Reauthorizing Indian And Native American Housing Programs.** In March 2015, Poliquin voted for reauthorizing Indian and Native Hawaiian housing programs. “This bill reauthorizes a number of Indian and Native Hawaiian housing programs through FY 2019, including the Indian Housing Block Grant Program (IHBG), which it modifies to provide for multi-year housing plans and to allow tribes to meet program requirements more efficiently. It also establishes a set-aside for housing for Native American veterans within Veterans Affairs (VA) Department housing programs and creates a demonstration program to leverage private investment in affordable Indian housing.” The bill passed 297 to 98. [HR 360, Vote #130, 3/23/15; CQ House Action Reports, 3/20/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment Barring The Implementation Of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 that would “ bar funding for HUD to implement, enforce or administer the proposed Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule.” The amendment passed 229 to 193. [HR 2577, Vote #311, 6/9/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/9/15]

**Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule Self Purports To Combat Segregation.** According to the Federal Register, the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule “[e]stablish[es] an approach to affirmatively further fair housing that calls for coordinated efforts to combat illegal housing discrimination, so that individuals and families can make decisions about where to live, free from discrimination, with necessary information regarding housing options, and with adequate support to make their choices viable.” [Federal Register, 7/19/13]

**Immigration & Border**

**Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Federal Agencies From Providing Foreign Language Services To Anyone Who Might Seek To Engage With Federal, State And Local Governments.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “King, R-Iowa, amendment that would prohibit federal agencies from providing foreign language services to
anyone who might seek to engage with federal, state and local governments.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole 192-232. [H Amdt 1256 to HR 5485, Vote #386, 7/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/7/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Funds From Being Used To Provide Financial Assistance To Sanctuary Cities.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “Gosar, R-Ariz., amendment that would prohibit funds from being used to provide financial assistance to ‘sanctuary cities’ or U.S. cities that shelter undocumented immigrants.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole 236-182. [H Amdt 1250 to HR 5485, Vote #382, 7/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Prohibit Extending The Expiration Date Of Military Eligibility Program For DACA Recipients.** In June 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the FY17 Department of Defense Appropriations Act (HR 5293) that would “bar use of funds to extend the expiration date of a Sept. 25, 2014, memo that allowed undocumented immigrants granted deferral of deportation under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program to be eligible for military enlistment through the Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest program.” The amendment failed 207-214. [HR 5293, Vote #318, 6/16/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]

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**Poliquin Voted For Amendment That Would Prohibit Funding For DOD To Enlist DACA Youth In The Military.** In June 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the FY17 Department of Defense Appropriations Act (HR 5293) that would “prohibit the use of funds by the Department of Defense to enlist DACA youth in the United States military.” The amendment passed 221-200. [HR 5293, Vote #316, 6/16/16; Congress.gov, 6/16/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Prohibit Military Funding For Temporary Housing For Unaccompanied Immigrant Children.** In June 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the FY17 Department of Defense Appropriations Act (HR 5293) that would “prohibit use of funds to modify military installations in the United States to provide temporary housing for unaccompanied immigrant children.” The amendment passed 223-198. [HR 5293, Vote #315, 6/16/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Withholding Federal Law Enforcement Grant Funding From State And Local Governments That Do Not Comply With Federal Immigration Laws.** In July 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill that would “withhold certain federal law enforcement grants to state and local governments that bar their officials from taking certain immigration-related actions, such as gathering or maintaining information on the immigration or citizenship status of individuals or sharing such information with federal immigration authorities.” The bill passed 241-179. [HR 3009, Vote #466, 7/23/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/23/15]


**Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting Reduction In Federal Law Enforcement Grant Funding If It Would Result In Increase In Crime Or Decrease In Law Enforcement Officers.** In July 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion that would “prohibit the Attorney General from reducing federal law enforcement grants to states or local governments if the Attorney General determines that such reductions would result in an increase in the overall crime rate of the state or a decrease in the number of law enforcement officers in that area.” The motion failed 181-239. [HR 3009, Vote #465, 7/23/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/23/15]
Poliquin Voted For Amendment Blocking Funding For Cities That Neglect To Fully Participate In Reporting Names To Federal Immigration Officials. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2016 blocking funds to cities “The House also voted 227-198 for an amendment that would block certain federal funds to localities that refuse to report names to federal immigration authorities. That’s become an issue in recent months as localities refused to participate in a federal program that turns over the names of people picked up for crimes to federal immigration authorities.” The amendment passed, 227 to 198. [HR 2578, Amendment #84, Vote #294, 6/3/15; Associated Press, 6/3/15]

Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Prevent DOJ From Using Its Funds To Defend President Obama’s Executive Orders On Immigration In Pending Legal Battle. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for and amendment preventing the Department of Justice from using its funds to defend President Obama’s executive orders on immigration in a pending legal battle. “House Republicans just went after President Barack Obama’s executive actions on immigration – again. The GOP-led chamber voted Wednesday to block the Justice Department from being able to defend itself in a legal battle that has put Obama’s sweeping and controversial immigration actions on hold. The measure, written by conservative immigration firebrand Rep. Steve King of Iowa, was an amendment to the overall funding bill for DOJ. As he spoke about his measure, King noted that the House has voted multiple times to restrain Obama’s legal authority on immigration and dismissed the actions as ‘unconstitutional executive amnesty.’ Obama’s directive was the epicenter of a battle over Homeland Security, pushing the department’s funding to the brink before Republicans capitulated on their demands to defund Obama’s actions.” The amendment passed 222 to 204. [HR 2578, Vote #293, 6/3/15; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 6/3/15; Politico, 6/3/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Motion To Provide Funding For Library Of Congress To Remove The Term “Illegal Aliens.” In June 2016, Poliquin voted against a motion that would “reduce funding for the Architect of the Capitol’s capital construction and operations account by $200,000 and increase funding for Library of Congress salaries and expenses by the same amount, with the aim of letting the Library of Congress replace the term ‘illegal aliens’ in subject headings as it has planned.” The motion failed 170-237. [HR 5325, Vote #293, 6/10/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/10/16]

Poliquin Voted For Removing Provision Encouraging Defense Department To Allow DREAMers To Serve In Military. In May 2015, Poliquin voted for removing an amendment to the Defense Authorization bill that “would encourage the Pentagon to consider allowing immigrants brought to the country as children to [serve in the military].” [HR 1735, Vote #229, 5/14/15; NPR, 5/13/15]


Poliquin Voted Against Barring Funding To Modify Military Installations To Temporarily House Unaccompanied Immigrant Children. In May 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would bar use of appropriated funds to modify military installations in the United States to temporarily house unaccompanied immigrant children.” The amendment passed, 219-202. [HR 4974, Vote #222, 5/19/16]

Poliquin Voted For Authorizing Speaker Ryan To File An Amicus Curiae Brief On The House’s Behalf In A Supreme Court Case About Obama’s Actions To Protect Undocumented Immigrants From Deportation. In March 2016, Poliquin voted for a resolution that would “authorize the Speaker to file an amicus curiae – or ‘friend of the court’ - brief on behalf of the House in a Supreme Court case challenging executive action over immigration…The Supreme Court case centers on President Barack Obama’s executive action aimed to protect millions of undocumented immigrants from being deported.” The resolution passed 234-186. [H Res 639, Vote #129, 3/17/16; CQ, 3/16/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking The Consideration Of Lofgren Amicus Brief Asserting President’s Authority To Set Reasonable Priorities On Immigration Enforcement. In March 2016, Poliquin voted for blocking the consideration of an amendment “to bring to the House Floor a resolution supporting the amicus brief filed by House
Democrats on March 8, 2016 that asserts the President’s legal authority to set rational enforcement priorities on immigration.” The previous question carried, 234-181. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the declaration of this presidential authority to be considered. [H Res 639, Vote #127, 3/17/16; Democratic Leader, 3/17/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Bill Restarting Deportations Of Undocumented Families And DREAMers.** In January 2015, Poliquin voted for a federal funding bill providing $47.8 billion for Homeland Security in FY 2015. The bill also included $12.6 billion for Customs and Border Protection, $6.3 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, $10 billion for the Coast Guard, and $10.8 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The bill defunded President Obama’s executive action on immigration and ended a program that halted the deportation of some illegal immigrants who came to the United States as children. “Democrats rallied against the bill, which would fund the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through September, after Republicans adopted a series of contentious amendments that take aim at facets of Obama’s immigration policy. One of the amendments would choke off funding for Obama’s executive action announced in November, which would allow some illegal immigrants to stay in the country and obtain work permits. A second amendment would halt the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program (DACA), which lifts deportation for some illegal immigrants who came to the United States as children.” The bill passed 236 to 191. [HR 240, Vote #35, 1/14/15; The Hill, 1/14/15; CQ Floor Votes, 1/14/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Anti-Immigrant Amendment Putting Interests Of Legal Aliens Above Undocumented Immigrants.** In January 2015, Poliquin voted for an anti-immigrant amendment imploiring the Obama Administration to stop putting the interests of legal aliens behind those who arrived illegally. It also encouraged the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to use available funds to improve services and the benefits application process for legal immigrants. The amendment was adopted 260 to 167. [HR 240, Amendment No. 5, Vote #33, 1/14/15; CQ Floor Votes, 1/14/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Anti-Immigrant Amendment Discouraging Policies To Promote Hiring Of Undocumented Immigrants.** In January 2015, Poliquin voted for an anti-immigrant amendment imploiring the Obama Administration not to pursue policies making it economically advantageous to hire illegal immigrants. The amendment was adopted 253-171. [HR 240, Amendment No. 4, Vote #32, 1/14/15; CQ Floor Votes, 1/14/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Anti-Immigrant Amendment That Would Discourage Victims From Reporting Abuse.** In January 2015, Poliquin voted for an anti-immigrant amendment that purports to prioritize immigration enforcement actions against illegal immigrants convicted of violent or sexually-oriented offenses. However, the Conference of Catholic Bishops stated that this amendment “would discourage many [domestic violence] victims from reporting abuse.” The amendment was adopted 278-149. [HR 240, Amendment No. 3, Vote #31, 1/14/15; Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, Floor Remarks, 1/14/15; CQ Floor Votes, 1/14/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment To End Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals.** On January 24, 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the Department of Homeland Security funding bill that would end a program to suspend the deportation of DREAMers. “A second amendment would halt the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program (DACA), which lifts deportation for some illegal immigrants who came to the United States as children.” The amendment was adopted 218 to 209. [HR 240, Vote #30, 1/14/15; The Hill 1/14/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Defund Immigration Executive Order.** On January 14, 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to defund President Obama’s executive action on immigration. “One of the amendments would choke off funding for Obama’s executive action announced in November, which would allow some illegal immigrants to stay in the country and obtain work permits.” The amendment was adopted 237 to 190. [HR 240, Vote #29, 1/14/15; The Hill, 1/14/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Homeland Security Funding Bill Without Language Stopping Immigration Changes.** In January 2015, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of a bill that “would prevent Republicans from endangering national security and fund the Department of Homeland Security for the rest of the
year, bringing forward the bipartisan Homeland Security appropriations bill for a clean vote without Republicans’ anti-immigrant amendments.” The motion failed 242 to 181. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 27, Vote #20, 1/13/15; 114th Previous Questions]

**Jobs**

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Close The Tax Loophole That Encourages Companies To Ship Jobs Overseas, And Give Them Tax Credits For Bringing Jobs Home.** In December 2016, Poliquin voted for the “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 949) that would provide for House floor consideration of the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill (HR 2028) intended to serve as a legislative vehicle for a measure that would make $1.07 trillion in continuing appropriations to fund government operations through April 28, 2017; and that would provide for House floor consideration of the House amendment to the bill (S 612) intended to serve as a legislative vehicle for a measure that would authorize $10 billion for new water projects for construction by the Army Corps of Engineers.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would force an immediate vote on HR 2963, the Bring Jobs Home Act, to close the tax loophole that rewards companies for moving jobs abroad, and encourage companies to move back home by providing tax credits equal to 20 percent of the cost associated with bringing jobs and business activities back to the United States.” The motion passed 234 to 181. [H.Res. 949, Vote #617, 12/8/16; DemocraticLeader.gov, 12/8/16; CQ, 12/8/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill To Close The Tax Loophole That Encourages Companies To Ship Jobs Overseas, And Give Them Tax Credits For Bringing Jobs Home.** In December 2016, Poliquin voted for the “Byrne, R-Ala., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 944) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 5143) that would prohibit the United States from agreeing to any proposed international insurance standards until the government would publicly publish the proposal. It would grant suspension authority on the legislative day of Dec. 8, 2016, and it would provide for House proceedings from Dec. 9, 2016, through Jan. 3, 2017.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “The Democratic Previous Question would force an immediate vote on HR 2963, the Bring Jobs Home Act, to close the tax loophole that rewards companies for moving jobs abroad, and encourage companies to move back home by providing tax credits equal to 20 percent of the cost associated with bringing jobs and business activities back to the United States.” The motion passed 231 to 178. [H.Res. 944, Vote #609, 12/7/16; DemocraticLeader.gov, 12/7/16; CQ, 12/7/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amendment That Would Strike Provision Turning Medicare Into Premium Support System And Establish Paid Sick Leave Provision.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to instruct that would ask the House agree with the Senate in favoring paid sick leave and preventing Medicare from becoming a voucher program. “In the House, Van Hollen, who’s running for Senate in the Old Line State, said he wants the House to vote on at least two things: the right for workers to earn paid sick leave and another that would bar Medicare from being turned into a voucher program, a GOP aspiration.” The motion failed 187 to 239. [H.Con Res. 11, Vote #153, 4/14/15; Motion to Instruct Conferees, 4/14/15; Politico, 4/14/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Career Education In Manufacturing.** In February 2015, Poliquin voted for to block consideration of a vote to provide career education in manufacturing to help students prepare for 21st century manufacturing jobs. The previous question carried, 242-176. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on career education in manufacturing. [H Res 70, Vote #54, 2/3/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 2/3/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Exempting Rules Resulting In Net Job Creation From Significant Delays.** In January 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment exempting rules resulting in net job creation from the bill’s burdensome requirements. The amendment failed 247 to 178. [HR 185, Amendment No. 2, Vote #24, 1/13/15; CQ Floor Votes, 1/13/15]
Poliquin Voted For Delaying Implementation Of The Obama Administration’s Overtime Rule. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for the Regulatory Relief For Small Businesses, Schools, And Nonprofits Act that “would delay, from Dec. 1, 2016, to June 1, 2017, implementation of a Labor Department overtime rules revision that ‘would raise the income threshold under which workers are automatically eligible for overtime from an annual salary of $23,660 to $47,476.’” The bill passed 246 to 177. [H.R. 6094, Vote #574, 9/28/16; CQ, 9/28/16]

Poliquin Voted For Overturning President Obama’s Veto Of A Joint Resolution Nullifying The Department Of Labor’s Fiduciary Rule. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for passage “over President Obama’s June 8, 2016 veto, of the joint resolution that would disapprove and nullify the Labor Department’s April 2016 rule regarding standards for individuals who provide retirement investment advice to act in the best interests of their clients. [H.J. Res. 88, Vote #338, 6/22/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/22/16]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Use Of Funds On PLA Agreements. In May 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment that would “prohibit use of funds to implement an executive order related to project labor agreements and federal construction projects.” The amendment failed, 209-216. [HR 4974, Vote #225, 5/19/16; CQ Floor Votes, 5/19/16]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Using Appropriated Funds To Allow Solicitation Of Labor Organization Membership in VA Facilities. In May 2016, Poliquin voted for against an amendment that “would prohibit appropriated funds from being used to allow solicitation of labor organization membership in Veterans Affairs Department facilities.” The amendment failed 200-225. [HR 4974, Vote #224, 5/19/16]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Prevent Funds From The FAST Act From Being Used To Enforce Prevailing Wage Requirements For Public Transportation Projects. In November 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to prevent funds from the FAST Act from being used to enforce of prevailing wage requirements in each state for public transportation projects. The amendment would have required “that none of the funds made available by this Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce the prevailing rate wage requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act.” The amendment failed 188 to 238. [HR 22, Vote #602, 11/4/15; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 11/4/15]

Amendment Would Have Cut Off Federal Grant Funding To Implement, Administer Or Enforce Prevailing Wage Requirements. “Republicans and Democrats also sparred over an amendment sponsored by several Republicans including Rep. Steve King of Iowa, that would have cut off federal grant funding to implement, administer or enforce the prevailing wage requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act. His amendment was rejected 188-238.” [Congressional Quarterly News, 11/5/15]

Poliquin Voted For Providing For A Second Vote To Allow Workers At Businesses With 15 Or More Employees To Earn Up To 7 Sick Days Each Year. In November 2015, Poliquin voted for a motion to “give Republicans a second chance in two weeks to vote on the Healthy Families Act, which would allow workers in businesses with 15 or more employees to earn up to seven job-protected sick days each year.” The previous question was agreed to, 241 to 183. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the amendment to be considered. [H Res 512, Vote #597, 11/4/15; Democratic Leader, 11/4/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Allowing Workers In Businesses With 15 Or More Employees To Accrue Up To Seven Sick Days A Year. In October 2015, Poliquin voted for consideration of H. Res. 491, an ordering of the previous question on HR 1090 to call for an immediate vote on the Healthy Families Act. “The Democratic Previous Question on the Rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 1090, So-Called ‘Retail Investor Protection Act,’ would call for an immediate vote on the Healthy Families Act, which would allow workers in businesses with 15 or more employees to earn up to seven job-protected sick days each year.” The previous question carried 242 to 185. [H.Res.491, Vote #570, 10/27/15; Democratic Previous Question, HR 1090, 10/27/15]
Huffington Post: Healthy Families Act “Would Allow Workers At Larger Employers To Accrue Up To Seven Sick Days Per Years.” “To address the private sector, Obama will begin stumping for the Healthy Families Act, a Democratic proposal in Congress that would allow workers at larger employers to accrue up to seven sick days per year. Such laws tend to draw heavy opposition from employer lobbies, and the proposal is all but certain to fail while Republicans control both the House and Senate.” [Huffington Post, 1/14/15]


Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Prohibit Contracts Be Awarded To Employers That Have Previously Violated The Fair Labor Standards Act. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the FY16 Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill that would bar funds from being used to enter into a contact with any individual who has willfully or repeatedly violated the Fair Labor Standards Act. The amendment was rejected by a vote of 182-243. [HR 2577, Vote #324, 6/9/15; Congressional Record, 6/9/15]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Enforcement Of Prevailing Wage Requirements On VA Construction Projects. In April 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment that would prohibit using funds for the enforcement of prevailing wage requirements laid out by the Davis-Bacon Act. The Davis-Bacon Act requires contracts working on federally funded construction projects to pay workers the prevailing wage in whichever jurisdiction a construction project is taking place. The amendment failed to pass 186 to 235. [HR 2029, Vote #191; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 4/30/15]

Poliquin Voted For Preventing VA Employees From Performing Union Related Activities While On The Job. In April 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment that would prevent VA employees from performing union related activities while on the job. The amendment’s sponsor, Rep. Jody Hice (GA-10) claimed that the practice known as official time wastes taxpayer dollars and said “The Department of Veterans Affairs is one of the agencies with the most egregious use of official time. This agency is singlehandedly responsible for almost one-third of all the reported official time usage in the entire Federal Government.” The amendment failed to pass 190 to 232. [HR 2029, Vote #190; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 4/30/15; Congressional Record, 4/29/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Prohibit Use Of Federal Funds For Contracts With Employers Who Have Previously Violated The Fair Labor Standards Act. In April 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would have prohibited the use of federal funds for contracts with employers who have previously violated the Fair Labor Standards Act. The amendment failed to pass 186 to 237. [HR 2029, Vote #189; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 4/30/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Implementation Of Union Election Rules Set By NLRB. In March 2015, Poliquin voted for blocking new election rules the National Labor Relations Board put in place for union elections. “The National Labor Relations Board’s new rules governing representation elections went into effect April 14. The rules block certain litigation ahead of union certification elections, set new timelines for pre-election and postelection hearings, allow parties to file documents electronically and require employers to disclose employees’ phone numbers and email addresses to union organizers. The NLRB and unions say the new rules modernize regulations and delay frivolous lawsuits.” The resolution passed 232 to 186. [S J Res 8, Vote #128, 3/19/15; CQ News, 4/30/15]

Obama Said He Would Veto Measure. The measure “is highly unlikely to become law, as the White House has vowed to veto the measure.” [International Business Times, 3/19/15]
Poliquin Voted For Fiscal Year 2017 Energy-Water Appropriations Bill Appropriating $37.4 Billion Towards Army Corps Of Engineers, Department Of Energy And Nuclear Weapons Programs. In May 2016, Poliquin voted for Passage of the bill that would provide $37.4 billion in fiscal 2017 to fund the Energy Department, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Interior Department's Bureau of Reclamation. It would provide $30.1 billion for the Energy Department, of which $12.9 billion would be designated for the National Nuclear Security Administration. It also would provide $6.1 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers and $1.1 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation. As amended, the measure would prohibit use of funds to buy heavy water from Iran or in contravention of an executive order that prohibits federal contractors from discriminating based on sexual orientation or gender identity, except as required under the First Amendment, the Fourteenth Amendment and Article I of the Constitution. The bill was rejected by a vote of 112-305. [HR 5055, Vote #266, 5/26/16; CQ Floor Votes, 5/26/16]

headline: “Key House Spending Bill Fails Over LGBT Controversy.” “The House on Thursday failed to pass its annual spending bill funding water and energy programs after a contentious debate over rights for LGBT federal workers. Republicans came under pressure after a bipartisan amendment was attached to the bill that protected federal workers from being fired on the basis of sexual discrimination or gender identity.” [CNN, 5/26/16]

Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Give Religious Institutions An Exemption From Protecting LGBT Workers From Discrimination. In May 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment that would prohibit use of funds made available by the bill in contravention of a law that prohibits the government from substantially burdening the free exercise of religion, an executive order related to faith based organizations, or certain provisions of the Civil Rights Act or the American Disabilities Act related to religious groups. The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 233-186. [HR 5055, Vote #259, 5/25/16; CQ Floor Votes, 5/25/16]

Poliquin Voted For Amendment Prohibiting Federal Contractors From Discriminating On The Basis Of Sexual Orientation Or Gender Identity. In May 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment that would “bar federal contractors from government work if they discriminate against the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole, 223-195. [HR 5055, Vote #258, 5/25/16; Reuters, 5/26/16]

headline: Politico: “Ban On LGBT Discrimination Finally Clears House.” “The House late Wednesday night passed a spending bill amendment that would ban federal contractors who discriminate against lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender people, putting into law a 2014 executive order. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney (D-N.Y.) had attempted to attach a similar amendment to a Veterans Affairs appropriations bill last week, but House Republican leaders held the vote open and persuaded enough members to change their votes to defeat the measure. But on Wednesday, Maloney’s measure passed in a 223-195 vote as an amendment to an energy and water spending bill. [Politico, 5/26/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment to Protect North Carolina From Losing Federal Funding After It Passed Anti-Transgender Bathroom Law. In May 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment “which prohibits the Obama administration from blocking North Carolina from receiving federal funds in retaliation to its transgender bathroom law.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 227-192. [HR 5055, Vote #255, 5/25/16; Roll Call, 5/26/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting Federal Contractors From Discriminating Based On Sexual Orientation. In May 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment “that would bar use of appropriated funds in contravention of an executive order that prohibits federal contractors from discriminating based on sexual orientation or gender identity.” The amendment failed, 212-213. [HR 4974, Vote #226, 5/19/16]

headline: House Republicans Voted Down Maloney Amendment By One Vote Margin After Several Republicans Switched Votes At Last Minute. “It was an unruly scene on the floor with Democrats chanting, ‘Shame!’ after GOP leaders barely muscled up the votes to reject, 212-213, an amendment by Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney (D-
N.Y.) that would have effectively barred federal contractors from getting government work if they discriminate against the LGBT community. At one point, a monitor in the House gallery showed there were 217 votes supporting the legislation, eliciting cheers of joy from Democrats who thought the measure might actually pass. But over the course of about 10 minutes, those votes suddenly dropped one by one to 212 — and the amendment failed.” [Politico, 5/19/16]

Poliquin Voted Against A Motion Striking Language Barring Religious Organizations Contracting With Federal Government From Discriminating Against LGBT Individuals. In May 2016, Poliquin voted against a motion that would “strike section 1094 of the bill, which would allow religious organizations contracting with the federal government to discriminate against LGBT individuals whom they may employ, in blatant violation of President Obama’s Executive Order prohibiting federal contractors discriminating against LGBT people in employment.” The motion failed, 181-243. [HR 4909, Vote #215, 5/18/16; Democratic Leader MTRs]

Poliquin Voted Against Protecting LGBT Schoolchildren Against Discrimination In D.C. Voucher Program. In April 2016, Poliquin voted against a motion that would amend the SOAR Act to require D.C.’s voucher program to prohibit schools from discriminating against LGBT students. The motion “would codify exclusion from the bill’s private school voucher program any eligible entity or school that discriminates against program participants or applicants on the basis of “actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.” The motion failed, 167 to 228. [H Res 4901, Vote #178; CQ BillTrack, 4/29/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Preventing Discrimination Based On Sexual Orientation Or Gender Identity. In January 2016, Poliquin voted against a motion that would “exempt from the bill's provisions any rule that prohibits discrimination by federal contractors or subcontractors on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity.” The motion to recommit failed, 178-239. [HR 1155, Vote #19, 1/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 1/7/16]

National Security & Terrorism

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting The Export-Import Bank From Financing Entities Designated As State Sponsors Of Terrorism. In November 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment, “that would prohibit the Export-Import Bank from providing financing to an entity designated a state-sponsor of terrorism by the secretary of State.” The amendment failed 183-244. [HR 22, Vote #614, 11/4/15; CQ, accessed 1/7/16]

Poliquin Voted For FY2017 Funding For Intelligence Agencies Which Included $560 Million In Funding And Require A Declassification Review Of Intelligence Reports Related To Released Guantanamo Bay Detainees. In November 2016, Poliquin voted for the “Nunes, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize classified amounts of funding for fiscal 2017 for 16 U.S. intelligence agencies and intelligence-related activities of the U.S. government, including the Office of the National Intelligence Director, the CIA and the National Security Agency, as well as foreign intelligence activities of the Defense Department, FBI, State Department, Homeland Security Department and other agencies. The measure would authorize $560 million for the Intelligence Community Management Account in fiscal 2017 and would also require the Director of National Intelligence to conduct a prompt declassification review of certain intelligence reports related to released or transferred Guantanamo Bay detainees and make such reports available to the public once declassified.” The motion passed 390 to 30. [H.R. 6393, Vote #593, 11/30/16; CQ, 11/30/16]

Poliquin Voted For Shifting Funding For The National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline From HHS To The Department Of Justice. In November 2016, Poliquin voted for the “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require that grant funding for the National Human Trafficking Resource Center's hotline be provided by the Health and Human Services Department instead of the Justice Department.” The motion passed 399 to 0. [H.R. 5422, Vote #588, 11/29/16; CQ, 11/29/16]

Poliquin Voted For Overriding President Obama’s Veto And Narrowing The Immunity Of Foreign States From U.S. Lawsuits By Victims Of Terrorist Attacks. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for “Passage, over
President Obama's Sept. 23, 2016, veto, of the bill that would narrow the immunity of foreign states and their employees from U.S. lawsuits by victims of terrorist acts. U.S. courts could hear cases involving claims against a foreign state for death, damage or physical injury that occur inside the United States due to terrorism and acts of a foreign state or its employees. Jurisdiction would not apply to acts of "mere negligence." The bill also would allow federal courts to impose liability on individuals who help commit acts of international terrorism against U.S. nationals. The bill would apply to civil actions that arise from injuries on September 11, 2001, or later.” The bill passed (thus enacted into law), 348 to 77. [S 2040, Vote #564, 9/28/16; CQ, 9/28/16]

S 2040 Allowed Survivors And Victims Of The September 11 Terrorist Attacks To Sue Saudi Arabia. “The president had vetoed the legislation Friday because he said the bill — known as the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act, or JASTA — would infringe on the president's ability to conduct foreign policy. It was the 12th veto of his presidency. But after an intense push by 9/11 survivors and families of victims who want to sue Saudi Arabia based on claims the country played a role in the 2001 terror attacks, even Obama’s Democratic allies on Capitol Hill voted to override his veto.” [USA Today, 9/28/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment That Would Require The President To Notify Congress Before Making A Payment To Any Government That Qualifies As A State Sponsor Of Terrorism. In September 2016, Poliquin voted against a “Engel, D-N.Y., substitute amendment that would require the president to notify Congress at least 5 days prior to making a payment to North Korea or any government that would qualify as a state sponsor of terrorism. The amendment would require the president to publish a list of such payments that were made during the 180-day period prior to the bill's enactment and would require the president to report to Congress on all claims pending before the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal.” The amendment failed 176 to 238. [HR 5931, Vote #553, 9/22/16; CQ, 9/22/16]

Poliquin Voted For The Establishment Of A Grant Program To Train Emergency Responders To Prevent, Prepare And Respond To Terrorist Scenarios In Metropolitan Areas. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “McCaul, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would establish a grant program within the Homeland Security Department for the purpose of training emergency response providers to prevent, prepare for and respond to likely terrorist scenarios in major metropolitan areas. The bill would authorize $39 million annually through 2022 for such grants, for which law enforcement, firefighters, or emergency medical service providers in Urban Area Security Initiative jurisdictions would be eligible recipients.” The motion was agreed to 395 to 30. [HR 5859, Vote #537, 9/21/16; CQ, 9/21/16]

Poliquin Voted Against A Motion That Would Add An Exception For The Rules To Decrease The Vulnerability Of The Public To A Terrorist Attack. In September 2016, Poliquin voted against a “Thompson, D-Miss., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would exempt rules related to protecting against national security threats from the bill's requirement that federal rules that would have an economic impact of $1 billion or more per year have implementation postponed until all related legal challenges would be completed.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “Democrats’ Motion to Recommit would stop Republicans’ latest special interest bill from endangering the lives of Americans by exempting from the provisions of the legislation any rules that pertain to protecting the nation against security threats.” The motion failed 182 to 240. [HR 3438, Vote #534, 9/21/16; CQ, 9/21/16, Democratic Leader, 9/21/16, Congress.Gov, 9/21/16]

Poliquin Voted For Passage Of A Bill Prohibiting Transfer Of Guantanamo Detainees. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would prohibit the transfer or release of any Guantanamo detainee to or within the United States, its territories, or to any foreign country through Jan. 21, 2017. The prohibition would end prior to that date if an act authorizing appropriations for military activities of the Department of Defense for fiscal 2017 is enacted into law.” The bill was passed, 244 to 174. [HR 5351, Vote #520, 9/15/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/15/16]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Transfer Of Guantanamo Bay Detainees. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 863) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 5351) that would prohibit the transfer or
release of any Guantanamo detainee to or within the United States, its territories, or to any foreign country, and would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 5226) that would require federal agencies to maintain detailed online databases of regulatory actions taken and pending before the agency.” The motion was agreed to 232 to 172. [H RES 863, Vote #505, 9/14/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/14/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Expanding The Range Of Suspected Illegal Activities Covered By The Patriot Act.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “Fitzpatrick, R-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would expand the existing ‘safe harbor’ for disclosing customer information between financial institutions registered with the Treasury Department’s Financial Crimes Enforcement Network. The measure would expand the range of suspected illegal activities covered by the Patriot Act and would require a study to determine the appropriate level of information sharing with foreign subsidiaries or headquarters of U.S. banking operations.” The motion was rejected 229-177. [HR 5606, Vote #403, 7/11/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/11/16]

**Poliquin Voted For The Motion To Suspend The Rules To Pass A Bill Requiring Homeland Security To Create A Strategic Plan To Work With Technology Developers To Address Homeland Security Needs.** In June 2016, Poliquin voted for a motion to “suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Homeland Security Department to create a strategic plan to work with technology developers and firms to address homeland security needs. It also would allow the department to have offices in areas with high concentrations of "innovative and emerging" technology firms.” The motion passed 347-8. [HR 5389, Vote #336, 6/21/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/21/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Suspending The Rules To Pass A Bill Requiring Homeland Security To Research And Develop Cybersecurity Technologies.** In June 2016, Poliquin voted for a motion to “suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Homeland Security Department to support research and development on cybersecurity technologies. The research would need to advance development of more secure information systems, create technologies for detecting cyberattacks and establish recovery methods.” The motion passed 351-4. [HR 5388, Vote #335, 6/21/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/21/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Passing The Department Of Homeland Security Authorization And Training State And Local Law Enforcement To Counter Extremism And Terrorism.** In June 2016, Poliquin voted for a “motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize the Homeland Security Department to train state and local law enforcement at fusion centers as part of the department's efforts to counter violent extremism and terrorism. It also would codify and expand the Counterterrorism Advisory Board and require the department to incorporate testimonials of former extremists and their friends and families as part of the department's efforts to combat terrorist recruitment in the United States.” The motion passed 402-15. [HR 5471, Vote #333, 6/16/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]

**Poliquin Voted For The Fiscal 2017 Defense Appropriations Bill.** In June 2016, Poliquin voted for passage for the 2017 Defense Appropriations bill, which “would provide $575.8 billion in discretionary funding for the Defense Department in fiscal 2017. The total would include $517.1 billion in base Defense Department funding subject to spending caps. It also would include $58.6 billion in overseas contingency operations funding, of which $15.7 billion would be used for non-war base budget purposes. The bill would provide approximately $209.2 billion for operations and maintenance, approximately $120.8 billion for procurement, approximately $70.8 billion for research and development and $132.6 billion for military personnel, including a 2.1 percent pay raise. It also would provide roughly $34.3 billion for defense health programs. As amended, the measure would prohibit use of funds to survey or assess potential locations in the United States to house Guantanamo Bay detainees. Also as amended, it would prohibit use of funds to modify military installations in the United States to provide temporary housing for unaccompanied immigrant children.” The bill passed 282-138. [HR 5293, Vote #332, 6/16/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Reducing Total Defense Appropriations By One Percent, Except For Funding For Person nel, Defense Health Program, And Overseas Contingency Operations.** In June 2016, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would reduce the total amount of appropriations that would be made available by the
bill by one percent, except for funding for military personnel, the Defense Health Program account and overseas contingency operations.” The amendment failed 69-351. [HR 5293, Vote #331, 6/16/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting The Use Of Funds To Pay Salaries Or Expenses For The Special Envoy Or Principal Director At Guantanamo.** In June 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment “that would prohibit use of funds to pay salaries or expenses for the offices of the special envoy for Guantanamo detention closure or the principal director for detainee policy.” The amendment passed 226-194. [HR 5293, Vote #324, 6/16/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting War Funds From Being Used For Anything Other Than Contingency Operations.** In June 2016, Poliquin voted against amendment “that would prohibit war funds from being used for anything other than contingency operations as defined in law.” The amendment failed 112-306. [HR 5293, Vote #323, 6/16/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting The Use Of Funds To Conduct Warrantless Surveillance Of Americans’ Digital Communications When Data Crosses The Border.** In June 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment that “would prohibit use of funds to conduct warrantless surveillance of Americans’ digital communications when the data crosses the U.S. border. It also would prohibit use of funds by the CIA and the National Security Agency to request companies to alter their products to allow electronic surveillance.” The amendment failed 198-222. [HR 5293, Vote #321, 6/16/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/16]

Privacy rights advocates in the House lost a battle Thursday to ban warrantless surveillance of Americans' electronic communications and prevent the government from forcing tech companies to build ‘backdoors’ into encrypted smartphones and other devices. The House voted to defeat legislation by Reps. Thomas Massie, R-Ky., and Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., after opponents argued that it would make it tougher for the FBI to stop terrorists such as the gunman who committed the mass shootings in Orlando on Sunday.” [USA Today, 6/6/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Allow Prisoners To Be Transferred Out Of Guantanamo Bay.** In May 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to remove provisions from the National Defense Authorization Act that prohibits “transferring prisoners held at the military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to the U.S. and building a facility in the U.S. to hold them.” The amendment failed, 163 to 259. [HR 4909, Vote #204, 5/18/16; Politico, 5/17/16]

**Poliquin Voted To Block A Vote On The Secure Refugee Process Act.** In November 2015, Poliquin voted to block a vote “on the House Democrats’ tough alternative refugee legislation, the Secure Refugee Process Act.” The Secure Refugee Process Act would have required the Secretary of Homeland Security and five federal agencies to verify the identity of all refugee applicants and would have required the Secretary of Homeland Security to certify that all relevant Federal immigration laws had been complied with. The Previous Question passed in the House, 243 - 182. [H Res 531, Vote #638, 11/19/15; Previous Question, 11/19/15; Democratic Homeland Security Committee Staff, 2/2/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Increasing Visa Requirements On Individuals From Syria, Iran, Sudan, And Iraq.** In December 2015, Poliquin voted for to “suspend the rules and pass the bill that would prohibit individuals who have been to specified nations, including Syria, Iran, Sudan, and Iraq, from entering the United States unless they were interviewed by U.S. officials and obtained a regular visa, even if the individuals arrived from countries that participate in the Visa Waiver Program. The bill would also update requirements for countries to participate in the Visa Waiver Program; would require fraud-resistant electronic passports, biographic and biometric information; and would require participation in the program's electronic collection of information on all additional countries where an applicant has or had citizenship.” The bill passed 407-19. [HR 22, Vote #679, 12/8/15; CQ Floor Votes, 12/8/15]
The New Restrictions Would Deny Individuals Who Qualify For Visa-Free Entry If They Have Visited Iraq, Syria, And Other Terror Hotspot Countries. “Under the legislation, citizens from countries that qualify for the program would be denied visa-free entry to the U.S. if they have visited Iraq, Syria or other countries deemed to be terror hotspots in the last five years, or if they are citizens of those countries. Those individuals would instead have to pass through a more stringent security process.” [The Hill, 12/8/15]

Poliquin Voted For The FY16 Intelligence Authorization Act. In December 2015, Poliquin voted for a motion to suspend the rules and pass the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 to “authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities, including the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (DNI), the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the National Security Agency (NSA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Department of Defense, the Department of State, and the Department of Homeland Security. The bill would provide authorizations for fighting terrorism, activities in Iraq and Afghanistan, countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, investments in information technology enterprises, surveillance and reconnaissance, and cyber defense. The classified annex, which specifies the funding levels and personnel ceilings for each intelligence program, is only available to members.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 364-58. [H R 4127, Vote #649, 12/1/15; CQ Floor Votes, 12/1/15]

Poliquin Voted To Place Onerous Restrictions On Syrian Refugee Resettlement Program. In November 2015, Poliquin voted for the American SAFE Act, “legislation that would in effect halt the resettlement of refugees from Syria and Iraq [to the United States] … The House bill would require leaders of the nation’s security apparatus — the director of national intelligence and the heads of the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI — to certify that refugees who are admitted pose no security threat. The White House, which has proposed admitting at least 10,000 refugees to the U.S. this fiscal year from war-torn Syria, said the House bill creates ‘unnecessary and impractical requirements,’ noting the current screening process is rigorous and takes up to 24 months. Critics say the legislation would essentially shut down the program.” The bill passed by a vote of 289-137. [H R 4038, Vote #643, 11/19/15; Los Angeles Times, 11/19/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Removing Requirement For FBI Director – In Addition To DHS Secretary – To Certify Each Syrian Refugee Is Not A Security Risk From Harsh Refugee Overhaul Bill. In November 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion to recommit the American SAFE Act to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report back to the House with an amendment that would “require the secretary of Homeland Security to verify the identities and biographic information of Iraqi and Syrian refugees and certify that the individual is not a threat to the security of the United States, but would not require that the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the director of National Intelligence conduct background checks or concur in this certification.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 180-244. [H R 4038, Vote #642, 11/19/15; CQ Floor Votes, 11/19/15]

Poliquin Voted For Fiscal Year 2016 Intelligence Authorization Act. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for the Intelligence Authorization Act. Rep. Adam Schiff, ranking member on the Select Committee on Intelligence said in a release, “several issues remain unresolved, causing me to vote against the bill. It was my hope that we would have been able to strip restrictions on closing the Guantanamo Bay prison and preclude the use of OCO funds to augment the artificial budget caps set for national security, but unfortunately, we were not able to do so. I will continue to work hard to fix these issues as this bill progresses — the American people deserve nothing less.” The bill passed 247 to 178. [HR 2596, Vote #369, 6/16/15; Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence – Democratic Office. 6/16/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Motion To Require Communication Across The National Intelligence Community To Increase Airport And Cyber Security. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion that would add language to the Intelligence Authorization Act to “deter terrorist attacks, and strengthen America’s cybersecurity by requiring intelligence agencies to share with the Transportation Safety Administration the latest info on terrorist attempts to thwart airport security and who’s on the terrorist watch list; and foil and counter state-sponsored cyberattacks by China, Russia, and others that resulted in OPM hacks, and theft of personal health information of 80 million Americans from Anthem Health and Blue Cross Blue Shield.” The motion failed 183 to 240. [HR 2596, Vote #368, 6/16/15; Democratic Leader, 6/16/15]
Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Remove Additional Restrictions On The Closure Of Guantanamo Bay. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would strike four sections of the Intelligence Authorization Act which add new restrictions to prevent the Obama Administration from closing the Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp. The amendment failed 176 to 246. [HR 2596, Vote #367, 6/16/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/16/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Ending Backdoor Surveillance Of Americans. In June 2016, Poliquin voted against restricting the use of “funds to query a collection of foreign intelligence information acquired under Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 using a United States person identifier. The amendment also would bar use of funds by the National Security Agency or the Central Intelligence Agency to mandate that a company alter products or services to permit electronic surveillance of users, except for mandates or requests authorized under the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act.” The amendment passed, 255-174. [HR 2685, Vote #356; CQ Floor Votes, 6/11/15]

Amendment Would End Spying On American Citizens Whose Data Was Incidentally Collected During Foreign Surveillance. “The House passed legislation Thursday that would prevent the NSA from spying on American citizens whose data was incidentally collected during foreign dragnets, marking the second year in a row that the lower chamber has put the kibosh on backdoor domestic spying. Sponsored by Reps. Thomas Massie, R-Ky., and Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., the amendment to the Department of Defense spending bill was approved in a 255-174 vote across party lines.” [Intercept, 6/12/15]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Funding For Defense Counsel For Foreign Detainees At Guantanamo Bay. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to “prohibit use of funds to provide for defense counsel for any foreign detainee at the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, detention facility.” The amendment failed, 133-297. [HR 2685, Vote #355; CQ Floor Votes, 6/11/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Striking Prohibition On Funds Being Used To Transfer Detainee From Guantanamo Bay To Home Country Or Any Other Foreign Country. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment “that would strike section 8102 of the bill, which bars funds from being used to transfer any individual detained at U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to the custody or control of the individual's home country or any other foreign country except in accordance with the fiscal 2014 defense authorization act.” The amendment was rejected, 181-251. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/10/15; HR 2685, Vote #338, 6/10/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Striking Prohibition On Funds To Construct Any Facility In U.S. To House Guantanamo Detainees. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment “that would strike section 8101 of the bill, which bars funds from being used to construct, acquire or modify any facility in the United States, or its territories, to house Guantanamo Bay detainees for purposes of imprisonment.” The amendment was rejected, 173-259. [CQ Floor Votes, 6/10/15; HR 2685, Vote #337, 6/10/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Striking Prohibition On Funds Being Used To Transfer Guantanamo Bay Detainees To the U.S. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment “that would strike section 8100 of the bill, which bars funds from being used to transfer or release within the United States, or its territories, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed or any other detainee held at U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.” The amendment was rejected, 174-257. [HR 2685, Vote #336, 6/10/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/10/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment For Banning The Transfer Or Release Of Prisoners From Guantanamo Bay. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, that would “strike section 527 from the bill which prohibits use of funds to transfer, release, or assist in the transfer or release to or within the U.S., its territories, or possessions Khalid Sheikh Mohammed or any other detainee who is not a U.S. citizen or a member of the Armed Forces of the U.S. and is or was held on or after June 24, 2009, at the U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, by the Department of Defense.” The amendment failed 170-256. [HR 2578, Vote #276, 6/3/15]
Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Include Border Security Activities In Preferred Applications For Defense Department Property Transfers. In May 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment that would “amend current law to include border security activities to the list of preferred applications the Defense Department considers when transferring excess property to other federal agencies.” The amendment was adopted, 253 to 166. [H.R. 1735, Vote #232, 5/14/15; CQ Floor Votes, 5/14/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Closing Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp By 2017. In May 2015, Poliquin voted against “a framework for closing the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, by Dec. 31, 2017. The amendment would remove restrictions in the bill against transferring Guantanamo Bay, Cuba detainees to the U.S., constructing or modifying any facility in the U.S. to house a Guantanamo Bay detainee, and transferring detainees to a combat zone.” The amendment failed, 174-249. [HR 1735, Vote #231; CQ Floor Votes 5/14/15]

Measure Would Have Maintained Current Ban Against Transferring Detainees To The US And Prohibiting Facilities To House Detainees On US Soil. “The legislation maintains the current ban against transferring Guantánamo Bay detainees to the U.S. It also prohibits building facilities to house detainees on U.S. soil.” [The Hill, 5/14/15]

Poliquin Voted For Increasing Restrictions On Transferring Guantanamo Detainees To The U.S. & Forbid Building New Facilities On US Soil. In May 2015, Poliquin voted for “lengthen[ing] to two years the bill's restrictions on the transfer of detainees from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to the U.S. and on construction or modification of facilities in the U.S. to house Guantanamo detainees. It also would prohibit transfers of detainees to Yemen and bar the Defense secretary from using a national security waiver to transfer prisoners to combat zones.” The amendment passed, 243-180. [HR 1725, Vote #230; CQ Floor Votes 5/14/15]

Poliquin Voted For NSA Surveillance Reform. In May 2015, Poliquin voted for the USA FREEDOM Act “which would prevent the NSA from collecting bulk metadata about the phone numbers people dial and when their calls are placed … The bill would require the NSA to obtain a court order to look at data, which would be held by phone companies. It would also be required to ask for a ‘specific selection term,’ so that records could not be collected in bulk. It would place limits on other types of data collection as well, add new transparency measures to make more information public and create a special team of experts to weigh in on some unique cases before the secretive federal court that oversees intelligence programs.” The bill passed 338 to 88. [HR 2048, Vote #224, 5/13/15; The Hill, 5/13/15]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Prevent Funds From Being Used To Build, Renovate, Or Expand Detainee Housing Facilities In Guantanamo Bay. In April 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would prevent from being used to build, renovate, or expand housing facilities for detainees in Guantanamo Bay. The amendment failed to pass 167 to 254. [HR 2029, Vote #187; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 4/30/15; Section 512 of HR 2029; CQ, Bill Track]

Poliquin Voted For Encouraging Private Sector To Share Cyber Threat Data With Department of Homeland Security. In April 2015, Poliquin voted for the passage of the bill, as amended, that would promote the voluntary sharing of information about cyber threats among private companies and between the private sector and federal government. The bill would provide liability protections to companies that share cyber threat information. It would also establish the Homeland Security Department's National Cybersecurity and Communication Integration Center as the lead federal agency in receiving and exchanging cyber threat information with other federal agencies and private companies. The provisions of the bill would sunset after seven years. The bill passed by a vote of 355-63. [HR 1731, Vote #173, 4/23/15; CQ Floor Votes, 4/23/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Prioritizing Protecting Infrastructure, Jobs And Health Information In Cyber Threat Intelligence Sharing Programs. In April 2015, Poliquin voted against the Israel, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Homeland Security Committee with instructions to report back with an amendment that would clarify the protection of infrastructure, jobs and health information from cyberattacks. The amendment would direct the secretary of Homeland Security conduct ongoing risk-informed outreach to the owners and
operators of at-risk critical infrastructure. The motion was rejected by a vote of 180-238. [HR 1731, Vote #172, 4/23/15; CQ Floor Votes, 4/23/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Requiring Homeland Security Department Issue Report On Civil Liberties’ Impact Of Programs Created Under Cyber Threat Intelligence Sharing Bill.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted for the Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would require the Homeland Security Department to issue a report to Congress on the best means for aligning federally funded cybersecurity research and development with private sector efforts to protect privacy and civil liberties while also protecting the nation’s critical infrastructure. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 405-8. [HR 1731, Vote #171, 4/23/15; CQ Floor Votes, 4/23/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Encouraging Private Sector To Share Cyber Threat Data With Federal Intelligence Agencies.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted for the passage of the bill to promote the voluntary sharing of cyber threat information among private companies and between the private sector and federal government. The bill would provide liability protections to companies that share cyber threat information and would require that all personally identifiable information be removed from information that is shared. It would also establish a Cyber Threat Intelligence Integration Center within the director of National Intelligence’s Office. As amended, the provisions of the bill would sunset after seven years. The bill was passed by a vote of 307-116. [HR 1560, Vote #170, 4/22/15; CQ Floor Votes, 4/22/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Prioritizing Terrorist & Foreign Threats To Military Assets In Cyber Threat Intelligence Sharing Programs.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted against the Rice, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Select Intelligence Committee with instructions to report back with an amendment that would add language to clarify that appropriate agencies prioritize the sharing of cyber threat indicators regarding known terrorist organizations and attempts to steal U.S. military technology by state-sponsored computer hackers. The motion was rejected by a vote of 183-239. [HR 1560, Vote #169, 4/22/15; CQ Floor Votes, 4/22/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Sunset Protecting Cyber Networks Act After Seven Years.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted against the Mulvaney, R-S.C., amendment that would sunset the provisions of the bill after seven years. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 313-110. [HR 1560, Vote #168, 4/22/15; CQ Floor Votes, 4/22/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Allowing DHS To Share Cyberthreat Information With Private Entities.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted for a rule to allow consideration of a bill “that would promote voluntary sharing of information about cyberthreats among private companies and between the private sector and federal government and the bill (HR 1731) that would allow the Homeland Security Department to share the cyberthreat information it gathers with private sector entities.” The resolution passed, 238-182. [HRes 212, Vote #164, 4/22/15; CQ News, 4/22/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill Protecting Veterans’ Personal Information From Cyber Attacks.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of a bill to protect veterans’ personal information from cyber-attacks. The bill “would promote voluntary sharing of information about cyberthreats among private companies and between the private sector and federal government and the bill (HR 1731) that would allow the Homeland Security Department to share the cyberthreat information it gathers with private sector entities.” The previous question passed, 237-179. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [HRes212, Vote #163, 4/22/15; CQ News, 4/22/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Bill To Fund Department Of Homeland Security.** On March 3, 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill to fund the Department of Homeland Security. “The House of Representatives passed a bill on Tuesday funding the Department of Homeland Security through the end of September, effectively ending a congressional standoff that nearly shut the department down at the end of last week. The bill, identical to a measure that cleared the Senate last Friday, passed by a margin of 257 to 167, with 75 Republicans and 182 Democrats voting in favor.” [HR 240, Vote #109, 3/3/15; CBS, 3/3/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Extending Funding For Department Of Homeland Security By One Week.** In February 2015, Poliquin voted for a motion to suspend the rules and concur with a Senate amendment to extend FY2015
Poliquin Voted Against Clean, Full-Year DHS Funding Bill. In February 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion to instruct members of a conference committee to accept a clean, long-term Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill approved by the Senate. According to the motion’s sponsor, Rep. Roybal-Allard, “my motion would instruct the conferees to recede to the Senate position, which is the responsible position of providing a full-year funding for the Homeland Security Department ... Let the House, like the Senate, do the right thing and send this bill to the President. I urge my colleagues to vote for this motion to instruct conferees to bring back a clean, full-year, bipartisan funding bill for this Nation's homeland security.” [HR 240, Vote #105, 2/27/15; House Congressional Record, Page H1485, 2/27/15]

Poliquin Voted For Stalling Three Weeks On Passing Long-Term Funding For Department Of Homeland Security. In February 2015, Poliquin voted for continuing FY2015 funding levels for the Department of Homeland Security for three weeks. “Earlier in the day, the House collapsed in failure when a last-ditch attempt to fund the agency for an additional three weeks died at the hands of most Democrats and dozens of Republicans who voted against it.” The resolution failed, 203 to 224. [H J Res 35, Vote #104, 2/27/15; Washington Post, 2/28/15]

Vote Highlighted Lack Of House Republican Unity. “The defeat was a major blow to Speaker John A. Boehner (R-Ohio), whose struggles to get unruly members to fall in line have continued in the new Congress. More broadly, it was an early black eye for the unified Republican majority that had vowed to govern effectively.” [Washington Post, 2/28/15]

Vote Was A “Humiliating Setback” For Speaker Boehner. “The accord was reached after a stunning and humiliating setback for Speaker John A. Boehner and his leadership team earlier Friday, when the House voted against their original plan to extend funding for the department for three weeks — a position that Mr. Boehner had considered a fail-safe. More than 50 House Republicans defected, voting against the bill.” [New York Times, 2/28/15]

Poliquin Voted For Clean, Long-Term Department Of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill. In February 2015, Poliquin voted for considering a clean, long-term Department of Homeland Security funding bill approved by the Senate and instead voted to disagree with the Senate amendments and request a conference committee. “The House passed a measure along party lines Friday afternoon to go to conference with the Senate to hash out the differences between their long-term bills. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) later announced a motion to agree. But Senate Democrats, who insist on a clean bill, are expected to block plans for a conference on Monday.” The motion passed, 228 to 191. [HR 240, Vote #102, 2/27/15; Washington Post, 2/28/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Clean, Long-Term Department of Homeland Security Funding Bill. In February 2015, Poliquin voted for “Collins, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “the Democratic Previous Question would force a vote on legislation to provide long-term funding for Homeland Security, without radical, anti-immigrant riders. This is the fifth opportunity for House Republicans to vote for a clean DHS funding bill.” A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. The previous question was agreed to 240 to 183. [H Res 129, Vote #100, 2/27/15; CQ, 2/27/15; Democratic Leader, 2/27/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Clean DHS Funding Bill. In February 2015, Poliquin voted for “Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Democratic Leader’s office, “the Democratic Previous Question would force a vote on legislation to provide long-term funding for Homeland Security, without radical, anti-immigrant riders. This is the third opportunity for House Republicans to vote for a
clean DHS funding bill.” A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. The previous question was agreed to 241 to 181. [H Res 121, Vote #86, 2/25/15; CQ, 2/25/15; Democratic Leader, 2/25/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Clean DHS Funding Bill. In February 2015, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of a motion to force a clean vote on the DHS funding bill without anti-immigration riders. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. The previous question was agreed to 232 to 164. [H Res 101, Vote #77, 2/12/15]

Poliquin Voted Against A Motion To Loosen Restrictions On Individuals Who Finance Terrorism. In January 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion that would disqualify anyone convicted of providing financial assistance to terrorist organizations or state sponsors of terrorism from regulatory relief under the underlying bill, the Promoting Job Creation and Reducing Small Business Burdens Act. “But House members also took up a narrower measure that would slow enforcement of Dodd-Frank requirements and weaken other regulations on financial services companies.” The motion failed 183 to 242. [HR 37, Vote #37, 1/14/15; Motion to Recommit, 1/14/15; CQ Floor Votes, 1/14/15; New York Times, 1/13/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Clean DHS Funding Bill. In January 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion that would allow a clean version of the Homeland Security funding bill—with no amendments defunding Obama’s executive order on immigration—to pass, removing the threat of shutdown for the Department. The measure failed 244 to 184. [HR 240, Vote #34, 1/14/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Motion To Block Elimination Of Regulations That Prevent Terrorism And Crime, Protect Wages. In January 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion that would block Republicans from eliminating regulations that help prevent terrorism and crime, protect wages and gender pay equity, save taxpayer dollars, help small businesses, and prevent discrimination. The motion failed 245 to 180. [HR 185, Vote #27, 1/13/15; Motion To Recommit, 1/13/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Protecting Department Of Homeland Security Regulations From Significant Delays. In January 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment exempting rules issued by the Department of Homeland Security from the bill’s burdensome requirements. The amendment failed 242 to 176. [HR 185, Amendment No. 3, Vote #25, 1/13/15, CQ Floor Votes, 1/13/15]

Native American Issues

Poliquin Voted For Selling 30,000 Acres Of Federal Land Along The Red River. In December 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill “that would require the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to sell roughly 30,000 acres of federal land along the Red River on the border between Texas and Oklahoma to current and adjacent landowners. The bill would require the BLM to sell at $1.25 per acre, with no cap on the amount an individual can buy. After the boundary between public and private land is settled, BLM would be required to sell the remaining federal land along the Red River at no less than fair market value, with adjacent landowners given the right of first refusal.” The bill passed 253-177. [HR 2130, Vote #686, 12/8/15; CQ Floor Votes, 12/9/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Native American Tribes Having The Right Of First Refusal On Purchasing Land Along The Red River. In December 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment “that would allow Indian tribes to have the right of first refusal on purchasing lands. The amendment would require land to be sold at fair market
value instead of $1.25 per acre as under the bill.” The amendment passed 246-183. [HR 2130, Vote #684, 12/8/15; CQ Floor Votes, 12/9/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Legislation To Exempt Tribal Governments And Tribally-Owned Gaming Facilities From The National Labor Relations Act.** In November 2015, Poliquin voted for legislation that would exempt tribal governments and tribally-owned gaming facilities from the National Labor Relations Act, thus preventing tribal employees from organizing labor unions. “The Act would insulate tribes from union organizing efforts by providing tribes with the same exemption from the NLRA that state and municipal governments enjoy.” The bill passed the House, 249 - 177. [HR 1694, Vote #633, 11/17/15; National Law Review, 6/16/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of A Constitutional Amendment To Bring Increased Transparency To Outside Spending In Elections.** In November 2015, Poliquin voted for a motion to consider “a constitutional amendment to bring increased transparency to outside spending in our elections.” The previous question passed, 245 to 178. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the amendment to be considered. [H Res 526, Vote #629, 11/17/15; DemocraticLeader.gov, 11/17/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Any Tribal Nation From Operating Bingo Or Las Vegas-Style Gaming In The Phoenix Area Through January 2027.** In November 2015, Poliquin voted for a motion to suspend the rules and pass a bill that would “prohibit any tribal nation from operating bingo or Las Vegas-style gaming in the Phoenix metropolitan area through Jan. 1, 2027.” The bill, which required a two-thirds majority, failed 263 to 146. [H R 308, Vote #626, 11/16/15; CQ, 11/16/15]

**Poliquin Voted For The Native American Energy Act Which Would Reduce Federal Regulations On The Development Of Native American Land.** In October 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill that “would reduce federal regulations on the development of Indian lands to expedite the development of energy. As amended, the bill would allow state, tribe, and local governments in an affected area to continue to comment on an environmental impact statement. Further, the bill would create a demonstration project with Indian tribes to perform administrative, management, and other functions of programs of the Tribal Forest Protection Act.” The bill passed 254-173. [HR 538, Vote #544, 10/8/15; CQ Floor Votes, 10/8/15]

**Republicans Argued That The Bill Would Allow Native Americans To Develop Reservations Easier.**

Young says the bill would cut red tape to help Native people develop their own resources. On the House floor before the vote, the Alaska Republican argued the bill would also deter frivolous lawsuits, in part by shortening the timeline for legal challenges. ‘The judicial review provision is crucial for Alaska natives, whose ability to develop their own settlement lands has been abused by special interest groups filing lawsuits,’ he said.” [Alaska Public Radio Network, 10/9/15]

**The Obama Administration Issued A Veto Threat And Democrats Argued That The Bill Would Weaken A “Bedrock” Conservation Law.** “The White House issued a veto threat this week. In a memo, President Obama’s advisors said the bill would undermine public oversight and set unrealistic deadlines...conservation law, the National Environmental Policy Act. And, Grijalva says, it could apply on non-Indian lands, too. ‘If an energy company is developing natural resources anywhere in the United States and they get a tribal partner they could fall under this provision,’ he said. ‘This could incentivize energy companies to partner with tribes simply for the benefit of skirting NEPA and profiting from restricted judicial review.’” [Alaska Public Radio Network, 10/9/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Protecting Native American Sacred Lands.** In October 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion “that would ensure that nothing in the bill would contravene the authority of the president to avoid adversely affecting the physical integrity of any site identified as sacred by virtue of established religious significance to, or ceremonial use by, and Indian religion.” The motion failed 184-239. [HR 538, Vote #543, 10/8/15; CQ Floor Votes, 10/8/15]
Poliquin Voted For A Resolution Expressing That Access To Digital Communications Tools Is Necessary To Prepare U.S. Youth For Competition In The Economy. In December 2016, Poliquin voted for the “Latta, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution that would express the sense of the House of Representatives that access to digital communications tools is necessary to prepare U.S. youth for competition in the economy. The motion was agreed to 414 to 1.” [H.Res. 939, Vote #605, 12/6/16; CQ, 12/6/16]

Poliquin Voted For Adopting A National Technology Policy. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution that would express the sense of the House that the United States should develop a national policy to encourage the development of tools related to the empowerment of consumers through customized, connected devices. It also would express that the United States should prioritize the acceleration of the development of alternative technologies that would support transparency and security.” The motion was agreed to 385 to 4. [H RES 835, Vote #497, 9/12/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/12/16]

Poliquin Voted For Adopting An “Internet Of Things.” In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution that would express the sense of the House that United States should develop a national strategy to encourage the development of connections between the physical world and the internet through sensors and actuators, known as the ‘Internet of Things.’ It also would express that the U.S. government should determine whether the Internet of Things can improve government efficiency and effectiveness.” The motion was agreed to 367 to 4. [H RES 847, Vote #496, 9/12/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/12/16]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Federal Communications Commission From Implementing Any Rules Intended To Follow Net Neutrality Rule. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for an amendment that would prohibit the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) from implementing, administering, or enforcing any of the rules proposed in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking adopted by the FCC on March 31, 2016, intended to regulate consumer privacy obligations as necessitated by the FCC's ‘net neutrality’ rule.” The amendment passed 232-187. [HR 5485, Vote #372, 7/6/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/6/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Striking Section Of Appropriations Bill Prohibiting Funds From Being Used To Implement Or Enforce The Federal Communication Commission's Net Neutrality Order. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would “strike a section of the bill that would prohibit funding from being used to implement or enforce the Federal Communications Commission's "net neutrality" order.” The amendment failed 182-238. [HR 5485, Vote #366, 7/6/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/6/16]

Poliquin Voted For Ending Lifeline Program, Which Granted Subsidies For Mobile Voice And Data Service For Low-Income Americans. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for an “motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would end subsidies for mobile voice and data service under the Federal Communications Commission's Lifeline program for low-income Americans.” The bill passed 207-143. [HR 5525, Vote #334, 6/21/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/21/16]

Poliquin Voted For Bill That Would Require Cost Audits Be Conducted On The National Science Foundation. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for bill that would “require the National Science Foundation to ensure that an incurred cost audit happens at least biennially on major multi-user research facilities in accordance with Government Accountability Office standards, and to ensure that an external cost proposal analysis is conducted for such facilities.” The bill passed 412-9. [HR 5049, Vote #301, 6/14/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/14/16]

Poliquin Voted For Bill Requiring More Research To Be Done In The Area Of Cybersecurity And Big Data. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill that would “require the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development program to conduct research in additional areas, including enhancement of cybersecurity, human-computer interactions and big data. It also would require agencies to develop a strategic plan for the program and would require the program to support large-scale, long-term, interdisciplinary research and development directed
toward agency mission areas that could have significant societal benefits.” The bill passed 385-7. [HR 5312, Vote #298, 6/13/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/13/16]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Provide $2.5 Million For The Office Of Technology Assessment, Cut Same Amount From Architect Of The Capitol.** In June 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Legislative Branch Appropriations for FY17 bill that would “appropriate $2.5 million to re-institute the Office of Technology Assessment, which would be offset by an equal funding reduction from the Architect of the Capitol’s capital construction and operations account.” The amendment failed 179-223. [HR 5325, Vote #291, 6/10/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/10/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Bill Requiring Executive Agencies To Develop Software Licensing Policies.** In June 2016, Poliquin voted for bill requiring “the Office of Management and Budget to issue a directive to require chief information officers of each executive agency to develop comprehensive software licensing policies.” The bill passed 366-0. [HR 4904, Vote #271, 6/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/7/16]

**Poliquin Voted For To Weaken FCC Regulations On Rates Broadband Companies Provide.** In April 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill “that would prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from regulating the rates that broadband Internet service providers charge for broadband Internet access service. The bill would not apply to the commission's administration of the Universal Service Fund, or its enforcement of truth-in-billing rules or the ban on paid prioritization.” The bill passed 241-173. [HR 2666, Vote #152, 4/15/16; CQ Floor Votes, 4/15/16]

**Opponents Of The Bill Claimed That The FCC Would Be Unable To Inquire How Broadband Companies Exchange Discounts For Customers’ Personal Information.** “This bill would strip the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) of authority to review certain practices of broadband providers related to their customers’ privacy. Specifically, the FCC would have no power to inquire into broadband providers’ offers of discounts or other incentives in exchange for the ability to use or disclose customers’ personal information.” [Center For Democratic & Technology, 4/13/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Exempting Small Broadband ISPs From Making Public Disclosures.** In March 2016, Poliquin voted for legislation “that would exempt small broadband Internet service providers from making public disclosures under the Federal Communications Commission's net neutrality rules. Under that measure, small providers would not be required to release information such as monthly charges, promotional rates, data caps and network performance.” The bill passed 411-0. [HR 4596, Vote #124, 3/16/16; CQ, 3/14/16]

**Poliquin Voted For A Bill To Require Funding For The National Science Foundation Be Justified In Writing Or Reaffirmed.** In February 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill to require funding for the national science foundation be justified in writing or reaffirmed. The bill “directs the National Science Foundation (NSF) to award federal funding for basic research and education in the sciences through a new research grant or cooperative agreement only if it makes an affirmative determination, justified in writing, that the grant or agreement promotes the progress of science in the United States, is worthy of federal funding, and meets certain other criteria.” The bill passed 236 to 178. [HR 3442, Vote #70, 2/10/16; On Passage, 2/10/16]

**Bill Required Written Justification For Each Grant Awarded To The National Science Foundation And Proof Of How The Research Could Benefit The Public And The Economy.** “Limits on NSF Grants--HR 3293, Scientific Research in the National Interest Act. The bill allows the National Science Foundation (NSF) to award grants or enter into cooperative agreements for basic research and science education only if it determines that the grant or cooperative agreement promotes the progress of science in the United States and is consistent with the NSF's mission, is worthy of federal funding and is in the national interest as specified by the bill, and a written justification detailing those determinations accompanies the public announcement of the award. Supporters of the bill say it is needed to properly account for scarce federal research dollars and that it essentially codifies the NSF's policy requiring clear, non-technical explanations of each research grant and how the grant supports the public interest.” [Congressional Quarterly's House Action Reports, 2/5/16]
Prominent Scientists Noted That Scientific Studies Do Not Always Provide Immediate Economic Value But Can Lead To Long-Term Research Developments. “On February 10th, the House passed a bill requiring the NSF to certify the usefulness of its grants; one of the possible criteria was economic. ‘I think there’s a misunderstanding between some members of congress and the research community that every grant that’s given out should have some economic potential benefit,” said Bill Andresen, associate vice president for federal relations at the University of Pennsylvania. “And that’s just not the way science works.’ Not only is some science valuable in non-economic ways, but when research does have an economic impact you can’t always know it ahead of time. Studies of eagles ended up leading to advances in contact lenses, said Andrese. NSF director France Cordova points to NSF funding for digital libraries that helped lead to Google.” [Marketplace, 2/22/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Bill Ensuring NSF Grant Funding Is Determined By NSF Merit Review Criteria. In February 2016, Poliquin voted against the “Johnson, D-Texas, amendment that would provide for the bill's requirement that the National Science Foundation (NSF) determine that a grant is worthy of federal funding to be fulfilled by having met the NSF’s merit review criteria.” The amendment failed, 181 to 235. [H.R. 3293, Amendment #1, Vote #68; CQ, 2/10/16]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment Which Would Make NIH And Cures Innovation Fund Discretionary. In July 2015, Poliquin voted for an “amendment that would change the mandatory funding for the new National Institute of Health and Cures Innovation Fund to an authorization of discretionary appropriations.” The amendment failed, 141 to 281. [HR 6, Vote #431, 7/10/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/10/15]

Poliquin Voted For U.S. Government's Oversight Of Internet’s Naming And Addressing System Over To The International Community. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for a motion to suspend the rules and pass a bill, the Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters (DOTCOM) Act of 2015. “The DOTCOM Act would allow the U.S. government to transfer its power to oversee the Internet’s naming and addressing system — what turns www.google.com into a viewable Web page — over to the international community. While this might sound like giving the Internet to America's rivals, Washington actually ceded those powers long ago, and it retains them in name only. Today, that managing function is performed by a nonprofit called the International Corporation for Names and Numbers, or ICANN.” The bill passed, 378 to 25. [HR 805, Vote #377, 6/23/15; Washington Post, 7/21/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Band Funds For The Experimental Program To Stimulate Competitive Research. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, that “amendment to prohibit the use of funds to fund any Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) program.” The amendment failed 195-232. [HR 2578, Vote #279, 6/3/15]

The EPSCoR Program Was Funded To Advance Discovery And Knowledge In Scientific Fields. “The mission of EPSCoR is to assist the National Science Foundation in its statutory function ‘to strengthen research and education in science and engineering throughout the United States and to avoid undue concentration of such research and education.’ EPSCoR goals are: a) to provide strategic programs and opportunities for EPSCoR participants that stimulate sustainable improvements in their R&D capacity and competitiveness; b) to advance science and engineering capabilities in EPSCoR jurisdictions for discovery, innovation and overall knowledge-based prosperity.” [National Science Foundation, accessed 8/21/15]

Poliquin Voted For Department Of Energy Cuts Aimed At Limiting Scientific And Climate Change Research. In May 2015, Poliquin voted for the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015, which contained targeted cuts for Department of Energy funding aimed at limiting scientific and climate change research. “On Wednesday, the House passed a new iteration of the COMPETES Act that’s nearly unrecognizable from its original version. Overall spending remains the same, but under Science, Space and Technology Chairman Lamar Smith, R-Texas, the 2015 reauthorization carries the imprimatur of the Republican Party, with targeted cuts the GOP calls ‘fiscally responsible’ and Democrats decry as ‘draconian.’ The new version contains language that
would bar some Department of Energy climate science research, dictate research priorities to entities that have typically had more autonomy and ban certain federally-sponsored research from influencing policy decisions. With passage of the bill Wednesday night, 217-205, legislation that was once a Democrat-touted achievement has become a potential selling point for the GOP — transformed so thoroughly that President Barack Obama promised to veto the latest version and no Democrats supported it.” The bill passed 217 to 205. [HR 1806, Vote #258, 5/20/15; Roll Call, 5/20/15]

Bill Cut Programs To Modernize Energy Grid And Funding For Alternative Fuel Research. “The White House’s Office of Management and Budget warned Monday evening that it would advise President Barack Obama to veto the bill, called the COMPETE Re-authorization Act. OMB praised the investments research and technology but panned cuts to programs focused on energy grid modernization and alternative fuels. … COMPETES focuses on the Department of Energy and the National Science Fund, giving each more than $200 million in general research funding increases. But this comes with serious strings attached. Researchers and the White House claim the bill’s cuts to alternative energy research hampers growth in a critical field, and the bill bars the Energy Department from setting recommendations for the Environmental Protection Agency based on its own research.” [Dallas Morning News, 5/20/15]

Bill Eliminated Six Department Of Energy Programs. “The bill would also eliminate six Department of Energy programs that Alexander's office said were never fully implemented and reform five others.” [The Hill, 5/20/15]

Bill Sponsor: Legislation Cuts Funding For “Social And Behavioral Science, Redundant Climate Research, And Subsidies For Private Companies.” “The America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015, legislation I introduced that the House will consider this week, sets priorities aimed at stimulating economic competitiveness and growth. Our bill increases funding for the physical sciences and biology, from which come most of the scientific breakthroughs with the potential to stimulate new industries and jobs. Funding is cut for lower priority areas, including social and behavioral science, redundant climate research, and subsidies for private companies.” [The Hill, Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX) Op-Ed, 5/18/15]

Bill Prevents Department Of Energy From Conducting New Climate Change Research, Must Prove That The Research Would Be Unique Before Approval. “Scalise said that Republicans intend to end funding on ‘programs that don't meet the national interests’ with legislation, passed Wednesday 217-205, that would focus federal research in biology, chemistry, math and computer science. But Democrats, who didn't provide a single vote for the bill, said that while there may be a few questionable research projects funded by the federal government, the Republican-drafted bill makes deep cuts in vital scientific research and seems intended to block research into climate change. The bill bars the Department of Energy's Office of Science and Technology from approving new climate change science research ‘without making a determination that such work is unique and not duplicative of work by other agencies.’ Avoiding duplication makes sense, particularly at a time of large deficits and significant other funding priorities, said Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas.” [Times-Picayune, 5/20/15]

Bill Cut Funding For The National Science Foundation By 45% And Decreased Geoscience Funding By 12%. “Known as the America COMPETES Act, the sweeping measure sets priorities for research programmes at the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Department of Energy and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). It has drawn sharp criticism from science organizations, which say that the plan would limit the agencies' ability to fund the most promising research, and from the White House. Some of the most controversial provisions apply to the NSF. The bill suggests slashing funds for the agency’s social, behavioural and economic-sciences directorate from US$272.2 million in fiscal year 2015 to $150 million a year in 2016 and 2017 — a 45% cut. And it calls for a 12% decrease in geoscience funding, to $1.2 billion annually.” [Nature, 5/21/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Restore Funding For Energy And Climate Change Research. In May 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would have restored funding levels for scientific research. The
amendment would have provided for “sustained growth and sensible policies across the scientific agencies, in keeping with the goals of the original Competes legislation.” “A bill opponent, Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Texas, criticized its flat funding of research and development, politicization of the scientific grant-making process, and decreased funding of the ARPA-E program for breakthrough energy research.” The motion failed 179 to 239. [HR 1806, Vote #257; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 5/20/15; Albany Herald, 5/23/15]

**Amendment Sponsor LTE: Bill Made “Ideologically Driven Cuts” To Clean Energy And Climate Change Research.** “The chairman, however, is wrong about the way in which research should be prioritized. Politicians should not make ideologically driven cuts to particular areas of investigation with which they disagree, such as clean energy, climate research or the social sciences. Instead, research priorities should be set through the constantly evolving deliberation and debates within the scientific community and at the individual grant level about the areas that need further investigation. It is the National Science Foundation’s well-proven, scientific merit-review process, in which trained experts select the highest quality proposals across all fields of science and engineering, that ought to guide how we invest. Politicians, most of whom do not possess the same scientific or technical expertise, are ill-equipped to predict where the next breakthroughs are most likely to occur. Substituting our judgment for that of scientists would likely result more in missed opportunities than in new advances for American science and innovation.” [The Hill, Reps. Steny Hoyer (D-MD) and Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) Letter to Editor, 5/26/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Allowing Energy Department To Verify Scientific Results With Additional Study.** In May 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act that would have allowed the Department of Energy to verify scientific results in climate research through additional research by striking provisions from the bill, which blocked duplicative projects in climate change research. “The amendment would have struck from the bill provisions placing added reporting requirements on research funded by the Energy Department and eliminating duplicative projects in climate change research. Lowenthal said duplicative research projects were necessary to reproduce and verify previously published science, but the bill provisions would block such research, and also curtail the Energy Department’s ability to choose to fund projects based on their merits.” The amendment failed 187 to 236. [HR 1806, H.Amdt. 250, Vote #254, 5/20/15; Portland Press Herald 5/24/15]

**Seniors**

**Poliquin Voted Against Measure To Prevent Financial Companies That Harm Seniors From Using Any Emergency Lending Program Established By The Federal Reserve.** In November 2015, Poliquin voted against for a Democratic Motion to Recommit that “would ensure that financial companies found to engage in activity that harms seniors’ financial health and stability are prevented from participating in any emergency lending program or facility established by the Federal Reserve.” The motion to recommit failed in the House, 182 - 242. [HR 3189, Vote #640, 11/19/15; Motion to Recommit, 11/19/15]

**Poliquin Voted For House Rules Package That Jeopardized Social Security Disability.** In January 2015, Poliquin voted for a House Rules package that contained a provision that could threaten benefit cuts to Social Security. According to Politico, “Like Mrs. O’Leary’s cow, House Republicans kick-started a bigger fire than many imagined with an opening day rules change that revised Social Security as a hot issue for this Congress — and the 2016 presidential elections. The GOP’s immediate target is Social Security’s sprawling disability insurance program, which has grown at a pace far beyond its revenues and will exhaust its trust fund reserves by December 2016, threatening a 19 percent cut in benefits. In the past, Congress has simply shifted revenues from Social Security’s larger retirement account to fill holes in the disability fund. But the new House rule throws up a roadblock by creating a point of order against any such bill that does not improve the ‘actuarial balance’ of the combined funds.” The resolution passed, 234-172. [H Res 5, Vote #6, 1/6/15; Politico, 1/20/15]

**Eleven Million Recipients Of Disability Benefits Faced A 19 Percent Benefit Cut.** “The GOP’s immediate target is Social Security’s sprawling disability insurance program, which has grown at a pace far beyond its
revenues and will exhaust its trust fund reserves by December 2016, threatening a 19 percent cut in benefits.” [Politico, 1/20/15]

**Eleven Million People Receive Disability Benefits.** “About 11 million people get disability benefits, nearly 40 percent more than a decade ago.” [Associated Press, 1/7/15]

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**Taxes**

**Poliquin Voted For To Prevent The IRS From Seizing Money From Individuals In Violation Of Reporting Requirements In Amounts Greater Than $10,000.** In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Roskam, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from seizing money from people in violation of reporting requirements in amounts greater than $10,000. The bill would allow seizures if the agency could show probable cause that the money was derived from an illegal source or the funds were structured for the purpose of concealing the violation of a criminal law or regulation, and would provide for a notice and hearing process for those with seized assets.” The motion was agreed to 415 to 0. [HR 5523, Vote #548, 9/22/16; CQ, 9/22/16]


**Poliquin Voted For A Bill For Olympic Or Paralympic Medalists To Exclude The Value Of Any Medal Or Prize Money Received From Their Gross Income.** In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Dold, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would permanently exclude, for purposes of federal income taxes, any prizes or awards won in competition in the Olympic Games or the Paralympic Games, including the value of any medal and any prize money received from the U.S. Olympic Committee. The bill's tax exemption would only apply to athletes with adjusted gross incomes less than $1 million for the relevant tax year.” The motion was agreed to 415 to 1. [HR 5946, Vote #546, 9/22/16; CQ, 9/22/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting Payment Of A Salary Greater Than $0 To The Commissioner Of The Internal Revenue Service A Salary Greater Until January 2017.** In July 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Buck, R-Colo., amendment that would prohibit funds from being used to pay the salary of the commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service from the date of enactment until Jan. 20, 2017, at a rate greater than a pro-rated annual rate of $0.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole 197-224. [H Amdt 1243 to HR 5485, Vote #378, 7/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 3/7/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Resolution Opposing Oil Taxes And Future Taxes On Industries That Have Been Subjected To Cuts.** In June 2016, Poliquin voted for a concurrent resolution “that would express a sense of Congress in opposition to the president’s proposed $10-per-barrel tax on oil. It also would express a sense of Congress that lawmakers, in considering future policy, should review potential harms of new taxes on industries that have seen job, revenue and production cuts.” The resolution passed 253-144. [H Con Res 112, Vote #296, 6/10/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/10/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Resolution Opposing A Carbon Tax.** In June 2016, Poliquin voted for a concurrent resolution “that would express a sense of Congress that a carbon tax would harm families and businesses and is ‘not in the best interest of the United States.’” The resolution passed 237-163. [H Con Res 89, Vote #295, 6/10/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/10/16]

**Poliquin Voted For A Bill Halting New IRS Hires Until US Treasury Certifies That No Agency Employee Has Delinquent Taxes.** On April 20th, 2016, Poliquin voted for the passage of the No Hires for the Delinquent IRS Act. The bill proposed “to suspend the hiring of new IRS employees unless Treasury Secretary Jacob J. Lew certifies that none of the agency’s workers has serious tax delinquencies, or provides an explanation of why such a certification is not possible.” The bill passed, 254 to 170. [H Res 1206, Vote #160; CQ News, 4/20/16]
Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Closing Offshore Tax Loopholes To Fund Infrastructure Investment. In April 2016, Poliquin voted for and use those funds to create good-paying jobs rebuilding America’s crumbling roads and bridges.” The previous question carried, 239-173. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on limiting offshore tax loopholes to fix the country’s infrastructure. [H Res 687, Vote #157, 4/19/16; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 4/19/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Closing Offshore Tax Loopholes To Pay For Infrastructure, Military, And Education Programs. In April 2016, Poliquin voted for a motion that would “limit the inversions that have enabled many corporations to dodge paying their fair share of the taxes that support our military, our infrastructure, and our children’s education.” The previous question carried 240-172. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on limiting offshore tax loopholes to pay for the military, education, and infrastructure. [H. Res 688, Vote #155, 4/19/16; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 4/19/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Motion To Analyze Long-Term Impact Of Tax Loopholes. In February 2016, Poliquin voted against on the motion to recommit on legislation to analyze “the long-term impact that tax loopholes abused by special interests have on American businesses, American workers, and our economy.” The motion failed, 179 to 238. [HR 3442, Vote #75, 2/11/16; Democratic Leader, 2/11/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Closing Corporate Inversion Tax Loophole To Fund Investments In U.S. Transportation Infrastructure. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion to recommit that “would help improve America’s roads, bridges, and highways by stopping corporations that seek to avoid paying their fair share of taxes by moving their business address to another country. Instead, those reclaimed resources will be invested in much-needed American transportation infrastructure improvements.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 185-244. [HR 3038, Vote #440, 7/15/2015; Democratic Leader – Motions to Recommit, 7/15/15]

Poliquin Voted For Permanent Research And Tax Development Tax Credit. In May 2015, Poliquin voted for the American Research Competitiveness Act of 2015. “H.R. 880, the American Research and Competitiveness Act of 2015 (Brady) to simplify and make the research & development tax credit permanent.” The bill passed 274 to 145. [HR 880, Vote #260, 5/20/15; Roll Call, 5/1/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Extending Research Tax Credit By Two Years And Preventing Deficit Increase. In May 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion to recommit with instructions for the American Research Act of 2015. “Motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report back immediately with an amendment that would remove the bill’s proposal to make permanent the research and development tax credit that expired at the end of calendar year 2014, and change the way elements of the credit are calculated. The bill would replace those provisions with language that would extend the credit for two years and would state that the bill shall not result in increasing the deficit or delaying or weakening efforts to adopt a permanent extension of the research credit in a ‘fiscally responsible manner.’” The motion failed, 181-240. [HR 880, Vote #259, 5/20/15; CQ, 5/22/15]

Poliquin Voted For Repealing Estate Tax. In April 2015, Poliquin voted for repealing the estate tax. “The measure also would repeal the generation-skipping transfer tax and reduce the top marginal rate for the federal gift tax from 40 percent to 35 percent.” The bill passed, 240-179. [HR 1105, Vote #161, 4/16/15; CQ News, 4/16/15]

USA Today: “Repealing Estate Tax Would Reward .2%.” “Of the nearly 3 million Americans who die every year, only about two-tenths of 1% have enough assets to qualify. It's a rather exclusive group. This isn't to disparage people who worked hard enough (or, in some cases, were lucky enough) to have estates that big. It's just that, at a time when income inequality is one of the nation's most vexing problems, the 0.2% hardly need extra help from Congress.” [Editorial, USA Today, 4/16/15]
CBPP: “Roughly 2 Of Every 1,000 Estates Face The Estate Tax.” “Today, 99.8 percent of estates owe no estate tax at all, according to the Joint Committee on Taxation.[3] Only the estates of the wealthiest 0.2 percent of Americans -- roughly 2 out of every 1,000 people who die -- owe any estate tax. (See Figure 1.) This is because of the tax’s high exemption amount, which has jumped from $650,000 per person in 2001 to $5.43 million per person in 2015.” [CBPP, “10 Facts You Should Know About The Federal Estate Tax,” 3/23/15]

Bill Impacted Fewer Than 6,000 Families. “This tax is levied on the portion of estates exceeding $5.43 million per person or $10.86 million per married couple, and because of those exemption levels, it affects less than 1 percent of estates, or fewer than 6,000 families in 2014.” [Philadelphia Inquirer, 4/19/15]

Bill Would Add $269 Billion To National Debt. “Voting 240 for and 179 against, the House on April 16 passed a GOP-sponsored bill (HR 1105) that would permanently repeal the federal estate tax in a way that would add $269 billion to national debt through fiscal 2025.” [Albuquerque Journal, 4/19/15]

Politifact: False – “Estate Tax ‘In Many Cases’ Forces Family Farmers And Small Business Owners To Sell Their Holdings. “The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates only 6 tenths of 1 percent of estates with farms qualified for the tax in 2013. The nonpartisan Tax Policy Center estimates that there were 20 small, closely held farms and businesses that were subject to the tax that year. It’s unknown how many of them, if any at all, were sold to pay the levy. So Hurt’s statement comes up empty. We rate it False.” [Politifact, 5/3/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Preventing Giving Inheritance Tax Benefits To Those Convicted Of Tax Evasion Or Fraud. In April 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion to recommit that would have prevented giving inheritance tax benefits to those convicted of tax evasion or fraud. The motion “would disqualify from the bill's provisions individuals convicted of attempting to evade the gift tax or before the bill's enactment engaged in a transaction with intent to evade the estate tax.” The motion failed, 186-232. [HR 1105, Vote #160, 4/16/15; CQ Votes, 4/16/15]

Poliquin Voted For Permanently Allowing Taxpayers To Deduct State And Local Sales Taxes. In April 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill “that would make permanent the ability of taxpayers to deduct state and local sales taxes in lieu of state and local income taxes, which expired at the end of 2014. The measure would be effective for tax years beginning with 2015.” The bill passed, 272-152. [HR 622, Vote #159, 4/16/15; CQ News, 4/16/15]

Bill Not Paid For, Would Add $42 Billion To National Debt. “Because the bill is not paid for, it would add $42 billion to national debt through fiscal 2025.” [Albuquerque Journal, 4/19/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Requiring State & Local Tax Deduction Legislation To Not Increase Deficit Or Delay Comprehensive Tax Reform. In April 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion that would prevent deficit increases or delays in overall tax reform as a result of state & local tax deduction legislation. The motion also provided a one year extension of a state and local sales tax deduction rather than a permanent extension to make sure Congress could perform fiscally responsible tax extensions. The motion failed, 179-243. [HR 622, Vote #158, 4/16/15; CQ News, 4/16/15]

Poliquin Voted For Making Individuals With Severely Delinquent Tax Debt Ineligible For Federal Employment. In April 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill that would make individuals with “seriously delinquent tax debt” ineligible for federal employment, and would include existing federal employees. The bill failed, 266-160. A two thirds majority was required to pass the bill, under suspension of the rules. [HR 1563, Vote #157, 4/15/15; CQ News, 4/15/15]

Bill Opponents Noted That Tax Compliance Rate Was 97 Percent For Civil Servants. “Opponents noted in debate that the tax compliance rate for civil servants was 97 percent in 2014, compared to 95 percent for House members and their staffs and 91 percent for the public at large. Civil servants owed $1.14 billion in delinquent taxes last year.” [Bakersfield Californian, 4/18/15]
Poliquin Voted For Considering Bills To Repeal The Estate Tax And Allow State And Local Sales Tax Deductions. In April 2015, Poliquin voted for “Adoption of the rule (H Res 200) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 622) that would make permanent the ability of taxpayers to deduct state and local sales taxes in lieu of state and local income taxes, the bill (HR 1105) that would repeal the federal estate tax and repeal the generation-skipping transfer tax, and the bill (HR 1195) that would establish a small business advisory board, credit union advisory council and community bank advisory council for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.” The rule was adopted, 242-182. [HRes 200, Vote #155, 4/15/15; CQ Votes, 4/15/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Preventing Tax Deductions For Executive Bonuses Exceeding $1 Million. In January 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion that would prevent companies from claiming tax deductions for executive bonuses exceeding $1 million if they failed to give lower level employees raises to match increases in the cost of living. The motion failed, 168-243. [H Res 5, Vote #5, 1/6/15; CQ Floor Votes, 1/6/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill Preventing U.S. Corporations From Moving Overseas To Dodge Paying Taxes. In January 2015, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of the Stop Corporate Expatriation and Invest in America’s Infrastructure Act, a bill that would prevent U.S. corporations from moving overseas to dodge taxes. “The second is an infrastructure bill that would stop corporations from relocating abroad and redirect tax money lost through these so-called inversions to infrastructure projects in the U.S. That money would be sent to the highway trust fund.” The previous question passed, 239 to 168. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 5, Vote #4, 1/6/15; Politico, 1/5/15; Congressional Record, 1/6/15]

Trade

Poliquin Voted For To Prohibit The Use Of The U.S. Dollar In Trade Transactions With Iran. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would prohibit the administration from allowing the U.S. dollar to be used, directly or indirectly, to facilitate trade transactions with Iran. The measure would prohibit U.S. financial institutions from processing transactions transferred through a second foreign bank on behalf of any Iranian state-owned or private entity. The measure would also uphold Iran's designation as a ‘primary money laundering concern.’” The bill passed, 246 to 181. [HR 4992, Vote #478, 7/14/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/14/16]

Poliquin Voted For Strengthening Trade Enforcement. In December 2015, Poliquin voted for the Conference Report to the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015. “The Conference Report facilitates trade by strengthening trade enforcement, including provisions to guard against evasion of anti-dumping and countervailing duty laws, protect intellectual property against piracy, and target sources of unfair trade and provisions streamlining the flow of legitimate trade by modernizing Customs operations and reducing paperwork. Also, it closes a loophole in current law that allows the importation of products made using child or forced labor.” [HR 644, Vote #693, 12/11/15; The Daily Whip, 12/11/15]


Poliquin Voted Against A Motion In Support Of A Customs Bill To Honor American Workers, Address Human Trafficking, And Protect The Environment. In December 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion to “challenge Republicans to support a Customs Bill that honors American workers, addresses human trafficking, and protects our environment.” The motion failed, 172-239. [HR 644, Vote #692, 12/11/15; Democratic Leader – Motions to Recommit, 12/11/15]
Poliquin Voted Against Investigating Currency Manipulation By Foreign Governments And Public Entities. In December 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion requiring the United States Trade Representative “to investigate currency manipulation by foreign governments and public entities and specifies the methodology with which the Trade Representative determines currency manipulation.” The motion was rejected, 193-232. [HR 644, Vote #655, 12/2/15; CQ Floor Votes, 12/2/15]

Poliquin Voted For Stripping Out Provisions In The Customs Enforcement Bill Protecting American Workers From Currency Manipulation. In December 2015, Poliquin voted for a motion that the House insist on the House amendment to the Senate amendment and request a conference on the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act (HR 644). The House amendment did not include language “combat currency manipulation…[by] directing the Department of Commerce to slap duties on goods that have unfairly benefited from undervalued currency.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 252-170. [H R 644, Vote #652, 12/1/15; Congressional Record, 12/1/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Allowing Companies To Appeal Directly To Ex-Im Board Of Directors Regarding Economic Harm Caused By The Bank’s Transactions. In November 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment, “that would allow companies to appeal directly to the Export-Import Bank's board of directors regarding an allegation that the company would suffer economic harm from a proposed bank transaction.” The amendment failed 129-298. [HR 22, Vote #616, 11/4/15; CQ, accessed 1/7/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Requiring The Export-Import Bank To Use Fair Value Accounting Principles In Financial Statements. In November 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment, “that would require financial statements of the Export-Import Bank to be in accordance with fair value accounting principles.” The amendment failed 133-295. [HR 22, Vote #615, 11/4/15; CQ, accessed 1/7/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting The Export-Import Bank From Providing Financing To A Foreign Borrower Without The US Company Guaranteeing The Loan Be Repaid. In November 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment, “that would prohibit the Export-Import Bank from providing financing to a foreign borrower in connection with the export of goods or services by a U.S. company without a guarantee from the company of repayment by the foreign borrower, and a pledge of collateral, in certain percentages specified in the measure. It also would require that the guarantee be senior to any other obligation. Small businesses would be exempt.” The amendment failed 115-313. [HR 22, Vote #613, 11/4/15; CQ, accessed 1/7/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Limiting Ex-Im Bank Single Sector Credit Exposure To 20 Percent, Prohibit Single Person From Benefiting From More Than 10 Percent. In November 2015, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would require the Export-Import Bank's credit exposure in a single industrial sector to be limited to 20 percent of the bank’s total credit exposure. It also would prohibit the bank from issuing financing in a fiscal year if doing so would result in a single person benefiting from more than 10 percent of the total dollar amount of the bank's credit assistance in the fiscal year.” The amendment failed, 114 to 314. [H.R. 22, Amendment #78, Vote #612, 11/4/15; CQ, 11/4/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Eliminating Treasury Department Loss Guarantee For Ex-Im Bank. In November 2015, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would eliminate the Treasury Department's guarantee of losses at the Export-Import Bank.” The amendment failed, 117 to 308. [H.R. 22, Amendment #77, Vote #611, 11/4/15; CQ, 11/4/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Prohibiting Ex-Im Financing Of Foreign Companies If Receiving Foreign Government Support From Country With Sovereign Wealth Fund Value Of $100 Million Or More. In November 2015, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would prohibit the Export-Import Bank from providing financing to foreign companies that benefit from support from a foreign government if the foreign government's sovereign wealth funds have a value of more than $100 billion.” The amendment failed, 116 to 308. [H.R. 22, Amendment #76, Vote #610, 11/4/15; CQ, 11/4/15]
Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Requiring Ex-Im Financing Recipients Of $10 Million Or More To Have Been Denied By Private Sector At Least Twice. In November 2015, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would require recipients of Export-Import Bank financing of more than $10 million to have been denied financing at least twice by the private sector. It also would institute penalties for inaccurate claims made by financing recipients about the availability of competing foreign export financing or private sector financing.” The amendment failed, 124 to 302. [H.R. 22, Amendment #75, Vote #609, 11/4/15; CQ, 11/4/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Prohibiting Ex-Im Bank From “Guaranteeing, Insuring Or Extending Credit” In Transactions Absent Competition From Foreign Credit Agencies. In November 2015, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would prohibit the Export-Import Bank from guaranteeing, insuring or extending credit involving transactions that do not meet competition from foreign export credit agencies.” The amendment failed, 117 to 309. [H.R. 22, Amendment #74, Vote #608, 11/4/15; CQ. 11/4/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Increasing Financing Set-Aside For Small Businesses By Ex-Im Bank, Absence Of Increase Would Temporarily Bar Issuing Guarantees. In November 2015, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would increase by five percent each fiscal year for four years the percent of financing available to the Export-Import Bank that it is required to set aside for small businesses. Absent an increase in the set-aside, the bank would be temporarily barred from issuing guarantees, insurance or credit more than $100 million benefitting one person.” The amendment failed, 121 to 303. [H.R. 22, Amendment #73, Vote #607, 11/4/15; CQ, 11/4/15]

Poliquin Voted For Bill To Re-Authorize The Export-Import Bank. In October 2015, Poliquin voted for HR 597. “Lawmakers are trying to complete work on a long-term bill by Nov. 20, the date the current authorization expires. Backers of the Ex-Im Bank see attaching its reauthorization (HR 597) to the highway bill to be the best chance of renewing its charter that expired at the end of June.” The bill passed 313 to 118. [HR 597, Vote #576, 10/27/15; CQ News, 11/5/15]

Bill Was Advanced To Vote By The Little-Used Discharge Petition That Forced House To Vote On The Legislation Against The Wishes Of Party Leadership. “If Republicans aren’t already divided enough, several dozen party members have signed a petition that will force the House to vote on whether to revive a controversial government-run bank that helps big American companies sell goods overseas. Some 41 Republicans signed a so-called discharge petition in an effort to fully reopen the Export-Import Bank. They joined ranks with nearly all Democrats to meet the 218-vote threshold required to allow a bill to reach the House floor…. A discharge petition is an obscure technique used to force a vote on an issue against the wishes of party leadership. They are rarely used and rarely succeed.” [MarketWatch, 10/9/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of Re-Authorization Of Export-Import Bank. In October 2015, Poliquin voted against consideration of the re-authorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States. “Providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 597) to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes.” The ordering of the previous question carried, 271 to 158. [H.Res.450, Vote #572, 10/27/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Bringing A Bill To Reauthorize The Export-Import Bank To The Floor. In October 2015, Poliquin voted against a “motion to discharge from the House Rules Committee and bring to the House floor the rule (H Res 450) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 597) that would reauthorize the Export-Import Bank through fiscal 2019.” The motion carried 246-177. [HR 597, Vote #569, 10/23/15; CQ 10/23/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Reauthorizing The Export-Import Bank. In October 2015, Poliquin voted for to block consideration of a vote to reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank. The previous question carried, 237-180. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on reauthorizing the Export-Import Bank. [H RES 449, Vote #529, 10/1/15; Democratic Leader, Previous Questions, 10/1/15]
Poliquin Voted For Blocking Reauthorization Of The Ex-Im Bank. In September 2015, Poliquin voted for a motion to block consideration of a vote to “re-authorize the Export-Import Bank, a self-funded agency that provides certainty and support to American businesses of all sizes that are eager to compete in the global market.” The previous question carried, 243-183. A vote against the previous question would call for an immediate vote to re-authorize the Ex-Im Bank. [H Res 421, Vote #502, 9/17/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 9/17/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Export-Import Bank Reauthorization. In September 2015, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of a vote to re-authorize the Export-Import Bank. The previous question carried, 238-179. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on Export Import Bank Reauthorization. [HR 420, Vote #497, 9/17/15; Congressional Record, 9/17/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Renewing The Export-Import Bank. In July 2015, Poliquin voted for to block consideration of an “amendment to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank.” The previous question carried, 242-180. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank. [H Res 388, Vote #483, 7/29/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 7/29/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Ending Prohibition On Using Funds Regarding The Legal Trade And Transport Of Ivory. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against “an amendment to strike section 120 prohibiting use of funds regarding legal trade and transport of ivory.” The amendment failed 189-239. [HR 2822, Vote #397, 7/8/15; H AMDT 553, 7/8/15]

Rep. Raul M Grijalva: Amendment Was Introduced After One Ton Of Illegal Ivory Was Found In Philadelphia. “Last week, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service destroyed more than one ton of illegal African elephant ivory, most of which had been confiscated from a Philadelphia antique dealer named Victor Gordon. All of this ivory – and all of the unknown volume of ivory Gordon sold over the past decade – was not antique, but instead had been made to look so after being removed from recently poached elephants. Sales of illegal ivory fund crime syndicates and terrorist groups, and anyone who has bought or sold any of the ivory that Gordon put into circulation before he was caught is complicit in giving financial support to these organizations, whether intended or not.” [Rep. Raul M Grijalva Letter, 7/7/15]

Rep. Raul M Grijalva: Original Bill Blocked Fish And Wildlife From Implementing Ivory Rules. “This is why we have to end the ivory trade in the United States now. Unfortunately, section 120 of H.R. 2822 would block implementation of Fish and Wildlife Service rules and policies necessary to disrupt ivory markets and ensure that U.S. citizens do not contribute to the ongoing slaughter of African elephants, which are being killed at the rate of one every 15 minutes.” [Raul M Grijalva Letter, 7/7/15]


Poliquin Voted For Reauthorizing The Trade Adjustment Assistance Program And Extending AGOA, The Generalized System Of Preferences And The Preferential Duty Treatment For Haiti. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for a trade preferences bill that would reauthorize the Trade Adjustment Assistance program. “The House Thursday finally sent President Barack Obama a bill to reauthorize the Trade Adjustment Assistance program, which had become a casualty of a protracted fight between the White House and congressional Democrats over fast track. The 286-138 vote on the trade preferences bill (HR 1295) included 175 Democrats, many of whom earlier this month voted against trade assistance, or TAA, measure as part of their strategy to block fast-track Trade Promotion Authority. In the end, only six Democrats voted against TAA. … The trade preferences bill includes the African Growth and Opportunity Act, known as AGOA, and the Generalized System of Preferences that provides developing nations access to the U.S. market through the duty-free treatment of exports. It also includes preferential
against Poliquin package. The amendment passed 219 to 211. [HR 1314, bill received a majority of votes, it will not go to the president's desk because it does not match the Senate largely irrelevant. “Republicans moved quickly to hold a vote on Trade Promotion Authority, b Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) in the vote immediately preceding, votes in favor of TPA were rendered considered by Congress under expedited procedu

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opponent, Rep. Sander M. Levin, D Mich., said its currency manipulation provisions had no substance and would not be enforceable, thereby putting millions of jobs at risk due to other countries using their undervalued currencies to undercut American companies.” The amendment passed 240 to 190. [HR 214, 6, 6/18/15; The Hill, 6/18/15]

Poliquin Voted For Considering A Rule In Order To Concur Senate Amendment To Extend TAA Programs And AGOA. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for the “adoption of the resolution (H Res 338) that would make in order a motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (HR 1295) that would extend Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) programs that help U.S. workers harmed by trade agreements until 2021 and the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) through FY 2025.” The rule was adopted 251-176. [H. Res. 338, Vote #386, CQ Floor Votes, 6/25/15]

Poliquin Voted For Consideration Of Bill To Re-Authorize The Export-Import Bank. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for consideration of a bill to re-authorize the Export-Import Bank. “The Democratic Previous Question would force a vote to re-authorize the Ex-Im Bank, ending Republicans’ needless crisis.” The previous question passed 243 to 181. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H.Res. 333, Vote #379, 6/24/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Concurring In Senate Amendment To Grant The President Trade Promotion Authority. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against Trade Promotion Authority (TPA). “The House on Thursday took the first step toward resuscitating the White House’s trade agenda by passing legislation granting President Obama fast-track authority … This is the second time in a week the House has voted to approve the controversial fast-track bill. On Friday, the House voted 219-211 in favor of fast-track, which would make it easier for Obama to complete a sweeping trans-Pacific trade deal … House Democrats have historically favored TAA, but they voted against it on Friday to kill fast-track, which is deeply opposed by unions and other liberal groups.” The amendment passed 218 to 208. [HR 2146, Vote #374, 6/18/15; The Hill, 6/18/15]


Poliquin Voted For Concurring In Senate Amendment On Currency Manipulation To Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment that would “establish a center for coordinating federal government efforts to protect intellectual property from infringement, automate the processing of certain trade documents by the Customs and Border Protection agency, and establish processes for investigating whether foreign countries are directly or indirectly manipulating their currency to subsidize their exports … A bill opponent, Rep. Sander M. Levin, D-Mich., said its currency manipulation provisions had no substance and would not be enforceable, thereby putting millions of jobs at risk due to other countries using their undervalued currencies to undercut American companies.” The amendment passed 240 to 190. [HR 644, Vote #363, 6/12/15; Citizen-Times, 6/19/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Senate Amendment To Provide Trade Promotion Authority For Trade Agreements Negotiated By The Administration. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would provide Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) for trade agreements negotiated by the administration, under which they would be considered by Congress under expedited procedures without amendment. However, due to Congress rejecting Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) in the vote immediately preceding, votes in favor of TPA were rendered largely irrelevant. “Republicans moved quickly to hold a vote on Trade Promotion Authority, but even though the bill received a majority of votes, it will not go to the president's desk because it does not match the Senate-passed package.” The amendment passed 219 to 211. [HR 1314, Vote #362, 6/12/15; The Atlantic, 6/12/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Extension Of Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA). In June 2015, Poliquin voted against a “motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would provide Trade Promotion Authority for
trade agreements negotiated by the administration, under which they would be considered by Congress under expedited procedures without amendment, and would extend Trade Adjustment Assistance programs to help displaced U.S. workers. The portion of the Senate amendment covered by the division would reauthorize, through June 30, 2021, trade adjustment assistance programs and alternative trade adjustment assistance for workers laid off because of the impact of foreign competition. Offsets would include an extension of certain customs fees and prevention of certain taxpayers with high levels of foreign income from receiving the refundable portion of the child tax credit.” The motion failed 126-302. [HR 1314, Vote #361; CQ Floor Votes, 6/12/15]

NYT: TAA Failing Would Cripple President Obama's Trade Agenda. “Hours after President Obama made a dramatic, personal appeal for support, House Democrats on Friday thwarted his push to expand trade negotiating power — and quite likely his chance to secure a legacy-defining accord spanning the Pacific Ocean. In a remarkable blow to a president they have backed so resolutely, House Democrats voted to end assistance to workers displaced by global trade, a program their party created and has supported for four decades. That move effectively scuttled legislation granting the president trade promotion authority — the power to negotiate trade deals that cannot be amended or filibustered by Congress.” [New York Times, 6/12/15]

Poliquin Voted For Adopt The Rule For Floor Consideration Of TPA. In June 2015. Poliquin Voted For the “Adoption of the rule (H Res 305) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Senate amendment to a package (HR 1314) of Trade Promotion Authority and Trade Adjustment Assistance legislation and provide for floor consideration of the Senate amendments to a customs enforcement measure (HR 644).” The rule was adopted 217-212. [H. Res. 305, Vote #359; CQ Floor Votes, 6/11/15]

Poliquin Voted For Bill To Extend African Growth And Opportunity Act And Renew Generalized System Of Preferences. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill that would “provide a 10-year extension of the African Growth and Opportunity Act, renew the Generalized System of Preferences and extend certain programs dealing with duty-free treatment of Haitian textiles and apparel… The bill would provide offsets dealing with customs user fees, payment of corporate estimated taxes and penalties for businesses that fail to file correct tax and income information.” The motion was agreed to, 397-32. [H.R. 1295, Vote #345, 6/11/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/11/15]


GSP Provides Duty-Free Importation Of Goods From Developing Nations. “The GSP, on the other hand, provides duty-free importation of more than 5,000 products from developing nations. The GSP expired in 2013, but the AGOA Extension and Enhancement Act would extend the program through 2017.” [AGOA Website, 4/16/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Prohibit Funds For Trade Agreement Negotiations Where The Terms Are Confidential. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act that “prohibit[s] the use of funds to negotiate or enter into a trade agreement whose negotiating texts are confidential.” The amendment failed 27-399. [HR 2578, Vote #282, 6/3/15]

Politifact: Program “Helps U.S. Manufacturing Firms Capitalize On Business Opportunities And Make Them More Competitive In The Global Markets.” During the 2008 presidential campaign, Barack Obama promised to double funding for the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership, a program run by the U.S. Commerce Department that helps U.S. manufacturing firms capitalize on business opportunities and make them more competitive in the global markets.” [Politifact, 9/30/11]

Program Provided Business Information And Resources To U.S. Manufacturing Firms. “The Hollings Manufacturing Extensions Partnership is part of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, which in turn falls under the U.S. Department of Commerce. The partnership, which consists of federal, state and local organizations, provides business information and resources to U.S. manufacturing firms to make them more competitive in the global markets.” [Politifact, 11/6/09]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Reducing Funding For International Trade Administration By $312 Million. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment which would cut funding to the International Trade Administration by $312 million in FY 2016. “House Vote 270 Fiscal 2016 Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations — International Trade Administration. McClintock, R-Calif., amendment that would reduce funding for the International Trade Administration by $312 million, with an increase of the same amount to the spending reduction account.” [H.R. 2578, McClintock Amendment, Vote #270, 6/2/15; CQ Bill Track, 6/26/15]

Texas Republican Rep. Opposed Amendment Saying Cut Would Degrade “Ability To Fight Against ‘Unfair Subsidies Given By Foreign Governments To Their Businesses That Cause American Workers To Lose Their Jobs.’” “Funding trade promotion: The House has rejected an amendment sponsored by Rep. Tom McClintock, R-Calif., to the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (H.R. 2578). The amendment would have eliminated $312 million of funding for trade promotion programs at the government’s International Trade Administration. McClintock said trade promotion was the proper responsibility of private businesses, both individually and in trade associations, and taxpayers should not pay for the profits of private businesses. An amendment opponent, Rep. John Abney Culberson, R-Texas, said the funding cut would degrade the International Trade Administration’s ability to fight against ‘unfair subsidies given by foreign governments to their businesses that cause American workers to lose their jobs.’ The vote, on June 2, was 154 yeas to 263 nays.” [Citizens-Times, 6/5/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill To Re-Authorize Export-Import Bank. In March 2015, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of a bill to “force an immediate vote to re-authorize the Export-Import Bank, a self-funded agency that provides certainty and support to American businesses and creates American jobs.” The previous question passed 233 to 181. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 152, Vote #126, 3/19/15; 114th Congress Previous Questions, 3/19/15]

Transportation

Poliquin Voted For A Requirement For The Transportation Department To Notify Congress Before Publicly Announcing Competitive Grant Awards Of More Than $750,000. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Graves, R-Mo., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Transportation Department to notify certain congressional committees at least three business days before publically announcing the award of competitive grants with a value of $750,000 or more.” The motion was agreed to 424 to 1. [HR 5977, Vote #539, 9/21/16; CQ, 9/21/16]

Poliquin Voted For A Requirement For The Transportation Department To Evaluate The Effects Of Potential Construction On Air Navigation Facilities And Equipment. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Graves, R-Mo., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Transportation Department to evaluate proposed construction that could affect U.S. air navigation facilities and equipment, to also consider the potential effect on space navigation facilities, equipment, and space launches and reentries.” The motion was agreed to 425 to 0. [HR 6007, Vote #538, 9/21/16; CQ, 9/21/16]
Poliquin Voted For Five-Year Comprehensive Highway Funding Bill That Reauthorized Export-Import Bank And Reauthorized Amtrak. In December 2015, Poliquin voted for adopting the conference report to “accompany the Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act (HR 22) that would reauthorize federal-aid highway and transit programs for five years, through FY 2020, at increased funding levels. The bill would transfer over $70 billion from the Treasury's general fund and other funds to cover projected shortfalls in the Highway Trust Fund and to fully fund the measure's estimated $305 billion cost. Further, the bill would reauthorize Amtrak, renew the charter for the Export-Import Bank, and roll back a reduction in the crop insurance program used as an offset in last month's two-year budget deal.” The conference report was adopted, 359-65. [HR 22, Vote #673, 12/3/15; CQ Floor Votes, 12/3/15]

Poliquin Voted For A Motion For House To Go To Conference With Senate On Six-Year Authorization Of Surface Transportation Programs. In November 2015, Poliquin voted for a motion that “the House insist on the House amendment to the Senate amendment and request a conference on a bill (HR 22) that would provide a six-year authorization of surface transportation programs.” The amendment passed 371 to 54. [H R 22, Vote #624, 11/5/15; CQ, 11/5/15]

Poliquin Voted For Amendment Reauthorizing Surface Transportation Programs For Six Years, Turning It Into A Block Grant Program And Changing Environmental Reviews. In November 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act to adopt “the amendments adopted in the Committee of the Whole, including an amendment consisting of the text of the surface transportation reauthorization measure (HR 3763) approved by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, with modifications. That amendment would reauthorize surface transportation programs for six years, with policy provisions including those that would change the Surface Transportation Program into a block grant program, create a new grant program for nationally significant freight and highway projects, and make a number of changes to the environmental review process. Another amendment would liquidate the Federal Reserve's surplus funds and redirect that money to the General Fund. The House amendments did not affect a Senate move to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank.” The amendment passed 363 to 64. [H R 22, Vote #623, 11/5/15; CQ, 11/5/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Requiring Additional Information Be Displayed On Used Cars For Sale And Making Vehicle Safety Databases More Publicly Accessible. In November 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment, “that would require the Transportation secretary to make the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's vehicle safety databases more publicly accessible and require certain additional information regarding vehicle history to be displayed on used cars for sale.” The amendment failed 176-251. [HR 22, Vote #619, 11/5/15; CQ, accessed 1/7/16]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Conduct A GAO Study On The Economic Impact Of Contract Negotiations At West Coast Ports. In November 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to conduct a GAO study on the economic impact of contract negotiations at ports on the west coast. The amendment “request[ed] a GAO study on the economic impact of contract negotiations at ports on the west coast.” The amendment failed 200 to 228. [HR 22, Vote #605, 11/4/15; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 11/4/15]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Commission A Study On The Safety Of Intrastate Teen Truck Drivers. In November 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to replace the graduated commercial driver’s license program language in the FAST act with a study on the safety of intrastate teen truck drivers. The “Amendment sought to strike the graduated commercial driver's license program language in the bill and replace it with a study on the safety of intrastate teen truck drivers.” The amendment failed 181 to 248. [HR 22, Vote #604, 11/4/15; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 11/4/15]

Amendment Sought To Eliminate Pilot Program From The Bill That Would Allow Commercially Licensed Drivers To Drive Large Trucks On Interstate Highways At The Age Of 19 ½ Years; Current Minimum Age For Truck Drivers Was 21 Years. “Voting 181 for and 248 against, the House on Nov. 4 refused to strip HR 22 (above) of a pilot program that would allow commercially licensed drivers as young as 19 ½ years to operate large trucks on the Interstate Highway System. The existing minimum age for truck
drivers on interstates is 21 years. Amendment sponsor John Lewis, D-Ga., said ‘young drivers may not have the experience needed to handle heavy, dangerous vehicles. Some follow too closely. Others go too fast and don't check their mirrors. Young drivers can use their brakes too much, and that is a real danger when handling an 80,000-pound truck.’” [Oshkosh Northwestern, 11/30/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Require Local Transit Organizations To Have A 1:1 Debt To Equity Ratio In Order To Qualify For Federal Funding.** In November 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to require local transit organizations to have a 1:1 debt to equity ratio in order to qualify for federal funding. The amendment sought to “require local transit entity to have a debt to equity ratio of at least 1:1 in order to be eligible for federal funds.” The amendment failed 116 to 313. [HR 22, Vote #603, 11/4/15; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 11/4/15]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Standardize Meal And Rest Break Laws For The Motor Carrier Industry Across All States.** In November 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to standardize meal and rest break laws for the motor carrier industry across all states. The “Amendment clarifies the intent of Congress and ensures that the motor-carrier industry can operate under one standard when engaging in commerce and pre-empts a patchwork of 50 different state meal and rest break laws to provide certainty for regional carriers doing business.” The amendment passed 248 to 180. [HR 22, Vote #601, 11/4/15; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 11/4/15]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Establish Program To Allow The Use Of Live Plant Materials For Road Side Maintenance.** In November 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to establish a program to allow the use of live plant materials for road side maintenance. The amendment sought to “to establish a program to permit the use of live plant materials for road side maintenance.” The amendment failed 173 to 255. [HR 22, Vote #600, 11/4/15; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 11/4/15]

Amendment Would Have Allowed Companies To Contribute To Roadside Maintenance And Receive Public Thanks Through Roadside Corporate Logos Made Of Live Plants; Critics Labeled It Highway Commercialization. “Under an amendment offered by Rep. Duncan Hunter, 10 states would be allowed to let companies contribute to roadside maintenance and be publicly thanked by setting up corporate logos made of live plant materials. The California Republican said the proposal would save his state millions of dollars annually in roadside maintenance costs and free up funds for other highway projects. DeFazio objected, saying the step would commercialize federal highway right-of-ways and open the door to additional advertising on interstate roads. Hunter expressed surprise. ‘This is one of those things that I thought everybody would enjoy,’ he said. ‘It's environmentally friendly, it uses plants and flowers, and it doesn't cost anybody anything. This is one of those deals that I'm surprised is opposed by any member.’ The amendment was rejected 173-255, with 121 Republicans and 134 Democrats opposed.” [CQ Weekly, 11/13/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment To Require State And Regional Transportation Proposals To Include Project Criteria And Descriptions Developed By States Rather Than Federal Government.** In November 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to require state and regional transportation proposals to include project criteria and descriptions that states developed instead of the federal government. The “Amendment sought to require State and regional transportation plans to include project descriptions and to score projects based on criteria developed by the State or the region, not the Federal Government.” The amendment failed 171 to 252. [HR 22, Vote #599, 11/4/15; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 11/4/15]

Amendment Was Part Of Transportation Bill Aimed At Improving Roadways And Infrastructure. “Congressional negotiators clinched a deal on Tuesday for a five-year, roughly $300 billion transportation bill that would inject badly needed investments into the nation’s deteriorated highways and other infrastructure and also reopen the Export-Import Bank.” [New York Times, 12/1/15]

**Bill Did Not Raise The Gas Tax; Used Funds From The Federal Reserve And Back Taxes.** “Instead of raising the 18.4 cents per gallon gas tax, the bill relies on a variety of short-term financing provisions, including a requirement that the federal government use private collection agencies to recoup certain outstanding taxes, a
provision that would allow the government to deny new passports to individuals owing more than $50,000 in back taxes, and the sale of 66 million barrels of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. The sale of oil is projected to generate $6.2 billion over 10 years, effectively pricing the oil at more than double the current price per barrel. Some of the money will come from the Federal Reserve. The bill cuts the Fed’s annual dividend payments to large commercial banks, redirecting that money to highway construction. It also drains money from the Fed’s rainy-day fund.” [New York Times, 12/1/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Requiring Transportation Projects In Excess of $2.5 Billion To Establish Measures To Identify Potential Cost Overrun Causes.** In November 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act which would “require transportation ‘megaprojects’ - those estimated to cost at least $2.5 billion - that receive federal financial assistance to establish a peer review group and a comprehensive risk management plan to identify and monitor elements that could result in cost overruns or project delays.” The amendment was rejected, 169 to 257. [H R 22, H Amdt. 773, Vote #596, 11/4/15; CQ, 11/4/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment Providing For States To Allow Livestock Hauling Vehicles Up To 95,000 Pounds With Permit Costs Limited To $200.** In November 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act which would “provide for states to allow, by special permit, the operation of vehicles with a gross weight up to 95,000 pounds for hauling livestock. The cost of a permit could not exceed $200 annually.” The amendment was rejected, 185 to 240. [H R 22, H Amdt 771, Vote #595, 11/4/15; CQ, 11/4/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment That Would Have Banned Funding For Landscaping In Transportation Projects.** In November 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment “to repeal the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to approve as part of the construction of federal-aid highways the costs of landscape and roadside development.” ‘Representative Vicky Hartzler, Republican of Missouri, wanted an amendment that would prohibit the use of federal highway money for ‘landscaping and beautification.’ ‘We should spend our federal highway dollars to improve our roads and bridges, not plant flowers,’ Ms. Hartzler declared. Noting that between 1992 and 2013 about $1.3 billion was spent on landscaping, while 61,000 bridges were classified as structurally deficient, she added, ‘This is outrageous.’” The amendment failed, 172 to 255. [HR 22, H Amdt. 769, Vote #594, 11/4/15; New York Times, 11/5/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amendment That Would Have More Equitably Divided Transportation Money For U.S. Territories.** In November 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that “was an attempt to distribute territorial highway funds more equitably among the islands. That, by using objective benchmarks like highway miles, population and traffic to allocate a limited pot of money—currently about 40-million dollars, divided 10-percent each for the NMI and American Samoa, 40-percent each for Guam and the VI.” The amendment failed, 113 to 310. [HR 22, H Amdt. 766, Vote #593, 11/3/15; PNC News, 11/6/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Require Transportation Secretary To Conduct Reviews Of Pipeline Transportation Infrastructure Project If Requested By State Or Tribe.** In November 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment “that would require the Transportation secretary to conduct a safety review of pipeline transportation infrastructure project if requested by a state or tribal government.” The amendment failed, 160 to 263. [HR 22, Vote #590, 11/3/15; CQ, 11/3/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Establish National Advisory Committee On Travel And Tourism Infrastructure.** In November 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment “that would require the establishment of a National Advisory Committee on Travel and Tourism Infrastructure to advise the Transportation secretary on infrastructure issues and funding needs related to the use of the intermodal transportation network in facilitating travel and tourism, identify critical transportation facilities and corridors, and other duties.” The amendment passed, 216 to 207. [HR 22, Vote #589, 11/3/15; CQ, 11/3/15]
Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Allow States To Permit 6-Axle Trucks In Excess Of 80,000 Pounds To Drive On Interstate Highways. In November 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment “that would allow states to permit trucks on their interstate highways that exceed the current weight limit of 80,000 pounds. Trucks would need to be equipped with a sixth axle and could not exceed a gross weight of 91,000 pounds.” The amendment failed, 187 to 236. [HR 22, Vote #588, 11/3/15; CQ, 11/3/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Expand Congestion Mitigation And Air Quality Improvement Program To Include Projects Like Bikeshare & Carpool Programs. In November 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment “that would expand the eligibility of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program to include projects that use innovative mobility technologies to provide alternatives to driving alone, such as bikeshare and carpool programs, that are shown to reduce vehicle miles travelled or improve air quality.” The amendment failed, 181 to 237. [HR 22, Vote #586, 11/3/15; CQ, 11/3/15]

Poliquin Voted For Three Month Funding Patch For The Highway Trust Fund And Veterans Affairs Department. In July 2015, Poliquin voted for “a three-month extension of highway funding Wednesday, just two days before the Highway Trust Fund was set to run out of money to help states build roads, bridges, and mass transit projects.” The bill “also would authorize the Veterans Affairs Department (VA) to use $3.4 billion to pay for veteran care through non-VA providers and instruct the VA to consolidate all non-VA programs into a single program.” The bill passed 385 to 34. [HR 3236, Vote #486, 7/29/15; USA Today, 7/29/15; CQ, 7/29/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Long-Term Transportation Bill That Would Fund Domestic Infrastructure By Prohibiting Corporations From Moving Overseas To Avoid Taxes. In July 2015, Poliquin voted for to block consideration of a vote to “re-authorize a long-term Transportation Bill that provides 6 years of funding so states and localities can address critical infrastructure needs. The bill would also stop corporations that seek to move abroad to avoid paying their taxes and use that money for transportation improvements here in America.” The previous question carried, 240-167. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on long-term transportation funding. [H Res 380, Vote #470, 7/28/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 2/3/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Long Term Transportation Bill. In July 2015, Poliquin voted for to block consideration of a vote to “re-authorize a long-term Transportation Bill that provides 6 years of funding so states and localities can address critical infrastructure needs.” The previous question carried, 239-167. A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on a long term transportation bill. [H Res 369, Vote #450, 7/22/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 7/22/15]

Bill Would Also Target Corporations Moving Abroad To Avoid Paying Taxes, Instead Reinvest Money In Transportation Improvements. The bill also intended to “stop corporations that seek to move abroad to avoid paying their taxes and use that money for transportation improvements here in America.” A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on a bill to stop corporations moving abroad to avoid paying taxes. [H Res 369, Vote #450, 7/22/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 7/22/15]

Poliquin Voted For $8.1 Billion Short-Term Highway Funding Extension. In July 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill that “would reauthorize federal-aid highway and transit programs through Dec. 18, 2015 and would transfer $8.1 billion in funding from the Treasury to the Highway Trust Fund to cover projected trust fund shortfalls over that time. The measure completely offsets the cost of the proposed funding transfer by extending for two years the current budgetary treatment of Transportation Security Administration (TSA) fees as mandatory savings and through several tax compliance provisions.” The bill passed by a vote of 312-119. [HR 3038, Vote #441, 7/15/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/15/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration On A Vote To Re-Authorize A Long-Term Transportation Bill And To Crack Down On Corporations That Avoid Taxes By Moving Overseas. In July 2015, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration on “a vote to re-authorize a long-term Transportation Bill that provides 6 years of funding so states and localities can address critical infrastructure needs. The bill would also stop corporations that
seek to move abroad to avoid paying their taxes and use that money for transportation improvements here in America.” A vote against the previous question was to force the vote on the long-term Transportation bill and the crackdown on corporations that move overseas to avoid paying taxes. The motion to order the previous question passed, 245 to 182. [H Res 362, Vote #438, 7/15/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 7/15/15]

Poliquin Voted For FY16 Transportation-HUD Appropriations Bill That Slashed Amtrak Funding By $242 Million, Cut Housing Assistance & Rehabilitation. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for the FY16 Transportation-HUD Appropriations. “[The bill] cut Amtrak’s budget by $242 million … falls short of Obama’s request for housing subsidies for the poor, which the administration says is lengthening waiting lists for rent vouchers … cut funding to rehabilitate housing projects by almost $200 million to $1.7 billion, and would offer just $20 million to Choice Neighborhoods grants to help cities rebuild poor neighborhoods, a 75 percent cut from current spending … The measure also seeks to reverse Obama administration steps to greatly ease travel restrictions to Cuba.” The bill passed by a vote of 216-210. [HR 2577, Vote #329, 6/9/15; Associated Press, 6/9/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Motion Authorizing $6 Million For Positive Train Control Systems, Technology That Could Have Prevented Deadly 2014 Amtrak Crash. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion to recommit the FY16 Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill. “[The motion] intended to help give Amtrak funds to pay for positive train control technology, a safety upgrade that the National Transportation Safety Board said could have prevented the May 12 derailment of a passenger train near Philadelphia that killed 8 and injured more than 200. The motion offered a $6 million increase in capital and debt service grants to Amtrak, offset by a decrease in the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Information Technology Fund.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 181-244. [HR 2577, Vote #328, 6/9/15; Congressional Quarterly News, 6/9/15]

Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Prohibit New Start Grant Funding Be Used For Upgrades To Improve Usability Of Transit Projects. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the FY16 Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill that would bar funds from being used to carry out any enrichment for any New Start grant request, including improvements to a transit project like a sidewalk, paths, plazas, lighting, and signage. The amendment was rejected by a vote of 212-214. [HR 2577, Vote #325, 6/9/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/9/15; Congressional Record, 6/9/15]

Poliquin Voted For Amendment Requiring Grant Funding To The Northeast Corridor Match The Line’s Prior Year Profits Before Amtrak Funding Can Be Distributed To Other Parts Of The Country. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the FY16 Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill that prohibit the use of funds for Amtrak capital grants may be used for projects off the Northeast Corridor until the level of capital spending by Amtrak for capital projects on the Northeast Corridor during fiscal year 2016 equals the amount of Amtrak’s profits from Northeast Corridor operations during FY 2015. The amendment was rejected by a vote of 199-227. [HR 2577, Vote #322, 6/9/15; Congressional Record, 6/9/15]

Poliquin Voted For Baring Funds From Being Used By The FAA For Bio-Data Assessment In Air Traffic Control Specialist Hiring. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to a DOT and HUD appropriations bill that would “bar funds from being used by the Federal Aviation Administration for the bio-data assessment in the hiring of air traffic control specialists.” The amendment was adopted 240-186. [HR 2577, Vote #321, 6/9/15; CQ Summary, 6/9/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking DOT Funding For Making Loans Over $600 Million For Rail Projects. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to a DOT and HUD appropriations bill that would “bar funding for the Transportation Department to make a loan under the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act that exceeds $600 million.” The amendment was rejected 134 to 287. [HR 2577, Vote #318, 6/9/15; CQ Summary, 6/9/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking DOT From Financing Rail Projects With Top Speeds Under 150MPH. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to a DOT and HUD appropriations bill that would “bar funding for the Transportation Department to authorize exempt facility bonds to finance passenger rail projects that cannot attain
the speech[sic] of 150 mph.” The amendment was rejected 148-275. [HR 2577, Vote #317, 6/9/15; CQ Summary, 6/9/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Requiring The FAA To Allow Bob Hope Airport To Impose Curfew.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to a Department of Transportation and Department of Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill that would “require the Federal Aviation Administration to allow the Bob Hope Airport in Burbank, Calif., to impose a curfew on flights.” The amendment was rejected 157-266. [HR 2577, Vote #316, 6/9/15; CQ Summary, 6/9/15]

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**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Bar Funding For Any Amtrak Route With Operating Costs Exceeding Twice Its FY 2014-18 Five Year Plan Funding.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to a Department of Transportation and Department of Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill that would “bar funding for Amtrak to operate any route for which the operating costs exceed two times its revenues based on Amtrak’s FY 2014-18 Five Year Plan from April 2014.” The amendment was rejected 186-237. [HR 2577, Vote #315, 6/9/15; CQ Summary, 6/9/15]

**Poliquin Voted For An Amendment To Bar Funding On The Amtrak Route With The Highest Loss Per Rider—New Orleans To L.A.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to a Department of Transportation and Department of Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill that would “bar funding for Amtrak on the route with the highest loss, measured by the loss per rider. It would eliminate the ‘Sunset Limited’ line from New Orleans to Los Angeles” The amendment was rejected 205-218. [HR 2577, Vote #314, 6/9/15; CQ Summary, 6/9/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment Blocking Funding For Orlando To Miami Passenger Rail Line Through Indian River County.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to a Department of Transportation and Department of Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill that would “bar funding for the Transportation Department to finance a new passenger rail project that runs from Orlando to Miami through Indian River County, Fla.” The amendment was rejected 163-260. [HR 2577, Vote #313, 6/9/15; CQ Summary, 6/9/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Baring Funding For Rule Meant To Reduce The Probability Of Train Accidents Involving Trains Carrying Flammable Liquids.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment barring funding for a rule that is “designed to reduce the consequences and, in some instances, reduce the probability of accidents involving trains transporting large quantities of flammable liquids.” The amendment failed 136 to 286. [HR 2577, Vote #312, 6/9/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/9/15; Federal Register, 5/8/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Decreasing Funding For Transportation, Housing and Urban Development By One Percent.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment that would “reduce spending by 1 percent to all accounts,” in the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016. The amendment failed 163 to 259. [HR 2577, Vote #310, 6/9/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/9/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Additional $3 Million In Additional Funding For Federal Railroad Safety.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would “reduce by $3 million funding for the Federal Aviation Administration’s operations account, with the reduction targeted at funding for staff offices, and provide an additional $3 million for the Federal Railroad Administration’s safety and operations account.” The amendment failed 184 to 230. [HR 2577, Vote #308, 6/4/15; CQ Floor Votes, 6/4/15]
Poliquin Voted Against Amendment That Slashed More Than $280 Million In Funding For Amtrak. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment cutting $288 million in Amtrak operating grants. “The House on Thursday rejected a conservative lawmaker’s push to impose steep cuts on Amtrak’s budget a month after a fatal derailment near Philadelphia. The annual appropriations measure for the Department of Transportation contains $1.13 billion for Amtrak, down from the current $1.4 billion level. Rep. Mo Brooks (R-Ala.) offered two amendments to slash Amtrak funding further. His first proposal, rejected 143-283 with 99 Republicans in opposition, would eliminate all $288.5 million for Amtrak operating grants.” The amendment failed, 190 to 232. [HR 2577, Amendment #20, Vote #303, 6/4/15; The Hill, 6/4/15]

Poliquin Voted For Increasing Safety Funding By Nearly $17 Million For Existing Rail Lines. In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment increasing funding for the Federal Railroad Administration’s safety and operations account by $16,930,000 in order to improve safety on existing rail lines and reduce funding for FRA capital investment grants by $83 million. “The U.S. House on Thursday rejected an effort by Rep. Scott Garrett to use some money earmarked for new transit projects to improve safety on existing lines instead. By a vote of 266-160, the House defeated Garrett's attempt to amend the transportation spending bill and transfer $17 million to the Federal Railroad Administration's safety account from the funds earmarked for new construction.” The amendment failed, 160 to 266. [HR 2577, Amendment #18, Vote #302, 6/4/15; NJ.com 6/5/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Increasing Insurance Requirements For Commercial Vehicles. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would remove a section of the bill that would bar funds from being used to develop, issue or implement regulations that increase the minimum financial responsibility for transporting passengers or property by commercial motor vehicles. The amendment failed, 176 to 247. [HR 2577, Amendment #16, Vote #301, 6/4/15; CQ, 6/4/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment Eliminating Discretionary Funding For Essential Air Service Program. In June 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would eliminate discretionary funding for the Essential Air Service (EAS) program and increase the spending reduction account by $155 million, the amount that the underlying bill would provide in discretionary funding for the EAS program. The amendment, failed 166 to 255. [HR 2577, Amendment #8, Vote #298, 6/4/15; CQ, 6/4/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Authorize $750 Million In Positive Train Control That Could Have Prevented Amtrak Collision. In May 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment to authorize $750 million in positive train control. “House Democrats wanted increased funding for an automated train control system that could have prevented last week's deadly Amtrak crash included in a surface transportation bill being voted on Tuesday. . . . A spokesman for House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) said Democrats were offering a motion to recommit on the road and transit measure that the House is voting on Tuesday that would boost the federal government's funding for the automated train control system to $750 million.” [The Hill, 5/19/15; HR 2353, Vote #248, 5/19/15]

Veterans

Poliquin Voted For Expanding Services To Veterans. In December 2016, Poliquin voted for the “Roe, R-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would modify numerous programs at the Veterans Affairs Department, including those related to health care, education benefits, homeless veterans and construction. The measure would expand certain services at the Veterans Health Administration and would give Medal of Honor recipients top priority for enrolling in the VA health care system; would authorize the appropriation of $531 million for the major projects account within the VA construction account; would provide for potential future VA research
projects concerning the effects of toxic exposure on veterans' descendants; would change the VA definition of "homeless veteran" to include individuals fleeing domestic violence; and would make claims appeal wait times available to the public.” The motion passed 419 to 0. [H.R. 6416, Vote #606, 12/6/16; CQ, 12/6/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Requiring The FCC To Report To Congress On Promoting Broadband Internet Access To Veterans.** In December 2016, Poliquin voted for the “Latta, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Federal Communications Commission to report to Congress on the promotion of broadband internet access services to veterans. The report would be required to focus on veterans with low-incomes and on veterans residing in rural areas.” The motion passed 411 to 4. [H.R. 6394, Vote #604, 12/6/16; CQ, 12/6/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Allowing Veterans Who Had Taxes Improperly Withheld From Severance Payments To Recoup Those Losses.** In December 2016, Poliquin voted for the “Brady, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would allow veterans who had taxes improperly withheld from severance payments for combat-related injuries to recoup such funds. The measure would require that the Defense Department identify, and subsequently notify, veterans to whom the department paid severance after Jan. 17, 1991, and would require the department to provide instructions for filing amended tax returns to recoup funds improperly withheld. The Defense Department would also be required to ensure the prevention of such improper withholdings in the future.” The motion passed 392 to 0. [H.R. 5015, Vote #601, 12/5/16; CQ, 12/5/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Requiring The Federal Government To Provide Information To Veterans On Transferring Course Credit Between Universities.** In November 2016, Poliquin voted for the “Miller, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would direct the Veterans Affairs Department and the Labor Department to provide information to veterans and servicemembers about the transfer of educational credits between institutions of higher learning when the departments provide educational and vocational counseling to veterans, and would require the VA to inform student veterans about vocational and educational counseling opportunities.” The motion passed 411 to 3. [H.R. 5047, Vote #591, 11/30/16; CQ, 11/30/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Allowing Deceased Medal Of Honor Recipients To Be Noted As Such Even if Buried In A Private or State Cemetery.** In November 2016, Poliquin voted for “Miller, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide new headstones or markers to indicate a deceased veteran's status as a Medal of Honor recipient if the veteran is buried in a private or state cemetery.” The motion passed 401 to 0. [H.R. 4757, Vote #589, 11/29/16; CQ, 11/29/16]

**Poliquin Voted For The FY2017 Continuing Resolution To Authorize $82 Billion In Discretionary Funding For The VA.** In September 2016, Poliquin voted for the FY2017 Continuing Resolution that authorized “$82.3 billion in discretionary funding for the Veterans Affairs Department, military construction and military housing in fiscal 2017. It also would fund other government operations through Dec. 9, 2016, at roughly 0.5 percent less than fiscal 2016 levels” The bill passed 342 to 85. [H.R. 5325, Vote #573, 9/28/16; CQ, 9/28/16]

**Poliquin Voted For To Rename A Veterans Affairs Clinic To “PFC James Dunn VA Clinic.”** In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Lamborn, R-Colo., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Pueblo, Colo., as the ‘PFC James Dunn VA Clinic.’” The motion was agreed to 423 to 0. [S 3283, Vote #567, 9/28/16; CQ, 9/28/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Requiring The Department Of Veterans Affairs To Improve The Veterans Crisis Line So All Calls Received Are Answered.** In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Miller, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to identify, develop, and report to Congress on performance metrics and objectives related to improving the effectiveness of the Veterans Crisis Line (VCL), and would require the VA to develop a plan to ensure that all communications received by the VCL would be answered in a timely fashion.” The motion was agreed to 357 to 0. [HR 5392, Vote #558, 9/28/16; CQ, 9/26/16]
Poliquin Voted For Passage Of The VA Accountability First And Appeals Modernization Act. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for “passage of the bill that would expand the Veterans Affairs Department's (VA’s) ability to fire employees for misconduct, would provide three new options for appealing VA benefits decisions, and would modify the disciplinary process for Senior Executive Service employees at the VA. The measure would authorize the VA to recoup any bonus paid to a VA employee if the VA deems it appropriate, and it would require that the employee be given advance notice and the right to appeal the decision. The measure also would establish a minimum 14-day suspension as punishment for whistleblower retaliation at the VA.” The bill passed, 310 to 116. [HR 5620, Vote #519, 9/14/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/14/16]

Poliquin Voted Against A Motion To Recommit The Bill With Instructions To Use Gender-Neutral Terminology. In September 2016, Poliquin voted against an “motion to recommit the bill to the House Veterans Affairs Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would remove instances of ‘opposite sex’ from the definition of ‘spouse’ as it relates to veterans benefits. The amendment would replace the term with gender-neutral phrases.” The motion failed 185 to 239. [HR 5620, Vote #518, 9/14/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/14/16]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment Allowing The VA To Also Use Hearing Aid Specialists. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for an “amendment that would allow the Veterans Affairs Department to use licensed hearing aid specialists to provide supplemental, non-medical care to veterans and would require an annual report on VA hearing health services.” The amendment was adopted, 423 to 1. [HR 5620, Vote #517, 9/14/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/14/16]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment Allowing The VA To Furnish And Modify Rehabilitative Equipment To Veterans With Prosthetics. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for an “amendment that would allow the Veterans Affairs Department to furnish rehabilitative equipment to veterans entitled to prosthetic appliances, and it would allow the VA to modify non-rehabilitative equipment owned by a qualifying veteran at the veteran's request. The amendment would require an annual report to Congress on the equipment modified and furnished by the VA.” The amendment was adopted, 421 to 0. [HR 5620, Vote #516, 9/14/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/14/16]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment Designating Members Of The Reserves Who Are Entitled To Retired Pay As Veterans. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for an “amendment that would allow members of the reserve components of the military who are entitled to retirement pay for their service to be designated as veterans, but such individuals would receive no additional benefits from the designation.” The amendment was adopted, 421 to 1. [HR 5620, Vote #515, 9/14/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/14/16]

Poliquin Voted For An Amendment Extending The VA’s Authority For The Performance Of Medical Disability Evaluations By Contract Physicians. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for an “amendment that would extend, through Dec. 2017, the Veterans Affairs Department authority for contract physicians to perform medical disability evaluations.” The amendment was adopted, 426 to 0. [HR 5620, Vote #514, 9/14/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/14/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Expediting The Removal Of Senior VA Executives. In September 2016, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would replace the bill's provisions related to the removal of Veterans Affairs Department Senior Executive Service employees with an alternative process to expedite the removal or demotion of a member of the Senior Executive Service. It also would require the establishment of a performance management system for evaluating members of the Senior Executive Service.” The amendment failed, 183 to 236. [HR 5620, Vote #513, 9/14/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/14/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Allowing The Secretary To Suspend Any VA Employee Without Pay Whose Performance Or Misconduct Threatens Public Health Or Safety. In September 2016, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would replace the bill's process for the expedited removal of Veterans Affairs Department (VA) employees with provisions that would give the VA the authority to immediately suspend without
pay any employees who are clear and direct threats to public health or safety.” The amendment failed 184 to 240. [HR 5620, Vote #512, 9/14/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/14/16]

Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Removing All Of The Bill’s Accountability Provisions. In September 2016, Poliquin voted against an “amendment that would remove all of the bill's sections except those related to overhauling the Veterans Affairs Department (VA) disability benefits decision appeals process. The amendment would remove the bill's provisions related to VA employee misconduct.” The amendment failed 173 to 250. [HR 5620, Vote #511, 9/14/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/14/16]

Poliquin Voted For Providing For The Removal Of Department Of Veterans Affairs Employees Based On Performance Or Misconduct. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 859) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 5620) that would expand the Veterans Affairs Department's ability to fire employees for misconduct and would provide three new options for the appeal of VA benefits decisions.” According to the Democratic Minority Leader, “The Democratic Previous Question would urge the House to vote on the full $1.9 billion emergency supplemental request needed to protect American families.” The motion was agreed to 237 to 170. [H RES 859, Vote #498, 9/13/16; CQ Floor Vote, 9/13/16; Democratic Leader News, 9/13/16]

Poliquin Voted For Prohibiting The Revision Of Any Policy Or Directive Related To Hiring Preferences For Veterans Of The Armed Forces. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for “Gallego, D-Ariz., amendment that would prohibit funds from being used to revise any policy or directive related to hiring preferences for veterans of the Armed Forces.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole 409-14. [H Amdt 1270 to HR5485, Vote #395, 7/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/7/16]

Poliquin Voted For The Conference Report Providing Funding For The Veterans’ Affairs Department. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for adoption “of the conference report on the bill that would provide $189.6 billion in fiscal 2017 for the Veterans Affairs Department, military construction and military housing. The total would include $82.5 billion in discretionary funding and $172 million in Overseas Contingency Operations funding. The Veterans Health Administration's medical services account would receive a total of $52.8 billion for fiscal 2017. It would provide $7.7 billion for military construction and $1.3 billion for family housing. The conference report would provide $66.4 billion in advance appropriations for certain VA medical accounts for fiscal 2018. In addition, the conference report would provide $1.1 billion in supplemental funding to combat the Zika virus, including $476 million for the Centers for Disease Control. The conference report would offset $750 million of the Zika funding by rescinding previously appropriated but unobligated funds, including $107 million of previously appropriated funding to combat the Ebola outbreak and $543 million that was provided under the 2010 health care law to create health care exchanges in U.S. territories.” The bill passed 239-171. [HR 2577, Vote #342, 6/23/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/23/16]

Poliquin Voted For Legislation To Offer A Percentage Of Construction Jobs Related To Federal Transportation Projects To Veterans. In November 2015, Poliquin voted for legislation requiring “states to offer a percentage of construction jobs related to transportation projects to veterans.” “The measure, which is sponsored by Reps. Mike Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.), Cheri Bustos (D-Ill.) and Don Young (R-Alaska), calls for states that receive federal money for transportation projects to included veteran-owned businesses in their contracting processes. The sponsors said the measure, which has been dubbed the ‘Fairness to Veterans for Infrastructure Investment Act’ (H.R. 1694), would ‘level the playing field in federal contracting for veteran-owned businesses by providing veterans access to existing preferences authorized for transportation projects.’” On a “motion to suspend the rules and pass” by a 2/3 vote, the bill passed the House, 285 - 138. [HR 1694, Vote #631, 11/17/15; The Hill, 4/8/15]

Poliquin Voted For Amendment Expressing Sense Of Congress That The Federal Gas Tax Should Be Reduced By “About 15 Cents” Per Gallon From 18.4. In November 2015, Poliquin voted for “an amendment that called for sharply reducing the 18.4-cents-per-gallon gas tax that is traditionally used to pay for federal transportation projects and transferring authority for most infrastructure projects to states. The nonbinding amendment, from Rep. Ron DeSantis (R-Fla.), sought to establish a ‘sense of Congress’ that lawmakers think the
gas tax should be reduced by about 15 cents to allow states to play a bigger role in transportation funding. The amendment was defeated in an 118-310 vote on Wednesday evening.” The amendment failed, 118 to 310. [H.R. 22, Amendment #69, Vote #606, 11/4/15; The Hill, 11/4/15]

Poliquin Voted For Cutting Workplace Protections For Department Of Veterans Affairs Employees. In July 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill cutting “workplace protections for Department of Veterans Affairs employees and extend their probationary period, making it easier to fire new staffers … In a statement the day before the vote, the White House said the legislation would create ‘a disparity in the treatment of one group of career civil servants. The centerpiece of the bill is a provision that allows a VA employee to be removed from Federal service or demoted without the opportunity to appeal that decision to the full Merit Systems Protection Board’ (MSPB), as most other federal workers can.” The bill passed 256 to 170. [HR 1994, Vote #489, 7/29/15; Washington Post, 7/29/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Protecting Whistleblowers At The Department Of Veterans Affairs. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion to protect VA whistleblowers “who strive to ensure public health and safety, and are willing to expose discrimination and malfeasance, from being fired at will.” The motion failed 184 to 241. [HR 1994, Vote #488, 7/29/15; Democratic Leader – 114th Congress Motions to Recommit, 7/29/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Allowing The Department of Veterans Affairs To Immediately Suspend Employees Without Pay For Threatening Public Health Or Safety. In July 2015, Poliquin voted against an amendment granting the Veterans Affairs Department the authority to suspend without pay any employee whose performance or misconduct threatens public health and safety. Rep. Mark Takano, sponsor of the amendment in the nature of a substantiation said during debate on the House floor, “My substitute would mean that, if a VA employee's behavior threatened veterans' health or safety, VA could immediately fire that employee. Current law only allows VA to ask such an employee to leave work while still receiving pay. My substitute would also cap paid administrative leave at 14 days so VA employees would not sit at home and collect a paycheck while fighting a disciplinary action. My substitute would shield our bold VA whistleblowers by protecting existing laws and requiring the VA to backpay any whistleblower unjustly fired for reporting wrongdoing.” The substitute amendment failed, 191 to 233. [HR 1994, Vote #487, 7/29/15; H.Amdt.693, 7/29/15]

Poliquin Voted For MilCon-VA Appropriations Bill That Underfunded VA By More Than $1 Billion, Impacting 70,000 Veterans. In April 2015, Poliquin voted for legislation that would underfund the VA and impact veterans’ health care, medical research, education, and cemeteries. “Addressing the Democrats at a closed-door caucus meeting in the Capitol Wednesday, VA Secretary Robert McDonald warned the lawmakers that the GOP's $77 billion bill funding the department and military construction projects in fiscal 2016 falls short of the resources needed to provide health and other services to the nation's veterans. Relaying McDonald's message, Rep. Xavier Becerra (Calif.), chairman of the Democratic Caucus, said the GOP's bill would scale back health benefits for roughly 70,000 veterans, while also denying funds for medical research, education and veterans’ cemeteries … Passed with bipartisan support by the House Appropriations Committee last week, the bill provides a 5.6 percent increase for the VA over 2015 levels, but falls more than $1 billion shy of the figure President Obama had included in his 2016 budget request.” The bill passed 225 to 163. [HR 2029, Vote #193, 4/30/15; The Hill, 4/29/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Amendment To Increase VA Funding For Veterans Medical Services By $15 Million. In April 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion that would have added $15 million to VA funding for veterans medical services. The motion failed 181 to 236. [HR 2029, Vote #192, Motion to Recommit with Instructions, 4/30/15]

Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Allow VA Doctors To Talk To Patients About Medical Marijuana As A Treatment Option. In April 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment that would allow doctors at the VA to talk to patients about the use of medical marijuana as a treatment option. “The House rejected a proposal Thursday to allow doctors at Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals to discuss the use of medical marijuana with patients … Medical marijuana is legal in more than 30 states and the District of Columbia. But VA doctors are prohibited from completing patient forms seeking recommendations or opinions regarding medical marijuana to treat conditions like
post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) … Lawmakers from both parties argued veterans should at least be able to receive recommendations from their doctors about the drug’s merits. They stressed the amendment wouldn't force doctors to recommend medical marijuana or authorize marijuana possession at VA facilities.” The amendment failed to pass 210 to 213. [HR 2029, Vote #188; On Agreeing to the Amendment, 4/30/15; The Hill, 4/30/15]

Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Increase Veterans Affairs Department Budget By $1.5 Billion. In April 2015, Poliquin voted for the Dent, R-Pa., point of order that the Bishop, D-Ga., amendment addresses sections of the bill that have not yet been read, and is consequently out of order. The Bishop amendment would increase various spending levels in accounts within the Veterans Affairs department. The ruling of the chair was sustained by a vote of 237-180. [HR 2029, Vote #178, 4/29/15; CQ Floor Votes, 4/29/15; Congressional Record, 4/29/15]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill To Accelerate Skills Training For US Veterans. In February 2015, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of H.R. 344, a bill to “to carry out a five-year pilot program (to be known as the Veterans Manufacturing Employment Program) to award competitive grants to three states for the establishment and administration of a State Manufacturing Employment Program to make grants to manufacturing employers and labor-management organizations that provide training, on-job training, apprenticeships, and certification classes to eligible veterans.” The previous question passed, 242 to 183. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H.RES.78, Vote #59, 2/4/15; CRS Summary, 1/14/15]

Poliquin Voted For Bill To Help Prevent Veteran Suicide. In January 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill that would “designed to launch new community outreach efforts and recruit more psychiatrists to slow the nation's estimated 22 veterans suicides each day … The Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention bill, named for a Marine veteran activist who took his own life in 2011, would require an annual evaluation of VA suicide prevention programs, to determine which are working and which need to be replaced. It would mandate a new website better detailing the department's many mental health resources, and create new peer support programs for veterans outreach. Supporters say both of those are relatively simple changes which could produce immediate aid for veterans in crisis. The measure would also start a pilot program to repay student loans of psychiatry students, helping VA officials more quickly fill those specialty vacancies.” The bill passed 403 to 0. [HR 203, Vote #17, 1/12/15; Military Times, 1/12/15]

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Poliquin Voted For A Bill Requiring Public Federal Buildings To Be Equipped With Baby-Changing Facilities That Are Physically Safe, Sanitary And Appropriate. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “Barletta, R-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require that the public restrooms in most federal buildings, except those that are not open to the public or in which the modifications would not be feasible, be equipped with baby-changing facilities that are physically safe, sanitary and appropriate. This requirement would be subject to any reasonable accommodations that could be made for individuals in accordance with disability laws.” The motion was agreed to 389 to 34. [HR 5147, Vote #541, 9/21/16; CQ, 9/21/16]

Poliquin Voted For To Suspend The Rules And Pass The Survivors’ Bill Of Rights Act Of 2016. In September 2016, Poliquin voted for a “motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would establish additional rights for sexual assault survivors, including the right to have a sexual assault evidence collection kit preserved for the shorter of the maximum applicable statute of limitations or 20 years without charge, the right to be informed of results of a kit, the right to be notified prior to the intended destruction of the kit, and the right to be informed of the new rights established under the measure. The motion was agreed to, 399-0. [HR 5578, Vote #479, 9/6/16; CQ Floor Votes, 9/6/16]

Poliquin Voted For Allowing Health Care Providers To Deny Abortion Coverage. In July 2016, Poliquin voted for a bill mandating “federal government and state and local governments cannot penalize or discriminate against health care providers who won't perform abortions or sponsor or provide abortion coverage.” The bill passed 245-182. [S 304, Vote #443, 7/13/16; AP, 7/13/16]
Poliquin Voted Against Ensuring Abortion Insurance Coverage Restrictions Would Not Reduce Zika-Related Healthcare Access. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against a motion requiring that the bill to allow companies to not cover abortion services must “waive the bill's provisions if they reduced Zika-related health care access.” The motion failed 182-244. [S 304, Vote #442, 7/13/16; AP, 7/13/16; Democratic Leader – Motions to Recommit 7/13/16]

Poliquin Voted Against Defunding The Implementation Of D.C.’s Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against “Palmer, R-Ala., amendment that would prohibit funds from being used to implement the District of Columbia’s Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole 223-192. [H Amdt 1259 to HR 5485, Vote #390, 7/7/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/7/16]

Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Act, Prohibited Employers From Discriminating Against Workers, Their Spouses Or Dependents For Obtaining Contraception Or Family Planning Services. “The D.C. law, known as the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Act, prohibits employers from discriminating against workers, their spouses or dependents for obtaining contraception or family planning services. The law further bans employees from retaliation for having abortions.” [The Hill, 4/30/15]

Poliquin Voted Against Striking Section Of Appropriations Bill Prohibiting Funds Under Federal Employee Health Plans To Pay For An Abortion. In July 2016, Poliquin voted against an amendment that would “strike a section of the bill that would prohibit funds from being used to pay for an abortion or administrative expenses in connection with any health plan under the federal employees health benefits program that provides benefits or coverage for abortions.” The amendment failed 177-245. [HR 5485, Vote #364, 7/6/16; CQ Floor Votes, 7/6/16]

Poliquin Voted For Bill To Fund The Legislative Branch. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for the Legislative Branch Appropriations for FY17 bill that would “provide $3.5 billion for legislative branch operations, excluding Senate operations, in fiscal 2017. The total would include $1.2 billion for House operations, $629 million for the Library of Congress, $533 million for the Government Accountability Office, $552 million for the Architect of the Capitol and $391 million for the Capitol Police.” The bill passed 233-175. [HR 5325, Vote #294, 6/10/16; CQ Floor Votes, 6/10/16]

Rep. Moulton: HR 5325 Would Fund Planned Parenthood Select Committee. “I voted against H.R. 5325 because it would continue to fund the Republican’s … Select Committee on Planned Parenthood. … The Select Committee on Planned Parenthood has found no conclusive evidence of wrongdoing by Planned Parenthood or any other health care provider.” [Rep. Seth Moulton Op-Ed, Medium, 6/10/16]

Poliquin Voted For Blocking A Motion To Disband The Planned Parenthood Select Committee And Protect Women’s Health Services. In June 2016, Poliquin voted for motion to “urge the House to vote to disband the Planned Parenthood Select Committee and protect American women, health care providers, and scientists from Republicans’ vicious, politically-motivated attacks.” The previous question passed 241-181. A vote against the previous question would have allowed a vote on the bill. [H Res 771, Vote #285, 6/9/16; Office of the Minority Leader, 114th Congress Previous Questions, 6/9/16]

Poliquin Voted For Renaming A STEM Program Grant For Minorities And Women After Jeanette Rankin. In April 2016, Poliquin voted for a motion that would suspend the rules a pass a bill that would designate the grants given under the Department of Agriculture’s women and minorities in STEM fields program as the ‘Jeanette Rankin Women and Minorities in STEM Fields Program Grant.” The motion passed 377-6. [HR 4570, Vote #153, 4/18/16; CQ Floor Votes, 4/18/16]

Poliquin Voted For Overriding The President’s Veto Of A Bill To Repeal The Affordable Care Act And Block Funding Of Planned Parenthood For A Year. In February 2016, Poliquin voted for overriding the President’s veto of a bill to “repeal portions of the 2010 health care law and block federal funding for Planned Parenthood for one year. The bill would zero-out the law's penalties for noncompliance with the law's requirements
for most individuals to obtain health coverage and employers to offer health insurance. The bill would scrap in 2018 the law's Medicaid expansion, as well as subsidies to help individuals buy coverage through the insurance exchanges. It also would scrap certain taxes included in the law, including the tax on certain high-value employer-sponsored health insurance plans.” The override required a two-thirds majority to pass, but failed 241 to 186. [H R 3762, Vote #53, 2/2/16, 2/2/16; CQ Floor Votes, 2/2/16]

**Poliquin Voted For Establishing Select Committee To Investigate Fetal Tissue Donation.** In October 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill that would “establish a select investigative subcommittee under the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The panel would be responsible for investigating and reporting on issues related to fetal tissue donation, fetal tissue procurement, federal funding for abortion services, and late-term abortions.” The bill passed 242-184. [H Res 461, Vote #538, 10/7/15; CQ Floor Votes, 10/7/15]

**Select Committee Targeting Planned Parenthood Given Broad Jurisdiction To Investigate Abortion Practices, Including Recommendations To Change Abortion Laws.** Although the select committee was formed in response to videos edited to implicate that Planned Parenthood sold fetus tissue for profit, “[t]he words ‘Planned Parenthood’ do not appear in the resolution establishing the special committee. Its jurisdiction is considerably broader, encompassing ‘medical procedures and business practices used by entities involved in fetal tissue procurement’ and ‘any other relevant matters with respect to fetal tissue procurement.’ It also permits the committee to probe the subject of federal funding for abortion providers generally, the practices of providers who perform abortions in the second and third trimesters, and ‘medical procedures for the care of a child born alive as a result of an attempted abortion.’ The committee is also empowered to recommend changes in laws or regulations based on its findings.” [Washington Post, 10/7/15; USA Today, 10/7/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Bill Making It Easier For States To Defund Planned Parenthood.** In September 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill that would amend title XIX of the Social Security act to allow states to exclude medical providers who perform abortions from the state’s Medicaid contracts. The bill would expand the exceptions for which a state is not required to provide Medicaid reimbursements, allowing states to deny non-abortion health care reimbursements to medical providers such as Planned Parenthood. The bill passed by a vote of 236-193. [HR 3495, Vote #524, 9/29/15; CQ Floor Votes, 9/29/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Motion To Protect Organizations That Provide Life-Saving Health Services, Such As Preventive Care And Cancer Screenings, From “Being Stripped Of Vital Federal Resources.”** In September 2015, Poliquin voted against motion to recommit the Women's Public Health and Safety Act. “The Democratic Motion to Recommit protects American women’s access to life-saving health care services from Republicans’ attempt to defund Planned Parenthood by protecting any organization that provides life-saving health services, such as preventive care and cancer screenings, from being stripped of vital federal resources to serve America’s families.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 184-242. [HR 3495, Vote #523, 9/29/15; Democratic Leader – Motions to Recommit, 9/30/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Bill Making It Easier For States To Defund Planned Parenthood.** In September 2015, Poliquin voted for motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 444) that would provide for floor consideration of the bill (HR 3495) that would amend title XIX of the Social Security act to allow states to exclude medical providers who perform abortions from the state’s Medicaid contracts. The motion was agreed to 243-182. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H Res 444, Vote #521, 9/29/15; CQ Floor Votes, 9/29/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Bill Requiring Doctors To Provide Medical Care To Aborted Fetuses That Show Signs Of Life.** In September 2015, Poliquin voted for legislation that “amends the federal criminal code to require any health care practitioner who is present when a child is born alive following an abortion or attempted abortion to: (1) exercise the same degree of care as reasonably provided to any other child born alive at the same gestational age, and (2) ensure that such child is immediately admitted to a hospital. The term ‘born alive’ means the complete expulsion or extraction from his or her mother, at any stage of development, who after such expulsion or extraction
breathes or has a beating heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, regardless of whether the umbilical cord has been cut.” The bill passed, 248 to 177. [HR 3504, Vote #506, 9/18/15]

**Doctors Would Face Up To 5 Years In Prison If They Were Found To Not Follow The Legislation.** “Per the bill, ‘the term ‘born alive’ means the complete expulsion or extraction from his or her mother, at any stage of development, who after such expulsion or extraction breathes or has a beating heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, regardless of whether the umbilical cord has been cut.’ Physicians could face up to five years of prison time for lack of adherence to this measure and may also face civil suits from women who wish to press charges.” [Yahoo News, 9/18/15]

**President Of The American Congress Of Obstetricians And Gynecologists Called The Legislation “A Disservice To America’s Women And Gross Legislative Interference Into The Practice Of Medicine.”** “In a statement, Mark S. DeFrancesco, MD, president of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, called the passage of H.R. 3504 ‘a disservice to America’s women and gross legislative interference into the practice of medicine, putting politicians between women and their trusted doctors. This bill and others like it are part of a larger attempt to deny women access to safe, legal, evidence-based abortion care,’ he said in the statement. ‘We urge the United States Senate and the President to stand with women and stand up for safe medical care, by preventing this and other legislation like it to become law.’” [Yahoo News, 9/18/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Defunding Planned Parenthood.** In September 2015, Poliquin voted for the Defund Planned Parenthood Act 2015 that “prohibits, for a one-year period, the availability of federal funds for any purpose to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., or any of its affiliates or clinics, unless they certify that the affiliates and clinics will not perform, and will not provide any funds to any other entity that performs, an abortion during such period. The restriction will not apply in cases of rape or incest or where a physical condition endangers a woman’s life unless an abortion is performed.” The bill passed 241 to 187. [H.R. 3134, Vote #505, 9/18/15; CQ, 9/23/15]

**Defunding Planned Parenthood Would Increase Public Spending By $130 Million Over 10 Years.** “Days before lawmakers must pass new legislation to fund the government, Republicans are vowing to reject any proposal that includes public money for Planned Parenthood. The move could trigger not only a shutdown, but if it succeeds, more bills for taxpayers. The Congressional Budget Office said in a new report on Thursday that cutting off the women’s health organization from federal money would actually increase public spending by an estimated $130 million over 10 years. … The office’s math: Halting federal funds to Planned Parenthood would shrink spending by $520 million in the short run -- but, over the first decade, it would cost taxpayers an additional $650 million.” [Washington Post, 9/24/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Preventing Attempt To Defund Planned Parenthood.** In September 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion that “shields American women’s access to lifesaving health care services from Republicans’ attempt to defund Planned Parenthood by protecting any organization that provides women’s health services, such as preventive care and cancer screenings, from being stripped of vital federal resources to serve America’s families.” A yes vote was a vote against defunding Planned Parenthood. The resolution failed, 183 to 245. [H.R. 3134, Vote #504, 9/18/15; Democratic Leader – Motions To Recommit, 9/18/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Motion That Would Have Protected “Women’s Rights To Equal Wages,” By Excluding Claims Of Employment Discrimination From Bill.** In September 2015, Poliquin voted against Democratic motion to recommit with instructions HR 758. “The Democratic Motion to Recommit protects women’s right to demand equal wages, by excluding claims of employment discrimination from the underlying bill that raises new obstacles for Americans to seek remedy in the courts.” The motion to recommit failed 179 to 239. [HR 758, Vote #500, 9/17/15; Democratic Motion to Recommit, HR 758, 9/17/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Creating Commemorative Coin To Help Fund Breast Cancer Research.** In July 2015, Poliquin voted for a bill that would require the Treasury Department to mint and issue legal tender coins in 2018.
“The bill, which passed 421-9, would create a pink commemorative coin in 2018 and donate proceeds from the coin sales to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.” [HR 2722, Vote #442, 7/15/15; CQ Floor Votes, 7/15/2015; The Hill, 7/15/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against An Amendment Stripping Language From LHHSE Appropriations Prohibiting Federal Money For Abortion In NIH And FDA Funding.** In July 2015, Poliquin voted against “a Democratic amendment to strip bill language added in the final stages that would make policy riders in the fiscal 2016 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill – including those prohibiting federal dollars for abortion – applicable to the NIH and FDA funding stream.” The amendment failed, 176 to 245. [HR 6, Vote #432, 7/10/15; CQ News, 7/10/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Amendment To Ensure Enforcement Of LGBT Discrimination Protections In Federal Contracts.** In June 2015, Poliquin voted for an amendment to the FY16 Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill that would bar funds from being used in contravention of an executive order prohibiting federal contractors from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity against their employees or those seeking employment. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 241-184. [HR 2577, Vote #326, 6/9/15; Congressional Record, 6/9/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Restricting A Woman’s Right To Choose After 20 Weeks, Including Requiring 48-Hour Waiting Period For Rape Survivors.** In May 2015, Poliquin voted for “a bill banning abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy in a party-line vote on Wednesday.” According to The Hill, “But the bill did not change a provision that allows victims of incest to receive an abortion only if they are under 18 years old … The new version of the House bill also includes a two-day waiting period for rape victims. Doctors must also ensure that victims have received medical treatment or counseling during that time.” [HR 36, Vote #223, 5/13/15; The Hill, 5/13/15; The Hill, 5/11/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against Adding Exception To The Abortion Ban To Protect The Health Of The Woman.** In May 2015, Poliquin voted against adding a woman’s health exception to a 20-week abortion bill. “U.S. Rep. Julia Brownley’s attempt to amend a bill calling for a ban on abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy was defeated Wednesday, and the House went on to pass the ban. The Westlake Village Democrat’s motion and amendment would have added language to the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act that would have permitted abortions after 20 weeks if a woman’s health were at risk. It was defeated on a mostly party-line 181-246 vote.” [H.R. 36, Vote #222, 5/13/15; Ventura County Star, 5/13/15]

**Poliquin Did Not Vote On Repealing DC Reproductive Health Non Discrimination Act.** In February 2015, Poliquin did not vote on repealing the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014. “The resolution disapproves, and thereby effectively repeals, the District of Columbia's Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014, which is intended to ensure that individuals are protected from discrimination by an employer because of the individual's or family member's 'reproductive health decision' -- including use of contraception or the planned or intended initiation or termination of a pregnancy.” The bill passed 228 to 192. [HR 596, Vote #194, 4/30/15; CQ House Action Report, 4/29/15]

**Poliquin Voted For A Rule To Bring A Resolution To The Floor Disapproving Of A Law That Would Prohibit Employers From Discriminating Against Employees Who Use Birth Control.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted for the adoption of the rule (H Res 231) providing for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1732) that would prohibit EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers from finalizing or implementing the currently proposed rule regarding the definition of the ‘Waters of the United States,’ the fiscal 2016 budget conference report (S Con Res 11) and the joint resolution (H J Res 43) disapproving the District of Columbia's Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act. The rule was adopted 242-181. [H Res 231, Vote #181, 4/30/15; CQ Floor Votes, 4/30/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Disapproving Of A Law That Would Prohibit Employers From Discriminating Against Employees Who Use Birth Control.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted for
the Woodall, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 231) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1732) that would prohibit EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers from finalizing or implementing the currently proposed rule regarding the definition of the ‘Waters of the United States,’ the fiscal 2016 budget conference report (S Con Res 11) and the joint resolution (H J Res 43) disapproving the District of Columbia’s Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act. The motion was agreed to 241-181. [H Res 231, Vote #180, 4/30/15; CQ Floor Votes, 4/30/15]

**Poliquin For A Question To Bring A Resolution To The Floor Disapproving Of A Law That Would Prohibit Employers From Discriminating Against Employees Who Use Birth Control.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted for the question of whether the House should consider the rule (H Res 231) that would provide for further House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1732) that would prohibit EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers from finalizing or implementing the currently proposed rule regarding the definition of the "Waters of the United States," the fiscal 2016 budget conference report (S Con Res 11) and the joint resolution (H J Res 43) disapproving the District of Columbia’s Reproductive —Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act. The question was agreed to by a vote of 240-174. Note: Watson-Coleman, D-N.J., had raised a point of order that the rule would violate clause 426(a) of the Congressional Budget Act, regarding unfunded mandates. [H Res 231, Vote #179, 4/30/15; CQ Floor Votes, 4/30/15]

**Poliquin Did Not Vote On Blocking Consideration Of The Paycheck Fairness Act.** In April 2015, Poliquin did not vote on blocking consideration of the Paycheck Fairness Act, a bill that would end the pay gap between men and women and unsure equal pay for equal work. “The legislation would protect workers from retaliation for sharing information about their wages, require employers to explain any pay disparities among workers performing the same job, and allow employees to seek unlimited punitive damages in wage bias cases.” The previous question passed 240 to 183. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H. Res. 200, Vote #154, 4/15/15; Bloomberg, 4/14/15; Congressional Record, 4/15/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 4/15/15]

**Poliquin Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Paycheck Fairness Act.** In April 2015, Poliquin voted for blocking consideration of the Paycheck Fairness Act, a bill that would end the pay gap between men and women and unsure equal pay for equal work. “The legislation would protect workers from retaliation for sharing information about their wages, require employers to explain any pay disparities among workers performing the same job, and allow employees to seek unlimited punitive damages in wage bias cases.” The previous question passed 239 to 183. A vote against the previous question would have allowed the bill to be considered. [H. Res. 189, Vote #148, 4/14/15; Bloomberg, 4/14/15; Congressional Record, 4/14/15; Democratic Leader – Previous Questions, 4/14/15]

**Poliquin Voted Against A Motion Exempting Federal Protections Against Sexual And Domestic Abuse From Weakening Provisions.** In February 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion that would allow Congress to consider the bill, disapproving a law that would prohibit EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers from finalizing or implementing the currently proposed rule regarding the definition of the ‘Waters of the United States,’ the fiscal 2016 budget conference report (S Con Res 11) and the joint resolution (H J Res 43) disapproving the District of Columbia’s Reproductive —Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act. The motion was agreed to 241-181. [H Res 231, Vote #180, 4/30/15; CQ Floor Votes, 4/30/15]

**Coalition For Sensible Safeguards: “The Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act Lets Big Business Write The Rules.”** “But the Coalition for Sensible Safeguards (CSS) says the bill would give businesses special access to regulators and block hypothetical future rules without the public knowing. ‘The Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act lets big business write the rules,’ Katherine McFate, president of the Center for Effective Government and CSS co-chair, said in a statement. ‘It doesn’t improve or streamline the regulatory process, which is already plagued by hurdles and delays. This act would make it even more difficult for agencies to implement laws enacted by Congress.’” [The Hill, 1/30/15]
Poliquin Voted For Bill Blocking Federal Funding For Abortion, Including Tax Credits For Small Businesses Providing Healthcare That Includes Abortion Coverage. In January 2015, Poliquin voted for the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, which restricted federal funding for abortions and abortion coverage. “The House did easily pass H.R. 7, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2015, sponsored by Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.). White House advisers said they would recommend a veto should the bill reach the president’s desk. The Hyde Amendment already prevents the use of federal funds to pay for abortion, except in cases of incest, rape and life endangerment of the mother. That is passed every year as part of an appropriations bill, but this bill would make that permanent law. The House bill would also restrict small businesses from getting an Affordable Care Act tax credit if they purchase employee health plans that include abortion coverage on the Small Business Health Options Program, or SHOP exchange.” [HR 7, Vote #45, 1/22/15; Politico, 1/22/15]

Bill Would Give Big Insurance Companies Incentive To Drop Abortion Coverage. “The bill gives insurers a big incentive to drop abortion coverage from their plans, or risk losing the large pool of consumers who receive the law’s subsidies. Abortion coverage is historically relatively ubiquitous in health plans, so the effect could be far-reaching.” [National Journal, 1/28/14]

Poliquin Voted Against Prohibiting Violation Of Medical Privacy Regarding Choice Of Health Insurance Coverage, Including Coverage For Victims Of Rape Or Incest. In January 2015, Poliquin voted against a motion to recommit that would prohibit any violation of the medical privacy of a woman regarding her choice of health insurance coverage, and in particular the very sensitive privacy needs of those who are victims of rape and incest. In contrast, the underlying bill goes so far as to restrict a woman’s own private funds under her health insurance coverage for abortion services. [HR 7, Vote #44, 1/22/15; Democratic Leader – Motions to Recommit, 1/22/15]

Poliquin Voted For Repealing The Affordable Care Act And Defunding Planned Parenthood For One Year. In January 2016, Poliquin voted for: “Price, R-Ga., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would repeal portions of the 2010 health care law and block federal funding for Planned Parenthood for one year. The bill would zero-out the law's penalties for noncompliance with the law's requirements for most individuals to obtain health coverage and employers to offer health insurance. The bill would scrap in 2018 the law's Medicaid expansion, as well as subsidies to help individuals buy coverage through the insurance exchanges. It also would scrap certain taxes included in the law, including the tax on certain high-value employer-sponsored health insurance plans.” The bill passed by a vote of 240 to 181. [HR 3762, Vote #6, 1/6/16; CQ, 1/6/16; The Hill, 1/6/16]