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Amanda Adkins
Republican Candidate in Kansas’s 3rd Congressional District

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Key Findings

Adkins Is A Swampy Political Insider With Deep Ties To Disgraced Former Governor Sam Brownback

Adkins is a longtime political insider and professional political operative. Adkins has been running for Congress since 2019, even quitting her job so she could be a full-time political candidate. Political party bosses in Washington D.C. like House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy have “coalesced” behind her campaign to ram her through the primary election and shut out competition. Before running for Congress, Adkins worked for years in and out of Washington, D.C. as a professional political operative, including working on a powerful committee in the U.S. House of Representatives; in the U.S. Senate and as a U.S. Senate campaign manager; as Chair of the Kansas Republican Party; and as a political appointee in former Governor Brownback’s administration. Before running for Congress, Adkins also worked as registered lobbyist in Washington, D.C. for a major corporation. In that role, she lobbied for a bill likely to boost her company’s bottom line that was introduced by her longtime political ally, then-Senator Sam Brownback, and by then-Representative Paul Ryan. Adkins even had the audacity to attack a political opponent for having worked as a lobbyist, despite Adkins’ own record as a lobbyist. Adkins is a long-time political donor, giving over $25,000 to political campaigns and groups on the national and state level. Like any power-hungry politician, Adkins has repeatedly opposed efforts to make Congressional maps fairer and was even subpoenaed in a trial about whether the 2022 Congressional map in Kansas was unconstitutionally gerrymandered in a way that would benefit her chances of getting elected.

Adkins had deep ties to disgraced former Governor Sam Brownback, whose radical failed policies devastated Kansas. Adkins served as Campaign manager for Sam Brownback’s 2004 Senate re-election campaign. Brownback endorsed her 2009 bid for Kansas Republican Party Chair, and Adkins enjoyed a close relationship with Brownback for the duration of her four-year term as Chair and supported his 2010 campaign for Governor. In 2011, Adkins received a political appointment to act as Chair of the Brownback administration’s Kansas Children’s Cabinet. In 2013, Brownback appointed Adkins to another state task force. Adkins quoted Mother Teresa while describing Brownback, saying he did “small things with great love.” Adkins contributed thousands of dollars to Brownback’s campaigns both directly and indirectly. She was a cheerleader for Brownback’s disastrous economic policies, which led to job losses and resulted in a $900 million budget gap, led to cuts in education, Medicaid, public safety, crucial construction projects, and even to the Children’s Cabinet Fund Adkins was in charge of. Brownback’s radical policies were so devastating that the Kansas Legislature decided to roll them back just a few years after they originally passed. Brownback’s failed policies continued to hurt Kansans even after he left office; he left behind an outdated unemployment claims system that was particularly vulnerable to strain once the COVID-19 pandemic hit. Despite Adkin’s undeniable history and a Brownback lackey, when she launched her Congressional campaign in 2019—the same year Brownback left office—she tried to downplay her connections to him and the impact he would have on her ability to win.

Trust Fund Multi-Millionaire Amanda Adkins Is A Failed Candidate Willing To Pay, Say, And Do Anything To Get Elected

Adkins is trying to buy Kansas’ 3rd district Congressional seat with her vast family fortune. Adkins had a net worth of at least $2.6 million and as much as $11.7 million, most of it money from family trusts. Adkins’ first run for Congress was propped up by a super PAC that spent nearly $400,000 advertising in support of her campaign and was bankrolled by her father, who gave the group over $400,000 during the 2020 campaign. Additionally, Adkins’ family directly contributed more than $82,000 to Adkins’ campaigns for Congress. During her 2020 campaign, Adkins and her husband contributed a total of almost $7,000 to Adkins’ campaign.

Adkins has pushed the limits of legal conduct during her campaigns for Congress, violating the spirit—and potentially the letter—of campaign finance and ethics rules. During her first run for Congress Adkins tested the
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Adkins was open to privatizing and/or cutting Social Security, Medicare, and the Veterans Administration. Adkins has repeatedly made clear that she supported privatizing and cutting government programs to reduce spending. Adkins said that we should be having discussions about “entitlement spending—Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid” as part of “an annual budget debate process.” She called for a “thorough analysis of all government programs,” said that any programs no longer serving their intended purpose should be “cut altogether,” and added “what can be done by the private sector should be privatized.” Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, the Kansas State Republican platform called for “eliminating government programs” at “every opportunity.” Privatizing Social Security and Medicare would cost seniors thousands in retirement savings and healthcare costs. As of

Adkins was a hypocritical phony who talked out of both sides of her mouth, at the expense of Kansas jobs, prices, and public safety. Adkins said that if elected to Congress, she would be “committed” to comprehensive legislation to address infrastructure, but Adkins opposed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal that provided billions in actual infrastructure funding to Kansas and even attacked her opponent for supporting it. Adkins said she was “committed to the American worker” and called for “protecting jobs for Americans.” However, Adkins supported a plan that created a tax break for corporations that shipped jobs overseas, and while she was a top executive—specifically Vice President Of Strategic Growth—at Cerner Corporation, the company cut 385 jobs, including 60 in the Kansas City Area. Adkins complained about rising gas prices and blamed them on Rep. Davids, but opposed an actual plan to lower the cost of gas, which Davids supported. Adkins attacked Rep. Sharice Davids over calls to “defund the police,” but Adkins repeatedly praised former Governor Brownback’s economic policies, even though they pushed Kansas “well below” the national average of public services including “police and fire protection.”

Adkins called for “market-based” legislation to boost clean energy, but she opposed cap-and-trade legislation, which is a “market-based” policy to boost clean energy and address climate change. Adkins said we “need to think about who we want to come into this country” despite previously supporting the idea that legal immigration is a “blessing.” Adkins initially supported school closures in Kansas to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 but months later wrote an op-ed calling on schools to reopen. Adkins called for Congress to address America’s dependence on Chinese technology including semiconductors, while Rep. Davids actually voted for legislation to do exactly that.

Adkins has exaggerated and created misleading impressions about her professional career to score points with voters on the campaign trail. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Adkins exaggerated her health care experience on the campaign trail. In January 2020, the same month as the first confirmed U.S. COVID-19 case, Adkins said she had “very deep health care experience” because her employer was a global health care IT company. As the COVID-19 crisis evolved into a full-blown pandemic, Adkins repeatedly touted her experience working as a “healthcare leader” on the campaign trail. But Adkins’ so-called experience as a “health-care leader” was working for a health-related Information Technology company in jobs that did not involve directly providing health care services—including as a lobbyist and company Vice President. Moreover, during Adkins’ time in “high-level roles” at the company, it was involved a string of lawsuits and scandals involving worker exploitation, corruption, and even wrongful death. On the campaign trail, Adkins also touted her work with a non-profit she recently co-founded. However, the organization’s financial records show that during the first two years it existed, it was hemorrhaging assets, spent $15,000 more on salaries than on charitable giving, and gave 98% of its charitable contributions to a single source, rather than running charitable programs of its own. Moreover, Adkins worked at the organization for only two hours a week, and she may have had political motivations for founding it in the first place; the organization was officially created one year to the day before Adkins launched her first campaign for Congress.

limits of campaign finance law by raising far more campaign cash than was allowed before officially declaring herself a candidate, resulting in an official Federal Election Complaint. Additionally, Adkins “may have skirted federal election law” by representing herself as a candidate a full month before filing the necessary paperwork. Adkins potentially violated campaign law by initially failing to disclose the full extent of her personal wealth—hiding $5 million worth of assets from voters for over 6 months. During her 2020 campaign, Adkins left her full time job as a high-level executive at a major corporation in the Kansas City area amid concerns about conflicts of interest—but not until after using the company’s name and logo in her campaign materials and raising thousands of dollars from company employees.
December 2020, over 127,000 people in Kansas’ 3rd district received Social Security benefits. Privatizing the Veterans Administration would cost over $100 billion each year and lead to a weakened veterans’ hospital system and longer wait times for appointments.

**Adkins supported radical tax cuts for corporations and the ultra-wealthy but opposed tax cuts for the middle class.** Adkins supported the 2017 Republican Tax Scam that lined the pockets of massive corporations and the ultra-rich at the expense of the middle class. But Adkins wasn’t content with the “massive tax cut for corporations” and the “very wealthy,” including a special tax break for private jet owners; she called for even bigger tax breaks for corporations, saying “we can do better on corporate income taxes.” Adkins opposed the American Rescue Plan, which cut taxes for middle class and working families by increasing the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit. Adkins also opposed the Build Back Better Act, which would extend tax cuts for the middle class while raising taxes on the ultra-wealthy and closing tax loopholes for corporations. Adkins repeatedly praised and supported former Governor Brownback’s tax plans that financially ruined Kansas—which included a tax cut that allowed big companies to exploit tax exemptions while small businesses could not. Finally, under Adkins’ leadership, the Kansas Republican Party supported implementing a “flat” tax, which would significantly cut taxes for the wealthiest Americans, while increasing taxes on the middle class.

**Adkins opposed expanding health care and wanted to gut existing health care protections.** Adkins repeatedly railed against the Affordable Care Act and wanted to repeal it, which would gut health care protections for 465,000 Kansans with pre-existing conditions. She called the Affordable Care Act, which gave health care to over 82,000 Kansans who did not have it, a “band-aid” and “ineffective experiment.” Adkins said she wanted “market-driven” solutions, but the proposals she suggested—direct primary care and health savings accounts—were nowhere near an adequate replacement for the ACA. Direct primary care would make the current shortage of doctors even worse and lead to an ‘erosion’ of medical benefits and higher costs for patients. Health savings accounts would primarily function as a tax break for the wealthy. Additionally, Adkins opposed the Build Back Better plan, which would improve health care for seniors by expanding Medicare to include dental, vision, and hearing benefits.

**Adkins was uncompromisingly anti-choice and called for overturning Roe v. Wade.** Adkins appeared to support the recent wave of extreme and punishing abortion laws around the country, as on Adkins’ 2022 campaign website, she praised the “tremendous victories at various levels of government” “in recent years” to restrict abortion. Adkins claimed that 50 million children had been aborted since Roe v. Wade and that 3,000 lives were “taken by abortion” every day. Under Adkins’ leadership, the Kansas Republican Party called for numerous restrictions on reproductive rights, including overturning Roe v. Wade, using scare tactics against women considering abortions, applying the Fourteenth Amendment’s protections to fetuses, and adding an amendment to the U.S. constitution that would ban abortion and common forms of birth control nationwide. In May 2022, after a leak indicating that the Supreme Court was prepared to overturn Roe v. Wade, Adkins’ longtime ally Governor Sam Brownback seemed to praise former President Trump for appointing justices that would do so. Additionally, Brownback enacted extreme anti-choice policies while Adkins served under his administration, and even before that, Adkins defended Brownback against criticism for his ties to a controversial figure who urged Christians to fast and pray so God would “heal the nation’s sins of abortion and homosexuality.”

**Adkins repeatedly opposed critical COVID-19 relief packages even as Kansans were struggling during the pandemic.** Adkins opposed the March 2021 American Rescue Plan, and in July 2020, at a time when more than 100,000 Kansans were still unemployed, Adkins said she would not support unemployment benefits in the next COVID-19 relief package. In October 2020, Adkins complained that COVID-19 relief packages were incentivizing unemployment—even though multi-millionaire Adkins was unemployed at the time.

**Adkins opposed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal that provided billions in infrastructure investments to Kansas.** Adkins criticized Rep. Sharice Davids for voting for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal, which Adkins called “massive spending.” The Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal gave Kansas $3.8 billion for infrastructure projects, $2.8 million to improve transit safety, and $225 million for bridge repairs, which would help fix the 732 bridges in the 3rd district in need of repairs, including 21 bridges in the Kansas City area in especially poor condition. The deal Adkins opposed also provided the Kansas City area $1.1 million for transit reliability for seniors and the disabled.
Adkins was quietly complicit with the Big Lie and the January 6th insurrection and has the backing of the insurrectionist caucus. Adkins refused to speak up about the bloody insurrection at the Capitol on January 6th, 2021. But Adkins quietly accepted over $56,000 from the campaign coffers of politicians who voted to overturn the 2020 election. Adkins was also endorsed by several Republicans in Congress who voted to overturn the 2020 election results including Ted Cruz, who led the charge in the senate to reject electors over baseless allegations of voter fraud. Adkins said she was “honored” to be endorsed by Johnson County Sheriff Calvin Hayden, who used taxpayer money to investigate baseless claims of irregularities in the 2020 election.

Adkins supported extreme policies that discriminated against LGBTQ Kansans. Under Adkins’ leadership, the Kansas Republican Party called for preserving “traditional marriage” and a federal constitutional amendment that would ban gay marriage. Adkins supported a Trump administration policy that discriminated against LGBTQ people trying to adopt a child by allowing faith-based adoption services receiving federal funds to refuse to place children with same-sex couples.

Adkins attacked and sided against Kansas union workers who were protesting for their freedom to organize. In 2011, Kansas union members protested at the state capitol against legislation that restricted unions workers’ freedom to exercise political power, including banning voluntary deductions from union members paychecks for political activities. Adkins sided against the union members, calling them “agitators” who were using “street tactics” and “bullying” tactics. Referencing the Kansas protests as well as other union protests nationwide, Adkins said “this conduct has no place in Kansas.”

Adkins allowed an alleged White Nationalist to volunteer on her campaign. Adkins was criticized by her 2020 Republican primary opponent, Sarah Hart Weir, for allowing a man previously accused of being a white nationalist to volunteer at her campaign events. The man in question had previously used racial slurs and said “these people know they’re not oppressed. they just hate white people and are jealous of us.”
Thematics
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**Significant Findings**

**Adkins Is A Longtime Political Insider, Professional Political Operative, And Corporate Lobbyist**

- Adkins has been running for Congress since 2019, even quitting her job to focus more fully on her congressional campaigns.
  - 2020: After launching her congressional campaign, Adkins took a leave of absence and later officially stepped down from her job at Cerner Corporation.
  - 2021: Adkins left her executive role at Cerner after her 2020 election loss.

- 2021: Adkins was endorsed by national Republican Party leaders, as the party planned to “coalesce” around Adkins to ram her through the primary and shut out competition.
  - 2021: The Republican National Committee said the party would “coalesce” to around Adkins to avoid competitive primary election.
  - 2021: Adkins was endorsed by high-profile and influential figures in the Republican Party establishment, including House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy and Sen. Ted Cruz.

- Before running for Congress, Adkins worked for years as a professional political operative.
  - 2009-2013: Adkins served as chair of the Kansas Republican Party.
  - 2011: Adkins received a political appointment to act as chair of Gov. Brownback’s Kansas Children’s Cabinet.
  - Adkins was appointed to be on the planning committee for the 2012 Republican National Convention.
  - 2004: Adkins worked as campaign manager for Sam Brownback’s U.S. Senate Campaign.
  - In the early 2000s, Adkins worked on the House of Representatives Rules Committee and in the United States Senate as a legislative aide.
  - 2005-2022: Adkins was co-chair and co-founder of an organization that trained Republican women to get involved in politics.
  - 2000-2002: Adkins worked as the political and Executive Director of GOPAC, a group that identified and supported Republican candidates running for office.

- Before running for Congress, Adkins worked as a registered lobbyist in Washington, D.C., where she lobbied on a 2006 bill sponsored by then-Senator Sam Brownback and then-Rep. Paul Ryan that would likely boost her company’s bottom line.
  - Adkins worked from at least 2005 to 2006 as a registered lobbyist for Cerner in Kansas and Washington, D.C.
As a lobbyist for Cerner, Adkins reported her lobbying issues as “healthcare and information technology.”

Adkins stated on a 2005 lobbying disclosure form that she lobbied on “health care information technology and the use of HIT to reform Medicaid in states.” Adkins also stated that she did not lobby on any specific bill or legislation.

Adkins stated on a 2006 lobbying disclosure form that she lobbied on House and Senate versions of the 2006 Independent Health Record Bank Act.

- The bill encouraged the “Creation, use, and maintenance of lifetime electronic records in independent health record banks,” including by promoting participation in health information exchanges via tax incentives.

- The Senate version of the bill was sponsored by Adkins’ longtime political ally then-Senator Sam Brownback, and the House version of the bill was sponsored by then-Representative Paul Ryan.

Adkins reported lobbying expenses on behalf of Cerner of less than $10,000 in 2005 and $120,000 in 2006.

Note: Adkins lobbied for Cerner in her role as Director of Government and Industry, which she held from 2004-2008, so it is possible she lobbied outside of the 2005-2006 range, though searches did not return any results showing that.

Adkins is a long-time Republican political donor, giving over $25,000 to federal and state political entities.

- Adkins contributed a total of $23,828.58 to federal political causes.
- Adkins contributed a total of $2,817.87 to state-wide candidates.

Adkins opposed efforts to make congressional maps fairer and was even subpoenaed in a trial about whether the 2022 congressional map was unconstitutionally gerrymandered.

- 2022: Adkins was subpoenaed in a trial about whether the Kansas congressional map was politically and racially gerrymandered in a way that violated the Kansas Constitution to “favor the Republican Party.”
- 2012: Adkins opposed a bipartisan effort to pass a nonpartisan congressional map, even condemning members of her own party who voted for it.
- 2009: Adkins submitted written testimony against a Kansas Senate bill that would require the state to draw districts in a non-partisan way.

Adkins Had Deep Ties To Disgraced Former Governor Sam Brownback Whose Radical Failed Policies Devastated Kansas

- Adkins served as campaign manager for Brownback’s 2004 Senate re-election campaign.
- 2009 – 2013: Adkins had a close relationship with Sam Brownback while she served as Kansas Republican Party Chair.
✓ 2009: Brownback endorsed Adkins for Republican Party chair and praised her for successfully running his campaign.

✓ As chair of the Kansas Republican Party Adkins supported Brownback’s 2010 campaign for Governor.

✓ Adkins quoted Mother Teresa while describing Sam Brownback, saying he did “small things with great love” and said Kansas saw considerable outcomes in early childhood investments under Brownback’s tenure as Governor.

✓ 2013: Adkins was appointed by Brownback to Kansas’ Mental Health Task Force.

✓ Adkins supported Brownback’s disastrous economic policies, including extreme tax cuts which created a $900 million budget gap, led to cuts in education, Medicaid, the Children’s Cabinet Fund, and crucial construction projects, and led to job losses.

✓ Brownback’s tax plan meant cuts to the Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund under Adkins’ chairmanship.

✓ Adkins faced backlashed from fellow Children’s Cabinet members for supporting Brownback’s proposal to transfer children’s program funds to the state general fund, and for sharing funding recommendations with Brownback on behalf of the group without the group’s approval.

✓ The Children’s Cabinet programs were primarily funded by tobacco settlement dollars, rather than the state’s general fund, but Brownback proposed “securitizing” the settlement payments, would diminish future payments, and Adkins implied that the children’s cabinet could not vote to oppose the proposal.

✓ Just years after the cuts passed, the Kansas Legislature reversed course and rolled back the cuts.

✓ In 2020, Adkins praised Brownback’s budget approach as “very fiscally prudent.”

✓ Brownback left behind an outdated unemployment claims system that was particularly vulnerable to strain once the COVID-19 pandemic hit.


✓ 2013 – 2014: Adkins contributed $2,567.87 directly to Sam Brownback.

✓ 2009 – 2014: Adkins Gave $9,928.58 to the Kansas Republican Party, which was a major funder to Brownback’s campaigns.

✓ When Adkins first ran for Congress in 2019, she attempted to downplay her Brownback connections.

✓ Adkins said her connection to Brownback would not hurt her congressional campaign because she had “done a lot in politics.”

✓ Adkins brushed off a question about voters’ disdain for Brownback, saying it was “two cycles ago.”
✓ Adkins claimed people knew her more from her work at Cerner than from her work with Brownback.

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Adkins Has Been Running For Congress Since 2019, Even Quitting Her Job To Focus More Fully On Her Congressional Campaigns

September 2019: Adkins Officially Announced She Would Run In The KS-03 Republican Primary

September 2019: Adkins Announced She Would Run In The KS-03 Republican Primary. “A Kansas business executive with political ties to former Republican Gov. Sam Brownback has officially kicked off her campaign to challenge freshman Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids. Amanda Adkins made the announcement Monday. It was expected after she filed paperwork last week with the Federal Election Commission creating a campaign committee for a run for the GOP nomination in the Kansas City-area 3rd Congressional District. [...] She managed Brownback’s successful U.S. Senate re-election campaign in 2004 and was Kansas Republican Party chairwoman when Brownback was elected governor in 2010.” [Associated Press State & Local, 9/10/19]

August 2019: Adkins Filed Her Candidacy With The FEC

Adkins Filed Her Candidacy With The FEC On August 30th, 2019. According to the FEC, Adkins filed her statement of organization on August 30th, 2019. [FEC Committee Search, accessed 2/15/22]

April 2021: Adkins Announced Her 2022 Candidacy For Kansas’s 3rd Congressional District


Adkins Said She Was Running As A “Common-Sense Conservative.” “We need more common-sense conservative, female, business-minded voices in Congress,’ Adkins said in a statement announcing her 2022 candidacy. ‘I want to represent the people of the Third District in Washington to get things done, end the gridlock and solve the problems that people are facing with their families every day. My experience as a business leader, mother, and community champion for solutions in healthcare will bring perspective missing in Washington. I believe the government’s role should be providing economic lift to a region, not furthering dependency on the government for generations to come.” [KSHB, 4/5/21]

2021: Adkins Was Endorsed By National Republican Party Leaders, As The Party Planned To “Coalesce” Around Adkins To Ram Her Through The Primary And Shut Out Competition

2021: The Republican National Committee Said The Party Would “Coalesce” To Around Adkins To Avoid Competitive Primary Election

Kansas Republican Activists Plotted To Unite Around Adkins As The Presumptive Candidate In Order To Avoid A Contentious Primary. “Dozens of Republican activists huddled in a crowded conference room in Manhattan last month to plot the ouster of Kansas Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids, whose hold on the 3rd Congressional District prevents a GOP monopoly in the state’s federal delegation. One strategy: Unite behind a
candidate early to avoid a costly primary fight and count on the GOP-controlled Legislature to draw new district lines more favorable to Republicans. New lines will be essential if the party rallies around a candidate who lost to Davids by 10 points just six months ago, former Cerner executive Amanda Adkins. ‘I think the party's going to coalesce around Amanda Adkins,’ said Republican National Committeeman Mark Kahrs in an interview at the party's state convention in April.” [Kansas City Star, 5/3/21]

- Republican National Committeeman Mark Kahrs Attributed Adkins’ 2020 Loss To The Competitive 2020 GOP Primary. “Kahrs attributed Adkins' 2020 loss to a contentious primary, which forced her to spend down resources, a pitfall Republicans hope to avoid in 2022.” [Kansas City Star, 5/3/21]

2021: Adkins Was Endorsed By High-Profile And Influential Figures In The Republican Party Establishment, Including House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy And Sen. Ted Cruz

Adkins Was Endorsed By Former Secretary Of State Mike Pompeo. “Big crowd in Overland Park, KS last night supporting @amanda_adkins for Congress. Proud to endorse our long time, talented friend. GO KANSAS turn the 3rd district RED so we can take back America!” [Mike Pompeo, Twitter, 5/21/21]

Adkins Was Endorsed By House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy. “Excited to have the endorsement of Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy! We will prioritize a stronger economy, and stronger America for our families back here in Kansas.” [Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 9/7/21]


Adkins Was Endorsed By Senator Ted Cruz. “I’m proud to endorse @amanda_adkins for election to #KS03. We need Amanda in Congress to help fight back against Joe Biden’s extreme agenda.” [Ted Cruz, Twitter, 4/26/21]

Adkins Was Endorsed By House GOP Conference Chair Elise Stefanik. “#EPAC is proud to endorse health care leader and conservative fighter @Amanda_adkins for Congress. Amanda has what it takes to flip #KS03 red and help #FIREPelosi once and for all! #REDWAVE2022” [Elise Stefanik, Twitter, 11/10/21]

Adkins Was Endorsed By Rep. Ashley Hinson. “@amanda_adkins knows how to make tough decisions and deliver results. She will work to bring down the cost of health care and push back on policies that are wrong for Kansans. I am proud to endorse her campaign!” [Ashley Hinson, Twitter, 11/2/21]

Adkins Was Endorsed By Rep. Yvette Herrell. [Amanda Adkins, YouTube, 4/12/21]

Adkins Was Endorsed By Rep. Vicky Hartzler. [Amanda Adkins, YouTube, 4/12/21]

Adkins Was Endorsed By Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts. [Amanda Adkins, YouTube, 7/15/21]

Adkins Was Endorsed By Former State Senator Julia Lynn. “A special thanks to my #KS03 friend Julia Lynn. I appreciate our long-term friendship, your service to our community, and your support of my campaign!” [Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 11/1/21]

Adkins Was Backed By Kevin McCarthy’s Super PAC, Congressional Leadership Fund

Adkins Was Endorsed By Congressional Leadership Fund’s Trailblazers Fund, Which Endorses And Provides Direct Support To Republican Candidates. “The CLF, which shared its announcement first with Fox News, says the 11 candidates have earned the endorsement of its Trailblazers Fund. That’s the group’s hard-dollar arm which was set up last year to endorse and provide direct financial support to key Republicans in order to help the GOP win back the House majority it lost in the 2018 midterms. In setting up the Trailblazers fund, CLF reclassified itself as a hybrid PAC, allowing it to more directly communicate with and assist candidates. […] The 11 candidates are Juan Ciscomani in Arizona (AZ-06), Esther Joy King in Illinois (IL-17), Amanda Adkins in Kansas (KS-03), former Rep. Bruce Poliquin in Maine (ME-02), former Interior secretary and former Rep. Ryan Zinke in Montana (MT-01), Tom Kean, Jr. in New Jersey (NJ-07), Morgan Luttrell (TX-08), Monica De La Cruz (TX-15), and Wesely Hunt (TX-38) in Texas, Jen Kiggans in Virginia (VA-02), and Derrick Van Orden in Wisconsin (WI-03).” [Fox News, 1/5/22]

The Republican PAC Winning For Women Endorsed Adkins’s 2022 Campaign For Kansas’ 3rd Congressional District. “The Republican PAC Winning for Women is endorsing House candidates Amanda Adkins in Kansas and Lisa Scheller in Pennsylvania Wednesday, marking the group’s third round of endorsements in the 2022 cycle. ‘Every sign points to successful midterm elections for Republicans, and that starts with strong, qualified candidates. Republican women are laser-focused on the issues that matter to American families – inflation, education, and the cost of health care, among others,’ Winning for Women (FWW) spokeswoman Olivia Perez-Cubas said. ‘Amanda and Lisa are no exception, and thanks to their experiences, are in strong positions to flip their seats red and help Republicans take back the House,’ Perez-Cubas added.” [Fox News, 1/26/22]

2020: After Launching Her Congressional Campaign, Adkins Took A Leave Of Absence And Later Officially Stepped Down From Her Job At Cerner Corporation

2020: Adkins Took A Leave Of Absence From Cerner To Run For Congress

January 2020: Adkins Took A Leave Of Absence From Her Role At Cerner After Launching Her Run For Congress. “Most recently, Adkins was vice president of strategic growth. In January 2020, however, she took a leave of absence to pursue her campaign for a U.S. House seat in the 3rd Congressional District in Kansas. Adkins lost the race in November and now has announced she's leaving Cerner, The Kansas City Star reports. Adkins, who continues to fundraise, declined the Star's request for comment on future political endeavors.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 1/6/21]

2021: Adkins Left Her Executive Role At Cerner After Her 2020 Election Loss

January 2021: Adkins Left Her Position At Cerner After The 2020 Election. “Veteran Cerner Corp. executive Amanda Adkins has left the healthcare IT firm since losing her campaign for a Kansas Congressional seat. Adkins, 45, Cerner's vice president of strategic growth, took a leave of absence last January as she sought to unseat Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids, who represents the 3rd Congressional District in Kansas. While Adkins lost the November election by about 10 percentage points, she continues fundraising efforts - sparking speculation about a possible rematch with Davids in 2022. Adkins told The Star that it was her decision to leave Cerner and declined to
discuss future political plans. She worked at the firm for 15 years. ‘After a long and valuable contribution to Cerner over many years, Amanda will not be returning to the company in any capacity,’ Cerner spokeswoman Misti Preston told The Star. ‘We wish her well in her efforts to positively impact the Kansas City community in the years to come.” [Kansas City Star, 1/6/21]

Before Running For Congress, Adkins Worked As A Professional Political Operative In And Out Of Washington D.C.

2009: 2013: Adkins Served As Chair Of The Kansas Republican Party

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Adkins Was Unanimously Elected By A State Committee To Chair The Kansas Republican Party; She Was The Only Candidate. “The Kansas Republican Party has a new leader, a corporate executive from Johnson County who managed Sen. Sam Brownback’s last re-election campaign. The party’s State Committee unanimously elected Amanda Adkins as its chairwoman Saturday. The 34-year-old Overland Park resident was the only candidate, and she will serve a two-year term. Adkins immediately announced several initiatives designed to expand the membership of what is already the state’s biggest political party. They included a GOP think tank to study tax, economic and health care issues.” [Associated Press State & Local Wire, 2/1/09]

2011: Adkins Received A Political Appointment To Act As Chair Of Gov. Brownback’s Kansas Children’s Cabinet

Adkins Chaired The Kansas Republican Party Between 2009 And 2013 And Was Appointed By Brownback In 2011 To Chair The Kansas Children’s Cabinet And Trust Fund. “Adkins chaired the state party from 2009 to 2013, overseeing the 2010 election when Republicans, with Brownback at the top of the ticket in the race for governor, won every federal and statewide office. She managed Brownback’s 2004 campaign for U.S. Senate and after he became governor he appointed Adkins to chair the Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund, which oversees a variety of childhood programs.” [Kansas City Star, 9/3/19]

- Adkins Said She Was Appointed To Serve As Chair Of The Children’s Cabinet In August 2011. “Amanda was appointed by Governor Brownback to serve as Chair of the Children’s Cabinet in August 2011. She did this in a volunteer capacity.” [Amanda Adkins LinkedIn Page, accessed 5/5/20]

Adkins Described Her Responsibilities As Advising The Governor On Finances, Evaluating Programs, Developing And Implementing A Delivery System, And Preventing Child Abuse. “The Kansas Children’s Cabinet has been directed by the statute to undertake these four overarching responsibilities: 1. Advising the Governor and the legislature regarding the uses of the moneys credited to the Children’s Initiatives Fund; 2. Evaluating programs which utilize Children’s Initiatives Fund moneys; 3. Assisting the Governor in developing and implementing a coordinated, comprehensive delivery system to serve children and families of Kansas; 4. Supporting the prevention of child abuse and neglect through the Children’s Trust Fund.” [Amanda Adkins LinkedIn Page, accessed 5/5/20]

Adkins Was Appointed To Be On The Planning Committee For The 2012 Republican National Convention

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2004: Adkins Worked As Campaign Manager For Sam Brownback’s U.S. Senate Campaign

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Amanda Adkins
Candidate for Office at U.S. House of Representatives (KS-03)

[LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 4/18/22]

In The Early 2000s, Adkins Worked On The House Of Representatives Rules Committee And In The United States Senate As A Legislative Aide


[LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 4/18/22]

1998-2000: Adkins Worked As A Legislative Aide In The United States Senate.

[LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 4/18/22]
2005-2022: Adkins Was Co-Chair And Co-Founder Of An Organization That Trained Republican Women To Get Involved In Politics

Adkins Said She Was Co-Founder Of The Dwight D. Eisenhower Excellence In Public Service Series. “Amanda is co-founder of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Excellence in Public Service Series whose mission is to prepare Republican women to seek greater involvement in leadership, government and politics. This series, founded in 2005, is a part of the National Excellence in Public Service Series. Since its founding, the Eisenhower Series has graduated over 300 women leaders in the State of Kansas.” [Adkins Campaign Website, accessed 5/18/20]

2005-2022: Served As Co-Chair And Founder Of Dwight D. Eisenhower Excellence In Public Service Series.

[Amanda Adkins](LinkedIn, accessed 4/18/22)

2000-2002: Adkins Worked As The Political And Executive Director Of A Group That Identified And Supported Republican Candidates Running For Office

[Amanda Adkins](LinkedIn, accessed 4/18/22)

2000-2002: Adkins Worked As Political And Executive Director Of GOPAC, Inc.
- **GoPAC Was A 527 Group That Identified And Supported Republican Candidates Seeking Elected Office.** “GoPAC is a 527 group that identifies and supports Republican candidates seeking elected office.” [Ballotpedia, accessed 4/19/22]

Adkins Was The Political And Executive Director Of GOPAC. “Prior to her career with Cerner, Amanda […] was also the Political and Executive Director of GOPAC under the leadership of former Congressman David Dreier (R-CA) and later Governor Frank Keating (R-OK).” [Adkins Campaign Website, accessed 5/18/20]

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2005 – 2006: **Adkins Was A Registered Lobbyist For Cerner In Kansas And Washington, D.C.** According to Legistorm and the Kansas Secretary of State, Adkins was a registered lobbyist for the Cerner Corporation in 2005 and 2006. [Kansas Secretary of State, accessed 2/22/22; Legistorm, accessed 2/22/22]

- **2019: Adkins Criticized Her Primary Opponent For Being A Lobbyist Despite Her Own Lobbying Record.** “Adkins has worked for the company for more than a decade in a variety of high-level roles. After managing Sam Brownback’s successful Senate re-election campaign in 2004, Adkins took a position as Cerner’s director of government affairs. She recently slammed her GOP rival Sara Hart Weir’s career as a lobbyist, but records show that Adkins registered as a lobbyist with the Kansas Legislature in 2005 and with the U.S. House in 2006. In 2008, Adkins was promoted to the company’s vice president and general manager of population health.” [Kansas City Star, 11/17/19]

2004: **Adkins Started Her Career At Cerner As Director Of Government And Industry.** “Amanda started her career at Cerner in 2004 focused on thought leadership in healthcare. In the midst of increasing federal focus on healthcare innovation investment, Amanda worked with two Washington, D.C.-based think tanks to author the Independent Health Record Bank Act which outlined a framework for how health information would be used in a future state when personal health intelligence systems were a reality.”

Director of Government and Industry  
Cerner Corporation  
Nov 2004 - Feb 2008 • 3 yrs 4 mos

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[LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 2/22/22]

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- **2006: Cerner Closely Monitored Proposals For A Nationwide Health Information Technology Network So Cerner Could Provide The Software.** “Cerner Corp. is closely monitoring proposals in
Washington to establish a nationwide health information technology network. Cerner, based in North Kansas City, is a leading provider of health-care information technology. Amanda Adkins, the company's director of government affairs, said Cerner stands ready to provide software and services to the record banks if they take off. ‘It could be a very positive outcome for Cerner,’ Adkins said. ‘But better still, we expect that it will be a good outcome for health care in the United States.’” [Kansas City Star, 6/20/06]

2019: Adkins Attacked Her Primary Opponent For Working As A Lobbyist Despite Her Own History Of Lobbying

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As A Lobbyist For Cerner, Adkins Reported Her Lobbying Issues As “Healthcare And Information Technology”

April 2005: Adkins Was Registered As A Lobbyist With Cerner Corporation.
LOBBYING REGISTRATION
Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 4)

1. Effective Date of Registration: A - 3-7-1

2. House Identification Number: ________________________ Senate Identification Number: ________________________

REGRISTANT
3. Registrant name: Amanda Adkins
   Organization: CERNER CORPORATION
   Address: 2800 ROCK CREEK PKWY
   City: KANSAS CITY State: MO Zip: 64117

4. Principal place of business (if different than line 3):
   City: — State: — Zip: —

5. Telephone number and contact name: Prefix: BLS-201-7022 Contact: Mrs. AMANDA ADKINS E-mail: AMANDA.ADKINS@CERNER.COM

6. General description of registrant's business or activities:
   HEALTHCARE & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

7. Client name:
   Address: ____________________________________________


9. General description of client's business or activities:

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[Secretary of the Senate, Lobbying Registration, Filed 5/12/05]

2005: Adkins Listed Her Lobbying Issues As “Healthcare & Information Technology.”
2005: Adkins Stated On Lobbying Disclosure That She Lobbied On The Use Of Health Information Technology “To Reform Medicaid In States” But Stated That She Did Not Lobby On Any Specific Bill/Legislation
2005: Adkins Stated That She Lobbied No Specific Bill Or Legislation But That She Contacted The House And Senate Regarding The Use Of Health Care Information Technology To “Reform Medicaid In States.”

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**LOBBYING ACTIVITY.** Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. **Using a separate page for each information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.**

15. General issue area code: HCR - Health Issues (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

**Add page to continue specific issues description for this issue**

Health care information technology and the use of HIT to reform Medicaid in states. No specific bill/legislation was lobbied.

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[Secretary of the Senate, Mid-Year Lobbying Report, Filed 8/19/05]


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[Secretary of the Senate, Mid-Year Lobbying Report, Filed 2/20/07]

- **H.R. 5559, Also Known As The Independent Health Record Bank Act Of 2006 Encouraged The “Creation, Use, And Maintenance Of Lifetime Electronic Health Records In Independent Health Record Banks” And Aimed To Create A “Nationwide Health Information Technology Infrastructure” Via Tax Incentives.** “A bill to improve the exchange of health information by encouraging the creation, use, and maintenance of lifetime electronic health records in independent health record banks, by using such records to build a nationwide health information technology infrastructure, and by promoting participation in health information exchanges by consumers through tax incentives. [CQ, HR 5559, accessed 5/6/22]

- **The Senate Independent Health Record Bank Act Of 2006 Encouraged The “Creation, Use, And Maintenance Of Lifetime Electronic Health Records” And Aimed To Create A “Nationwide Health Information Technology Infrastructure.”** “A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the exchange of healthcare information through the use of technology, to encourage the creation, use and
maintenance of lifetime electronic health records that may contain health plan and debit card functionality in independent health record banks, to use such records to build a nationwide health information technology infrastructure, and to promote participation in health information exchange by consumers through tax incentives and for other purposes.” [CQ, S.3454, accessed 5/6/22]


The Senate Version Of The Independent Health Record Bank Act Of 2006 Was Sponsored By Sen. Sam Brownback.

![S.3454 - Independent Health Record Bank Act of 2006](Image)

[S.3454, accessed 5/4/22]


![H.R.5559 - Independent Health Record Bank Act of 2006](Image)

[H.R. 5559, accessed 5/6/22]

The Independent Health Record Bank Act Of 2006 Was Introduced In Both Chambers Before Being Referred To Subcommittees


Note: the only related bills listed for this bill were the companion bill in the opposite chamber, but further research could be done into whether a similar bill passed later.

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Cerner Corporation

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TYPE OF REPORT  8. Year 2005  Midyear (January 1-June30)  X  OR Year End (July 1-December)

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report  

10. Check if this is a Termination Report  

| 12. Lobbying Firms | 13. Expenses relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period 
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was: | EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this report were:
| Less than $10,000 | X |
| $10,000 or more | $ |

Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest $20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate each accounting method. See instructions for description of each

- Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definition
- Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b) Internal Revenue Code
- Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) Revenue Code

[Secretary of the Senate, Mid-Year Lobbying Report, Filed 8/19/05]

2006: Adkins Listed $120,000 In Expenses Related To Lobbying Activity.
### 1. Registrant Name  
- [ ] Organization  
- [ ] Individual  

**CERNER CORPORATION**

### 2. Address  
- [ ] Check if different than previously reported  

| Address1  | 2800 ROCKCREEK PARKWAY | Address2  |  |
| City      | KANSAS CITY             | State     | MO          | Zip Code  | 64117 -  |

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- **Ms. JEFF BLOEMKER**  
- **(816) 201-9114**  
- jeff.bloemker@cerner.com  

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- **Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13**

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**INCOME** relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

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### Signature  

- [ ] Digitally Signed By: Amanda L Adkins  
- [ ] Date: 02/ 

[Secretary of the Senate, Mid-Year Lobbying Report, Filed 2/20/07]  

**Adkins Is A Long-Time Republican Political Donor, Giving Over $25,000 To Federal And State Political Entities**

Adkins Contributed A Total Of $23,828.58 To Federal Political Causes

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Adkins Gave $8,800 To Cerner Corporation PAC In 271 Separate Donations Between 2006 And 2020. [FEC.gov Individual Contribution Search, accessed 2/28/22]

Adkins Gave $11,428.58 To The Kansas Republican Party Between 2009 And 2017. [FEC.gov Individual Contribution Search, accessed 2/28/22]

Adkins Contributed A Total Of $2,817.87 To State-Wide Candidates, Including $2,567.87 To Sam Brownback. [Kansas Secretary of State Contributions Search, accessed 2/28/22]

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Adkins Opposed Efforts To Make Congressional Maps Fairer, And Was Even Subpoenaed In A Trial About Whether The 2022 Congressional Map Was Unconstitutionally Gerrymandered

2022: Adkins Was Subpoenaed In A Trial About Whether The Kansas Congressional Map Was Politically And Racially Gerrymandered And Violated The Kansas Constitution To “Favor The Republican Party”

Adkins was subpoenaed in a trial about whether the 2022 Kansas congressional maps were politically and racially gerrymandered and violated the Kansas Constitution. “A trial over the map approved by the Republican-controlled Legislature is set to begin Monday in Wyandotte County, where attorneys for a group of voters will attempt to prove that lawmakers produced politically and racially gerrymandered district lines that violate the Kansas Constitution. […] Republican political consultants and lobbyists Mark Dugan and David Kensinger have both been subpoenaed, as well as Amanda Adkins, the likely Republican nominee to challenge Davids. Several Republican senators have also been subpoenaed, including some who made comments indicating they had or had considered seeking concessions to support the map.” [Kansas City Star, 3/30/22]

- The Kansas Congressional Map Passed By The Republican-Controlled Legislature Showed “Clear Efforts To Favor The Republican Party.” “Jowei Chen, a political science professor at the University of Michigan, had a computer draw 1,000 versions of Kansas congressional maps, using non-partisan and traditional guidelines. The results? The map Kansas lawmakers passed this year had more Republican districts than 98.8% of Chen's simulations. ‘This extreme, additional level of partisan bias ... can be directly attributed to the map-drawer's clear efforts to favor the Republican Party,’ Chen said in a written report filed in Wyandotte County District Court. A trial over the map approved by the Republican-controlled Legislature is set to begin Monday in Wyandotte County, where attorneys for a group of voters will attempt to prove that lawmakers produced politically and racially gerrymandered district lines that violate the Kansas Constitution. Republicans say the lines are constitutional and fair.” [Kansas City Star, 3/30/22]

- The Kansas Congressional Map Divided Wyandotte County Between Two Congressional Districts Effectively Splitting Minority Communities In KS-03. “The map - called Ad Astra, after the state's motto - divides Wyandotte County between two congressional districts for the first time in 40 years, cleaving apart minority communities that traditionally vote for Democrats. The new boundaries come as 3rd District Democratic U.S. Rep. Sharice Davids heads into what is expected to be a tough election cycle for congressional Democrats. The map also places Lawrence, a Democratic-leaning city, into the solidly Republican 1st District, which encompasses the western and northcentral areas of the state. GOP lawmakers overrode Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly's veto in February to approve the map.” [Kansas City Star, 3/30/22]

2012: Adkins Opposed A Bipartisan Effort To Pass A Nonpartisan Congressional Map, Even Condemning Members Of Her Own Party Who Voted For It

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chamber a nonpartisan map of new congressional district boundaries. It is a good map - as good as any possible, that is. It puts Manhattan and Riley County into the Big First that already consumes two-thirds of the state’s geography. But it gets all of Lawrence into a single district. And overall it makes sense, keeping areas of common interest together. But to hear some partisans describe it, the map is an abomination. Kansas Republican Party Chairwoman Amanda Adkins said the proposal ‘appears to be a coldly calculated attempt to create a Democrat 2nd Congressional District to the detriment of the dean of our congressional delegation.’ Oh, yeah, the map does make the 2nd District 30 percent Democrat compared to 29 percent today. Calculating indeed.” [Associated Press State & Local Wire, 2/7/12]

2012: Adkins Implied Republicans Who Were Part Of The Bipartisan Coalition Supporting The Congressional Redistricting Bill Should Be “Seriously Questioned.” "A bipartisan coalition in the Kansas Senate passed a congressional redistricting bill that has drawn criticism from some Republicans and leaves the senior member of the state’s all-GOP delegation in the U.S. House with a slightly more Democratic district. […] ‘It makes sense that Democrats in the Senate would support it, but rank and file Republicans in the state should seriously question Republican members who joined them,’ state GOP chairwoman Amanda Adkins said in a statement.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 2/9/12]

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Adkins Submitted Written Testimony Against Senate Bill 291, Saying It Could Be “Damaging To Various Constituencies.” “Senate Bill 291, backed by the Senate's top Republican and Democratic leaders, would require the state's legislative research staff to use census data to redraw districts that equalize population while being "reasonably compact" and "composed of convenient contiguous territory." A five-member bipartisan commission would hold public hearings, advise the researchers and send recommended maps to the Legislature, where only nonsubstantive amendments would be allowed before an up-or-down vote. If the maps were rejected, they'd be revised until they won legislative approval. […] Amanda Adkins, chairwoman of the Kansas Republican Party, submitted written testimony against the bill, suggesting it could be ‘damaging to various constituencies’ to reduce incumbent legislators’ influence on redistricting.” [Wichita Eagle, 3/27/09]

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Adkins Said Brownback Was An Example Of How To Win Over Hispanic Voters
February 2004: Adkins Cited Brownback As An Example Of “Successfully Wooing Hispanic Voters.”

“Forward-thinking candidates understand the need to hire a director of coalitions. Amanda Adkins, a Republican campaign professional who’s done coalitions work at GOPAC and on Capitol Hill, said figureheads don’t work. ‘It’s important for Hispanic leaders to be the agent through whom the candidates’ message of opportunity is shared,’ she said. ‘We want active members of the business, social service and faith-based communities.’ She cited the case of U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., who is currently building a team of Hispanic advisors throughout his state. He faces re-election in 2004.” [Seven Action Tips For Wooing Hispanic Voters, Matt Lewis, Campaigns And Elections, 2/04]

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March 2004: Adkins Announced That Brownback Planned To Serve As Co-Chair For President Bush’s Re-Election Campaign. “Amanda Adkins […] informed the group that Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback would serve as Kansas co-chair for President Bush’s campaign steering committee.” [Organization Notes, Kansas City Star, 3/13/04]

Adkins Said Brownback Had $1.4 Million Cash On Hand As Of June 2004. “Brownback has a huge financial advantage. As of June 30, his campaign had $1.4 million in cash on hand, said his campaign manager, Amanda Adkins. Jones, a Democrat, has $18,000, according to his most recent campaign finance report. Naramore says he has $500. Conroy, a Democrat, says he spent all his money on the $1,500 filing fee. ‘In essence, Brownback is unopposed,’ Loomis said. The $18,000 Jones raised is not enough to muster a serious effort, Loomis said. He said the Democrats needed a big name with big money but did not get it.” [Underdog Takes A Shot At Senate; Brownback Has Huge Financial Advantage, Kansas City Star, 7/26/04]

2009 – 2013: Adkins Had A Close Relationship With Sam Brownback While She Served As Kansas Republican Party Chair

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2009: Adkins Was Endorsed By Sen. Brownback For Republican Party Chair. “Adkins, of Overland Park, was elected by GOP delegates without opposition to replace Kris Kobach, who stepped aside to prepare his 2010 campaign for secretary of state. She received a key endorsement from Sen. Sam Brownback, who is running for governor.” [New GOP Chair Stressed Winning, Topeka Capital-Journal, 2/1/09]

• Brownback Praised Adkins For Running His Successful Senate Re-Election Campaign. “Adkins has served on several congressional staffs, worked with the Heritage Foundation and managed Brownback’s last Senate campaign. ‘In 2004, when my career was on the line during a re-election, I trusted Amanda to run my campaign,’ the Topeka senator said in a letter to party members. ‘The campaign Amanda designed and led yielded over 780,000 votes - the most votes ever received by any candidate in any campaign for any office in Kansas history.’” [New GOP Chair Stressed Winning, Topeka Capital-Journal, 2/1/09]

As Chair Of The Kansas Republican Party Adkins Supported Brownback’s 2010 Campaign For Governor

Adkins Said Brownback’s Fundraising Success Showed Enthusiastic Support From Kansans. “State GOP Chairwoman Amanda Adkins said Brownback’s total shows that Kansans support him enthusiastically because of his pro-growth message on economic issues and, ‘The Democrats’ lack of a systemic approach and message that resonates is starting to show.’” [Brownback Raises $1.53M For Topeka Run, Hays Daily News, 1/10/10]

Adkins Hosted Brownback’s Campaign Announcement Event. “Kansas Republican Party Chairwoman Amanda Adkins will host Senator Sam Brownback and Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh for a Brownback for Governor Campaign announcement at 11 AM on Thursday, September 3, 2009 at the Kansas Republican Party Headquarters

Brownback Gave The Kansas Republican Party A “Sizable Donation” While Adkins Was Chair, Helping The Party Rebound From Severe Debt

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Adkins Said The Party Had Over $100,000 In Debt When She Entered As Chair. “Current Kansas GOP chairwoman Amanda Adkins said there [sic] numerous problems with the party when she took the job, including more than $100,000 in operational debt. The party fell behind for months in its payroll and rent, accumulating unpaid bills for routine office expenses. ‘Not only did we have to solve these significant problems, we had to make great strides in core initiatives to get people excited about the party again,’ Adkins said.” [Associated Press State & Local Wire, 6/8/10]

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Gov. Brownback Supported Adkins’ Strategic Plan As Republican Party Chairwoman To Give Kansas A Government Controlled By “Pro-Business, Anti-Tax, Small Government Conservatives.” “Coming off its first clean sweep of congressional and statewide races in Kansas since 1964, the state Republican Party has drafted a plan for maintaining that dominance in politics for at least another decade. […] The goals are outlined in an eight-page strategic plan from state Chairwoman Amanda Adkins, and the ultimate aim is giving Kansas a state government that’s consistently controlled by pro-business, anti-tax, small-government conservatives and results in the policies such control implies. […] Gov.-elect Sam Brownback, who takes office Jan. 10, said the state GOP showed last year that it could operate as a unified party. But he said it wants to sustain that success. ‘An infrastructure needs to be put in place,’ he said last week during a brief interview while taking a break from work with his transition team. ‘You maintain a high level of activity and leadership.’” [Kan. GOP Planning For Long-Term Political Rule, Associated Press State & Local, 1/2/11]
Adkins Questioned Validity Of Poll When It Showed Brownback To Have Unfavorable Numbers. “In January 2010, Kansas Republican Party chairwoman Amanda Adkins called then-Gov. Parkinson’s 42 percent approval rating in a SurveyUSA poll a profound result delivering a clear message ‘Kansans oppose the Obama-Pelosi-Parkinson agenda of higher taxes and bigger government.’ When Brownback’s numbers in a SurveyUSA poll in January 2011 dipped below those of Parkinson, Adkins questioned the validity of the company’s survey results.” [Brownback: Numbers Plunge As Agenda Emerges, Topeka Capital-Journal, 4/29/12]

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Adkins Was Appointed By Brownback To Kansas’ Mental Health Task Force. “Kansas Governor Sam Brownback announced Wednesday his appointments to the Governor’s Mental Health Task Force, established to
re-evaluate the state’s mental health system and determine ways to make it stronger and more effective. […]
Appointed to the task for by the Governor are: […] Amanda Adkins, Kansas City.” [Governor Sam Brownback Names Mental Health Task Force, Targeted News Service, 7/10/13]

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Adkins Supported Tax Cuts Implemented By Brownback

Adkins Tweeted Support For Tax Cuts Implemented By Brownback. [Amanda Adkins Twitter, 10/24/2015]

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2010: Adkins Claimed That Kansas Republicans Had “Sound Plans” For The State’s Economy

**ADKINS OP-ED:** Adkins Believed “Kansas Republicans Are Presenting A United Front With Sound Plans To Meet The Challenges Of A 21st Century Economy.” “Much has been said about President Barack Obama's commitment to mirror European nations spending, health care and other environmental policies. For people who thought Democrats could sell European-style socialism to Americans, the April 30th Daily Presidential Tracking Poll by Rasmussen Reports should prove alarming. Fifty-three percent of voters disapprove of Obama's performance as president. Kansans, being a people who look to community and family before government for answers, will take a hard look at leadership on the ballot in November. The question is simple: Do you want an America that rewards individual promise, entrepreneurship and centers on family or do you want European-style socialism that penalizes hard work, stifles prosperity and celebrates government? Kansas Republicans are presenting a united front with sound plans to meet the challenges of a 21st Century economy. Our philosophy centers on liberating the promise of the individual and family as the answer, not more government growth, on a path to prosperity. The choice is yours. Amanda Adkins, Overland Park, is the chairwoman of the Kansas Republican Party and a business executive in the health care industry.” [Hays Daily News, Amanda Adkins, 5/12/10]


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**Adkins Said The Governor Was Taking A “Long View” In Reference To Damaging Economic Policies.** “Kansas Republican Party Chairwoman Amanda Adkins said disagreement over policy decisions was a healthy part of the democratic process, and she encouraged residents regardless of political party to be passionate about issues they hold dear. Adkins, who was appointed by Brownback to be head of the Kansas Children’s Cabinet, said the governor was taking a ‘long view’ of where Kansas needs to be to have a growing economy while providing services in the most efficient manner.” [Newly Formed Kan. Group Plans Rally, Associated Press State & Local Wire, 8/27/11]
In an RNC Press Release about President Obama’s visit to Kansas, Adkins praised Brownback and criticized Obama. “As a member of the Kansas City business community, a mother of two small children, and a civic activist in the state of Kansas, I have spent a lot of time talking with entrepreneurs, businesses of all sizes, families and individuals across the state and right now the sentiment in Kansas is people are very much focused on and desire clarity on a path towards job creation, competitiveness and effectiveness for the state of Kansas and for the country[]. I have to say, odd that he selected the state of Kansas in the sense that a compare contrast of his executive management at the federal level versus that of our own Governor Sam Brownback is not in his favor[]. Since President Obama has taken office, the national debt has risen 41%. I dont that Kansans are going to be overly excited or enthusiastic about his message today. In fact, I think it is going to backfire.” [RNC Press Release, 12/6/11]

Adkins wrote an op-ed praising Brownback’s economic “Road Map” and its impact on children. “Research well-documents that 90 percent of a child’s brain is developed before the age of 5. Therefore, it is of critical importance to focus on and invest in early education and health care interventions and outcomes for kids. The Institute for a Competitive Workforce, an affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, found in a 2010 report that ‘for every dollar invested today, savings range from $2.50 to as much as $17 in the years ahead.’ Understanding that Kansas children are critical to our future, Gov. Sam Brownback made improving kindergarten readiness a key measure of his economic ‘road map.’

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from 2013 through 2016, according to the Kansas Legislative Research Department, forcing officials to shorten school calendars, delay highway repairs and reduce aid to the poor. Research suggests the package did not stimulate the economy, certainly not enough to pay for the tax cut. This year, legislators passed a bill to largely rescind the law, saying it had not worked as intended.” [New York Times, 10/25/17]

Brownback’s Tax Cuts Created A $900 Million Two-Year Budget Gap In Kansas. “The nation’s most aggressive experiment in conservative economic policy is dead. Republican majorities in the Kansas legislature on Tuesday night voted to reverse the deep tax cuts engineered by Governor Sam Brownback five years ago, blaming them for blowing a hole in the state’s budget that threatened the viability of its schools and infrastructure. […] Lawmakers in the GOP-controlled House and Senate came within a few votes of undoing the tax cuts in February as lawmakers searched for revenue to plug a nearly $900 million two-year budget gap and meet a court order demanding more funding for education. [The Atlantic, 6/7/17]

Brownback Is “Notorious” For His “Kansas Experiment” Of Dramatic Tax Cuts That Hurt The State Badly. “Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback is notorious for what is known as the Kansas experiment, a bold effort to assert the power of limited government. In 2012, the Republican governor pushed reforms through the state Legislature that dramatically cut income taxes across the board. Brownback boasted the plan would deliver a ‘shot of adrenaline’ to the Kansas economy. But the opposite happened. Revenues shrank, and the economy grew more slowly than in neighboring states and the country as a whole. Kansas’ bond rating plummeted, and the state cut funding to education and infrastructure.” [NPR, 10/25/17]

Brownback’s Plan Cut The “Pass-Through” Tax Rate To Zero, Allowing Big Companies To Exploit Tax Exemptions. “A key part of the plan slashed to zero the tax rate pass-through businesses pay. Small businesses — such as sole proprietorships, partnerships and S corporations — pay taxes through the individual income tax code, not the corporate one. Under the Kansas plan, the pass-through tax rate was reduced from 7 percent to zero. Kriz says big companies exploited this tax exemption. ‘There were a lot of really big companies that were actually [limited liability] like big law firms in this state, oil exploration companies then,’ he says. Others supposedly lied on their tax forms. ‘Most famously, a couple of basketball coaches allegedly — although nobody can ever prove this — were alleged to have retitled themselves as independent contractors in order to be able to take advantage of it for their multimillion-dollar incomes,’ Kriz says.” [NPR, 10/25/17]

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Kansas’ Private-Sector Job Growth From 2012 To 2017 Was Lower Than Almost All Neighboring States And Less Than Half Of The Country’s Average. “Kansas’ 4.2 percent private-sector job growth from December 2012 (the month before the tax cuts took effect) to May 2017 (the month before they were repealed) was lower than all of its neighbors except Oklahoma and less than half of the 9.4 percent job growth in the United States.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 1/22/18]

Forbes: “Growth And Job Creation In Kansas Underperformed Both The National Economy And Neighboring States.” “Since Kansas enacted tax and spending cuts in 2012 and 2013, Brownback and his allies have argued that this fiscal potion would generate an explosion of economic growth. It didn’t. Overall growth and job creation in Kansas underperformed both the national economy and neighboring states.” [Forbes, 6/7/17]

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Possibility Of Losing 75% Of Their Funding. “In anticipation of a precipitous drop in money from a lawsuit
against tobacco companies, members of a board tasked with helping Kansas kids were urged to prepare for the
possibility of having 75 percent less funding next year. Amanda Adkins, chairwoman of the Kansas Children’s
Cabinet and Trust Fund, recommended that the board prepare two sets of program recommendations. The first
would assume the traditional $56 million in tobacco funds, while the second would assume $12 million, which
Adkins called the ‘worst-case scenario.’ ‘That is just the hard reality in which we find ourselves,’ Adkins said.”
[...] The cabinet is funded with dollars from a master settlement with major tobacco companies in 1998. But one of
the conditions of the settlement was that states force lesser cigarette manufacturers to pay a $6 per carton fee in
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significantly what is happening here,’ Adkins said, singling out the group’s kindergarten readiness data as
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2014: Adkins Raised Concern Over Brownback’s Plans To Move Money From Two Key Funds For
Children’s Programs To Cover Revenue Shortfalls In The State Budget. “A plan put forth by Gov. Sam
Brownback last week to address an estimated $280 million revenue shortfall in the current fiscal year’s state budget
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Kansas Children’s Cabinet. [...] Amanda Adkins, chair of the Children’s Cabinet, which draws up
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Brownback on the matter. ‘We know that Governor Brownback values early childhood education,’ said Adkins,
general manager of Cerner Corporation in Kansas City, Mo. ‘However, we are worried about the sustainability of
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communities.’” [Governor’s Budget Plan Draws Concerns From Child Advocates, Topeka Capital-Journal,
12/15/14]

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said Adkins” [Child Advocates Criticise Brownback Budget, Topeka Capital-Journal, 1/18/16]
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Adkins Faced Backlash From Fellow Cabinet Members For Supporting The Transferring Of Children’s Program Funds To The State General Fund And For Sharing Funding Recommendations With Governor Brownback

Adkins Faced Backlash From Cabinet Members For Supporting Brownback’s Proposal To Transfer The Children’s Initiative Fund To The State General Fund. “The tension between Adkins and some members of the board also lies in Adkins’ response to Brownback’s proposal to transfer the Children’s Initiative Fund — which is administered by the children’s cabinet — to the state general fund. Adkins has said the change, which would affect about $50 million, wouldn’t affect the group’s role, responsibility or focus. Senate and House budget committees are currently working through the budget proposal and some lawmakers are pushing to block the change.” [Topeka Capitol-Journal, 2/5/16]

Adkins Said The Recommendations Were “From The Kansas Children’s Cabinet,” But Group Members Said They Hadn’t Voted On Them. “Members of the Kansas Children’s Cabinet have criticized the leader of their group for excluding them from recent funding recommendations for early childhood programs. The recommendations come in a document that says they are ‘from the Kansas Children’s Cabinet.’ Yet group members said they hadn’t voted on them. Amanda Adkins, the group’s chairwoman, said Friday she needed to move quickly to get the recommendations to lawmakers during the budget process, The Topeka Capital-Journal reported.” [Associated Press State & Local, 2/7/16]

Adkins Was Criticized By Fellow Members Of The Kansas Children’s Cabinet For Sharing Funding Recommendations With Governor Brownback Without The Group’s Approval. “Members of the Kansas Children’s Cabinet rebuked the group’s leader Friday after she developed a series of funding recommendations with Gov. Sam Brownback for early childhood programs without her group’s approval that nevertheless were purported to have come from the group. Amanda Adkins, the group’s chairwoman, said she needed to move quickly in order to get ideas in front of lawmakers during the budget process. She called the recommendations - which the group saw for the first time Friday - ‘foundational’ and indicated she would welcome the group to vote on them in the future. The recommendations come in a document that says they are ‘from the Kansas Children’s Cabinet.’ Yet group members said they hadn’t voted on them.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 2/6/16]

Several Board Members “Expressed Concerns With What Appeared To Be Lack Of Communications And Information Sharing” And “Fiscal Agent Changes Without The Full Cabinet’s Endorsement Or Having Been Consulted.” “Chair Adkins remarked she has had several conversations with Governor Brownback about protecting CIF/tobacco dollars. She said the Governor has been very supportive of the work of the Children’s Cabinet. […] There are actions and steps that the Governor has taken that are different than various stakeholders’
opinions. [...] Valdenia Winn, Shannon Cotsoradis, LeEtta Felter (and Terrie Huntington via email) expressed concerns with what appeared to be lack of communications and information sharing with the board, with the Chair’s discussions taking place with the Governor about CIF dollars and moving CIF dollars to the State General Fund. Cabinet members voiced concerns about fiscal agent changes without the full Cabinet's endorsement or having been consulted.” [Minutes Of The Kansas Children’s Cabinet And Trust Fund, 2/5/16, received via KORA request 5/29/20]

**Adkins Said She Understood Concerns But Her Meeting With The Governor Was “Only A Dialogue.”**

“Cabinet Chair Adkins said she understood Cabinet members’ concerns. She said she met with the Governor individually and not to make decisions on behalf of the Cabinet Board. She reiterated that she was not speaking on behalf of the board, but only having dialogue with the governor.” [Minutes Of The Kansas Children’s Cabinet And Trust Fund, 2/5/16, received via KORA request 5/29/20]

**Adkins Had Deep Ties To Brownback And Defended Her Choice To Pass On Funding Recommendations Because She “Was Trying To get Ideas In Front Of The Governor Amid The Budget Process.”** “Adkins, a Cerner executive, has deep ties to Brownback. She managed Brownback’s 2004 Senate re-election campaign, sits on the Kansas Chamber of Commerce board of directors and was appointed to the children’s cabinet by the governor. During Friday’s meeting, she often referred to personal conversations with the governor when explaining her actions. ‘I wouldn’t be doing my job as chair of this cabinet if beyond this conversation I wasn’t asking Gov. Brownback to consider doing more with us,’ Adkins said. She said during the past three months she has ‘spent a considerable amount of time talking with Gov. Brownback, our budget director, with his policy director, deputy chief of staff on, legislators, business people, on and on. It has been a significant investment of time.’ Adkins acknowledged that the process wasn’t perfect, but said she was trying to get ideas in front of the governor amid the budget process.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 2/6/16]

**The Children’s Cabinet Programs Were Primarily Funded By Tobacco Settlement Dollars, Rather Than The State’s General Fund, But Brownback Proposed “Securitizing” The Settlement Payments, Would Diminish Future Payments, And Adkins Said The Children’s Cabinet Could Not Vote To Oppose The Proposal**

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“Last year, the Republican-controlled state Legislature voted to roll back the tax cuts, but Kansas is still dealing with the aftermath of this bold experiment. State lawmakers are now seeking to close a $900 million budget gap over the next two years.” [NPR, 10/25/17]

**Brownback Vetoed The Tax Increase Bill But The Republican Legislature Voted To Override The Governor’s Veto.** “The Republican dominated Kansas Legislature that has soured on Gov. Sam Brownback’s vision for the state made late Tuesday to roll back the governor’s signature tax cuts. Lawmakers voted to override Brownback’s veto of a tax plan estimated to bring the state more than $1.2 billion over a two-year span. The Senate vote was 27 to 13, and the House followed by agreeing 88 to 31 to supersede the Republican governor’s wishes on the tax plan and force the changes into law.” [Kansas City Star, 6/7/17]

**Brownback Left Behind An Outdated Unemployment Claims System That Was Particularly Vulnerable To Strain Once The COVID-19 Pandemic Hit**

**2020: Kansas Had An Outdated Unemployment Claims System That Was Unprepared To Handle The Demands Of The COVID-19 Pandemic, Leaving Unemployed Kansans Waiting Months For Benefits**

**May 2020: Over 200,000 Kansans Filed Initial Unemployment Claims In Seven Weeks Due To COVID-19.** “More than 200,000 Kansans filed initial unemployment claims in seven weeks as the COVID-19 pandemic brought everyday life to a halt and crippled the state’s economy.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 5/3/20]

**May 2020: The Kansas Department Of Labor’s Small Staff And Antiquated System Was Unprepared For The Volume Of Claims And Kansans Were Met With “Website Crashes, System Failures, Delays In Payments And Unanswered Questions.”** “The Kansas Department of Labor struggled to handle the unprecedented volume of calls and claims with its small staff and antiquated system, leaving the agency vulnerable to outrage and political crossfire. There were website crashes, system failures, delays in payments and unanswered questions. […] The most recent unemployment numbers, for the week ending April 25, include 111,128 continued claims and 27,663 new ones. Before the pandemic, with the state’s unemployment rate at a 40-year low, the agency typically fielded 1,800 claims per week. To handle those claims, the labor department had a staff of 20 individuals capable of working their way through a computer system developed in the late 1970s.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 5/3/20]

**December 2020: Some Kansans Waited As Long As Ten Weeks Amid Skyrocketing Unemployment Claims During The COVID-19 Pandemic.** When Karyn Martinez of Wichita was furloughed from her job at the end of March, she immediately applied for unemployment. Receiving unemployment aid, including the extra $600 in pandemic unemployment insurance authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, helped pay her monthly bills. Then the payments stopped. ‘I had to wait 10 weeks just to get it,’ Martinez, 40, said. ‘I almost lost everything. I’m at the point (where) I’m about to leave my car. I have no car insurance on it because of this.’ Since the coronavirus pandemic triggered mass layoffs across the country in the spring, Martinez is one of more than 80,000 Kansans who were unemployed as of October this year. Without a job, they’ve relied on state and federal support to get by — to pay rent, bills, utilities and food. But nine months since unemployment claims began skyrocketing in the spring, Martinez and other Kansans are experiencing delays in receiving their payments and a lack of clarity from the Kansas Department of Labor.” [Kansas City Beacon, 12/17/20]

**Kansas’ Failure To Process Unemployment Claims Was A Result Of “Government Austerity Measures” And An “Inherited” Unemployment System**

**2020: Kansas Labor Secretary Attempted To Overhaul The System A Decade Earlier, But The Project Was Shuttered After Brownback Took Office.** “[Labor Secretary] Garcia said she was preparing to solicit bids to develop a new system, which could cost $35 million on the low end, before the pandemic hit. The state began a
similar process to overhaul the system a decade ago, but the project was spiked after former Gov. Sam Brownback took office.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 5/3/20]

Kansas’ Failure To Adequately Administer Unemployment Benefits “Highlights How Years Of State Government Austerity Measures Have Left Cash-Strapped Agencies […] Bereft Of Investments Needed To Handle Emergencies.” “Kansas, in particular, where the Department of Labor website for filing claims has been buggy or offline for extended periods and getting someone on the phone is rare, highlights how years of state government austerity measures have left cash-strapped agencies like those that administer unemployment bereft of investments needed to handle emergencies.” [Kansas City Star, 4/16/20]

The “Inherited” Unemployment System Was “Held Together With What Seems Like Band-Aids.” “Secretary of Labor, Delia Garcia, said the unemployment system was not only overloaded, but also outdated. ‘This inherited system is held together with what seems like band-aids,’ she said, ‘Our fellow Kansans deserve better than a 40-year-old system.’” [WIBW, 4/16/20]

Adkins Repeatedly Defended Brownback Against Ethics Criticism

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Adkins Defended Brownback After Criticism For Ties To A Controversial Evangelist Who “Urged Christians To Fast And Pray” So God Would “Heal The Nation’s Sins Of Abortion And Homosexuality”. “Kansas Democrats are highlighting Republican gubernatorial nominee Sam Brownback’s ties to a controversial evangelist, saying the association raises questions about his judgment. The Kansas Democratic Party cites Brownback’s appearance at a 2007 rally for evangelist Lou Engle, who has urged Christians to fast and pray that ‘God, the avenger of blood’ will heal the nation’s sins of abortion and homosexuality. […] “Senator Brownback is a strong supporter of human rights for all people, everywhere in the world,” said Amanda Adkins, chairwoman of the Kansas Republicans.” [Kansas Dems Question Brownback Ties To Evangelist, Associated Press State & Local Wire, 10/12/10]

Adkins Defended Brownback When He Was Accused Of Being Part Of A Violation Of The Kansas Open Meetings Act

Adkins Defended Brownback When He Was Called As A Witness In An Investigation Into Possible Violations Of The Kansas Open Meetings Act. “Gov. Sam Brownback will ‘more than likely’ be called as a witness in an investigation into possible violations of the Kansas Open Meetings Act, Shawnee County District Attorney Chad Taylor said Friday. […] Amanda Adkins, chairwoman of the Kansas Republican Party, said: ‘This is a classic political maneuver by those who oppose Gov. Brownback’s agenda to grow the economy and create jobs. They are trying to distract Kansans and the media from the important challenges our state faces and what we need to do move our state forward.’” [Taylor Likely To Question Gov. In KOMA Probe, Topeka Capital-Journal, 2/4/12]

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**Adkins Contributed Over $10,000 To The Kansas Republican Party, Which Was A Major Funder Of Sam Brownback’s Campaign**

The Kansas Republican Party Gave $302,787.83 To Sam Brownback’s Campaign Between 2010 And 2014. [Kansas Secretary of State Contributions Search, accessed 3/1/22]

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Adkins Said Her Connection To Brownback Would Not Hurt Her Congressional Campaign Because She Had “Done A Lot In Politics”

Adkins Said Her Connection To Brownback Would Not Hurt Her In The 3rd Congressional District Race Because She Had “Done A Lot In Politics.” “But Adkins could also feel the drag from her connections to Brownback, who left office with a low approval rating. Asked whether her past work for Brownback could hurt her in the 3rd congressional district, Adkins said no. ‘I’ve done a lot in politics,’ she said. She points to her time as chair of the Kansas GOP and as a staffer for Congressman David Dreier, a California Republican. ‘I’ve got a pretty extensive span of relationships over 20 years in politics.’” [Kansas City Star, 5/16/19]

Adkins Brushed Off A Question About Voters’ Disdain For Brownback, Saying It Was “Two Cycles Ago”

In Response To A Question About Voters’ Disdain For Brownback, Adkins Brushed It Off, Saying “Brownback Was Two Cycles Ago.” “The data would say the more difficult one’s Trump […] Brownback was two cycles ago.” [Starlight Republican Women At Minsky’s Pizza, 11/21/19, saved on Vantage]

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Adkins Claimed People Knew Her More From Her Work At Cerner Than From Her Work With Brownback. “First of all, just to set the facts straight, the last time I worked for Sam Brownback is when he served in the United States Senate. I was his campaign manager and I’m very proud of a lot of the work he did in human rights, which of course now he’s doing at the State Department, but just as a reminder, most people in this community know me more so from the time that I’ve been a businesswoman because I’ve been at Cerner for 15 years. […] There’s definitely a lot of dimension to who I am, I have a lot of relationships.” [KCMO Interview, 9/9/19, saved on Vantage]
Trust Fund Multi-Millionaire Amanda Adkins Is A Failed Candidate Who Will Pay, Say, And Do Anything To Get Elected

### Significant Findings

**Trust Fund Multi-Millionaire Amanda Adkins Is Trying To Buy Kansas’ 3rd District Congressional Seat With Her Vast Family Fortune**

- Adkins was a multi-millionaire with a net worth of at least $2.6 million and as much as $11.7 million, most of it money from family trusts.
  - 2021: According to her PFD Adkins had an estimated net worth between $2,675,023 and $11,725,000.
  - Between $2.2 million and $10.5 million of Adkins’ assets were from family trusts.
- Adkins’ first run for congress was propped up by a super PAC that was bankrolled by her father.
  - 2020: A single-candidate super PAC supporting Adkins—Heartland USA PAC—spent nearly $400,000 on advertising in support of her campaign.
  - Heartland USA PAC was overwhelmingly funded by Adkins’ father, Alan Landes, who gave 72%, or $408,046 out of the total $564,546 the PAC raised from 2019-2020.
  - Ironically, the PAC paid for ads that touted Adkins as an “independent” woman.
- In addition, Adkins’ family directly contributed a total of $82,396.40 to Adkins’ campaigns for Congress from 2019-2021.
  - Note: as of 2021, Adkins’ family members had for the most part already given the maximum allowable amount to her 2022 campaign.
- During her 2020 campaign, Adkins and her husband contributed almost $7,000 to Adkins’ campaign.

**Adkins Has Pushed The Limits Of Legal Conduct During Her Campaigns For Congress, Violating The Spirit—And Potentially The Letter—Of Campaign Finance And Ethics Rules**

- During her 2020 congressional campaign, an FEC complaint was made against Adkins after she “push[ed] the boundaries” of campaign finance law by raising over $150,000 before filing a statement of candidacy.
  - Adkins collected campaign contributions for 115 days after she was legally required to register her campaign.
  - National watchdog group Common Cause: Adkins “push[ed] the boundaries” of the “test the waters” loophole to raise $150,000 for her exploratory committee.
- Kansas City Star: Adkins “may have skirted federal election law” by representing herself as a candidate a full month before filing appropriate paperwork.
Adkins filed her statement of candidacy at the end of August 2019.

Adkins claimed she decided to run for office in August despite July 2019 emails by a political consultant which portrayed Adkins “unequivocally” as a candidate—including an email with a bio blurb identical to the one on her campaign website and emails seeking to set up donor meetings.

Adkins initially failed to disclose the full extent of her personal wealth on her candidate financial disclosure forms.

May 2020: Adkins submitted an amendment to her September 2019 PFD.

Adkins’ amended disclosure included an updated, higher net worth value stemming from family assets not previously disclosed—two trusts worth $2.5 million each.

Adkins’ updated disclosure also listed additional unearned income valued at between $100,002 and $200,000, which was not previously disclosed.

During her 2020 campaign Adkins left her role at Cerner amid concerns about conflicts of interest—but not until after using the company’s name and logo in her campaign materials and raising thousands of dollars from Cerner employees.

Adkins initially planned to remain as Cerner’s VP of strategic growth during her 2020 congressional campaign but stepped down in January 2020 after ethical concerns were raised.

Experts argued that Adkins’ role at Cerner would cause the company “ethical headaches” during her campaign due to its federal contracts.

However, before Adkins resigned from her Cerner post, she raised over $150,000—including at least $6,350 from Cerner employees—and used Cerner’s logo on her campaign website.

Adkins would go on to raise a total of $17,400 in contributions from Cerner employees during her 2020 campaign.

Adkins Was A Hypocritical Phony Who Talked Out Of Both Sides Of Her Mouth At The Expense Of Kansas Jobs, Prices, And Public Safety

Adkins said that if elected to Congress, she would be committed to comprehensive legislation to address infrastructure but opposed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill that provided billions in infrastructure funding to Kansas.

Adkins said she was “committed to the American worker” and called for “protecting jobs for Americans” but supported the 2017 Republican Tax Bill that encouraged companies to ship jobs overseas. Additionally, while Adkins served as a top executive at Cerner Corporation—specifically as Vice President of Strategic Growth—the company cut 385 jobs, including 60 in the Kansas City Area.

During her first run for Congress, Adkins criticized her opponent’s career as a lobbyist, but Adkins also worked as a registered lobbyist and Director Of Government And Industry for her former employer.

Adkins repeatedly criticized Rep. Sharice Davids over calls to defund the police and signed a pledge to oppose any efforts to defund the police, but Adkins repeatedly praised and supported Governor Sam Brownback’s tax cuts even though, according to Forbes, they pushed Kansas “well below” the national average of public services including “police and fire protection.”
✓ Adkins said climate change was real and called for “market-based” legislation to boost clean energy, but as chair of the Kansas Republican Party, opposed all cap-and-trade legislation, which is a “market-based” policy to boost clean energy and address climate change.

✓ Adkins said we “need to think about who we want to come into this country” despite previously supporting the idea that legal immigration is a “blessing.”

✓ Adkins initially supported school closures in Kansas to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 but months later wrote an op-ed calling on schools to reopen.

✓ Adkins complained about rising gas prices and blamed them on Rep. Davids, but opposed an actual plan to lower the cost of gas, which Davids supported.

✓ Adkins called for Congress to address America’s dependence on Chinese technology including semiconductors, while Rep. Davids actually voted for legislation to do exactly that.

✓ Adkins paid lip service to Kansas farmers, but was the only Kansas Republican nominee for federal office who failed to secure the endorsement of the Kansas Farm Bureau during the 2020 general election.

Adkins Has Exaggerated And Created Misleading Impressions About Her Professional Career To Score Points With Voters On The Campaign Trail

✓ During the COVID-19 pandemic, Adkins exaggerated her health care experience on the campaign trail.

✓ January 2020, the same month as the first confirmed U.S. COVID-19 case, Adkins said she had “very deep health care experience” because her employer was a global health care IT company.

✓ As the COVID-19 crisis evolved into a full-blown pandemic, Adkins continued to tout her experience working as a “healthcare leader.”

✓ Adkins’ experience as a so-called “health care leader” was working for health information technology company Cerner Corp. in roles that did not appear to involve providing health care services.

✓ Furthermore, during Adkins’ tenure as an executive at Cerner, the company was mired in a string of lawsuits and scandals involving worker exploitation, corruption, and even wrongful death. From 2004 – Jan. 2020, Adkins worked for Cerner Corporation in “a variety of high-level roles” including as Vice President.

✓ 2009: Cerner was involved in a lawsuit filed by the son of an 89-year-old woman who said their electronic medical records system was a major factor in her death.

✓ 2010: Cerner said they sold allegedly “unidentifiable” patient records to pharmaceutical companies.

✓ 2013: Cerner was sued for failing to implement their system in time for the hospital to qualify for federal incentive payments.

✓ 2013: Cerner paid for a report that predicted widespread use of an electronic health records system could save the U.S. health care system at least $81 billion per year; it didn’t, but Cerner took a payday.
✓ 2015: Cerner asked employees not to take legal action against them in exchange for $500 in stock options; if they didn’t sign on, they would not be eligible for merit raises.

✓ 2016: Cerner was the defendant in at least four lawsuits involving pay grievances.

✓ 2016: Cerner employees sued the company due to pay grievances involving inadequate overtime pay.

✓ 2018: Cerner settled a 1400-employee class-action lawsuit regarding overtime pay for $4.5 million.

✓ 2017: Cerner was sued by a hospital in Wisconsin after claiming issues in their software resulted in losses of over $16 million.

✓ 2017: Cerner was sued for violating a patent.

✓ 2018: A Cerner IT specialist was arrested as part of a massive child pornography sweep.

✓ 2020: Four former Cerner employees filed a class-action lawsuit alleging Cerner mismanaged their retirement plans, costing participants millions of dollars.

✓ 2017: Cerner was chosen by the Trump administration for a “coveted contract to modernize veterans’ health records” in a no-competition process, prompting investigation.

✓ On the campaign trail, Adkins touted her work with the non-profit she co-founded a year before launching her 2020 campaign. However, analysis of the organization’s available financial records shows that from 2019-2020, it was hemorrhaging assets, spent more on salaries than on charitable giving, and gave 98% of its charitable giving to a single source, rather than running any of its own programming.

✓ On the 2020 and 2022 campaign trails, Adkins has repeatedly touted her work with the 501(c)3 non-profit she co-founded, called the Systems of Care Initiative (SOCI). SOCI’s stated purpose was to invest in early childhood well-being.

✓ Adkins co-founded the nonprofit as a tax-exempt organization on August 30th, 2018. Exactly one year later to the day on August 30th 2019, Adkins filed her statement of candidacy for her 2020 Congressional campaign.

✓ As of May 2022, IRS form 990 filings for SOCI were available only for years 2019 and 2020, its first two full years of operation.

✓ Analysis of SOCI’s financials showed that Adkins worked at the non-profit for an average of only 2 hours per week.

✓ Analysis of SOCI’s financials showed that the organization spent a total of $15,000 more on salaries than it did on charitable grants from 2019-2020.

✓ Analysis of SOCI’s 2019-2020 financials showed that the organization was burning through assets faster than it could replenish them, with a revenue drop of over $340,000 from 2019-2020 and a $151,549 net loss for 2020.
✓ Analysis of SOCI’s 2019-2020 financials showed that 98% of SOCI’s charitable giving—$249,773 of $254,773—went to a single separate organization, showing SOCI did not run its own programming.

✓ The recipient organization in question, called The Family Conservancy, was based in Kansas City and appeared on initial review to be a legitimate non-profit aligned with SOCI’s stated mission.

Revealing Her Desperation To Go To Washington, Adkins Even Promised Fellow Republican Party Insiders That She Would Be A “Better Candidate” In The 2022 Cycle

✓ At the Kansas Republican Party’s state convention in April 2021, as Adkins was launching her second bid for Congress, Adkins told attendees: I will be a better candidate this cycle. My campaign will be better.”

Trust Fund Multi-Millionaire Amanda Adkins Is Trying To Buy Kansas’ 3rd District Congressional Seat With Her Vast Family Fortune

Adkins Was A Multi-Millionaire With A Net Worth Of At Least $2.6 Million And As Much As $11.7 Million, Most Of It Money From Family Trusts

2021: Adkins Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $2,675,023 And $11,725,000

2021: Adkins Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $2,675,023 And $11,725,000. [Adkins 2021 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 5/14/21]

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Between $2.2 Million And 10.5 Million Of Adkins’ Assets Were From Family Trusts

Adkins Listed Between $2.2 Million To $10.5 Million In Assets From Her Family’s Wealth. [Adkins 2021 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 5/14/21]
Between $33,000 And $145,000 Of Adkins' Assets Were From Cerner Stock Options

Adkins Held Between $33,005 To $145,000 In Cerner Stock Options. [Adkins 2021 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 5/14/21]

Adkins’ First Run For Congress Was Propped Up By A Super PAC That Was Bankrolled By Her Father

2020: A Single-Candidate Super PAC Supporting Adkins—Heartland USA PAC--Spent Nearly $400,000 On Advertising In Support Of Her Campaign And Attacking Opponents

2020: Heartland USA PAC Spent $382,484.90 In The Primary And General Election On Advertising In Support Of Amanda Adkins.

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The Heartland USA PAC Was Funded Almost Exclusively By Adkins’ Father, Alan Landes. “Adkins also sparred frequently with Weir, former president of the National Down Syndrome Society. Last month, a super PAC funded almost exclusively by Adkins' father, Alan Landes, launched an ad portraying Weir as a child playing dress-up. The PAC, Heartland USA PAC, received $373,046 this cycle -- $313,046 of which came from Adkins' father. Campaign finance reform advocates say family-funded PACs undermine the requirement that super PACs be independent from a campaign.” [Kansas City Star, 8/4/20]
Adkins’ Father’s PAC Spent Over $200,000 On Attack Ads Against GOP Primary Rival Sara Hart Weir. “During the primary election, the PAC spent more than $200,000 on ads attacking Adkins' GOP primary rival Sara Hart Weir.” [Kansas City Star, 10/21/20]

Heartland USA PAC Was Overwhelmingly Funded By Adkins’ Father, Alan Landes

2019-2020: Alan Landes Overwhelmingly Funded Heartland USA PAC, Contributing A Total Of $408,046 Of The PAC’s Total Contributions Of $564,546.

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[Note: As of May 2022, it appeared the PAC had not yet raised any money during the 2022 cycle.]

Adkins’ Father’s PAC Paid For Ads That Touted Adkins As An “Independent” Woman

Adkins’ Father’s PAC Bought Ads That Touted Adkins As An “Independent” Woman. “A political action committee funded by Amanda Adkins' father is releasing an ad touting the 3rd District Republican congressional candidate as an independent woman. According to Federal Communications Commission records, Heartland USA PAC has spent $62,800 to purchase time on KSHB and KMBC between Friday and November 2nd. The PAC has also bought time on WDAF though FCC documents did not disclose the cost. Adkins' father, retired construction executive Alan Landes, has donated $313,046 to the PAC, or more than 81 % of its total funding as of September 30, according to filings with the Federal Election Commission. The Heartland USA PAC did not immediately respond to The Star's request to comment on the ad buy. The spot, titled ‘Her Own Woman’ mentions Adkins' accomplishments in business and politics before claiming successful women are often torn down, or defined by the men they work with. Adkins, the ad says, is ‘her own woman.’ ‘Her whole life Amanda has stood up for Kansas, especially for our kids, and she did it standing on her own two feet,’ the ad says.” [Kansas City Star, 10/21/20]

Adkins Defended Her Father, Calling Him Her “Conservative Inspiration.” “Adkins' campaign did not respond to multiple phone calls and emails about the ad, but Adkins personally posted a response on Weir's Facebook page Tuesday evening after Weir and her supporters had criticized the ad in a thread. ‘MY FATHER was my conservative inspiration. A boy from the farm, married 50 years, GOP family, built a successful local company into a national success. What say you?’ Adkins wrote on Weir's page in response to critics.” [Kansas City Star, 7/7/20]

2019-2021: Adkins’ Family Directly Contributed A Total Of $56,750 To Her Campaigns For Congress
As of April 2022, Adkins’ family directly contributed a total of $56,750.20 to her campaign between 2019 and 2021. [FEC, accessed 5/3/22]

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#### 2019-2020: Adkins Contributed $3,303.82 To Her Own Congressional Campaign, In The Form Of In-Kind Contributions.

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Adkins Has Pushed The Limits Of Legal Conduct During Her Campaigns For Congress, Violating The Spirit –And Potentially The Letter—Of Campaign Finance And Ethics Rules

During Her 2020 Congressional Campaign, An FEC Complaint Was Made Against Adkins After She Skirted The Spirit Of Campaign Finance Law By Raising Over $150,000 Before Filing A Statement Of Candidacy

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Adkins Had Officially Raised Over $5,000 On May 7th, 2019. [FEC Committee Search, accessed 2/28/22]

Adkins Failed To Register Her Campaign For 115 Days After She Hit The $5,000 Mark, Finally Filing A Statement Of Organization On August 30th, 2019. [FEC Committee Search, accessed 2/28/22]

By The Time Adkins Officially Registered Her Campaign, She Had Raised $153,603.82, $148,501.24 In Excess Of Federal Law Before She Officially Filed For Candidacy. [FEC Committee Search, accessed 2/28/22]

Adkins Pushed The Boundaries Of The “Test The Waters” Loophole To Raise $150,000 For Her Exploratory Committee

Adkins Received An FEC Complaint After She Raised More Than $150,000 In 2019 Before Filing A Statement Of Candidacy With The FEC. “A former Kansas Democratic official has filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission (FEC) against Republican Amanda Adkins, alleging the congressional candidate skirted campaign finance rules in 2019. Adkins, a Cerner executive who is challenging Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids in the Kansas 3rd Congressional District, raised more than $150,000 before filing a statement of candidacy with the FEC in August of 2019. Federal campaign finance rules require candidates to file paperwork with the FEC after raising or expending $5,000 or more.” [Kansas City Star, 9/14/20]

Adkins’ Campaign Stated That She Was Complying With The “Test The Waters” Rule When She Raised $150,000 As Part Of Her Exploratory Campaign. “Rep. Davids will promptly reimburse the campaign for this purchase and we'd encourage Amanda Adkins to reimburse the $150,000 in excess contributions she's taken in this election if she's so passionate about campaign finance.’ Last week, a former Kansas Democratic Party official filed an FEC complaint against Adkins, alleging that she violated a rule that requires candidates to file for office within 15 days of raising or spending $5,000 after they become a candidate. Adkins' campaign maintains that she was complying with the "testing the waters" rule, which allows candidates to raise money through an exploratory campaign, and did not decide to run for office until August of 2019.” [Kansas City Star, 9/17/20]

- Candidates Are Allowed To “Test The Waters” And Raise Money But Can Not Present Themselves As Officially Running For Office. “However, a loophole allows candidates to "test the waters" and raise money for an exploratory campaign before they file. There is no limit to the money a prospective candidates can raise during the exploratory phase, but they must be careful not to present themselves as officially running for office.” [Kansas City Star, 9/14/20]
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National Watchdog Group Common Cause: Adkins “Push[ed] The Boundaries” Of The Exploratory Phase By Raising Over $150,000 Before Filing A Statement Of Candidacy. “Paul Seamus Ryan, the vice president for policy and litigation of Common Cause, a national watchdog group, told The Star in July that the FEC has never set a specific limit for how much a candidate can raise during the exploratory phase. ‘In my opinion, $150,000 pushes the boundaries of the ‘testing the waters’ exemption for a House candidate. It looks like Ms. Adkins had decided to run long before she filed her FEC paperwork, and that she was amassing funds to be used in her campaign. But because there are no bright lines here, it's very, very unlikely that the FEC would find a violation,’ Ryan said in an email.” [Kansas City Star, 9/14/20]

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<td>July 2019: Political Consultants Referred To Adkins “Unequivocally” As A Candidate A Full Month Prior To Adkins Filing With The FEC. “But emails obtained by The Star show that a full month before the FEC filing, political consultants referred to Adkins unequivocally as a candidate. ‘We are very excited to announce that High Cotton will be working with Amanda Adkins, candidate in KS-03 (formerly Yoder’s seat),’ wrote Kathryn Jones, a senior associate with High Cotton Consulting, in a July 30 email to a prospective donor.” [Kansas City Star, 9/12/19]</td>
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• The Fundraising Firm In Question Was “High Cotton,” Founded By A Long-Time GOP Strategist Who Ran Ted Cruz’s 2016 Presidential Campaign. “High Cotton, a fundraising firm located in Washington, is one of a network of companies owned by Kansas City-based Axiom Strategies. Axiom, which advised former Republican Rep. Kevin Yoder last election, was founded by Jeff Roe, a long-time GOP strategist who ran Texas Sen. Ted Cruz’s 2016 presidential campaign.” [Kansas City Star, 9/12/19]

• A Consultant’s Email Included A Bio For Adkins Identical To One Currently On Her Campaign Website And Sought To Set Up Donor Meetings For September. “The Jones email includes a bio for Adkins identical to one currently on her campaign website, which touts her background as an executive at Cerner and describes the candidate as a ‘businesswoman, mother and social entrepreneur.’ In another email on the same day, Jones wrote that Adkins ‘hasn’t announced but will be running in KS-03.’ Both emails sought to set up September meetings with potential donors.” [Kansas City Star, 9/12/19]
Adkins Claimed She Decided To Run For Office In August Despite Emails From July Referring To Her Candidacy

Adkins’ Campaign Responded By Saying She Did Not Decide To Run For Office Until Late August, Despite Evidence From The July 30th Emails. ‘Adkins’ campaign said in a statement that the candidate did not decide to run for office until late August, despite the July emails. ‘Amanda followed the rules set forth by the FEC when she tested the waters to make a decision about running for Congress. She decided late in August to run for the seat, and filed the appropriate paperwork,’ said campaign spokeswoman Alana Roethle, a former state party secretary.” [Kansas City Star, 9/12/19]

- Campaign Finance Experts Criticized Adkins For The Mistake, Saying “If Adkins Had Authorized Her Consultants To Refer To Her As A Candidate, Then She Should Have Filed.” “Fischer said the evidence suggests that Adkins should have filed with FEC earlier in the summer and that at a minimum the expenditures made before her official filing should be disclosed on her October campaign finance report. Craig Holman, a government affairs lobbyist with Public Citizen, a group which advocates for stronger campaign finance rules, also said that the emails indicate that Adkins had moved beyond testing the waters for a campaign by July. ‘These emails are a declaration of candidacy and do not conform to ‘testing the waters’ rules. The emails (1) label Amanda Adkins as a candidate for KS-03, and (2) consist of a fundraising solicitation by a hired consulting firm on behalf of the candidate,’ Holman said in an email. Lloyd Mayer, an associate professor at Notre Dame Law School, said the emails definitely raise questions but he also cautioned that they were sent by a consultant rather than Adkins herself. ‘Why did the consultant think this was the case?’ said Mayer, an expert in election law and campaign finance. ‘Most people are pretty careful to say I’m still exploring or I’m just looking.’ If Adkins had authorized her consultants to refer to her as a candidate, then she should have filed, Mayer said.” [Kansas City Star, 9/12/19]

Adkins Initially Failed To Disclose The Full Extent Of Her Personal Wealth On Her Candidate Financial Disclosure Forms, Hiding $5 Million Worth Of Assets

- May 2020: Adkins Submitted An Amendment To Her September 2019 PFD

- May 2020: Adkins Submitted An Amendment To Her 2019 PFD. Adkins submitted an amendment to her previously filed federal personal financial disclosure on 5/7/20. [Adkins 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Amendment, filed 5/7/20]

- Adkins’ Amended Disclosure Included An Updated, Higher Net Worth Value Stemming From Family Assets Not Previously Disclosed—Two Trusts Worth $2.5 Million Each

- According To Adkins’ 2020 Amendment To Her 2019 Personal Financial Disclosure, Adkins Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $5,408,012 And $6,010,000. [Adkins 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Amendment, filed 5/7/20]

- 2020: Adkins Reported Two Additional Family Trusts Worth $2.5 Million Each. [Adkins 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Amendment, filed 5/7/20]

- According To Adkins’ Original 2019 Personal Financial Disclosure, She Had A Net Worth Of Between $408,012 And $1,010,000. [Adkins 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 9/28/19]

- Adkins’ Updated Disclosure Also Listed Additional Unearned Income Valued At Between $100,002 And $200,000, Which Was Not Previously Disclose

- 2020: Adkins Reported An Additional Sum Of Between $100,002 And $200,000 In Unearned Income. [Adkins 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Amendment, filed 5/7/20]
During Her 2020 Campaign Adkins Left Her Role At Cerner Amid Concerns About Conflicts Of Interest--But Not Until After Using The Company’s Name And Logo In Her Campaign Materials And Raising Thousands Of Dollars From Cerner Employees

Adkins Initially Planned To Remain As Cerner’s VP Of Strategic Growth During Her 2020 Congressional Campaign, But Stepped Down In January 2020 After Ethical Concerns Were Raised

2020: Adkins Initially Planned To Remain As Cerner’s VP Of Strategic Growth During Her Campaign But Stepped Down Mid-January. “Cerner executive Amanda Adkins has left the company to focus on her campaign to unseat Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids. Adkins, a former Kansas Republican chair, launched her bid for Kansas’ 3rd congressional district in September, but initially planned to remain as Cerner’s vice president of strategic growth through the campaign. But as of last week, Adkins has officially stepped down from her role after 15 years with the health care IT giant. ‘Amanda has made the decision to devote all her energy into the campaign and pursue a congressional bid. We wish her luck as she works full-time to represent her constituency and vies for the candidacy,’ Cerner spokeswoman Misti Preston said Thursday.” [Kansas City Star, 1/23/20]

Adkins’ Campaign Spokeswoman Confirmed That Adkins Was No Longer A Paid Employee Of Cerner As Of January 17, 2020. “Adkins’ campaign spokeswoman Alana Roethle confirmed in an email that Adkins is no longer a paid employee of Cerner as of January 17. ‘She is a full time candidate in the KS-03 race,’ Roethle said.” [Kansas City Star, 1/23/20]

Prior To Stepping Down, Adkins’ Campaign Had Already Raised More Than $500,000. “Adkins’ campaign announced earlier this month that she has raised more than $500,000 in her bid to face Davids.” [Kansas City Star, 1/23/20]

Cerner Said The Company And Adkins Would “Re-Evaluate The Situation” Of Adkins Returning To Cerner If She Did Not Win The Race. “Asked whether Adkins would return to Cerner, Kansas City’s largest private sector employer, if she did not win the race, Preston said the company and candidate would re-evaluate the situation after the election. ‘Of course, we wish Amanda the best of luck and don’t want to speculate on any outcomes or a hypothetical situation. But, both Amanda and Cerner will re-evaluate employment possibilities if/when that times comes,’ Preston said in an email.” [Kansas City Star, 1/23/20]

Experts Argued That Adkins’ Role At Cerner Would Cause The Company “Ethical Headaches” During Her Campaign Due To Its Federal Contracts

Prior To Stepping Down, Adkins’ Candidacy Was Likely To Cause “Ethical Headaches.” “Adkins’ decision to step down resolves potential ethical headaches for Cerner posed by the candidacy of one of its executives. Federal election rules prohibit federal contractors from giving directly to federal candidates. Cerner policies restrict employees from working on campaigns during company time. But as a salaried executive Adkins didn’t use a daily time clock, which potentially clouded the distinction between company and personal time. Cerner also bars employees from using company resources for federal campaign purposes or using its corporate logo in connection with political activity, according to a copy of its internal rules shared with The Star in November. Adkins’ campaign website had initially featured the company’s logo in a photograph when the site first went online in an apparent violation of this rule.” [Kansas City Star, 1/23/20]

Cerner Is A Major Federal Contractor With A $10 Billion Contract To Design A Health Care Records System For The U.S. Department Of Veterans Affairs. “The Kansas City-based company is a major federal contractor with a $10 billion contract to design a new health care records system for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The new system is expected launch later this year.” [Kansas City Star, 1/23/20]
However, Before Adkins Resigned From Her Cerner Post, She Raised Over $150,000 – Including At Least $6,350 From Cerner Employees – And Used Cerner’s Logo On Her Campaign Website

Adkins’ Campaign Website Initially Featured A Photo Of Her With The Cerner Logo

Adkins’ Campaign Website Originally Featured A Picture Of Her With The Cerner Logo But Was Cropped Soon After. “When Cerner executive Amanda Adkins launched her congressional campaign in September, her website featured a photograph of her standing next to the corporate logo on the company’s Kansas City, Kansas, campus. The photo was cropped to remove the Cerner name shortly after the site went online. The change illustrates the ethical and optical challenges both the company and Adkins face as she seeks the Republican nomination to unseat Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids in Kansas’ 3rd congressional district, while continuing to work for the health care IT giant that holds billions of dollars in federal contracts.” [Kansas City Star, 11/17/19]

A Cerner Spokeswoman Said That Adkins Was Told That “Personal Campaign Activities Should Be Kept Entirely Separate And Apart From Her Role At Cerner.” “Asked about the initial use of Cerner’s logo on the campaign site, Misti Preston, a spokeswoman for the company, said in an email that when Adkins decided to run for office ‘the company’s policies were made clear to her: campaigning should be done on personal time and her personal campaign activities should be kept entirely separate and apart from her role at Cerner.’ But distinctions between company time and personal time are murky. Preston was unable to say how many hours Adkins works in a typical work week.” [Kansas City Star, 11/17/19]

Adkins Received $6,350 From Cerner Employees During Her First Month In The Race, And Cerner’s PAC Contributed To Every Kansas House Incumbent Except Sharice Davids

Adkins Received $6,350 From Cerner Employees During Her First Month In The Race, And Cerner’s PAC Contributed To Every House Incumbent Of Either Party In Kansas Except Sharice Davids. “Excluding her personal contributions to the campaign, Adkins received $6,350 from Cerner employees during her first month in the race, including $2,800 from Donald Trigg, the company’s executive vice president, according to her October campaign finance filing. The PAC hasn’t donated any money to Adkins’ campaign at this point, but Davids is the only House incumbent of either party from Kansas or Kansas City region not to receive a contribution from Cerner’s PAC this cycle.” [Kansas City Star, 11/17/19]

- Adkins Would Go On To Raise A Total Of $17,400 In Contributions From Cerner Employees During Her 2020 Campaign. [FEC, accessed 4/19/22]

Adkins Is A Hypocritical Phony Who Talks Out Of Both Sides Of Her Mouth, Says One Thing And Does Another, And Is All Talk, No Action

Adkins Said If Elected She Would Be Committed To Comprehensive Legislation To Address Infrastructure But Opposed The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill That Provided Billions In Infrastructure Funding To Kansas

Adkins Stated That She Was Committed To Passing Comprehensive Infrastructure Legislation And Called It Critical To National & Economic Security

May 2020: Adkins Claimed She Was Committed To “Passing Comprehensive Legislation That Provides Long-Term Sustainability Of The Nation’s Infrastructure.” “When elected to Congress I will be committed to: Passing comprehensive legislation that provides long-term sustainability of the nation’s infrastructure. Empowering State and Local governments to address their infrastructure needs.” [Adkins Campaign Website, accessed 5/18/20]
May 2020: Adkins Said She Would Be Committed To “Infrastructure Legislation That Enables The Construction And Infrastructure Industries To Thrive.” “The nation’s infrastructure – aviation, bridges, roads, dams, drinking water, energy, levees, rail and stormwater – needs significant investment to ensure long-term viability. In Congress, I will be committed to infrastructure legislation that enables the construction and infrastructure industries to thrive.” [Adkins Campaign Website, accessed 5/18/20]

Adkins Said Infrastructure Was One Of America’s Greatest Assets And Was Critical To National & Economic Security. “America’s infrastructure is one of our greatest assets. The national and economic security of the United States depends on critical infrastructure that is reliable, efficient and meets the current and future needs of the country. Native Kansan, President Dwight D. Eisenhower understood the importance of strong infrastructure and led this nation in creating the pivotal Interstate Highway System. Today we must ensure we are maintaining the critical infrastructure system, while meeting the current and future needs of the country.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/24/22]

Adkins Said She Was Committed To An “Open, Fair And Competitive Market For Business Investment In Infrastructure Projects.” “America’s infrastructure is one of our greatest assets. The national and economic security of the United States depends on critical infrastructure that is reliable, efficient and meets the current and future needs of the country. When elected to Congress I will be committed to: Passing comprehensive legislation that provides long-term sustainability of the nation’s infrastructure. Empowering State and Local governments to address their infrastructure needs. Ensuring an open, fair and competitive market for business investment in infrastructure projects. Amanda at the construction site Native Kansan, President Dwight D. Eisenhower understood the importance of strong infrastructure and led this nation in creating the pivotal Interstate Highway System. Today we must ensure we are maintaining the critical infrastructure system, while meeting the current and future needs of the country. The nation’s infrastructure – aviation, bridges, roads, dams, drinking water, energy, levees, rail and stormwater – needs significant investment to ensure long-term viability. In Congress, I will be committed to infrastructure legislation that enables the construction and infrastructure industries to thrive.” [Adkins Campaign Website, accessed 5/18/20]

Adkins Criticized Rep. Sharice Davids For Voting For The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Which She Called “Massive Spending”

Adkins Criticized Davids For Voting For “Massive Spending” In The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill That “Failed To Solve” The Highway 69 Issue. “@JerryMoran Agreed .. infrastructure is critical to #KS03 .. it is a responsibility of govt .. but any bill must be paid & CBO scored $256B+ in more debt. @RepDavids votes for massive spending & has failed to solve the Hwy 69 issue. Inflation on goods, hwy fees - can’t afford ”
Adkins Claimed That The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Would Add $400 Billion To The Deficit.
“@sharicedavids Infrastructure Plan Will Add $400 Billion to the Deficit, CBO finds via @budgethawks.”

Adkins Tweeted In Support Of The House Republican STARTER Act Infrastructure Plan.
“Real infrastructure solutions for problems facing #KS03 #BuilderBeliever ...  @sharicedavids ... I come from a builder/heavy construction family. Let’s get our community working!”
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May 2021: House Republicans Introduced The STARTER Act that proposed $400 Billion Towards Infrastructure Investments. “As United States lawmakers grapple with how to address much-needed infrastructure investment, House Republican Committee leaders introduced their own proposal this week in the form of the more than $400 billion, five-year STARTER Act 2.0. STARTER, or Surface Transportation Advanced through Reform, Technology, & Efficient Review, is a less costly plan than other proposals currently being considered in Washington.” [Transportation Today, 5/21/21]

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Provided Billions To Fund Bridges And Transit Improvements In Kansas

Kansas Received $3.8 Billion From The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill For Infrastructure Projects. “The new legislation will bring $3.8 billion to Kansas for infrastructure projects and create two million jobs per year for the next decade.” [KCUR, 12/14/21]

Kansas Was Slated To Receive $225 Million From The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill For Bridge Repairs Over Five Years. “Kansas is slated to get $225 million from the infrastructure bill over five years, including $45 million in fiscal 2022.” [KCUR, 1/28/22]

Much Of The Funding Would Go Towards Repairing 732 Bridges In Kansas’ 3rd Congressional District Including 21 Considered To Be In Poor Condition. “Much of that money will go toward repairing more than 1,300 bridges in the state that are in poor condition, said Kansas Transportation Secretary Julie Lorenz. Some 732 bridges in Kansas’ Third Congressional District alone need repairs, according to a report Davids published
last October. Of those bridges, 21 are considered in poor condition by the Department of Transportation.” [KCUR, 1/28/22]

**The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Provided Over $17.4 Million Of Transit Funding To Kansas.** “The first batch of funding from President Joe Biden’s bipartisan infrastructure law, signed in November, is headed to Kansas and Missouri. Kansas Rep. Sharice Davids and Missouri Rep. Emanuel Cleaver, II, who both played a role in passing the bipartisan plan, announced Wednesday that the funding was on its way. The funding aims to improve public transportation systems, support transportation jobs and create additional investments. Davids announced that the first round of transit funding would bring over $17.4 million to Kansas.” [KSHB, 2/9/22]

**The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Included Over $2.8 Million To Improve Transit Safety And Acquire New Buses & Rail Cars In Kansas.** “The round of funding in Kansas includes over $2.8 million to improve transit safety and to acquire new buses and rail cars.” [KSHB, 2/9/22]

**The Kansas City Area Received Over $1.1 Million From The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill To Improve Transit Reliability For Seniors And The Disabled**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Brought In Over $1.1 Million To Improve Transit Reliability Including For Seniors And The Disabled In The Kansas City Area. “Across the Kansas City area the funding is set to bring over $400,000 for transit repairs and to improve transit reliability, as well as over $750,000 to improve transit for seniors and those with disabilities.” [KSHB, 2/9/22]

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### During Her First Run For Congress, Adkins Criticized Her Opponent’s Career As A Lobbyist, But Adkins Also Worked As A Registered Lobbyist And Director Of Government And Industry For Her Former Employer

2005 – 2006: **Adkins Was A Registered Lobbyist For Cerner In Kansas And Washington, D.C.** According to Legistorm and the Kansas Secretary of State, Adkins was a registered lobbyist for the Cerner Corporation in 2005 and 2006. [Kansas Secretary of State, accessed 2/22/22; Legistorm, accessed 2/22/22]

- **2019: Adkins Criticized Her Primary Opponent For Being A Lobbyist Despite Her Own Lobbying Record.** “Adkins has worked for the company for more than a decade in a variety of high-level roles. After managing Sam Brownback’s successful Senate re-election campaign in 2004, Adkins took a position as Cerner’s director of government affairs. She recently slammed her GOP rival Sara Hart Weir’s career as a lobbyist, but records show that Adkins registered as a lobbyist with the Kansas Legislature in 2005 and with the U.S. House in 2006. In 2008, Adkins was promoted to the company’s vice president and general manager of population health.” [Kansas City Star, 11/17/19]

2004: **Adkins Started Her Career At Cerner As Director Of Government And Industry.** “Amanda started her career at Cerner in 2004 focused on thought leadership in healthcare. In the midst of increasing federal focus on healthcare innovation investment, Amanda worked with two Washington, D.C.-based think tanks to author the Independent Health Record Bank Act which outlined a framework for how health information would be used in a future state when personal health intelligence systems were a reality.”
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2006: Adkins Closely Monitored Proposals For A Nationwide Health Information Technology Network So Cerner Could Provide The Software. “Cerner Corp. is closely monitoring proposals in Washington to establish a nationwide health information technology network. Cerner, based in North Kansas City, is a leading provider of health-care information technology. Amanda Adkins, the company's director of government affairs, said Cerner stands ready to provide software and services to the record banks if they take off. ‘It could be a very positive outcome for Cerner,’ Adkins said. ‘But better still, we expect that it will be a good outcome for health care in the United States.’” [Kansas City Star, 6/20/06]

Adkins Called For “Protecting Jobs For Americans” But Supported The 2017 Republican Tax Bill That Encouraged Companies To Ship Jobs Overseas

Adkins Said She Was “Committed To The American Worker” And Called For “Protecting Jobs For Americans”

Adkins Said She Was “Committed To The American Worker” And Believed We Should “Put America First And Protect” The “Jobs Of US Citizens.” “I am committed to the American worker, which is why I believe Congress must address immigration as a security and workforce issue. We must first protect our borders, enhancing the security of our country. We then must create an immigration system that enforces current immigration laws. Finally I believe we should put America first and protect the lives and jobs of US citizens.”

[Defending America’s Security, Protecting American Jobs]

**Adkins Called For “Protecting Jobs For Americans” From Immigrants And “Putting Americans First In Line For Jobs.”** “The US has not seen true immigration reform since the Reagan Administration, during which the Immigration Reform and Control Act made it illegal for US employers to knowingly hire illegal immigrants. Despite changes in society and our country’s need for significant immigration reform, the current US immigration system is outdated and does not approach immigration as an economic issue. Immigration reform should be seen as an opportunity for economic growth, while protecting jobs for Americans. US immigration should shift to an employment-based system, meeting the needs of the US labor and workforce. This should be adjusted as conditions in the US change. With millions of Americans out of work as result of the COVID-19 pandemic, President Trump issued Executive Orders temporarily barring immigration from certain countries and placing restrictions on specific temporary work visas (H-1B, H-2B, L-1, and J-1 programs). By doing so, the President is keeping thousands of guest-workers from entering the United States, enabling these jobs to first be filled by Americans. I support putting Americans first in line for jobs as the economy recovers from the Coronavirus pandemic.”


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…But Adkins Supported The 2017 Republican Tax Bill That Effectively Created A Tax Break For Corporations Who Moved Jobs Overseas

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**Adkins Applauded Trump For His Tax Cuts Saying It Delivered “Really Fantastic Results.”** “I do want to applaud President Trump for the regulatory rollback work he did early on, certainly for the tax cuts, and then I think most important, the results that have been achieved based on that work. We’ve seen the results in unemployment being low, a super stock market, one of the highest wages on record in history. Really, really fantastic results.”

[Kansas GOP Olathe Pizza Shop Event, 1/13/20, saved on Vantage]

**Adkins Praised Trump’s Tax Cut Package And Stated That “I Think We Can Do Even More.”** “I’m an absolute believer in reducing the tax burden, so I applaud President Trump for the tax cut package that he passed, but I think we can do even more. I do hope we can extend or make permanent the individual income tax rate, in addition to that, we can do better on corporate income taxes. Again, I applaud the president for making us more competitive globally by reducing corporate income tax rates, but you folks probably know that countries like Ireland, their corporate tax rate is very low, 12.5%. If we continue to lower it, businesses will invest more and they’ll invest in their people which means wages will be higher. I’m focused on KC, I’m focused on all of you here.”

[Kansas GOP Candidate Forum, 1/31/20, saved on Vantage]

**Adkins Attacked Rep. Sharice Davids For Wanting To Repeal The 2017 Republican Tax Bill**

**Adkins Opposed Repealing The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act.** “Sharice Davids wants to repeal the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and raise taxes in #KS03, yet can't seem to pay her own.”
Adkins Criticized Rep. Sharice Davids For Opposing The GOP Tax Bill. “My opponent has consistently expressed her opposition to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which provided the average #KS03 worker a tax cut of over $1,400. She'll continue to oppose tax relief and push for trillions in higher taxes, just like Kamala Harris.”

[13 Times Kamala Harris Says She Wants To Repeal The Trump Tax Cuts
[11/2/20]
The 2017 Republican Tax Bill Increased Incentives And Made It Attractive For Corporations To Move Jobs Overseas By Effectively Creating A Tax Break For Manufacturers With Foreign Operations

New York Times: 2017 Republican Tax Bill “Could Actually Make It Attractive For Companies To Put More Assembly Lines On Foreign Soil.” “The bill that Mr. Trump signed, however, could actually make it attractive for companies to put more assembly lines on foreign soil. Under the new law, income made by American companies’ overseas subsidiaries will face United States taxes that are half the rate applied to their domestic income, 10.5 percent compared with the new top corporate rate of 21 percent. ‘It’s sort of an America-last tax policy,’ said Kimberly Clausing, an economist at Reed College in Portland, Ore., who studies tax policy. ‘We are basically saying that if you earn in the U.S., you pay X, and if you earn abroad, you pay X divided by two.’” [New York Times, 1/8/18]

- Economists Found “The Bill Ends Up Creating A Tax Break For Manufacturers With Foreign Operations.” “What could be more dangerous for American workers, economists said, is that the bill ends up creating a tax break for manufacturers with foreign operations. Under the new rules, beyond the lower rate, companies will not have to pay United States taxes on the money they earn from plants or equipment located abroad, if those earnings amount to 10 percent or less of the total investment.” [New York Times, 1/8/18]

- HEADLINE: Tax Law May Send Factories and Jobs Abroad, Critics Say. [New York Times, 1/8/18]

Washington Post: “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]

- HEADLINE: Trump promised ‘America First’ would keep jobs here. But the tax plan might push them overseas. [Washington Post, 12/15/17]

- Because Of The Way The Tax Bill Taxed Foreign Income, Corporations Would Increase Tax Free Income The More Equipment It Had Abroad. “In the future, corporations would be required to pay about a 10 percent minimum tax on overseas income above a certain level. The provision is billed as a way to discourage the movement of jobs and profit overseas. But the fine print of the new global minimum tax would make the problem worse, several tax specialists said. […] First, a corporation would pay that global minimum tax only on profit above a ‘routine’ rate of return on the tangible assets — such as factories — it has overseas. So the more equipment a corporation has in other countries, the more tax-free income it can earn. The legislation thus offers corporations ‘a perverse incentive’ to shift assembly lines abroad, said Steve Rosenthal of the Tax Policy Center.” [Washington Post, 12/15/17]

- Under Tax Bill, A Corporation That Built A Plant In A Foreign Country Would Pay Substantially Less In Taxes On Foreign Profit Than Profits Earned In The United States. “Second, the bill sets the ‘routine’ return at 10 percent — far more generous than would typically be the case. Such allowances are normally fixed a couple of percentage points above risk-free Treasury yields, which are currently around 2.4 percent. As a result, a U.S. corporation that builds a $100 million plant in another country and makes a foreign profit of $20 million would pay roughly $1 million in tax versus $4 million on the same profit if earned in the United States, said Rosenthal, who has been a tax lawyer for 25 years and drafted tax legislation as a staffer for the Joint Committee on Taxation.” [Washington Post, 12/15/17]

…And While Adkins Served As A Top Executive At Cerner, The Company Cut 385 Jobs, Including 60 In The Kansas City Area
2019: Cerner Laid Off 385 Employees Including 60 In The Kansas City Area. “Cerner Corp. has cut 130 jobs from its workforce, including 60 in the Kansas City area. Tuesday’s round of layoffs was the second in about two months. The North Kansas City-based healthcare IT firm laid off 255 workers in early September. […] Cerner is the Kansas City area’s largest private employer with some 14,000 workers on campuses across the metro.” [Kansas City Star, 11/12/19]

- 2019 – 2020: As Vice President Of Strategic Growth, Adkins Had “Senior Executive Responsibility For A Health Economy Team.” “Amanda has senior executive responsibility for a Health Economy team focused on demonstrating Cerner’s experience and population level results related to financial efficiency and clinical effectiveness for the individual and family. The Health Economy team manages strategy and results review related to Cerner exemplar clients at the country, state and city level. This includes continued work with employers, health systems and other public entities.”

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**2018: Sharice Davids Voiced Support For Defunding And Abolishing ICE In An Interview.** “THE FACTS: Republicans aren’t twisting her words but citing what she said during a July 21 podcast. When she was asked directly whether she supported abolishing ICE, Davids responded: ‘I do. I would, I would.’ […] Nearly 33 minutes into the interview, Allen asked: ‘And just to clarify, you do support abolishing ICE?’ Davids answered: ‘I do. I would, I would.’ The Washington Post later reported that Davids said she had never endorsed abolishing ICE and had ‘stammered briefly’ in answering the question. But in the podcast, Davids then mentioned defunding ICE, which she says is ‘essentially the same thing’ as abolishing the agency.” [Associated Press, 9/6/18]

**Adkins Signed A Pledge Opposing Any Effort To Defund The Police And Called On Davids To Join Her.**

“Defunding law enforcement is dangerous and counterproductive, and I will always oppose it. I've signed the Police Pledge, standing with the brave men and women of Kansas City law enforcement. Will my opponent join me?”
Adkins Questioned Davids For Not Promising To Oppose Efforts To Defund The Police. “It's been more than a week since I signed the Police Pledge. Why won't my opponent promise to oppose efforts to defund the police?”
Adkins Repeatedly Praised And Supported Governor Sam Brownback’s Tax Cuts Even As They Pushed Kansas “Well Below” The National Average Of Public Services Including Police Protection

Adkins Tweeted Support For Tax Cuts Implemented By Brownback.

Forbes: Brownback’s Tax Cuts Caused A Deficit Explosion That Left Kansas “Well Below National Averages” Of Public Services Including “Police And Fire Protection.” “After four years of below-average growth, deepening budget deficits, and steep spending reductions, the GOP-dominated Kansas legislature has repealed many of the tax cuts at the heart of Governor Sam Brownback fiscal agenda. It is a lesson unlikely to be missed by congressional Republicans—or Democrats.

Brownback vetoed the legislature’s first attempt to reverse his tax cuts, but two-thirds majorities in both the House and Senate overrode his veto. […] The tax cuts did produce one explosion, however. The state’s budget deficit was expected to hit $280 million this year, despite major spending reductions. Kansas falls well below national averages in a wide range of public services from K-12 education to housing to police and fire protection, according to an analysis by the Urban Institute’s State and Local Finance Initiative.” [Forbes, 6/7/17]
Adkins Said Climate Change Was Real And Called For “Market-Based” Legislation To Boost Clean Energy, But Opposed An Actual “Market-Based” Policy To Do So

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…but While Adkins Was Chair, The Kansas Republican State Platform Opposed Efforts To Combat Climate Change Like Cap And Trade Legislation—Which Is Considered A “Market-Based” Policy

2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas GOP State Platform Opposed Any “So-Called Cap And Trade” Legislation. “Kansas leaders should not be allowed to arbitrarily deny permits to build new power and energy-producing plants. Carbon dioxide, one of the most common gases on earth, should not be declared a pollutant nor used as an excuse to deny the construction of new power plants in Kansas. We oppose any so-called Cap and Trade legislation.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]

Cornell University Legal Information Institute: “Cap-and-trade is a system that limits aggregate emissions from a group of emitters by setting a “cap” on maximum emissions. It is characterized as a market-based policy to reduce overall emissions of pollutants and encourage business investment in fossil fuel alternatives and energy efficiency.” [Cornell University, Legal Information Institute, “Cap-And-Trade,” accessed 4/18/22]

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2009: Adkins Spoke Out Against Democratic Attempts To Pass Cap And Trade Legislation As An Environmental Protection Measure, Which Adkins Called A “National Energy Tax.” “Kansas, Republican Party Chairperson Amanda Adkins issued the following statement today concerning the Democrats’ massive job-killing energy tax: ‘I am extremely troubled by the Democrats’ national energy tax, which is set to come to a vote in the U.S. House of Representatives on Friday. ‘Cap and trade’ is a job-killing bill that will increase the average American household energy cost by more than $1200 a year and endanger American jobs. During a time of economic uncertainty, Democrats should not increase taxes on hard-working Kansas families. ‘Kansas voters deserve to know if Congressman Dennis Moore will bow to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Democrat House leaders to pass this multi-billion dollar national energy tax. The American people want energy independence and a cleaner environment without a job-killing energy tax. I ask the concerned citizens of Kansas to join me in taking action by calling Congressman Moore and ask him what they are going to do to stop Speaker Pelosi from taxing our lights out.’” [Targeted News Service, 6/26/09]
Adkins Said We “Need To Think About Who We Want To Come Into This Country” Despite Previously Supporting The Idea That Legal Immigration Is A “Blessing”

2020: Adkins Said We “Need To Think About Who We Want To Come Into This Country.” “Accountability to results in public programs. I absolutely believe in freedom and prosperity for all people. Our governance and immigration is broken right now and there are three areas we need to focus on: border security, long-term plan in terms of workforce, transparent of the cost when the system fails. Big fan of supporting building a wall especially in urban areas, needs to be coupled with high tech surveillance. We need to think about who we want to come to this country, to assimilate them, we need a market-driven pilot program approach. Illegal immigrants do pay $19 billion in taxes to this country but we’re paying out $116 billion for healthcare, education, and social services.” [Kansas GOP Candidate Forum, 1/31/20, saved on Vantage]

2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas GOP State Platform Called Legal Immigration A “Blessing” And Opposed Amnesty. “Legal immigration is a blessing to this country, and with the promises of America, a blessing to all. Preserving that promise for future generations requires that we protect the sovereignty of our country and secure our borders. Illegal immigration is not compatible with this goal. Immigration and citizenship with all of its privileges, executed pursuant to the law, are an essential component of that promise. It is, therefore, the duty of all who seek the promise of America to respect the laws of our land. We oppose amnesty.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]

Adkins Initially Supported School Closures In Kansas To Mitigate The Spread Of COVID-19 But Months Later Wrote An Op-Ed Calling On Schools To Reopen

March 2020: Adkins Said The Health & Safety Of Kansans Was A Top Priority And Mitigating The Risk Of Spreading COVID-19 Was “Paramount” In Response To School Closures

August 2020: Adkins Wrote An Op-Ed Calling On Kansas Schools To Reopen And Resume In-Person Learning

Adkins Wrote An Op-Ed Titled “Our Children Need To Return To School And Attend Classes In Person.” [Kansas City Star, 8/21/20]

Adkins Said The Goal Should Be Getting Students Safely Back Into Classrooms And That Public Health Decisions Should Be Driven By Science. “Parents are frustrated by the prospect of an already-delayed school year beginning entirely remotely, as it will for Shawnee Mission School District students. As a mother with 15 years of experience in the health care sector, I agree with the American Academy of Pediatrics: Our goal should be getting students safely back into classrooms. Research suggests that children, particularly middle school and high school students, will contract and spread the virus. As such, we need to consider how schools reopen through a health care lens to ensure our community is safe and thriving. Community participation will be key in any successful reopening. Public health recommendations and science should drive our decisions.” [Kansas City Star, 8/21/20]

Adkins Warned Of Negative Effects Of Remote Learning Including Mental Health, Food Access, And Educational Achievements. “When you keep children at home, there are many negative effects on their education, health care and social needs. Parents and teachers worry about how far behind children might fall become without proper educational support. We recognize children learn best when they are physically present in the classroom. Community leaders should consider how decisions impact education gaps between higher- and lower-achieving students. A lack of social engagement has a negative impact on mental health. Anxiety and depression visits at primary care offices are on the rise. Nutrition and other basic needs -- access to food, exercise and support services such as the internet -- may not be met when schools are not physically open. Pediatricians worry about missing the at-risk child.” [Kansas City Star, 8/21/20]

Adkins Said The Economy Would Not Recover And Children Would Not Succeed Educationally Until Kids Were Back In The Classroom. “As a mother and businesswoman, I know the struggles families are experiencing as they try to meet the needs of their children and their careers. We cannot expect the economy to recover when parents are forced to choose between their jobs and their children's education. Similarly, we cannot expect our children to succeed educationally when they are kept away from the very environments in which they thrive. We must demand our leaders take the education of our children and the strength of our economy seriously. It is time to get our kids safely back into classrooms.” [Kansas City Star, 8/21/20]

Adkins Supported Requiring The Use Of Masks In Order To Reopen Schools

Adkins Said That School Reopening Plans Should Require The Use Of Masks And Social Distancing. “School reopening plans should require the use of masks, set up facilities to ensure social distancing, remind students about good hygiene habits, and facilitate properly-ventilated instructional areas. With practice, even the youngest of children can be taught to wear masks, similar to any other learned behavior. Teachers, too, need the proper tools to be able to engage students in this new environment. We need to be mindful, listen to their concerns and equip them to teach safely.” [Kansas City Star, 8/21/20]


Adkins Blamed President Biden And Rep. Sharice Davids For “Skyrocketing” Gas Prices That Were Caused By Their Support Of “Anti-Energy” Policies

Adkins Blamed Biden And Davids’ Policies For Causing Rising Gas Prices. “In 2021, gas prices ↑ 38%, grocery prices ↑ 8.6%, & housing costs ↑ 4.7%. In February alone, gas prices ↑ 6.6%, grocery costs ↑ 1.4%, & produce costs ↑ 2.3%. Biden & Sharice Davids' policies caused these statistics. As inflation continues
surging, it breaks my heart knowing that behind every statistic is a KS family going without & struggling to make ends meet because they’re footing the bill for Biden & Davids' agenda. [Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 3/11/22]

**Adkins Criticized The Biden Administration’s Energy Policies For Causing Gas Prices To Increase.** “The Biden Administration has been riddled with crises, both at home and abroad. Poor energy policies have caused Kansas gas prices to increase by $1.20/gallon since Biden took office and record inflation will cost the average Kansas family nearly $4,500 this year,” said Adkins.” [Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 3/2/22]


**Adkins Said You Can “Thank” Biden And Davids For “Detrimental” Energy Policies That Caused High Gas Prices.** “Gas prices in #KS03 are up 45% compared to this time last year - and they’re going to continue to rise. Next time you’re at the pump, you can thank Joe Biden and Sharice Davids for their detrimental energy policies that have caused gas prices to skyrocket.” [Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 2/7/22]

**Adkins Claimed Davids Would “Ruin The Future” Of The U.S. With Rising Energy Prices.** “#KS03 ... energy prices are sky rocketing and #BidenFailure ‘I did that.’ Sharice Davids is part of that team and will ruin the future of #USA We can do better. No more #DavidsFailure” [Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 11/13/21]

**Adkins Opposed A Proposal To Combat Surging Gas Prices By Suspending The Federal Gas Tax, Calling It A “Gimmick” That Would Save Kansans “A Mere 0.18 [cents per gallon]”**

2022: **Adkins Opposed Proposals To Suspend The Federal Gas Tax Due To Surges In Fuel Prices, Calling The Proposal “A Gimmick.”** “Democratic U.S. Rep. Sharice Davids and Republican congressional candidate Amanda Adkins disagree about proposals before Congress to temporarily suspend the federal tax on gasoline for the remainder of the year due to surges in fuel prices at the pump. Davids, the 3rd District representative seeking reelection, said the 18-cent-per-gallon tax should be suspended through legislation that would shield the highway trust fund from a decline in revenue. The proposal emerged as consumers dealt with sticker shock worsened by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. ‘Here at home, folks are already feeling the effects of this uncertainty, mainly in the form of rising prices at the gas pump,’ Davids said. ‘This comes as hard-working Kansans are also dealing with increased prices on groceries and medicine, further squeezing what was already a tight budget for many families.’ Adkins, who is seeking the GOP nomination in the 3rd District after losing to Davids in 2020, denounced the idea with posts to social media. She said suspension of the U.S. tax on gas wouldn’t ‘do nearly enough to help’ families wrestling with higher costs of goods and services. She also criticized Democratic President Joe Biden’s energy policies. ‘This “plan” from Davids is a gimmick that won’t even make a dent in the extra $4,000 families in KS03 are paying due to inflation,’ Adkins said. ‘As inflation continues surging, it breaks my heart knowing that behind every statistic is a Kansas family going without and struggling to make ends meet.’” [Kansas Reflector, 3/14/22]

- **University Of Pennsylvania Wharton School: Suspending The Federal Gas Tax Would Lower Average Gasoline Spending Per Capita By An Estimated $16 And $47.** “We estimate that suspending the federal gas tax from March to December 2022 would lower average gasoline spending per capita between $16 and $47, depending on geographic location and assumptions, but lower federal tax revenue by about $20 billion over that period.” [University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School Budget Model, 3/11/22]

**Adkins Claimed That Suspending The Federal Gas Tax Would Not Do “Nearly Enough” To Alleviate Rising Gas Prices.** “Suspending the federal gas tax won’t do nearly enough to help KS families who are losing over $4,000 per year to the rising cost of goods & services. #BidenFailure #DavidsGotToGo” [Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 3/8/22]
Adkins Criticized Davids’ Gas Tax Proposal Saying It Would Only Save A “Mere $0.18” A Gallon. “When it comes to gas prices, Kansans are not better off with Sharice Davids representing them. Her proposed gas tax holiday would save us a mere $0.18/gal as prices rise $0.55/gal per week. Kansans deserve permanent solutions, stronger economic growth, & strategic partnerships.” [Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 3/18/22]

Adkins Criticized Davids For Supporting A Plan To Suspend The Federal Gas Tax Through The End Of 2022. “Democratic 3rd District Congresswoman Sharice Davids appeared on FOX4 Tuesday morning saying she’s supporting a plan that would temporarily suspend the federal gas tax through the end of the year. [...] ‘A federal gas tax holiday is not enough to help Kansans who are struggling with an increased cost of living,’ Republican Amanda Adkins, Davids’ potential challenger, said Tuesday. ‘Kansans are paying almost 30% more for gas today than they were a year ago. Some of this is due to increased demand for oil and natural gas at a rate faster than production. Sharice Davids has been part of Joe Biden’s failed energy policies that have caused this problem including cutting domestic production, and now she is proposing gimmicky approaches that would not make a dent in the extra $4,000 families in the third Congressional district are paying due to inflation.’” [FOX4, 2/22/22]

Adkins Responded To A Davids Ad Criticizing Her For Opposing A Federal Gas Tax Holiday: “A Federal Gas Tax Holiday Is Not Enough To Help Kansans Who Are Struggling.” “The radio advert from Davids highlights her calls to suspend the 18-cent per gallon federal gas tax in Kansas. ‘It's March. We haven't even had the primaries yet,’ Park University political science professor Matt Harris said. The teacher says it's surprising to hear an ad this early, but it shows how big this issue will be in the campaign. He believes the ad indicates how close the race for the newly-redrawn Kansas district will be. ‘It's interesting and probably good political strategy for Sharice Davids to go on the offensive,’ Harris said. Whether or not it will sway voters remains to be seen. The November race will likely be a rematch between the incumbent Davids and Republican Amanda Adkins. The rest of the ad criticizes Adkins for not supporting the gas tax holiday. Her campaign responded to that ad about an hour ago. ‘A federal gas tax holiday is not enough to help Kansans who are struggling,’ The Adkins campaign said in a statement to KMBC. ‘Sharice Davids has been a part of Joe Biden's failed energy policies that have caused this problem.’” [KMBC, 3/15/22]

Adkins Called For Congress To Address America’s Dependence On Chinese Technology Including Semiconductors, While Rep. Davids Actually Voted For Legislation To Do Exactly That

Adkins Warned Of America’s Interdependence On Chinese Semiconductors And Medical Supplies And Wanted Congress And The Department Of Defense To Address This Threat

Adkins Claimed America’s Interdependence On Chinese Medical Supplies And Semiconductors Was A National Security Risk. “America’s interdependence on China for medical supplies and other essential items gave China leverage during the pandemic and is a national security risk. Beyond the need for medical supplies, there are also dependencies on many components important to America’s defense industrial base. According to the U.S. House of Representatives China Task Force Report, ‘90 percent of the world’s semiconductors (chips) are produced outside of the U.S.’ and China has a goal to produce 70 percent by 2025.’” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

Adkins Wanted Congress To Require The Department Of Defense To Develop A Strategy To Assess Vulnerabilities Related To Reliance On Chinese Technological Needs. “Congress has taken steps to decrease over reliance on China by advancing medical research and development (R&D) and manufacturing more medical supplies in the U.S. Congress now needs to turn and require that the Department of Defense develop a national strategy to assess gaps and vulnerabilities related to technological and other needs in our defense industrial base.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

Adkins Proposed Targeted Tax Incentives To Ensure U.S. Tax Dollars Are Not Used To Support Chinese Enterprises. “The U.S. must take seriously the threat posed by Made in China 2025. We need more targeted tax
incentives to accelerate our own R&D and track percentage of product made in the U.S., and we need to ensure U.S. tax dollars are not used to support Chinese enterprises.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]


2022: Rep. Sharice Davids Voted To Pass The America COMPETES Act That Addressed Supply Chain Issues, Promoted American Competitiveness With China And Included Incentives For Domestic Semiconductor Manufacturing. “Today, Representative Sharice Davids voted to pass major economic legislation aimed at addressing current supply chain issues and promoting long-term American competitiveness. The America COMPETES Act contains several of Davids’ priorities, including incentives for domestic semiconductor manufacturing, resources to strengthen supply chains and reduce inflation, and policies that will promote American global leadership amongst countries like China. Davids’ amendment also passed the House, ensuring that small and mid-sized manufacturers are given opportunities to participate in federal supply chain upgrades.” [Rep. Sharice Davids, Press Releases, 2/4/22]

Adkins Paid Lip Service To Kansas Farmers, But Was The Only Major Republican Who Failed To Secure The Endorsement Of Kansas Farm Bureau In Her 2020 Election Bid

Adkins Applauded New Export Opportunities For Kansas Agricultural Products That Were Included In The USMCA

Adkins Said She Was “Pleased” That The USMCA “Moved Forward” Applauded “New Export Opportunities For Kansas’ Agricultural Products,” Calling It “A Win For The American Economy.” “The Democrats’ partisan politics should not keep Congress from doing the work they are elected to do. I am pleased to see the USMCA trade deal move forward. USMCA provides new export opportunities for Kansas’ agriculture products and lowers material costs in manufacturing, ultimately leading to more goods at lower costs in Kansas and beyond. This is a win for the American economy and the American worker.”

[Amanda Adkins for Congress, Facebook, 12/10/19]

- December 2019: House Democrats And The Trump Administration Reached A Deal To Move Forward With The USMCA Following Additional Environmental And Labor Provisions. House Democrats and the Trump administration have reached an agreement to move forward with the White House’s replacement for the North American Free Trade Agreement, top Democrats said Tuesday. The two sides had worked for more than a year to resolve Democratic concerns about enforcement tools for labor and environmental standards under the new deal, known as the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement. House Democrats, President Donald Trump, top Senate Republicans and labor leaders all cited progress toward a deal this week.” [CNBC, 12/10/19]
Adkins Said Kansas’ Agriculture Industry Was An Economic Driver And Supported “Protection And Wise Use Of All Natural Resources” To Maintain The State’s Agricultural Economy

Adkins Claimed She Recognized The Importance Of The Jobs Provided By The Agriculture Industry In Kansas. “Agriculture is a top three industry and important job provider in Kansas. I recognize the benefits of the hard work Kansans learn from farming, and am ensuring my own children do, too. This is my son, Dylan, and my Dad at my parents’ farm. @adkins_2020 #BuilderBeliever #KS03 #NationalFarmersDay”

[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 10/13/19]

2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas GOP State Platform Called For The “Wise Use Of All” Natural Resources To Support The Kansas Agricultural Economy. “As Kansas Republicans, we gratefully acknowledge the gift of abundant natural resources in our state and especially recognize the importance of these resources in the agricultural economy of our state. Agriculture is the single biggest economic driver in Kansas. Maintaining the rich heritage of our state in the future depends on the protection and wise use of all natural resources.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]

2020: Adkins Was The Sole Kansas Republican Candidate Nominee For Federal Office To Not Be Endorsed Either By The Kansas Farm Bureau Or Its PAC


2020: The Kansas Farm Bureau Endorsed Republican Candidates For Senate And The 1st, 2nd And 4th Congressional Districts. “Kansas Republicans in federal races largely earned the backing of the state’s most influential agriculture group, with the Kansas Farm Bureau backing U.S. Rep. Roger Marshall in his U.S. Senate bid and State Treasurer Jake LaTurner in his run for the 2nd Congressional District. The Farm Bureau’s political action committee also endorsed former Lt. Gov. Tracey Mann, who is running to replace Marshall in the 1st
Congressional District, and incumbent U.S. Rep. Ron Estes, who represents the 4th Congressional District.”
[Topeka Capital-Journal, 9/30/20]

Adkins Exaggerated And Created Misleading Impressions About Her Professional Career On The Campaign Trail—While Being Careful Not To Explicitly Lie

During The COVID-19 Pandemic, Adkins Exaggerated Her Health Care Experience On The Campaign Trail

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January 2020, The Same Month As The First Confirmed U.S. COVID-19 Case, Adkins Said She Had “Very Deep Health Care Experience” Because Her Employer Was A Global Health Care IT Company

Jan. 2020: Adkins Said She Had “Very Deep Health Care Experience” Because Her Employer, Cerner, Is A Global Health Care Company. “The other thing about Cerner, just for perspective, Cerner is a global health care company, so I come into this race with very, very deep health care experience.” [Kansas GOP Olathe Pizza Shop Event, 1/13/20, saved on Vantage]


As The COVID-19 Crisis Evolved Into A Full-Blown Pandemic, Adkins Continued To Tout Her Experience Working As A “Healthcare Leader”

Adkins Regularly Proclaimed That She Was An Experienced “Healthcare Leader” When Discussing The COVID-19 Pandemic

March 2020: Adkins Claimed She Was A “Healthcare Leader” With Over 15 Years Of Health Management Experience When Discussing Her Coronavirus Response Plan. “As a healthcare leader with more than 15 years experience working health management in the United States, I believe we need a three-point Coronavirus response plan that focuses on: Improved Detection; Risk Mitigation; and Supply Chain Management.”
March 2020: Adkins Said She Was A “Healthcare Leader” Who Built A Career Mitigating Risks In The Healthcare Sector During The Early Stages Of The Pandemic. “Like all of you, I have been carefully monitoring the unfolding global situation relative to COVID-19. The President has declared a National State of Emergency, which opens the door for more federal aid to states and municipalities and removes government red tape to ensure our country is appropriately responding to the global pandemic. I am pleased to see the President encourage public-private partnerships that will accelerate needed testing, identify proper treatments, and ultimately develop a COVID-19 vaccine. As a healthcare leader, I built a career mitigating risks and fostering innovation in the healthcare sector.”
March 2021: Adkins Said KS-03 Deserved “Real Experience In Healthcare And Business.”

True so true #KS03 deserves real experience in healthcare and business. @RepDavids is just towing the partisan line.

March 2020: Adkins Said That She Was The Only Candidate In KS-03 With Healthcare Experience.
Adkins Suggested Her Experience In “Health Management” Would Benefit Kansans During The Coronavirus Crisis

Adkins Said Her 15 Years Of Experience In Health Management Would Benefit Kansans During The Coronavirus Crisis. “I am running for Congress to support citizens like you and healthcare providers responsible for managing your health and that of your family. As the number of COVID-19 cases in the United States continues to rise, now more than ever the American people don’t want politics they want leadership and clear direction. I have spent more than 15 years working on health management in the United States, and believe the nation needs a COVID-19 response plan that continues to improve upon disease detection, risk mitigation, and medical supply chain management.” [Adkins Campaign Website, accessed 5/18/20]

Adkins Said Her Relationships With Community Leaders Were “Stronger” Than Davids’ So She Would Be Better Suited To Handle The Federal Coronavirus Response

Adkins Said Her Depth Of Relationships With Community Leaders Were “Stronger” Than Davids’ So She Would Be Better Suited To Handle The Federal Coronavirus Response. “Meanwhile, Adkins, an executive on leave from health care and IT company Cerner Corporation, has posted her thinking on the federal coronavirus response—slow start, quick progress, much more to do—and has been in very wonky discussions with area business owners and health care leaders as the crisis has unfolded. Davids, says Adkins, ‘may be talking with business leaders and people in health care. But I’ve worked in business and health care for 15 years. So, the people that I’m calling are people I have known and worked with. They’re deep relationships, they’re trusted. We’re having fairly in-depth conversations about what’s working versus what’s not. ‘So the biggest difference between the two of us, regardless of what her activity is, is that my depth of relationships is, I’m sure, stronger and the conversations that I have are a lot more detailed in terms of how we solve the problems.’” [Kansas City Star, 3/29/20]

Adkins’ Experience As A So-Called “Health Care Leader” Was Working For Health Information Technology Company Cerner Corp. In Roles That Did Not Appear To Involve Providing Health Care Services

Adkins Worked For Cerner Corporation In Several Different Roles

Adkins Worked For Cerner Corp. In Several Different Roles Between 2005 And 2020. “Adkins has worked for the company for more than a decade in a variety of high-level roles. After managing Sam Brownback’s
successful Senate re-election campaign in 2004, Adkins took a position as Cerner’s director of government affairs. She recently slammed her GOP rival Sara Hart Weir’s career as a lobbyist, but records show that Adkins registered as a lobbyist with the Kansas Legislature in 2005 and with the U.S. House in 2006. In 2008, Adkins was promoted to the company’s vice president and general manager of population health. […] Adkins moved to another job in July when she became vice president of strategic growth. The change occurred after she had already met with the National Republican Congressional Committee about the 3rd District race. Adkins’ new role is to seek out new opportunities for growth beyond the hospital and health care areas that the company has traditionally focused on, according to a Cerner spokeswoman.” [Kansas City Star, 11/17/19]

**Cerner Corporation Was A Supplier Of Health Information Technologies Based Out Of Kansas City**

Cerner Corporation Provided Health Information Technologies Including Medical Devices And Electronic Health Records. “Cerner Corp. is a public company in North Kansas City, Mo., that provides various health information technologies, ranging from medical devices to electronic health records (EHR) to hardware. The company is most well-known for its EHR offerings, though it is currently expanding its investments in population health management.” [SearchHealthIT, accessed 2/22/22]


Cerner Corporation Provides Services Including Implementation, Training, And Operational Management Services. “The company also provides value-added services, including implementation and training, remote hosting, operational management services, revenue cycle services, support and maintenance, health care data analysis, clinical process optimization, transaction processing, employee wellness programs and third party administrator services for employer-based health plans.” [Wall Street Journal, accessed 4/13/22]

**2004-2008: Adkins Worked As The Director Of Government And Industry At Cerner**

**2004: Adkins Started Her Career At Cerner As Director Of Government And Industry.** “Amanda started her career at Cerner in 2004 focused on thought leadership in healthcare. In the midst of increasing federal focus on healthcare innovation investment, Amanda worked with two Washington, D.C.-based think tanks to author the Independent Health Record Bank Act which outlined a framework for how health information would be used in a future state when personal health intelligence systems were a reality.”

Director of Government and Industry
Cerner Corporation
Nov 2004 - Feb 2008 · 3 yrs 4 mos

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[LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 2/22/22]

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which outlined a framework for how health information would be used in a future state when personal health intelligence systems were a reality.” [LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 2/22/22]

2006: Adkins Closely Monitored Proposals For A Nationwide Health Information Technology Network So Cerner Could Provide The Software. “Cerner Corp. is closely monitoring proposals in Washington to establish a nationwide health information technology network. Cerner, based in North Kansas City, is a leading provider of health-care information technology. Amanda Adkins, the company's director of government affairs, said Cerner stands ready to provide software and services to the record banks if they take off. ‘It could be a very positive outcome for Cerner,’ Adkins said. ‘But better still, we expect that it will be a good outcome for health care in the United States.’” [Kansas City Star, 6/20/06]

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2008-2019: Adkins Worked As The Vice President And General Manager Of Population Health At Cerner

2008 – 2019: As Cerner’s Vice President & General Manager of Population Health, Adkins “Was Responsible For Advancing Experiential, Clinical, And Financial Results” For Clients That Included Employers, Health Plans, Health Systems And Governments. “As vice president in population health, Amanda Adkins was responsible for advancing experiential, clinical, and financial results for 200+ clients that span employers, health plans, health systems and governments. With her children and the future in mind, growth and systemic change are the themes of Amanda’s work. Her Cerner career has centered on aligning person-payer-provider via new payment methodologies, intelligence derived from data, and measured expectations connected to personalized health plans. Her work to advance population results has included start-up businesses such as Primary Health, which is a risk-reduction program that leverages a bundle of technology, services, and consulting. Program bundles create partnerships that align health retailers, physicians, and sponsors working together to change how the healthcare system works for the benefit of the consumer.”

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[LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 2/22/22]

2019 – 2020: Adkins Worked As The Vice President Of Strategic Growth At Cerner

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Moreover, During Adkins’ Tenure As An Executive At Cerner Corporation, The Company Was Mired In A String Of Lawsuits And Scandals Involving Worker Exploitation, Corruption, And Even Wrongful Death

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2008-2020: Adkins Served In Vice President Roles At Cerner, First As Vice President & General Manager Of Population Health, Then As Vice President Of Strategic Growth

- **Cerner Corporation**
  - 11 yrs 9 mos
  - Kansas City, Missouri Area
- **Vice President, Strategic Growth**
  - Jul 2019 - Jan 2020 - 7 mos
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January 2020: Adkins Took A Leave Of Absence From Her Role At Cerner While She Ran For Congress.

“Most recently, Adkins was vice president of strategic growth. In January 2020, however, she took a leave of absence to pursue her campaign for a U.S. House seat in the 3rd Congressional District in Kansas. Adkins lost the race in November and now has announced she's leaving Cerner, The Kansas City Star reports. Adkins, who continues to fundraise, declined the Star’s request for comment on future political endeavors.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 1/6/21]

January 2021: Adkins Left Her Position At Cerner After The 2020 Election.

“Veteran Cerner Corp. executive Amanda Adkins has left the healthcare IT firm since losing her campaign for a Kansas Congressional seat. Adkins, 45, Cerner’s vice president of strategic growth, took a leave of absence last January as she sought to unseat Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids, who represents the 3rd Congressional District in Kansas. While Adkins lost the November election by about 10 percentage points, she continues fundraising efforts - sparking speculation about a possible rematch with Davids in 2022. Adkins told The Star that it was her decision to leave Cerner and declined to discuss future political plans. She worked at the firm for 15 years. ‘After a long and valuable contribution to Cerner over many years, Amanda will not be returning to the company in any capacity,’ Cerner spokeswoman Misti
Preston told The Star. ‘We wish her well in her efforts to positively impact the Kansas City community in the years to come.” [Kansas City Star, 1/6/21]

2009: Cerner Was Involved In A Lawsuit Filed By The Son Of An 89-Year-Old Woman Who Said Their Electronic Medical Records System Was A Major Factor In Her Death

Cerner Was Involved In A Lawsuit Filed By The Son Of An 89-Year-Old Woman Who Died On A Hospital Roof In Freezing Temperatures Claimed Cerner’s Electronic Medical Records System Was A Major Factor In Her Death. “The son of an 89-year-old woman who died on UPMC Montefiore’s roof in freezing temperatures charged in court papers Tuesday that a new and untested electronic medical records system was a major factor in her death. The complaint filed in Allegheny County Common Pleas Court claims the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center implemented the records system at Montefiore a little more than a month before Rose Lee Diggs’ death, despite warnings from staffers that it was deficient. Diggs, a survivor of multiple strokes and under treatment for dementia, was under the care of medical staff struggling with a system that ‘they were not properly trained on,’ placing patients ‘at a severely increased risk of harm and death,’ the lawsuit states.” [Pittsburgh Tribune Review, 2/11/09]

- The Hospital In Question Allegedly Ignored Warnings That The Records System Was Faulty Because They Had An Ownership Of 74,787 Shares In Cerner. “Family attorney Rob Peirce charges in the lawsuit that UPMC ignored warnings that the records system could put patients at risk because the health conglomerate has an ownership interest in the company, Cerner Corp., that developed the records system. Security and Exchange Commission records show UPMC received 74,787 shares of Cerner stock in 2005. UPMC and Cerner have been involved in joint efforts to sell the recordkeeping system to health care facilities in the United Kingdom. Cerner, which is not named as a defendant in the lawsuit, did not respond to a request for comment.” [Pittsburgh Tribune Review, 2/11/09]

2010: Cerner Said They Sold Allegedly “Unidentifiable” Patient Records To Pharmaceutical Companies

Cerner Corporation Sold What They Said Were “Unidentifiable” Patient Records To Pharmaceutical Companies And Described Themselves As A “Middleman” Between Doctors And Drug Companies. “Some companies sell the data to help pay for the patient record systems; others sell it to drug companies for extra revenue. Cerner Corp. - a Kansas City-based electronic health record vendor with 200 Texas customers, including Tenet Healthcare - shares unidentifiable patient records with drug companies and researchers looking for patients to participate in clinical trials, says a company spokeswoman. Doctors long have made extra money by referring patients to clinical drug trials. Cerner says it simplifies and cleans up the process by acting as a middleman of sorts between doctors and drug companies. Cerner electronically gives drug companies a patient’s medical record that does not reveal that person’s name or Social Security number.” [Dallas Morning News, 5/18/10]

2013: Cerner Was Sued For Failing To Implement Their System In Time For The Hospital To Qualify For Federal Incentive Payments

Cerner Was Sued For Failing To Implement Their System In Time For The Hospital To Qualify For Federal Incentive Payments. “A handful of lawsuits have been filed over the systems. In the fall of 2010, for example, Girard Medical Center, a small hospital in Crawford County, Kan., hired Cerner Corporation to install an electronic records system. The hospital was hoping to obtain federal financing for it. But after receiving $1.3 million in payments, Cerner employees failed to get the system up and running in time for the hospital to qualify for federal incentive payments. The company then notified the hospital that it was abandoning the project, according to a lawsuit Girard filed against Cerner last year. The case is in arbitration. A lawyer for Girard and a spokeswoman for Cerner declined to comment.” [New York Times, 1/11/13]
Cerner Paid For A Report That Predicted Widespread Use Of An Electronic Health Records System Could Save The U.S. Health Care System At Least $81 Billion Per Year; It Didn’t, But Cerner Took A Payday

Cerner Paid For A Report That Predicted Widespread Use Of An Electronic Health Records System Could Save The U.S. Health Care System At Least $81 Billion Per Year, But 8 Years Later, “Evidence Of Savings [Was] Scant.” “RAND’s 2005 report was paid for by a group of companies, including General Electric and Cerner Corporation, that have profited by developing and selling electronic records systems to hospitals and physician practices. Cerner’s revenue has nearly tripled since the report was released, to a projected $3 billion in 2013, from $1 billion in 2005. The report predicted that widespread use of electronic records could save the United States health care system at least $81 billion a year, a figure RAND now says was overstated. The study was widely praised within the technology industry and helped persuade Congress and the Obama administration to authorize billions of dollars in federal stimulus money in 2009 to help hospitals and doctors pay for the installation of electronic records systems. ‘RAND got a lot of attention and a lot of buzz with the original analysis,’ said Dr. Kellermann, who was not involved in the 2005 study. ‘The industry quickly embraced it.’ But evidence of significant savings is scant, and there is increasing concern that electronic records have actually added to costs by making it easier to bill more for some services.” [New York Times, 1/11/13]

Sales Rose 60% For Cerner Products Between 2009 And 2012 As A Result Of The Health Care Legislation Included In The 2009 Economic Stimulus Bill. “While proponents say new record-keeping technologies will one day reduce costs and improve care, profits and sales are soaring now across the records industry. At Allscripts, annual sales have more than doubled from $548 million in 2009 to an estimated $1.44 billion last year, partly reflecting daring acquisitions made on the bet that the legislation would be a boon for the industry. At the Cerner Corporation of Kansas City, Mo., sales rose 60 percent during that period. With money pouring in, top executives are enjoying Wall Street-style paydays. None of that would have happened without the health records legislation that was included in the 2009 economic stimulus bill—and the lobbying that helped produce it. Along the way, the records industry made hundreds of thousands of dollars of political contributions to both Democrats and Republicans.” [New York Times, 2/20/13]

Cerner Reaped “Enormous Rewards” Because Of The Legislation They Lobbied For. “Cerner’s lobbying dollars doubled to nearly $400,000 between 2006 and last year, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. While its political action committee contributed a little to some Democrats in 2008, including Senator Baucus, its contributions last year went almost entirely to Republicans, with a large amount going to the Mitt Romney campaign. Current and former industry executives say that big digital records companies like Cerner, Allscripts and Epic Systems of Verona, Wis., have reaped enormous rewards because of the legislation they pushed for. ‘Nothing that these companies did in my eyes was spectacular,’ said John Gomez, the former head of technology at Allscripts. ‘They grew as a result of government incentives.’ Executives at smaller records companies say the legislation cemented the established companies’ leading positions in the field, making it difficult for others to break into the business and innovate. Until the 2009 legislation, growth at the leading records firms was steady; since then, it has been explosive. Annual sales growth at Cerner, for instance, has doubled to 20 percent from 10 percent.” [New York Times, 2/20/13]

Cerner Asked Employees Not To Take Legal Action Against Them In Exchange For $500 In Stock Options; If They Didn’t Sign On, They Would Not Be Eligible For Merit Raises

Cerner Asked Employees Not To Take Legal Action Against Them In Exchange For $500 In Stock Options; If They Didn’t Sign On, They Would Not Be Eligible For Merit Raises. “In an attempt to thwart class-action lawsuits, Cerner Corp. has crafted a new employee agreement that’s drawing controversy, KSHB reports. The North Kansas City-based company sent the form to each of its nearly 17,000 U.S. employees, which asks them to agree to not take legal action against Cerner. If they don’t sign the agreement, they must forgo their merit raises. Employees who agreed by Dec. 8 to Cerner’s request received $500 in stock options. Attorneys already are receiving complaints from Cerner employees, KSHB reports.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 12/10/15]
2016: KCUR: Cerner Was The Defendant In At Least Four Lawsuits Involving Pay Grievances

Cerner Was The Defendant In At Least Four Lawsuits Involving Pay Grievances. “This new lawsuit along with two others in Jackson County and Cass County all concern overtime pay. According to KCUR, a fourth lawsuit says Cerner pays its nonexempt employees a full pay period late and fails to include all compensation in their regular rate of pay. The fourth lawsuit is not a class action, but instead is proceeding as a collective action.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 5/17/16]

2016: Cerner Employees Sued The Company Due To Pay Grievances Involving Inadequate Overtime Pay

Cerner Employees Sued The Company Due To Pay Grievances Involving Inadequate Overtime Pay. “Cerner Corp. employees continue to file lawsuits against the company concerning grievances with their pay. The latest lawsuit - a class action filed by Jonathan Taylor in federal court in Kansas City - seeks unspecified damages for help desk workers who worked overtime but were not paid for it, KCUR reports. According to the lawsuit, AMS delivery consultants at Cerner (Nasdaq: CERN) were expected to work at least 48 hours a week. ‘There are multiple different job titles which we believe have been misclassified,’ said Eric Dirks, a principal attorney at Williams Dirks Dameron LLC in Kansas City who believes the class could number in the hundreds. ‘This is just yet another one of the job titles and organizations that we believe is misclassified.’” [Kansas City Business Journal, 5/17/16]

2018: Cerner Settled A 1400-Employee Class-Action Lawsuit Regarding Overtime Pay For $4.5 Million

Cerner Settled A 1400-Employee Class-Action Lawsuit Regarding Overtime Pay For $4.5 Million. “Cerner Corp. recently settled another long-running class-action lawsuit, to the tune of $4.5 million. U.S. District Judge Fernando Gaitan Jr. approved the terms of the settlement on June 11, which includes $4.5 million for class members and up to $2 million in attorneys’ fees. The three-year-old lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri was based on overtime complaints by two former Cerner employees who worked as salaried service center analysts. According to Healthcare IT News, they alleged that Cerner’s payroll processing system resulted in overtime wages being miscalculated and that overtime wages were received a full pay period late. More than 1,400 class members elected to participate in the lawsuit, according to court documents. Cerner has asked the court to seal the terms of the settlement. The case is similar to another class-action suit Cerner settled last week, brought forth by a former delivery consultant for the company. The lawsuit alleged Cerner misclassified its employees, and that they should not be exempt from overtime pay.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 7/2/18]

2017: Cerner Was Sued By A Hospital In Wisconsin After Claiming Issues In Their Software Resulted In Losses Of Over $16 Million

Cerner Was Sued By A Hospital In Wisconsin After Claiming Issues In Their Software Resulted In Losses Of Over $16 Million. “Agnesian Healthcare Inc., a hospital in Fond Du Lac, Wis., is suing Cerner Corp. (Nasdaq: CERN) for breach of warranty and fraud after claiming issues in its billing software resulted in losses of more than $16 million. In a complaint filed Sept. 15, Agnesian claimed problems with Cerner’s revenue cycle system began immediately after its installation, resulting in in ‘pervasive errors’ in patient billing statements. Agnesian said it had paid $300,000 for the software, which went live in 2015.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 9/25/17]

2017: Cerner Was Sued For Violating A Patent

Cerner Was Sued For Violating A Patent. “The same company that sued the Department of Veterans Affairs over its no-bid contract with Cerner Corp. is now suing Cerner over one of its patents. San Diego-based CliniComp International Inc. filed a complaint in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California on Monday stating Cerner (Nasdaq: CERN) had violated one of its patents for an enterprise health care management system. The 2003 patent describes a system that allows companies to remotely host hospitals’ IT infrastructure, removing the burden for health systems to update their own IT systems. The company stated the remote-hosting solutions Cerner offers for its Millennium electronic health record system violate this patent. CliniComp will seek a
permanent injunction and an undetermined amount of damages, according to the complaint.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 12/12/17]

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**2018: A Cerner IT Specialist Was Arrested As Part Of A Massive Child Pornography Sweep**

A Cerner IT Specialist Was Part Of A Massive Child Pornography Sweep. “A Princeton University director, a former member of the environmental commission in Atlantic Highlands, and a high-level manager at ING Financial Markets were among 15 people arrested in a massive child pornography sweep in Monmouth County, officials said Wednesday. […] The other defendants arrested are: […] Brian Foley, 60, of Atlantic Highlands, an information technology specialist with Cerner Corp. and a former member of the environmental commission in Atlantic Highlands, according to the prosecutor’s statement.” [Star-Ledger, 11/29/18]

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**2020: Four Former Cerner Employees Filed A Class-Action Lawsuit Alleging Cerner Mismanaged Their Retirement Plans, Costing Participants Millions Of Dollars**

Four Former Cerner Employees Filed A Class-Action Lawsuit Alleging Cerner Mismanaged Their Retirement Plans, Costing Participants Millions Of Dollars. “A class-action lawsuit by four former Cerner Corp. employees contends that the North Kansas City-based company mismanaged its retirement plan through excessive fees that cost participants millions of dollars. The filing alleges that since 2014, Cerner (Nasdaq: CERN) failed to explore cheaper investment options, instead offering funds with ‘grossly excessive fees,’ Becker’s Hospital Review reports. Accordingly, the lawsuit says, Cerner breached its fiduciary responsibilities under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act. The employees want Cerner to restore their financial losses that resulted from the alleged mismanagement of the $2 billion plan, Becker’s Hospital Review reports. Their case was filed in federal court in Kansas City. Cerner declined to comment on pending litigation, as is the company’s policy.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 1/24/20]

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**2017: Cerner Was Chosen By The Trump Administration For A “Coveted Contract To Modernize Veterans Health Records” In A No-Competition Process, Prompting Investigation**

Cerner Was Chosen By The Trump Administration For A “Coveted Contract To Modernize Veterans Health Records” In A No-Competition Process. “The Trump administration picked Kansas City-based Cerner Corp. for a coveted contract to modernize veterans health records, but the news came with a caveat: There will be no competition for the taxpayer-funded project. And neither Cerner nor the Department of Veterans Affairs could say how much the contract will cost. [McClatchy Washington Bureau, 6/5/17]

- **Contracts Are Normally Awarded To Private Companies After A Competitive Bidding Process In Order To Avoid Conflicts Of Interest And Identify The Lowest-Cost Option.** “The federal government typically awards contracts to private companies after a competitive bidding process in order to keep costs low and avoid conflicts of interest. ‘When you have competitive bidding it prevents government officials from throwing contracts to their friends or keeping them from people they don’t like,’ said Richard Painter, chairman of the board of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, a nonpartisan watchdog group. Competitive bidding also protects taxpayers and helps guarantee the highest quality products for the money.” [McClatchy Washington Bureau, 6/5/17]

- **Cerner Already Won A 2-Year, Highly Competitive Selection Process For A $4.3 Billion Contract With The Pentagon To Overhaul Their Health Records System.** “Cerner already has a $4.3 billion contract with the Pentagon to overhaul the Defense Department’s health records system. […] Two years ago, when Cerner won a coveted Pentagon contract to overhaul its medical record system, the highly competitive selection process took longer than two years. Cerner partnered with defense technology contractor Leidos, Accenture Federal Services and Intermountain Healthcare in its bid for the $4.3 billion, 10-year defense contract. The team beat out Cerner’s major rival, Epic, a Wisconsin-based health IT firm..."
that also is a leading provider of electronic health records technology.” [McClatchy Washington Bureau, 6/5/17]

**An Investigation Was Opened After Questions Arose Over “The Influence Of Three Members Of President Donald Trump’s Florida Country Club In The VA’s Contract With Cerner Corp”**

Questions Arose Over The “Influence” Of Three Members Of Trump’s Florida Country Club In The VA’s Contract With Cerner Corporation. “The chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee criticized the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for missing a deadline to provide documents related to the influence of three members of President Donald Trump’s Florida country club in the VA’s contract with Cerner Corp.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 2/27/19]

**February 2019: An Investigation Was Opened Into The Influence Of These “Mar-A-Lago Three.”** “Takano opened an investigation Feb. 8, requesting all records of communication between the ‘Mar-a-Lago three’ and their companies with current or former VA officials. Ike Perlmutter, chairman of Marvel Entertainment; Bruce Moskowitz, a California physician; and lawyer Marc Sherman were able to review Cerner’s (Nasdaq: CERN) then-proposed contract to revamp the VA’s electronic health record system and reportedly influenced the selection of a Cerner EHR. ‘The Department has stonewalled Congress long enough regarding this matter and others,’ Takano said in the letter. He requested a new deadline of March 8 for all documents. Cerner secured a $10 billion contract for a 10-year implementation of its EHR program with the VA in May. At an investor conference earlier this month, Travis Dalton, Cerner’s president of government services, provided an update on the contract and said the North Kansas City-based health IT company has completed seven task orders with the VA.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 2/27/19]

**On The Campaign Trail, Adkins Touted Work By The Nonprofit She Co-Founded Exactly A Year Before Launching Her Campaign, But From 2019-2020 The Organization Was Hemorrhaging Assets, Spent More On Salaries Than On Charitable Giving, And Gave 98% Of Its Donations To A Single Source, Rather Than Running Any Of Its Own Programming**

**On The 2020 And 2022 Campaign Trails, Adkins Has Touted Her Work With The Non-Profit She Co-Founded—The Systems Of Care Initiative--Which Had The Stated Purpose Of Investing In Early Childhood Well-Being**

Adkins Stated That She “Worked As An Advocate For Children For Years” Including Founding SOCI And Would Continue Her Advocacy If Elected To Congress.
August 2021: Adkins Stressed The Importance Of Early Learning While Having Lunch With Kids At A Learning Center That Was A SOCI Scholarship Partner.
Great day having lunch with kids at #KS03 KidZone in Wyandotte County. Early learning is so important. Proud to be part of business leaders doing work for @of_soci communities!

May 2020: Adkins Announced That SOCI Was Issuing 100 Walmart Gift Cards To Help Parents In Wyandotte County During The COVID-19 Pandemic.
Proud to be part of this wonderful organization helping families in Wyandotte County. Business leaders coming together ... some day these kids will be in our workforce. Let’s build the future together!

[SOCI Systems of Care @of_soci · May 1, 2020]

Adkins Claimed That Children’s Health Was A “Topic Close To My Heart.”

[Amanda Adkins for Congress, October 22, 2019]

Adkins Stated That She “Worked As An Advocate For Children For Years” Including Founding SOCI And Would Continue Her Advocacy If Elected To Congress.
Adkins Said She Founded The Systems Of Care Initiative To Help “Young Children Be Healthy And Ready For Kindergarten And Later Success In Life.” “In the course of this work, she has been a leader for consideration of social determinants of health in communities (SDOH). A belief in the importance of SDOH was a major consideration when she founded Systems of Care Initiative (SOCI), a philanthropic organization dedicated to helping young children be healthy and ready for kindergarten and later success in life.” [Adkins Campaign Website, accessed 2/22/22]

As Of 2022, Adkins Was Listed As A Founding Member And The President Of The Board Of Directors Of SOCI.

[SOCI, accessed 2/22/22]
Adkins Said SOCI Would Make Early Childhood Investments In Kansas City, Kansas.

Meet SOCI (pronounced so-she). sociocommunities.org. Proud founder! Parents have dreams for their children to have a high quality life incl. work they love. SOCI will make early childhood investments (starting in KCK) when we see workforce vision, but significant early risk.

Adkins’s Campaign Website: “I Founded The Systems Of Care Initiative (SOCI) – A Non-Profit Organization That Aligns Business Leaders With High-Performance Early Learning Organizations Dedicated To Improving The Health And Readiness Of Young Children When They Enter School.” “I have dedicated my life to supporting the most vulnerable in our community starting with children. Based on the needs I encountered during my tenure as Chair of the State of Kansas Children’s Cabinet, I founded the Systems of Care Initiative (SOCI) – a non-profit organization that aligns business leaders with high-performance early learning organizations dedicated to improving the health and readiness of young children when they enter school. In all the work I do for at-risk kids and families, my vision is always to show our community that I seek to protect them in birth and will not abandon the child or parents thereafter.”

Recognizing the Value and Dignity of Life

As a pro-life advocate, I am committed to supporting life from conception until natural death. I celebrate the dignity and value of every citizen as informed by my strong faith and experiences as a mother.

I have dedicated my life to supporting the most vulnerable in our community starting with children. Based on the needs I encountered during my tenure as Chair of the State of Kansas Children’s Cabinet, I founded the Systems of Care Initiative (SOCI) – a non-profit organization that aligns business leaders with high-performance early learning organizations dedicated to improving the health and readiness of young children when they enter school. In all the work I do for at-risk kids and families, my vision is always to show our community that I seek to protect them in birth and will not abandon the child or parents thereafter.

In recent years, we have seen tremendous victories at various levels of government to reduce the number of abortions in our country. We must take it a step further and support our citizens across the full continuum of life.

August 30th 2018: Adkins Founded A Non-Profit Called “Systems Of Care Initiative”
According To The Kansas Secretary Of State, Systems Of Care Initiative (SOCI) Was Formed On August 30, 2018. [Kansas Secretary of State, Articles of Incorporation, 8/30/18]

According To The IRS, Systems Of Care Initiative (SOCI) Was Formed In 2018.

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Form 990

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2019 , and ending 12-31-2019

B Check if applicable
☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☒ Initial return
☐ Final return/termination
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
Systems of Care Initiative Inc

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)
11159 Overbrook Rd STE 210

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Leawood, KS  662112235

D Employer identification number
83-1996707

E Telephone number
(316) 619-1940

F Name and address of principal officer
Amanda Adkins
11159 Overbrook Rd STE 210
Leawood, KS  662112235

G Gross receipts $ 500,000

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?
☐ Yes  ☒ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included?
☐ Yes  ☒ No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ►

J Website: sococommunities.org

K Form of organization
☒ Corporation  ☐ Trust  ☐ Association  ☐ Other ►

L Year of formation 2018

M State of legal domicile KS

[2019 IRS 990, Systems of Care Initiative, filed 5/11/20]

As Of April 2022, SOCI Is Active And In Good Standing With The Kansas Secretary Of State.
August 30th, 2019: Adkins Filed Her Statement Of Candidacy With The FEC

Adkins Filed Her Candidacy With The FEC On August 30th, 2019. According to the FEC, Adkins filed her statement of organization on August 30th, 2019. [FEC Committee Search, accessed 2/15/22]

Analysis Of SOCI’s Financials Showed That Adkins Worked At The Non-Profit For An Average Of Only 2 Hours Per Week

According To SOCI’s 990 Forms Filed With The IRS, Adkins Worked At The Non-Profit For An Average Of 2 Hours Per Week And Received No Compensation.
Analysis Of SOCI’s Financials Showed That The Organization Spent A Total Of $15,000 More On Salaries Than It Did On Charitable Grants From 2019-2020


2019: SOCI Spent $102,500 On Grants And $129,600 In Salaries For Employees. [2019 IRS 990, Systems of Care Initiative, filed 5/11/20]

2020: SOCI Spent $152,273 On Grants And $140,365 In Salaries For Employees. [2020 IRS 990, Systems of Care Initiative, filed 5/17/21]

2020: SOCI Listed $155,577 In Revenue And Spent A Total Of $307,126, Leaving The Organization With A $151,549 Loss For 2020.

- 2020: SOCI Saw A $151,549 Drop In Assets And A $344,423 Drop In Revenue From 2019. [2020 IRS 990, Systems of Care Initiative, filed 5/17/21]

2019: SOCI Listed $500,000 In Revenue And Spent A Total $268,271, Leaving The Organization With $231,729 In Assets At The End Of The Year. [2019 IRS 990, Systems of Care Initiative, filed 5/11/20]
Analysis Of SOCI’s 2019-2020 Financials Showed That 98% Of Of SOCI’s Charitable Giving—$249,773 Of $254,773—Went To A Single Separate Organization, Showing SOCI Did Not Run Its Own Programming.

2020: The Grants Provided By SOCI Included A $147,273 Grant To The Family Conservancy In Kansas City And $5,000 Towards Walmart E-Cards For 100 Recipients.

2019: SOCI Provided A $102,500 Grant To The Family Conservancy.
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The Family Conservancy was a Kansas City non-profit organization that provided training for early educators and child care professionals. “At The Family Conservancy, we empower Kansas City to raise happy, healthy, educated children. We’re focused on supporting families, caregivers and teachers who prepare children for success in school and life. Providing training for early educators and child care professionals.” [The Family Conservancy, LinkedIn, accessed 4/21/21]

Adkins Pledged To Be A “Better Candidate” In 2022

April 2021: Adkins Told Fellow Republicans At A Political Convention “I Will Be A Better Candidate This Cycle. My Campaign Will Be Better.”

April 2021 Kansas Republican Party Convention: Adkins Said She Would Be A “Better Candidate” And Would Run A Better Campaign This Cycle. “I think the party’s going to coalesce around Amanda Adkins,” said Republican National Committeeman Mark Kahrs in an interview at the party’s state convention in April. […] Adkins, a former state GOP chair, hasn’t explicitly referred to redistricting. She’s made general comments about how 2022 will be a more favorable year because she'll be able to connect Davids to President Joe Biden's administration. The president's party typically loses seats during mid-term elections. ‘I will be a better candidate this cycle. My campaign will be better,’ Adkins told Republicans at the convention. ‘I'm not worried about message this cycle because our opportunity to contrast will be so great with Sharice Davids.” [Kansas City Star, 5/3/21]
Adkins Is An Out-Of-Touch Extremist Whose Agenda Is Dangerous To Kansans

**Significant Findings**

**Adkins Was Open To Cutting And Privatizing Essential Government Programs Such As Social Security, Medicare, And The Veterans Administration**

- Adkins repeatedly indicated that she supported privatizing and cutting government programs to reduce government spending.

- Adkins said, “entitlement spending—Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid—we should be having that as an annual budget debate process.”

- Under Adkins’ chairmanship, the Kansas State Republican platform called for elected officials to “eliminate government programs and reduce government spending at every opportunity.”

- Adkins called for a “thorough analysis of all government programs” to and added “what can be done by the private sector should be privatized.”

- Adkins stated that government programs “no longer serving the needed and intended purposes should be cut altogether.”

- Privatizing Social Security and Medicare would cost seniors thousands in retirement savings and healthcare costs. As Of December 2020, over 127,000 people in Kansas’ 3rd district received Social Security benefits.

- Privatizing the Veterans Administration would cost over $100 billion each year and lead to a weakened veterans’ hospital system and longer wait times for appointments.

**Adkins Supported Radical Tax Plans To Enrich Corporations And The Ultra-Wealthy And Opposed Tax Cuts For The Middle Class**

- Adkins supported the 2017 Republican Tax Scam that lined the pockets of massive corporations and the ultra-rich at the expense of the middle class—but wanted even bigger tax cuts for corporations.

- Adkins praised Trump’s tax cut package, saying it delivered “really fantastic results,” but also said “I think we can do even more.”

- Specifically, Adkins said “we can do better on corporate income taxes,” calling for a “very low” rate like Ireland’s 12.5% corporate tax.

  - The 2017 Republican Tax Scam provided a “massive tax cut for corporations” and the “very wealthy” at the expense of the middle class. The bill, which the CBO estimated the Tax Cuts And Jobs Act would increase the debt by $1.9 trillion, even included a special tax break for private jet owners.

- Adkins opposed the Build Back Better Act, which would cut taxes for the middle class while raising taxes on the richest Americans and closing tax loopholes for large corporations.
✓ Adkins derided the Build Back Better Act falsely claiming it was the “largest tax increase in 40 years.”

✓ The Build Back Better Act would lower taxes on middle class and working families by extending increases in the child tax credit and the earned income tax credit.

✓ Adkins repeatedly praised and supported Brownback’s tax and economic plans that financially ruined Kansas.

✓ Brownback’s plan cut the “pass-through” tax rate to zero, allowing big companies to exploit tax exemptions while small businesses could not.

✓ Brownback’s tax plan led to a $900 million state budget gap, job losses, and cuts to vital services including public safety.

✓ Brownback’s tax plan had “little if any positive impact” and Kansas’ growth and job creation underperformed neighboring states and the national average.

✓ While Adkins was chair, The Kansas Republican Party supported the elimination of all individual and corporate income taxes in Kansas and supported implementing a “fair” tax that would overwhelmingly benefit the wealthy.

✓ A “flat” or “fair” tax would cut taxes significantly for the wealthiest Americans, while increasing taxes on the middle class.

**Adkins Opposed Expanding Health Care And Wanted To Gut Existing Health Care Protections**

✓ Adkins repeatedly railed against the Affordable Care Act and called for repealing it.

✓ Adkins called the Affordable Care Act an “ineffective experiment” and said she wanted a “better plan” yet offered no comprehensive healthcare alternative.

✓ Adkins referred to the Affordable Care Act as a “band-aid solution.”

✓ Adkins blamed the Affordable Care Act for rising costs and criticized it for focusing on “low-cost provider services” instead of “market-driven, high performance services.”

✓ Adkins indicated she would vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

✓ Adkins claimed she opposed “Washington-centric” Obamacare because she wanted to give states and local communities the decision-making authority for healthcare programs, rather than the federal government.

✓ Adkins said that states would be better positioned to deal with healthcare than the federal government if the ACA were to be ruled unconstitutional.

✓ Adkins said health care must “center on the individual and the family” rather than be “dictated by the government.

✓ Adkins said instead of The Affordable Care Act, the U.S. should have direct primary care, provider-sponsored health plans, and health savings accounts.
✓ Health savings accounts serve little substitute for the Affordable Care Act and primarily serve as a tax break for the wealthy.

✓ Direct primary care would exacerbate a shortage of physicians and would create an “erosion” of medical benefits as well as higher costs for patients.

✓ In 2021, Adkins opposed a plan that would expand Medicare to include dental, vision and hearing benefits.

Adkins’ Policies Were Dangerous For Kansas Women

✓ Adkins was vehemently anti-choice and called for the overturning of Roe V. Wade.

✓ Adkins called herself a “pro-life advocate” and embraced recent “tremendous victories at various levels of government” “in recent years” that reduced the number of abortions.

✓ Adkins claimed that 50 million children had been aborted since Roe v. Wade and that 3,000 lives were “taken by abortion” every day.

✓ While Adkins was chair, The Kansas Republican Party state platform called for numerous restrictions on reproductive rights, including overturning Roe v. Wade.

✓ Under Adkins’ chairmanship, the Kansas Republican Party supported cracking down on abortions through “licensure and regulation of abortion clinics,” prohibiting “late-term abortions,” and scare tactics against women considering abortions.

✓ Under Adkins’ chairmanship, the Kansas Republican Party supported a “human life” amendment to the U.S. Constitution to protect “the inalienable right to life” and applying the Fourteenth Amendment’s protection to “unborn children.”

✓ Adkins’ longtime ally Governor Sam Brownback supported strict anti-abortion measures.

✓ 2022: In the aftermath of a leak indicating that the Supreme Court was prepared to overturn Roe v. Wade, former Governor Sam Brownback seemed to praised Trump for appointing justices that would overturn Roe v. Wade.

✓ 2017: Governor Brownback sent a letter to President Trump, Paul Ryan and Mitch McConnell urging them to defund Planned Parenthood and pass legislation restricting abortion.

✓ 2015: Governor Brownback signed legislation to restrict second-trimester abortions in Kansas.

✓ 2013: Governor Brownback signed legislation that blocked tax breaks for Kansas abortion providers, banned sex-selection abortions and declared that life begins “at fertilization.”

✓ 2010: Adkins defended Brownback against criticism for his ties to a controversial evangelist who “urged Christians to fast and pray” so God would “heal the nation’s sins of abortion and homosexuality.”

Adkins Repeatedly Opposed Critical COVID-19 Relief Packages And Blamed Them For “Incentivizing Unemployment”

✓ Adkins criticized the American Rescue Plan, saying it had little to do with “actual” pandemic relief and calling state and local funding for states like Kansas a “bailout.”
✓ Adkins blamed COVID-19 relief packages for incentivizing unemployment—even though Adkins herself was unemployed at the time.

  ✓ October 2020: Adkins claimed that “some of” the COVID-19 relief packages “focused heavily on incentivizing unemployment.”

  ✓ January 2020: Adkins left her job at Cerner.

✓ In July 2020, Adkins said she would oppose additional unemployment benefits in the next COVID-19 relief package, at a time when more than 100,000 Kansans were still unemployed.

✓ Adkins therefore opposed extended unemployment benefits that were included in December 2020 and March 2021 Covid-19 relief packages.

✓ May 2020: Adkins disparaged the $3 Trillion HEROES Act relief bill, which would have provided nearly $1 trillion for state and local governments, another round of direct payments to individuals and families, and hazard pay for essential workers.

**Adkins Opposed The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill That Provided Billions In Infrastructure Investments And Improvements To Kansas**

✓ Adkins criticized Rep. Sharice Davids for voting for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal which she called “massive spending.”

✓ The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill provided billions to fund much-needed bridge and transit improvements in Kansas. Specifically, the bill provided to Kansas:

  ✓ $3.8 billion for infrastructure projects
  ✓ $225 million for bridge repairs to help fix the 732 bridges in the 3rd district in need of repairs, including 21 bridges in the Kansas City area in especially poor condition
  ✓ $2.8 million to improve transit safety
  ✓ $1.1 million specifically for transit reliability and transit for seniors and the disabled in the Kansas City area

**Adkins Quietly Took Money From And Was Endorsed By Elected Officials Who Promoted The Big Lie, While Staying Silent About The January 6th Insurrection.**

✓ Adkins accepted over $56,000 from the campaigns and leadership PACs of Republican members of Congress voted to overturn the 2020 election.

✓ Adkins was endorsed by numerous Republicans who voted to overturn the 2020 election results including Ted Cruz, who led the charge in the senate to reject electors over baseless allegations of voter fraud.

✓ Adkins was “honored” to be endorsed by Johnson County Sheriff Calvin Hayden, who used taxpayer money to investigate baseless claims of irregularities in the 2020 election.

**Adkins Opposed LGBTQ Rights**

✓ Adkins supported extreme policies that discriminated against LGBTQ Kansans including a federal constitutional amendment that “fully protects marriage as a union of a man and a woman.”
While Adkins was chair, the 2010 Kansas Republican Party state platform called for preserving “traditional marriage” and a federal constitutional amendment that “fully protects marriage as a union of a man and a woman.”

Adkins supported a Trump administration policy that allowed faith-based adoption services receiving federal funds to refuse to place children with same-sex couples.

**Adkins Attacked And Sided Against Kansas Union Workers Who Were Protesting For Their Freedom To Organize**

- 2011: Adkins called Kansas union members “agitators” who were conducting “street tactics” at the state capitol for protesting against anti-union legislation.
- Adkins claimed union members who were protesting anti-union legislation carried out “bullying” tactics.
- Adkins spoke negatively about nationwide union protests, saying “this conduct has no place in Kansas.”
- 2011: Kansas union members protested at the state capitol against legislation that restricted unions’ political power, including banning voluntary deductions from union members paychecks for political activities.
  - Kansas union leaders called the legislation a “move to silence groups who fight for fair wages.”

**Adkins Was Criticized By Her 2020 Republican Primary Opponent For Allowing A Man Previously Accused Of Being A White Nationalist To Volunteer At Her Campaign Events.**

- Adkins was criticized by her 2020 Republican primary opponent, Sarah Hart Weir, for allowing a man previously accused of being a white nationalist to volunteer at her campaign events.
- The man in question had previously used racial slurs and said “these people know they’re not oppressed. they just hate white people and are jealous of us.”

**Adkins Was Open To Cutting And Privatizing Essential Government Programs Such As Social Security, Medicare, And The Veterans Administration**

**Adkins Supported Privatizing And Cutting Government Programs “At Every Level” In Order To Rein In Government Spending**

**Adkins Said Entitlement Spending Including Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid, Should Be Re-Evaluated Through An “Annual Budget Debate Process”**

**Adkins Said “Entitlement Spending—Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid—We Should Be Having That As An Annual Budget Debate Process.”** [18:30] ADKINS: I think that it’s a partnership not just with LEOs but with business/families/communities. One of the topics we should be talking about tonight is the debt. I’m looking at my kids right now, there’s one point in the congressional budget office that’s startling: by 2049 if we don’t take steps to reduce the national debt, it will equate to 144% of GDP. I hope that that frightens everyone in this room. When I look at my kids and the kids in my youth program, their future will not be as bright as it is today if we don’t do something. There are two things we can do, and it really has to do with discretionary and entitlement spending.
First, on the discretionary, the Budget Control Act, we do need to reauthorize it, and we actually need to enforce it, folks. I also think that, entitlement spending—Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid—we should be having that as an annual budget debate process, we should be discussing what we’re taking in and what we’re actually spending so there’s transparent discussion on it.” [Kansas GOP Candidate Forum, 1/31/20, saved on Vantage] (VIDEO)

Adkins Called For A “Thorough Analysis Of All Government Programs” To Account For “Every Dollar”

Adkins Called For A “Thorough Analysis” Of All Government Programs To Hold Government Spending Accountable. “Elected officials should be accountable for every dollar the government spends. A thorough analysis of all government programs is needed. We must analyze what is working and what is not.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/28/22]

Adkins Said That Programs Which “Can Be Done By The Private Sector Should Be Privatized”

Adkins Supported Privatizing Government Programs That “Can Be Done By The Private Sector.” “What can be done by the private sector should be privatized. What is better handled at local levels should become a state and local responsibility.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/28/22]

Adkins Called For Government Programs To Be “Cut Altogether” If They Were “No Longer Serving Needed And Intended Purposes,” Including “Spending Policies That Contributed To This National Debt Crisis”

Adkins Called For Government Programs To Be Cut Altogether If They “Are No Longer Serving Needed And Intended Purposes.” “Programs that are no longer serving needed and intended purposes should be cut altogether. We must course correct now, slowly bringing much needed change to the spending policies that contributed to this national debt crisis.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/28/22]

Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas GOP State Platform Called For Government Programs To Be Eliminated At “Every Opportunity” To Reduce Government Spending

2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas GOP State Platform Called For Government Programs To Be Eliminated At “Every Opportunity” To Reduce Government Spending. “We believe that government at every level has grown too large and is now a threat to the very rights it was designed to protect. We call on every elected official to eliminate government programs and reduce government spending at every opportunity.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]

Privatizing Social Security And Medicare Would Cost Seniors Thousands In Retirement Savings And Healthcare Costs

CAP: Under Bush Proposal For Private Social Security Accounts, A Person Who Worked For 35 years And Retired In 2008 Would Have Had A Negative Return And Lost $26,000 In Retirement Savings. “These would have made private accounts a terrible deal. Bush-style private accounts for a 2008 retiree would have yielded negative returns in the U.S. market. A person with a private Social Security account similar to what President George W. Bush proposed in 2005 that was invested in stocks retiring on October 1, 2008 after saving for 35 years (since 1973), would have seen a negative return on their account—an effective -0.6 percent net annual real rate of return—and lost $26,000 on the market.” [Center for American Progress Action Fund, 10/08]

NIRS: 40 Percent Of Older Americans Rely On Social Security Income In Retirement. “A new report also finds that a large portion (40 percent) of older Americans rely only on Social Security income in retirement. Social Security alone is not considered sufficient for a secure retirement, and it was not intended to stand alone. Typically, benefits from Social Security replace approximately 40 percent of pre-retirement income. Most financial planners recommend at least a 70 percent income replacement rate for retirees, while others say this should be even higher
given longer lifespans and rising health costs. In fact, the analysis indicates that if Social Security income had been ten percent greater in 2013, there would have been about 500,000 fewer older households in poverty.” [National Institute On Retirement Security, 1/13/20]

The Securities Industry Association Estimated Privatized Social Security Would Generate Between $39 And $279 Billion In Fees To Wall Street Over 75 Years. “President Bush’s plan to partly privatize Social Security could be a windfall for Wall Street, generating billions of dollars in management fees for brokerages and mutual fund companies […] ‘In other words, it is hardly likely to be a bonanza for Wall Street,’ said Rob Mills, vice president of the brokerage industry trade group Securities Industry Association, in a report published this month. Still, because of the massive size of Social Security, with its 154 million covered employees, Mills estimated that even a simple program of individual accounts comparable to the TSP might generate $39 billion in fees, in present-value terms, over 75 years. That would be just 1.2 percent of the financial sector’s projected total revenue of $3.3 trillion over that timeframe. But a more complex menu of options, which might be offered to participants whose accounts grow beyond, say, $5,000, might generate $279 billion in fees over 75 years, boosting projected industry revenues by about 8.5 percent.” [NBC News, 12/22/04]

Privatizing Medicare Would Weaken Financial Safeguards From Surprise Billing For Seniors. “Today, Medicare protects beneficiaries from surprise medical bills by limiting the amount that doctors who see Medicare beneficiaries can charge these patients. Physicians may opt out of the Medicare program and enter into private contracts that set higher prices than Medicare will pay; in these cases, the patient is responsible for the entire billed amount. However, less than 1 percent of doctors have chosen to opt out of the program, in large part because Medicare’s rules protect consumers from these arrangements.” [Center For American Progress, 10/11/19]

Privatized Medicare Would Restrict Seniors’ Choice Of Doctors. “During his Florida speech, Trump asked the crowd, “You want to keep your doctors, right?” Yet his order calls for changes that could restrict Medicare beneficiaries’ choice of doctors by favoring Medicare Advantage plans and by tinkering with the CMS network adequacy standards for those plans. From a beneficiary perspective, a distinguishing feature of Medicare Advantage is that plans typically have restrictive provider networks. Under the Trump proposal, the network adequacy standards would take account of state laws affecting provider competition and the availability of telehealth services. If these changes lower the bar for Medicare Advantage plans and allow plans to include even fewer doctors in a particular area, a position the Trump administration has previously supported, they could make it harder for seniors to schedule in-person visits or see the provider of their choice. They could also increase costs for beneficiaries who need to see out-of-network specialists.” [Center For American Progress, 10/11/19]

Privatized Medicare Costed An Estimated Tens Of Billions Of Taxpayer Dollars To Fund. “The privatization of Medicare has been lucrative for the industry. Medicare Advantage plans are more expensive but have not been shown to provide better health outcomes. That disparity grows wider every year. The added costs born by the public to fund the program are believed to add up to tens of billions of dollars. At a time when Medicare is facing insolvency in the near future, the more expensive Medicare Advantage plans are projected to soon overtake traditional Medicare.” [Buzzfeed News, 1/28/22]

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Social Security Provided Monthly Benefits To Eligible Workers And Family Members After The Worker Retires, Passes Away, Or Becomes Disabled. “Old-Age (retirement), Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI)—popularly referred to as Social Security—provides monthly benefits to an eligible worker and family members when the worker elects to start receiving retirement benefits or when the worker dies or becomes disabled. A worker’s lifetime covered earnings largely determine the amount of benefits received.” [Social Security Administration, Kansas Congressional Statistics, 12/2020]

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Privatizing The Veterans Administration Would Cost Over $100 Billion Each Year And Lead To A Weakened Veterans’ Hospital System And Longer Wait Times For Appointments

Unfettered Access To Private Care For Veterans Would Cost Over $100 Billion Each Year. “Health care experts say that, whatever the larger effects, allowing more access to private care will prove costly. A 2016 report ordered by Congress, from a panel called the Commission on Care, analyzed the cost of sending more veterans into the community for treatment and warned that unfettered access could cost well over $100 billion each year.” [New York Times, 1/12/19]

A Tricare-Style System For Veterans Would Cost About $60 Billion Each Year. “Tricare costs have climbed steadily, and the Tricare population is younger and healthier than the general population, while Veterans Affairs patients are generally older and sicker. Though the rules would place some restrictions on veterans, early estimates by the Office of Management and Budget found that a Tricare-style system would cost about $60 billion each year, according to a former Veterans Affairs official who worked on the project. Congress is unlikely to approve more funding, so the costs are likely to be carved out of existing funds for veterans’ hospitals.” [New York Times, 1/12/19]

Veterans Groups Opposed Large-Scale Changes That Would “Cannibalize” The Veterans’ Hospital System. “Veterans’ services organizations have largely opposed large-scale changes to the health program, concerned that the growing costs of outside doctors’ bills would cannibalize the veterans’ hospital system.” [New York Times, 1/12/19]

Veterans Receiving Private Care Experienced Longer Wait Times For Appointments. “Here’s what has actually happened in the four years since the government began sending more veterans to private care: longer waits for appointments and, a new analysis of VA claims data by ProPublica and PolitiFact shows, higher costs for taxpayers. Since 2014, 1.9 million former service members have received private medical care through a program called Veterans Choice. It was supposed to give veterans a way around long wait times in the VA. But their average waits using the Choice Program were still longer than allowed by law, according to examinations by the VA inspector general and the Government Accountability Office.” [ProPublica, 12/18/18]

Headline: “Veterans Continue to Suffer After Trump's VA Privatization Becomes 'Unmitigated Disaster.'” [Newsweek, 1/19/22]

Adkins Called For Radical Tax Cuts For The Wealthiest Americans & Largest Corporations And Supported Extreme Tax Policies Including The 2017 Republican Tax Bill And Governor Brownback’s Disastrous Tax Experiment That Devastated Kansas

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[Kansas GOP Olathe Pizza Shop Event, 1/13/20, saved on Vantage]

Adkins Praised Trump’s Tax Cut Package And Stated That “I Think We Can Do Even More.” “I’m an absolute believer in reducing the tax burden, so I applaud President Trump for the tax cut package that he passed, but I think we can do even more. I do hope we can extend or make permanent the individual income tax rate, in addition to that, we can do better on corporate income taxes. Again, I applaud the president for making us more competitive globally by reducing corporate income tax rates, but you folks probably know that countries like Ireland, their corporate tax rate is very low, 12.5%. If we continue to lower it, businesses will invest more and they’ll invest in their people which means wages will be higher. I’m focused on KC, I’m focused on all of you here.”

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- **The 2017 Republican Tax Bill Lowered The U.S. Corporate Tax Rate From 35% To 21%.** “The Tax Cut and Jobs Act (TCJA) reduced the top corporate income tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent, bringing the US rate below the average for most other Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development countries, and eliminated the graduated corporate rate schedule (table 1). TCJA also repealed the corporate alternative minimum tax.” [Tax Policy Center, accessed 4/19/22]

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**Republican Tax Cuts Added $1.9 Trillion To The National Debt**

CBO Estimated The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Increase The Debt 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]

April 2018: CBO: The Republican Tax Law “Increases The Total Projected Deficit Over The 2018–2028 Period By About $1.9 Trillion.” “What Are the Act’s Projected Budgetary Effects? To construct its baseline budget projections, CBO incorporated the effects of the tax act, taking into account economic feedback—that is, the ways in which the act is likely to affect the economy and in turn affect the budget. Doing so raised the 11-year projection of the cumulative primary deficit (that is, the deficit excluding the costs of servicing the debt) by $1.3 trillion and raised projected debt-service costs by roughly $600 billion. The act therefore increases the total projected deficit over the 2018–2028 period by about $1.9 trillion.” [CBO Budget & Economic Outlook 2018 to 2028, Appendix B: The Effects of the 2017 Tax Act on CBO’s Economic and Budget Projects, p.105, April 2018]

Big Corporations Got The Majority Of The Benefit From The Republican Tax Bill

S&P 500 Companies Could See $1.64 Trillion in Tax Cuts. “In other words, you can thank tax cuts for nearly half the growth in big-company earnings in the first quarter. For many companies – including a favorite target of
Trump’s ire, Amazon.com Inc. – the boost was even more substantial, representing all, or nearly all, the quarter’s growth. It gets better: At the rate they’re going, S&P 500 companies could save $1.64 trillion in taxes over the next decade, Steve estimates – $300 billion more than lawmakers expected. Now we’re talking real money.” [Bloomberg News, 5/25/18]

**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: 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]

**Corporate Tax Cuts In The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Cost Roughly $1 Trillion.** “It still amounts to roughly a $1 trillion tax cut for businesses over the next decade. Republicans argue this will make the economy surge in the coming years, but most independent economists and Wall Street banks predict only a modest and short-lived boost to growth.” [Washington Post, 12/15/17]

**Major Corporations Received Bulk of Tax Cuts.** “Widespread publicity about corporations sharing a big slice of their huge Trump tax cuts with their workers through bonuses and wage hikes is mostly hype, this Americans for Tax Fairness analysis reveals. Even though America’s biggest corporations are poised to reap hundreds of billions in tax cuts, only 18 corporations in the Fortune 100 have announced any sort of employee benefits tied to those cuts, as of today. Only 46 of the Fortune 500—just 9%—have announced any plans to share the tax-cut wealth.” [Americans For Tax Fairness, 1/29/18]

**The GOP Tax Bill Gave Significant Tax Cuts To The Very Wealthy, With A Special Tax Break For Private Jet owners**


**The Atlantic: “The Richer The Family, The Bigger The Cut, Both In Absolute Terms And In Proportional Income” From The GOP Tax Bill.** “The GOP tax bill operates by two simple principles. First, families at every income level can expect a tax cut—but the richer the family, the bigger the cut, both in absolute terms and in proportional income. Households making between $500,000 and $1 million would get a $21,000 tax cut in 2019 and their after-tax income would rise by 4.3 percent. That proportional gain is four times larger than the average after-tax benefit for a family making $40,000. Second, as time goes by, most families’ tax benefits would shrink—with the major exception being the most affluent. Most of the plan’s individual tax cuts end after 2025. This provision is necessary (because of the procedure congressional Republicans chose for the bill) to pay for a permanent corporate tax cut whose benefits flow mostly through capital gains and dividends to shareholders. The bars below illustrate this effect: The tax cuts shrink between 2018 and 2025 before disappearing for all levels in 2027—except for the richest households, the ones with the most money invested in stocks, who will still be reaping the benefits of lower corporate taxes.” [The Atlantic, 12/19/17]

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“No one in the middle class is going to turn up their nose at an extra thousand bucks. But critics have been pointing out that the tax bill could have done much more for middle earners. That $900 pales in comparison to the average $51,000 tax cut that Americans in the top 1% of earners — those taking home $733,000 and up — will reap. Overall, the 1% will reap more than 20% of the total value of the tax cut, roughly the same amount as Americans in the bottom 60% of the income distribution, the Tax Policy Center found.” [Time, 12/20/17]

| Adkins Opposed The American Rescue Plan, Which Cut Taxes For Middle Class And Working Families By Increasing The Child Tax Credit And Earned Income Tax Credit |

Adkins Confused The American Rescue Plan With The American Recovery Act And Claimed It Had Little To Do With “Actual” Pandemic Relief. “The Biden Administration used the pandemic recovery bill – The American Recovery Act – to pursue even greater expansion of Obamacare, which has little, if anything, to do with actual pandemic relief.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22]

- **2009: The American Recovery And Reinvestment Act Was A $787 Billion Economic Stimulus Package Signed By President Obama Following The Great Recession.** “President Barack Obama signed into law Tuesday a $787 billion economic stimulus package, a historic, multifaceted rescue plan aimed at creating millions of jobs, sparking consumer spending and stopping the country from sliding into what he has called an economic ‘catastrophe.’ Characterizing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as the ‘most sweeping economic recovery package in our history,’ Obama said the bill’s mix of tax cuts, infrastructure projects, energy and education investments, and aid to the unemployed and poor would create or save 3.5 million jobs over the next two years, including roughly 60,000 in Colorado.” [Denver Post, 2/17/09]

| Adkins Opposed The Use Of State And Local Recovery Funds—Including Those She Said Were Requested By Kansas--From The American Rescue Plan As A “Bailout.” “We cannot afford the policies of the Biden Administration that will further put the country into debt and increase dependency on the federal government. The Biden Administration used the pandemic recovery bill – The American Recovery Act – to pursue even greater expansion of Obamacare, which has little, if anything, to do with actual pandemic relief. These provisions are projected to add an additional $34.2 billion to the deficit over the next two years. Included in this spending is a bailout of state governments in the midst of waste and fraud. The State of Kansas requested a bailout all while mismanaging unemployment insurance fund payouts to the tune of more than $600 million.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22]

March 2021: Adkins Stated That Davids Was Just “Towing The Partisan Line” In Response To Her Vote For The American Rescue Plan.
True so true #KS03 deserves real experience in healthcare and business. @RepDavids is just towing the partisan line.

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The American Rescue Plan Increased The Earned-Income Tax Credit From $543 To $1,502. “For those without children, the American Rescue Plan increased the Earned-Income Tax Credit from $543 to $1,502. For those with children, the American Rescue Plan increased the Child Tax Credit from $2,000 per child to $3,000 per child for children over the age of six and $3,600 for children under the age of six – and raised the age limit from 16 to 17. The American Rescue Plan also increased and expanded the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit, making more people eligible and increasing the total credit to $4,000 for one qualifying individual and $8,000 for two or more.” [White House, American Rescue Plan, accessed 5/5/22]
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“Using state-level data from the Treasury Department on advance Child Tax Credit (CTC) payments, the Joint Economic Committee estimated the number of qualifying children, total number of payments, and total payment amount by congressional district in August 2021, when the second round of CTC payments was distributed.” [Joint Economic Committee, 11/18/21; Joint Economic Committee, Estimates of Advance Child Tax Credit Distribution by Congressional District, 11/18/21]

JEC Analysis Showed The CTC Had Dramatically Reduced Food Insecurity And Financial Hardship, And Was Expected To Inject Nearly $19.3 Billion Into Local Economies Each Month. “JEC analysis of data from the Census Bureau show the expanded CTC is already having a major impact on family budgets, with dramatic declines in food insufficiency and financial hardship, and the JEC estimates that monthly CTC payments will inject nearly $19.3 billion into local economies each month. The expanded CTC will generate nearly $19.3 billion in spending in local economies across the U.S. each month. Family finances improved significantly following the first monthly expanded CTC payments in July. Data from the Census Bureau show that following the July payments, there were significant declines in the share of households with children reporting financial hardship and food insufficiency. Families are using the expanded CTC payments to meet the needs of their household. Among those who responded to the Census Bureau’s survey: 47% spent their CTC payment on food, 28% spent it on internet and other utilities, 26% spent it on school expenses, and 17% of those with at least one child under age 5 spent it on child care.” [Joint Economic Committee, 9/9/21]

As Of December 2021, Kansas Had Received $888 Million In Child Tax Credit Payments As Part Of The American Rescue Plan. As of August 2021, Kansas had received $147.2 million in Child Tax Credit payments: “The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service announced today that more than $15 billion were paid to families that include roughly 61 million eligible children in the second monthly payment of the expanded and newly-advanceable Child Tax Credit from the American Rescue Plan passed in March. […] Eligible families received a payment of up to $300 per month for each child under age 6 and up to $250 per month for each child age 6 to 17. This tax relief is having a real impact on the lives of America’s children. According to the Census Bureau’s Household Pulse Survey data released earlier this week, parents reported having less trouble covering the costs of food and other household expenses after receiving their first CTC payment. The share of families reporting that they sometimes or often did not have enough to eat in the past week dropped to the lowest percentage since the pandemic began. Parents are using their CTC payments to pay for basics for their kids.” [Department of the Treasury, Press Release, 12/15/21]

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Adkins Opposed The “Build Back Better Mess” And Was Thankful That The Bill Was Stalled In Congress

Adkins Referred To Biden’s Build Back Better Plan, As The ”Build Back Better Mess.” [3:06] ADKINS: “Well, Pete, it comes down to everyday experiences, and people are impacted in their daily lives. I mean, just this week, we are still facing the Democrats trying to push through what I would call the Build Back Better mess. The only thing that has been holding it up is that, thankfully, there are many people who want to see the Congressional
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This is what’s really in the “Build Back Better” Mess that Sharice Davids and Joe Biden were trying to sell in KC yesterday:

[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 12/9/21]

✓ The Build Back Better Act Would Not Increase Taxes For Households Making Less Than $400,000.

“Senate Democrats aim to fund a $3.5 trillion budget measure partly on the backs of higher taxes for corporations and the wealthy, according to a budget framework issued Wednesday. Democrats would ‘prohibit’ tax increases for households earning less than $400,000, as well as other groups like small businesses and family farms, as they seek to raise revenue for clean-energy initiatives and an expansion of the social safety net, according to the outline.” [CNBC, 7/15/21]

Build Back Better Would Cut Taxes For Middle Class And Working Families

Build Back Better Would Lower Taxes On Middle Class And Working Families By Extending Increases In The Child Tax Credit And The Earned Income Tax Credit. “Cut taxes for families and workers. Prior to the pandemic, 8% of children under the age of 18 in Kansas lived in poverty. The Build Back Better framework will bolster financial security and spur economic growth in Kansas by reducing taxes on the middle class and those striving to break into it. The framework will extend Child Tax Credit (CTC) increases of $300/month per child under 6 or $250/month per child ages 6 to 17. This will continue the largest one-year reduction in child poverty in history. And critically, the agreement includes permanent refundability for the Child Tax Credit, meaning that the
neediest families will continue to receive the full Child Tax Credit over the long-run. The framework will also provide a tax cut of up to $1,500 in tax cuts for 163,700 low-wage workers in Kansas by extending the American Rescue Plan’s Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) expansion.”

- **The Build Back Better Deal Lowered Drug Prices For Seniors By Reducing Co-Pays And Establishing A $2,000 Out-Of-Pocket Limit in Medicare Part D.** “Pelosi celebrated the drug-pricing agreement: ‘For a generation, House Democrats have been fighting to deliver real drug price negotiations that will lower costs. With today’s agreement on strong lower drug price provisions for the Build Back Better Act, Democrats have a path forward to make good on this transformational agenda for our seniors.’ She said the deal will lower drug prices for seniors, reduce their out-of-pocket co-pays and establish a $2,000 out-of-pocket limit for seniors’ expenses in Medicare Part D. The bill would also halt price hikes above inflation, which would affect all Americans, she said.” [NBC News, 11/2/21]

- **FactCheck.Org:** “In The First Year Of Biden’s Proposed Budget, 2022, Nearly Nine Out Of 10 Households Would See A Tax Cut.” “In the first year of Biden’s proposed budget, 2022, nearly nine out of 10 households would see a tax cut, according to the Tax Policy Center.” [FactCheck.org, 9/24/21]

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**Build Back Better Would Make The Wealthiest Americans And Biggest Corporations Begin To Pay Their Fair Share In Federal Taxes**

**Build Back Better Would Make Sure That Wealthiest Americans And The Biggest Corporations Begin To Pay Their Fair Share In Federal Taxes, And Would Not Raise Taxes On Anyone Making Less Than $400,000 A Year.** “The Build Back Better Act is fiscally responsible. It reduces the deficit over the long-term. It’s fully paid for by making sure that the wealthiest Americans and biggest corporations begin to pay their fair share in federal taxes. It keeps my commitment that no one earning less than $400,000 a year will pay a penny more in federal taxes.” [The White House, Press Release, 11/19/21]

**The Build Back Better Act Would Raise $1.85 Trillion Over Ten Years To Pay For Health Care, Child Care And Address Child Poverty.** “The Build Back Better (BBB) legislation before the House would raise a reported $1.85 trillion over ten years to pay for critical investments to reduce child poverty; make health care, child care, and housing more affordable; and address climate change.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 11/2/21]

**The Build Back Better Act Would Raise Revenue By Increasing Taxes For The Richest Americans, Reduce Tax Advantages For Large Corporations And Improve Enforcement Of Tax Laws.** “Moreover, while many of the BBB investments are temporary, the bulk of the tax provisions are permanent and so would continue raising revenue after ten years. The legislation would raise revenue in three main ways: requiring people with high incomes to pay a fairer amount of tax, reducing unwarranted tax advantages for profitable corporations (particularly large multinationals), and improving enforcement of the nation’s tax laws to close the roughly $600 billion annual gap between taxes legally owed and taxes paid — a gap disproportionately due to high-income filers’ noncompliance with the law. Together, these measures would make the tax code more equitable and adequate.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 11/2/21]

- **The Build Back Better Act Would Raise $650 Billion Over Ten Years By Imposing A 5% Surtax On Multimillionaires, Closing The Net Investment Income Loophole And Limiting Excess Business Loans.** “BBB imposes a new 5 percent surtax on households with adjusted gross income (AGI) above $10 million and an additional 3 percent tax (for a combined 8 percent) on those with AGI above $25 million. This would raise $230 billion over ten years, according to the Biden Administration. […] High-income people pay a 3.8 percent Medicare tax on their wages and self-employment income. In 2010, Congress enacted a parallel 3.8 percent tax on high-income people’s net investment income. The tax, however, was designed with a large loophole: some income of high-income people who own pass-through businesses — including partnerships and S corporations — doesn’t face either 3.8 percent tax. This gives high-income professionals, such as lawyers or investment fund managers, a significant incentive to recharacterize their income, or rearrange their business operations, to avoid the tax. BBB closes this loophole, raising $250 billion over ten years. […] BBB makes permanent a
provision of the 2017 tax law that limits the amount of business losses that high-income owners of pass-through businesses can deduct from their non-business income, such as capital gains. [...] Making the provision permanent will raise $170 billion over ten years. [...] The high-income components of BBB described above represent sound policy and will raise $650 billion over ten years.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 11/2/21]

Adkins Repeatedly Praised And Supported Brownback’s Tax And Economic Plans That Financially Ruined Kansas

Adkins Supported Tax Cuts Implemented By Brownback And His “Pro-Business Agenda”

Adkins Tweeted Support For Tax Cuts Implemented By Brownback. [Amanda Adkins Twitter, 10/24/15]

Adkins Tweeted Support For Brownback’s “Pro-Business Agenda.” [Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 8/11/09]
2010: Adkins Claimed That The Kansas Republicans Had “Sound Plans” For The State’s Economy

ADKINS OP-ED: Adkins Believed “Kansas Republicans Are Presenting A United Front With Sound Plans To Meet The Challenges Of A 21st Century Economy.” “Much has been said about President Barack Obama's commitment to mirror European nations spending, health care and other environmental policies. For people who thought Democrats could sell European-style socialism to Americans, the April 30th Daily Presidential Tracking Poll by Rasmussen Reports should prove alarming. Fifty-three percent of voters disapprove of Obama's performance as president. Kansans, being a people who look to community and family before government for answers, will take a hard look at leadership on the ballot in November. The question is simple: Do you want an America that rewards individual promise, entrepreneurship and centers on family or do you want European-style socialism that penalizes hard work, stifles prosperity and celebrates government? Kansas Republicans are presenting a united front with sound plans to meet the challenges of a 21st Century economy. Our philosophy centers on liberating the promise of the individual and family as the answer, not more government growth, on a path to prosperity. The choice is yours. Amanda Adkins, Overland Park, is the chairwoman of the Kansas Republican Party and a business executive in the health care industry.” [Hays Daily News, Amanda Adkins, 5/12/10]


Adkins Noted Support For Brownback Economic Policies That Encouraged People From Out Of State To Move To Declining Kansas Counties With Income Tax Breaks. “Dozens of people marched Saturday to the Kansas Statehouse to protest potential budget cuts and other policies pursued by Gov. Sam Brownback and fellow Republicans who dominate state government. […] State GOP Chairwoman Amanda Adkins said Kansans’ top priority is creating jobs for more than 100,000 state residents who are without work, then noted strong bipartisan support behind legislative approval of a plan from Brownback to lure people from other states to declining Kansas counties with income tax breaks. ‘Kansans of all backgrounds and viewpoints are coming together behind ideas to grow our state,’ Adkins said. ‘That’s the top priority.’” [Kan. Statehouse Rally Protests GOP-Run State Govt, Associated Press State & Local Wire, 3/20/11]

Adkins Said Governor Brownback Was Taking A “Long View” In Reference To Damaging Economic Policies. “Kansas Republican Party Chairwoman Amanda Adkins said disagreement over policy decisions was a healthy part of the democratic process, and she encouraged residents regardless of political party to be passionate about issues they hold dear. Adkins, who was appointed by Brownback to be head of the Kansas Children’s Cabinet, said the governor was taking a ‘long view’ of where Kansas needs to be to have a growing economy while providing services in the most efficient manner.” [Newly Formed Kan. Group Plans Rally, Associated Press State & Local Wire, 8/27/11]

In An RNC Press Release About President Obama’s Visit To Kansas, Adkins Praised Brownback And Criticized Obama. “As a member of the Kansas City business community, a mother of two small children, and a civic activist in the state of Kansas, I have spent a lot of time talking with entrepreneurs, businesses of all sizes, families and individuals across the state and right now the sentiment in Kansas is people are very much focused on and desire clarity on a path towards job creation, competitiveness and effectiveness for the state of Kansas and for the country[.] I have to say, odd that he selected the state of Kansas in the sense that a compare contrast of his executive management at the federal level versus that of our own Governor Sam Brownback is not in his favor[.] Since President Obama has taken office, the national debt has risen 41%. I don’t [sic] that Kansans are going to be overly excited or enthusiastic about his message today. In fact, I think it is going to backfire.” [RNC Press Release, 12/6/11]

Adkins Wrote An Op-Ed Praising Brownback’s Economic “Road Map” And Its Impact On Children. “Research well-documents that 90 percent of a child’s brain is developed before the age of 5. Therefore, it is of critical importance to focus on and invest in early education and health care interventions and outcomes for kids. The Institute for a Competitive Workforce, an affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, found in a 2010 report that ‘for every dollar invested today, savings range from $2.50 to as much as $17 in the years ahead.’
Understanding that Kansas children are critical to our future, Gov. Sam Brownback made improving kindergarten readiness a key measure of his economic ‘road map.” [Amanda Adkins Op-Ed, Wichita Eagle, 10/13/14]

Adkins Praised Brownback’s “Pro-Growth” Strategy

Adkins Tweeted Her Support For Brownback’s “Pro-Growth” Strategy. [Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 1/10/12]

1/11 Gov Brownback State of State speech will lay out the most aggressive pro-growth strategy KS has seen in decades. #KSGOP #Entrepreneur

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[Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 1/10/12]

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Adkins Called Brownback An “Incredible Governor” And Praised Him For Leading The State To Be “No-Income-Tax.” “Kansas GOP Chairwoman Amanda Adkins: Kansas, ‘a state where we grow leaders like Dwight D. Eisenhower, Bob Dole and our incredible governor, Sam Brownback. A governor who is leading us to become a no-income-tax state.’” [Convention Buzz | Parties Have Perks, Paul Camp Lurks, Kansas City Star, 8/28/12]

Brownback’s Tax Plan Led To A $900 Million State Budget Gap, Job Losses, And Cuts To Vital Services


2012: Brownback Pushed Through A Tax Plan That Cut State Income Taxes Across The Board, Which Immediately Reduced State Revenue By $700 Million A Year. “Which In 2012, Kansas lawmakers, led by Gov. Sam Brownback, a Republican, enacted a tax cut that eliminated state income taxes entirely for pass-through entities — such as sole proprietorships and limited liability partnerships — which are taxed at the owner’s individual income tax rate. The law also lowered individual income tax rates, cutting the top rate to 4.9 percent from 6.4 percent. The tax package reduced state revenue by nearly $700 million a year, a drop of about 8 percent, from 2013 through 2016, according to the Kansas Legislative Research Department, forcing officials to shorten school calendars, delay highway repairs and reduce aid to the poor. Research suggests the package did not stimulate the economy, certainly not enough to pay for the tax cut. This year, legislators passed a bill to largely rescind the law, saying it had not worked as intended.” [New York Times, 10/25/17]

Brownback’s Tax Cuts Created A $900 Million Two-Year Budget Gap In Kansas. “The nation’s most aggressive experiment in conservative economic policy is dead. Republican majorities in the Kansas legislature on Tuesday night voted to reverse the deep tax cuts engineered by Governor Sam Brownback five years ago, blaming them for blowing a hole in the state’s budget that threatened the viability of its schools and infrastructure. […] Lawmakers in the GOP-controlled House and Senate came within a few votes of undoing the tax cuts in February as lawmakers searched for revenue to plug a nearly $900 million two-year budget gap and meet a court order demanding more funding for education. [The Atlantic, 6/7/17]
Brownback Is “Notorious” For His “Kansas Experiment” Of Dramatic Tax Cuts That Hurt The State Badly. “Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback is notorious for what is known as the Kansas experiment, a bold effort to assert the power of limited government. In 2012, the Republican governor pushed reforms through the state Legislature that dramatically cut income taxes across the board. Brownback boasted the plan would deliver a ‘shot of adrenaline’ to the Kansas economy. But the opposite happened. Revenues shrank, and the economy grew more slowly than in neighboring states and the country as a whole. Kansas’ bond rating plummeted, and the state cut funding to education and infrastructure.” [NPR, 10/25/17]

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Brownback’s Tax Plan Had “Little If Any Positive Impact” And Kansas’ Growth And Job Creation Underperformed Neighboring States And The National Average

Failure Was Almost Instantaneous: State Revenue Plummeted By 10% In One Year, Causing The State To Cut Medicaid, K-12 Funding, And Pension Contributions And Halt Construction Projects. “[W]hen the tax cuts went into effect in 2014, their failure was seen almost instantly. State revenues plummeted by almost $700 million, Kriz says. ‘To put it in context, the state general fund budget is about $6 billion, and so that’s 10 percent revenue loss in one year,’ he says. ‘That’s a lot for any government to have to make [up].’ State lawmakers tried to balance the budget by tapping into reserves and the highway fund. They put construction projects on hold; pension contributions dropped; and Medicaid was cut. The state also refashioned the school funding formula and closed and consolidated several school districts. School funding consumes about half of Kansas’ budget.” [NPR, 10/25/17]

Brownback’s Tax Cuts Caused A Deficit Explosion, Even With Spending Cuts To K-12 Education, Housing, And Police And Fire Protection. “The tax cuts did produce one explosion, however. The state’s budget deficit was expected to hit $280 million this year, despite major spending reductions. Kansas falls well below national averages in a wide range of public services from K-12 education to housing to police and fire protection, according to an analysis by the Urban Institute’s State and Local Finance Initiative.” [Forbes, 6/7/17]

Kansas’ Private-Sector Job Growth From 2012 To 2017 Was Lower Than Almost All Neighboring States And Less Than Half Of The Country’s Average. “Kansas’ 4.2 percent private-sector job growth from December 2012 (the month before the tax cuts took effect) to May 2017 (the month before they were repealed) was lower than all of its neighbors except Oklahoma and less than half of the 9.4 percent job growth in the United States.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 1/22/18]

Forbes: “Growth And Job Creation In Kansas Underperformed Both The National Economy And Neighboring States.” “Since Kansas enacted tax and spending cuts in 2012 and 2013, Brownback and his allies have argued that this fiscal potion would generate an explosion of economic growth. It didn’t. Overall growth and job creation in Kansas underperformed both the national economy and neighboring states.” [Forbes, 6/7/17]

Brownback Was Re-Elected In 2014 But His Approval Rating In 2017 Was A Measly 25% And Republicans Lost Seats In The Kansas Legislature As A Result. “While Brownback was reelected in 2014, his popularity has since plummeted and his approval rating now hovers at around 25 percent, second lowest among all sitting
governors. And while the GOP enjoyed tremendous national electoral success in 2016, the party lost seats in the Kansas legislature. At least in one deep red state, the Trump formula of big tax and spending cuts is no longer the path to political success. In 2012, Brownback called his tax plan a ‘real live experiment.’ It appears to have failed.” [Forbes, 6/7/17]

CNBC: “The State Was Still Dealing With A Residual $351 Million Revenue Shortfall For Fiscal Year 2018.” “One year ago Kansas was still nursing a hangover from a disastrous tax-cutting experiment by former Republican Gov. Sam Brownback, who slashed individual income-tax rates and eliminated taxes on ‘pass-through’ income from certain businesses. Even though a bipartisan super-majority of the state legislature had repealed the Brownback program over his veto in 2017, the state was still dealing with a residual $351 million revenue shortfall for fiscal 2018, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. In addition to its No. 35 overall ranking last year, Kansas finished a dismal No. 45 in the Economy category.” [CNBC, 7/10/19]

Three Groups Of Economics Concluded Brownback’s Tax Cuts Had “Little If Any Positive Impact.” “Three different groups of economists have conducted research using sophisticated statistical techniques to isolate the effects of the Kansas tax cuts on the state’s relative economic performance. All three studies have concluded that the tax cuts have had little if any positive impact.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 1/22/18]

State Lawmakers Tried To Balance The Budget In Response To Brownback’s Cuts By Halting Construction Projects, Slashing Medicaid, And Tapping In Education Reserves

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While Adkins Was Chair, The Kansas Republican Party Supported The Elimination Of All Individual And Corporate Income Taxes In Kansas And Wanted To Implement A “Fair” Tax That Would Overwhelmingly Benefit The Wealthy

2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas GOP State Platform Called For The Elimination Of All Individual And Corporate Income Taxes In Kansas. “The keys to economic success and personal financial security are opportunity and entrepreneurship. Federal, state, and local governments must recognize that prosperity can only be achieved when economic resources remain in the hands of the people. Tax policy at all governmental levels should foster economic growth as this is the path to job creation and technological growth. We support implementation of the Fair Tax which would eliminate all individual and corporate income tax in Kansas.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]

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A “Flat” Or “Fair” Tax Would Cut Taxes Significantly For The Wealthiest Americans, While Increasing Taxes On The Middle Class

The “Fair Tax” Would Raise Taxes On The Middle Class, While The Wealthiest Households Would See The Biggest Tax Reductions. “Eliminating income taxes would, in most states, mean the wealthiest households would see the biggest tax reductions. The net result would be an overall tax increase for everyone else. ‘FairTax’
Proposals would include a rebate to shield low-income taxpayers from this tax increase, but the rebate would not be large enough to shield middle-income families from bearing the brunt.” [Office on Budget and Policy Priorities, 9/7/10]

Flat Tax Would Increase Taxes On The Middle Class While Reducing Them For The Wealthy. “The regressivity of the flat tax is another big problem. Our current federal income tax code is progressive (rates rise with income), and every distributional analysis I’ve ever seen of a flat tax shows a transfer of the tax burden from the wealthy to the middle class. According to the Tax Policy Center’s score of the Perry tax plan, the tax bill of families with incomes between $30,000 and 40,000 would go up by about $450, while that of millionaires would fall by about half a million bucks.” [Washington Post, 5/26/15]

Citizens For Tax Justice: Flat Tax Means That The Rich “Will Pay Far, Far Less In Taxes.” According to a report from Citizens for Tax Justice: “The first part of that claim is largely true. Since Armey’s plan does not tax income from interest, dividends, or capital gains, those taxpayers who live completely off of investment income would be taken off the rolls entirely. The second part of the claim is, by any serious accounting, wrong. Armey’s plan has two parts: It replaces the progressive income tax with a flat tax, and it replaces business taxes with a consumption tax. Both elements would dramatically shift the tax burden from the wealthy toward the middle class and the poor. If not for stunning misrepresentations, this would be obvious to everyone. Our personal income tax now starts with a zero effective rate on lower-income families (families of four currently earning up to about $23,200 pay no income taxes) rising to a 39.6 percent top marginal rate on the incomes of the richest 1 percent. Replace that with a flat rate of, say, 20 percent and clearly the rich will pay far, far less in taxes. That has to be made up somewhere.” [Citizens for Tax Justice, accessed 5/12/16]

EPI: Flat Tax Would Benefit High-Income Earners; “Top 1 Percent Would See An Average Tax Cut Of Over $200,000.” “The flat tax is certainly a good deal for high-income individuals. Although they might not get to deduct mortgage interest payments on their vacation homes, those with high incomes more than make up for it in the lower, ‘flatter’ rate. For example, under a 20 percent flat tax (similar to the one proposed by Perry), the top 1 percent would see an average tax cut of over $200,000.” [EPI: Cutting Taxes for the Rich Never Ends Well, 11/02/11]
there is direct alignment between the individual and providers, better coordination of care, and transparency on total cost of care.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22]

Adkins Supported Repealing The Affordable Care Act. “Republican voters in the 3rd Congressional District have a tough choice to make in the Aug. 4 primary, especially between former Roeland Park Mayor Adrienne Vallejo Foster and Cerner executive Amanda Adkins. Both are articulate and passionate defenders of fiscal restraint and ‘health care freedom.’ Neither believes that the next COVID-19 stimulus package should include additional unemployment benefits, and both would vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act.” [Kansas City Star, 7/30/20]

Adkins Blamed The Affordable Care Act For Rising Healthcare Costs. “The ACA ‘Obamacare’ mandate dictating what healthcare coverage individuals must purchase, without taking into consideration their needs, only served to increase cost. As a result, Kansans were on average, paying monthly fees that were 106% higher in 2017 than in 2013. This is an unacceptable increase in the cost of care when families could be using that money for needs that would otherwise be stimulating the economy.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22]

Adkins Criticized The Affordable Care Act For Focusing On “Low-Cost Provider Services” Instead Of “Market-Driven, High Performance Services.” “Most important – I hope state governments will view healthcare reform as an opportunity to put individuals and families in charge. Obamacare focused on low-cost provider services to limit utilization as opposed to market-driven, high performance services. An insurance card does not equate to access to high-quality care. True healthcare reform will enable healthcare at a reasonable cost; respects the decision-making authority of the individual and the family; aligns families with their chosen physicians; and focuses on actual health improvement.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22]

Adkins Criticized President Obama’s Health Care Policy Proposals

2010: Adkins Wrote An Op-Ed Criticizing President Obama For His Commitment To “Mirror European Nations Spending, Health Care And Other Environmental Policies.” “Much has been said about President Barack Obama’s commitment to mirror European nations spending, health care and other environmental policies. One only needs a quick review of history to be reminded of how well this does not work. […] The question is simple: Do you want an America that rewards individual promise, entrepreneurship and centers on family or do you want European-style socialism that penalizes hard work, stifles prosperity and celebrates government? Kansas Republicans are presenting a united front with sound plans to meet the challenges of a 21st Century economy. Our philosophy centers on liberating the promise of the individual and family as the answer, not more government growth, on a path to prosperity. The choice is yours.” [Amanda Adkins For Hays Daily News, 5/12/10]

Adkins Criticized Obama’s Health Care Proposals, Saying “We Do Not Support The Democrats’ Public Option” And Insisting Americans Wanted To Choose Their Own Insurance Coverage. “Over the summer, hundreds of Kansans attended town halls to commend our Republican Congressional delegation for their efforts against government-run health care and to tell Dennis Moore that we do not support the Democrats’ public option. In every state across the country, the sentiment was the same - let us choose our own doctors and insurance coverage. Yet the day after Congress returns to Washington, President Obama addresses a joint session and continues to push for the same plan that Americans already rejected. ‘President Obama claims if you like your current health care plan you can keep it, that you and your doctor alone will choose what care you receive, there will be no cuts to Medicare and quality of care for Seniors will remain the same. The truth is that the Democrats’ plan could force 80 million Americans from their current health care coverage, government boards will help decide what treatment you receive and Medicare reimbursements will be cut which drastically impacts low income Seniors. Kansans want a healthcare system that is centered on empowering the person, not the government.” [Targeted News Service, 9/9/09]

Adkins Claimed She Opposed “Washington-Centric” ACA Because She Wanted To Give States And Local Communities The Decision-Making Authority For Healthcare Programs, Rather Than The Federal Government
Adkins Called The ACA “Washington Centric” And Wanted To Give States The Decision-Making Authority For Healthcare Programs. “While Democrats continue to pursue expanded federal control of healthcare, I am committed to moving healthcare dollars and decisions closer to the people affected. We must move away from the Obamacare “Washington-centric” approach and give states the decision-making authority for public programs and insurance design.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22]

Adkins Said That States Would Be Better Positioned To Deal With Healthcare Than The Federal Government If The ACA Were To Be Ruled Unconstitutional. “It is possible that the Supreme Court will rule ACA “Obamacare” unconstitutional. Regardless, we need to determine the best path for individuals and families to keep health insurance that best meets their needs. As I have long said, healthcare is local and states are best positioned to design coverage, taking into consideration the risks and needs of their populations – not the federal government.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22]

Adkins Supported Taking Funds Committed For The Affordable Care Act And Using Them For State Grants Towards Medical Costs For Low-Income And High-Risk Individuals. “I support using funds, previously committed for Obamacare, to support grants that assist states with low-income individuals and supplement medical costs of eligible high-risk individuals. The goal is to bring decision-making closer to the people while also providing for the needs of vulnerable populations as best determined by state governments. It is imperative that healthcare funding is tied to decision-making.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22]

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Adkins Said Her Health Care Priorities Were Affordability And Choice, So She Was Anti-Government Run Health Care. “I’m gonna be centered on affordability. I’m a mother, and the most important thing to me, first and foremost, is to be able to make decisions about how my family is spending our money and obviously health care is a significant expense for all of us. So affordability is a pretty big deal. I think the other thing is [...] the health of our country, so a system that is actually improving health, is really. really important to me. [...] So we’re going to be focused on choice, of course, I will be anti-government run health care, I think that decisions need to be made by the individual and the family and their needs relative to health. [...] There has to be transparency in cost [...] there has to be a more efficient use of resources.” [Pete Mundo/Amanda Adkins Interview, 11/14/10, saved on Vantage]

Adkins Said Instead Of The Affordable Care Act, The U.S. Should Have Direct Primary Care, Provider-Sponsored Health Plans, And Health Savings Accounts

Adkins Said Health Savings Accounts Were The Best Way For Americans To Control Their Healthcare Costs. “The best way for Americans to control their own healthcare starts with financing costs through Health Savings Accounts (HSAs). Health Savings Accounts are pre-tax dollars set aside by an individual or family to help cover healthcare costs not covered by insurance. Current law limits the amount an individual and family can contribute to an HSA and prohibits HSAs from being the primary source of healthcare funds. [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22]

Adkins Wanted To Increase Health Savings Account Contribution Limits. “In contrast, I support Americans using funds as they see fit. If a person does not want to purchase traditional healthcare insurance, he or she should be able to utilize an HSA account for any medical or health needs. If someone does choose to purchase health insurance, it should be portable and he or she should be able to use HSA funds to pay premiums. Furthermore, HSA
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contribution limits should be increased to match the annual healthcare expense needs of an average individual ($9,000) and family ($18,000).” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22]

**Adkins Said The Answer To Health Care Coverage Was “Individual And Family” Control And Suggested Direct Primary Care Or Provider-Sponsored Health Plans.** “We’re spending too much money and we need to be getting more value, which I know that that’s a different statement on the part of a Republican, but there are a lot of ways that we can start to turn and change and we can definitely do it by not having a federal Medicare For All system. […] The answer really needs to be centered on solutions for the individual and family and decision-making and control in communities. […] Direct primary care would be an example […] provider-sponsored health plans would be another one.” [Kansas GOP Olathe Pizza Shop Event, 1/13/20, saved on Vantage]

**Adkins Said Health Savings Accounts Were The Answer To Financing Health Care.** “Adkins said one of the main weaknesses in the nation’s health care system is ‘how we finance care,’ and she would like to put that into the hands of ‘the individual and the family directly.’ She would do that with account-based plans, like health savings accounts.” [KCUR, 4/20/20, saved on Vantage]

**Health Savings Accounts Serve Little Substitute For The Affordable Care Act And Primarily Serve As A Tax Break For The Wealthy**

**Health Savings Accounts Primarily Benefited Upper-Income Households And Served Mostly As A Tax Break For The Wealthy.** “Research and tax data demonstrate that HSAs primarily benefit upper-income households, since they are more likely to use the accounts, have more money available to invest in them, and receive a greater tax benefit by using them. U.S. Department of Treasury data show that at the end of 2014, just 5 percent of tax filers with adjusted gross income less than $100,000 held money in an HSA, while 20 percent of filers with incomes of more than $500,000 did.” [Center For American Progress, 7/14/17]

**Health Savings Accounts Served No Replacement Value For Cost-Sharing Reduction Subsidies Provided In The Affordable Care Act And Provide Little To No Tax Benefit.** “One often-overlooked but essential component of the ACA is the cost-sharing reduction subsidies, which go to enrollees earning between 100 percent and 250 percent of the federal poverty level—which, in 2017, is $12,060 to $30,150 for an individual in most states—who select certain plans on the marketplace. CSRs are a crucial support to help low-income enrollees afford their cost-sharing, such as deductibles and co-pays. CSRs work by directly upgrading the insurance plan’s actuarial value, or the percent of costs that the insurance company will cover rather than the enrollee. In contrast, HSAs are currently tied to high-deductible health plans. Thus, rather than serving as a replacement for the CSRs, low-income enrollees would be required to take on increased cost-sharing in order to even qualify for an HSA, with the HSAs providing little or no tax benefit.” [Center For American Progress, 7/14/17]

**Direct Primary Care Would Exacerbate A Shortage Of Physicians And Would Create An “Erosion” Of Medical Benefits As Well As Higher Costs For Patients**

**Direct Primary Care Exacerbated Physician Shortages By Reducing Physician Panel Size, And Would Mean The U.S. Would Need To Triple The Physician Workforce To Break Even.** “Direct primary care (DPC), a reformulation of concierge medicine, has intrinsic appeal to overburdened physicians. Its advocates promise a competitive income at a fraction of the volume of patient responsibilities, and they claim it as a patient-friendly, consumer-driven strategy that can meet the needs of patients across the economic spectrum. […] DPCs exacerbate the growing physician shortage. DPC promises physicians more time with each patient, which it accomplishes by reducing physician panel size. Retainer practices such as DPC practices commonly close their panels when they reach about 900 patients, which is much lower than the typical practice panel size of around 2,300 patients. This means the United States would need to nearly triple the physician workforce just to break even. Were the nation committed to the DPC strategy, it would take decades to ‘grow’ enough new physicians.” [AAFP, accessed 4/25/22]
Direct Primary Care Eroded Medical Benefits By Encouraging High-Deductible Health Plans That Exposed Patients To Full Retail Pricing For Services Beyond Primary Care. “DPC relies on an erosion of medical benefits. One of the key selling points of DPC is that it reduces health insurance premiums for employers. This encourages further adoption of high-deductible health plans, which have been shown in some studies to produce blanket reductions in utilization, of both needed and unnecessary care. Much of a patient’s health care requires services beyond primary care. High-deductible health plans can expose patients to full retail pricing for these additional services and medications unless their plans have negotiated discounted rates. These health care costs can quickly become a hardship for many patients.” [AAFP, accessed 4/25/22]

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As Of February 2021, 82,971 Kansans Gained Health Care Coverage Through The Affordable Care Act. “82,971 Kansas residents have gained health coverage through the Affordable Care Act. As of February 2021, 82,971 Kansas residents were enrolled in Marketplace coverage. Kansas’s uninsured rate fell from 12.3 percent in 2013 before the ACA to 9.2 percent as of 2019. However, Kansas has not yet expanded Medicaid under the ACA. HHS estimates that 57,000 uninsured adults would become newly eligible for Medicaid in the state if it were to expand eligibility to 138% of the federal poverty level.” [HHS, 6/5/21]

An Estimated 465,000 Non-Elderly Kansans Had Declinable Pre-Existing Conditions Under Pre-ACA Practices. [KFF, 10/4/19]

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Democrats’ 2021 Reconciliation Bill Proposed Adding Dental, Vision And Hearing Benefits To Medicare. “The blueprint recommends adding dental, vision and hearing benefits to Medicare, as well as lowering the eligibility age -- both longstanding goals of Budget Committee Chairman Bernie Sanders, an independent from Vermont who caucuses with the Democrats.” [CNN, 8/9/21]

Nearly 24 Million People Would Receive Dental Coverage As Part Of Medicaid Expansion. “Nearly half of Medicare beneficiaries, or 24 million people, did not have dental coverage, as of 2019, according to a recent Kaiser Family Foundation report.” [CNN, 8/9/21]

The Proposed Medicare Expansion Would Also Lower The Eligibility Age To 60. “Medicare, which is relied on by most Americans once they reach the eligibility age of 65, would provide coverage for dental, vision and hearing under the budget resolution. In addition, the age when people can sign up would be lowered, most likely to age 60 as President Joe Biden has said he supports.” [CNBC, 8/25/21]

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needs I encountered during my tenure as Chair of the State of Kansas Children’s Cabinet, I founded the Systems of Care Initiative (SOCI) – a non-profit organization that aligns business leaders with high-performance early learning organizations dedicated to improving the health and readiness of young children when they enter school.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/22/22]

- Adkins Said She Was A Proud Pro-Life Catholic And Would Work To “Protect Religious Liberty And Your First Amendment Rights.” [Amanda Adkins For Congress, Twitter, 10/18/19]

Adkins Claimed She Sought To Protect At-Risk Kids And Families In Birth And Would Not Abandon Them Thereafter. “In all the work I do for at-risk kids and families, my vision is always to show our community that I seek to protect them in birth and will not abandon the child or parents thereafter.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/22/22]

Adkins Said That It Was “Basic Science” That Life Starts At Conception. “Indeed … it is a beautiful life at conception. Basic science … cells are multiplying = life. One of the best parts of being a woman … the POWER of bringing life into this world. This is why I support women, children and families. Our future.”

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Kansas Reflector: “Adkins, Who Previously Worked For GOP Gov. Sam Brownback, Has Embraced Anti-Abortion Political Views.” “Hadley, a district organizer with the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, said the Supreme Court case made the issue of abortion relevant in the upcoming congressional contest. Adkins, who previously worked for GOP Gov. Sam Brownback, has embraced anti-abortion political views, while Davids has campaigned to retain a woman’s right to decide whether to carry a fetus to term.” [Kansas Reflector, 12/1/21]

2010: Adkins Was Part Of Creating A Framework For The Kansas GOP Advocating For Policies To Protect “Every Single Life.” “Earlier Saturday, the GOP State Committee approved ‘Our Commitment for Kansas,’ which party leaders called a framework for a more detailed platform to come. It advocates a simplified tax system, U.S. energy in dependence and protecting ‘every single life.’ Some committee members criticized the document as vague, and GOP leaders had to ask for a show of hands for its approval. The vote was 95-58. State party chairwoman Amanda Adkins told the committee that she sees the Kansas GOP as ‘a conservative party of ideas.” [Wichita Eagle, 1/31/10]

Adkins Responded To A Negative Comment On Twitter By Defending Her Support For Anti-Abortion Policies By Stating That Her Charity Group “To Help Birth To Five Kids And Their Families.” “This comment is garbage. Do your homework please. I helped found a #KS03 charity to help birth to five kids and their families. Life begins at conception. Great communities support young children and families. These kids are the future … and their life starts at conception.” [Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 9/1/21]

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Adkins’ Campaigns Were Endorsed By Multiple “Pro-Life” Organizations

Kansas Reflector: In The 2020 Election, The Kansans For Life Political Action Committee Endorsed Adkins And Said She Was Part Of A ‘Powerful Pro-Life Congressional Slate.’ “In the 2020 election, the Kansans for Life political action committee endorsed Adkins and said she was part of a ‘powerful pro-life congressional slate for voters to send to the U.S. House to stand against Nancy Pelosi and her pro-abortion agenda. We must send a clear message to the abortion industry that they are not welcome in Kansas.’” [Kansas Reflector, 12/1/21]

Adkins’ 2022 Campaign Was Endorsed By Susan B. Anthony List’s Candidate Fund PAC. “‘Today Susan B. Anthony List’s Candidate Fund PAC announced its endorsement of Amanda Adkins (R) for Congress in Kansas’ 3rd District. ‘Amanda Adkins has spent her career as a leading voice for families and children and we are proud to back her for Congress,’ said Hon. Marilyn Musgrave, SBA List’s vice president of government affairs. ‘Amanda is committed to promoting life and the dignity of every person, born and unborn. In contrast, her Democratic opponent Sharice Davids is an extremist who continually sides with the radical abortion lobby and is far out of step with America’s heartland. Davids was Kansas’ only sponsor of legislation to enshrine abortion on demand until birth in the law – she even refuses to support medical care for babies who survive failed abortions. As Kansans fight to protect unborn children and their mothers and have their values reflected in state law, they deserve leaders in Congress who will fight for them too. Amanda will bring a mother’s compassion, grit and common sense to Washington and we urge voters to support her in the primary.’” [Press Release, SBA List, 3/4/22]
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Adkins Claimed That “50 Million Innocent Unborn Children” Have Been Aborted Since The Roe V. Wade Decision. “50 million innocent unborn children have been aborted since the Roe v. Wade decision 47 years ago. As a pro-life advocate I support life from conception until natural death. Add your name if you agree, all life is precious.”

[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 1/22/20]

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[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 10/21/19]

While Adkins Was Chair, The Kansas Republican Party State Platform Called For Numerous Restrictions On Reproductive Rights, Including Overturning Roe V. Wade

Adkins Embraced A State Platform That Called For The Overturning Of Roe V. Wade

2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas GOP State Platform Supported The Overturning Of Roe V. Wade. “In the interest of guarding the inalienable right to life of all Americans, we support the overturning of Roe v. Wade and the prohibition of euthanasia. We encourage providing positive alternatives to abortion by
meeting the physical, emotional, and financial needs of pregnant women and offering adoption services where needed and promoting abstinence-only educational programs in our schools.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]

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May 2022: Former Governor Brownback Claimed Trump Would Be A “Major Part” Of Roe V. Wade Being Overturned Due To The Justices He Appointed To The Supreme Court. “Former Kansas governor ambassador and current pro-life activist Sam Brownback says if Roe v. Wade is overturned, 45th President Trump will be a ‘major part of it’ for putting three justices on the Supreme Court.” [OAN, 5/3/22]

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February 2017: Brownback Sent A Letter To Trump, Paul Ryan And Mitch McConnell Urging Them To Defund Planned Parenthood And Pass Legislation Restricting Abortion. “Brownback sent a letter to President Donald Trump, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Speaker Paul Ryan, who previously worked for Brownback during his time in the U.S. Senate, urging them to defund Planned Parenthood and pass legislation restricting abortion. Brownback has attempted to cut off Medicaid funding to Planned Parenthood in Kansas, an action that has been paused as a federal lawsuit remains pending. The Medicaid dollars Planned Parenthood receives pay for breast exams and other health services for women but do not pay directly for abortions. ‘With the new administration in Washington and both houses of Congress controlled by pro-life majorities, we must grasp the opportunity to proclaim and protect the dignity of life,’ Brownback writes in the letter.” [Kansas City Star, 2/19/17]

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April 2015: Brownback Signed A Law Restricting Second-Trimester Abortions In Kansas. “Kansas became the first state to sharply restrict second-trimester abortions on Tuesday, opening another front in the battle between anti-abortion and pro-choice activists at the state level. Republican Gov. Sam Brownback, a strong opponent of abortion, signed the law on Tuesday surrounded by anti-abortion activists and poster-sized images of fetuses.” [Washington Post, 4/8/15]

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April 2013: Brownback Signed Legislation That Blocked Tax Breaks For Kansas Abortion Providers, Banned Sex-Selection Abortions And Declared That Life Begins “At Fertilization.” “Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback signed sweeping anti-abortion legislation Friday, giving his state a new law to block tax breaks for abortion providers, ban sex-selection abortions and declare that life begins ‘at fertilization.’ Many provisions take effect in July, though the tax changes will be effective for 2014. The measure cleared the Republican-dominated Legislature by wide margins earlier this month. The GOP governor is a strong abortion opponent who urged lawmakers to create ‘a culture of life’ after taking office in January 2011.” [USA Today, 4/20/13]

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Brownback’s appearance at a 2007 rally for evangelist Lou Engle, who has urged Christians to fast and pray that ‘God, the avenger of blood’ will heal the nation’s sins of abortion and homosexuality. […] “Senator Brownback is a strong supporter of human rights for all people, everywhere in the world,” said Amanda Adkins, chairwoman of the Kansas Republicans.” [Kansas Dems Question Brownback Ties To Evangelist, Associated Press State & Local Wire, 10/12/10]

Adkins Repeatedly Opposed Critical COVID-19 Relief Packages And Blamed Them For “Incentivizing Unemployment”

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- **2009: The American Recovery And Reinvestment Act Was A $787 Billion Economic Stimulus Package Signed By President Obama Following The Great Recession.** “President Barack Obama signed into law Tuesday a $787 billion economic stimulus package, a historic, multifaceted rescue plan aimed at creating millions of jobs, sparking consumer spending and stopping the country from sliding into what he has called an economic ‘catastrophe.’ Characterizing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as the ‘most sweeping economic recovery package in our history,’ Obama said the bill’s mix of tax cuts, infrastructure projects, energy and education investments, and aid to the unemployed and poor would create or save 3.5 million jobs over the next two years, including roughly 60,000 in Colorado.” [Denver Post, 2/17/09]

Adkins Opposed The Use Of State And Local Recovery Funds—Including Those She Said Were Requested By Kansas--From The American Rescue Plan As A “Bailout.” “We cannot afford the policies of the Biden Administration that will further put the country into debt and increase dependency on the federal government. The Biden Administration used the pandemic recovery bill – The American Recovery Act – to pursue even greater expansion of Obamacare, which has little, if anything, to do with actual pandemic relief. These provisions are projected to add an additional $34.2 billion to the deficit over the next two years. Included in this spending is a bailout of state governments in the midst of waste and fraud. The State of Kansas requested a bailout all while mismanaging unemployment insurance fund payouts to the tune of more than $600 million.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22]

March 2021: Adkins Stated That Davids Was Just “Towing The Partisan Line” In Response To Her Vote For The American Rescue Plan.
True so true #KS03 deserves real experience in healthcare and business. @RepDavids is just towing the partisan line.

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February 2021: Davids Voted For Passage Of The American Rescue Plan Act. In February 2021, Davids voted for: “Passage of the fiscal 2021 budget reconciliation bill, as amended, comprising a coronavirus relief package that would provide roughly $1.9 trillion in funding to further address the health and economic effects of COVID-19, including approximately $350 billion in direct aid to state and local governments; $47.8 billion for testing and contact tracing; $168 billion to assist educational institutions; and $50 billion to assist small businesses. It would extend and increase federal unemployment compensation benefits for 24 weeks and increase the weekly amount to $400; provide tax rebates of $1,400 for individuals with incomes of $75,000 or less; extend or expand a number of employer and individual tax
credits, including credits to subsidize health insurance premiums; and gradually increase the federal minimum wage to $15 per hour. Among other provisions, the bill would provide $195.3 billion for direct assistance to states and $130.2 billion for local governments; $128.6 billion through fiscal 2023 for an Education Department elementary and secondary school emergency relief fund and $39.6 billion for grants to higher education institutions, including to provide emergency financial aid; and continue the 15% increase in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits through September 2021. It would provide $47.8 billion for COVID-19 testing and contact tracing; $7.5 billion for vaccine administration and distribution; and $6.1 billion for vaccine and therapeutic development, manufacturing and procurement. It would require Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program to fully cover the cost of COVID-19 vaccines. It would expand eligibility in 2021 and 2022 for federal tax subsidies toward Affordable Care Act marketplace insurance premiums, including to fully cover premium costs for individuals earning up to 150% of the federal poverty level and cap premiums at 8.5% of household income. It would provide $50 billion for small business assistance, including $25 billion for restaurants. It would provide $30.5 billion for transit, $18 billion for airline and aviation manufacturing industry payroll support; and $4 billion for Agriculture Department pandemic-related assistance. It would incrementally increase the federal minimum wage annually to reach $15 per hour in 2025, including for tipped workers, teens and workers with disabilities. It would create a program to provide financial assistance to multiemployer pension plans.” The bill passed by a vote of 219-212. [HR 1319, Vote #49, 2/27/21; CQ, 2/27/21]

The American Rescue Plan Act

The American Rescue Plan Provided $1,400 Direct Payments, Aid To State And Local Governments, Schools, And Small Businesses, An Expanded Child Tax Credit, And Vaccine Distribution Funds. “President Biden signed the $1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act into law on Thursday, finalizing an early policy victory that will send much-needed aid to millions of Americans still struggling from the COVID-19 pandemic. […] The American Rescue Plan provides $1,400 direct payments to individuals making up to $75,000 annually, $350 billion in aid to state and local governments and $14 billion for vaccine distribution. The bill also provides $130 billion to elementary, middle and high schools to assist with safe reopening. […] It includes an additional $300 billion in weekly jobless benefits through September and an expanded tax credit of up to $3,600 per child, initially distributed in monthly installments. The child tax credit could raise 4 million children out of poverty, according to an analysis by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. More than $50 billion will be distributed to small businesses, including $7 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program. The bill also provides $25 billion for relief for small and mid-sized restaurants, which have suffered significantly during the pandemic.” [CBS News, 3/12/21]

Economic Impact Payments

Individuals In Kansas Received $3.5 Billion In Third Round Economic Impact Payments Of Up To $1,400 Through The American Rescue Plan. Kansas received $3.5 million in Third Round Economic Impact Payments through The American Rescue Plan Act: “The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) released state-by-state data through early June for the 163.5 million Economic Impact Payments (EIPs) totaling nearly $390 billion received by individuals through the American Rescue Plan Act. With this round of payments, the IRS and the Bureau of the Fiscal Service (BFS) have delivered more EIPs and more total direct relief than in any previous round of direct relief. All 50 states saw more total relief with this round of payments than in previous rounds. […] The EIPs under the American Rescue Plan included payments of up to $1,400 per qualifying dependent, a significant increase over the $500 and $600 per qualifying child from the first and second rounds of payments, respectively.” [Department of the Treasury, Press Release, 6/29/21]

Child Tax Credit

According To Estimates From The Joint Economic Committee Made Using State-Level Data From The Treasury, Kansas’ 3rd Congressional District Had Received $37.9 Million In Child Tax Credit Payments As Of November 2021. According to estimates from the Joint Economic Committee, Kansas’ 3rd Congressional
District had received $37.2 million in Child Tax Credit payments as of August 2021: “Using state-level data from the Treasury Department on advance Child Tax Credit (CTC) payments, the Joint Economic Committee estimated the number of qualifying children, total number of payments, and total payment amount by congressional district in August 2021, when the second round of CTC payments was distributed.” [Joint Economic Committee, 11/18/21; Joint Economic Committee, Estimates of Advance Child Tax Credit Distribution by Congressional District, 11/18/21]

JEC Analysis Showed The CTC Had Dramatically Reduced Food Insecurity And Financial Hardship, And Was Expected To Inject Nearly $19.3 Billion Into Local Economies Each Month. “JEC analysis of data from the Census Bureau show the expanded CTC is already having a major impact on family budgets, with dramatic declines in food insufficiency and financial hardship, and the JEC estimates that monthly CTC payments will inject nearly $19.3 billion into local economies each month. The expanded CTC will generate nearly $19.3 billion in spending in local economies across the U.S. each month. Family finances improved significantly following the first monthly expanded CTC payments in July. Data from the Census Bureau show that following the July payments, there were significant declines in the share of households with children reporting financial hardship and food insufficiency. Families are using the expanded CTC payments to meet the needs of their household. Among those who responded to the Census Bureau’s survey: 47% spent their CTC payment on food, 28% spent it on internet and other utilities, 26% spent it on school expenses, and 17% of those with at least one child under age 5 spent it on child care.” [Joint Economic Committee, 9/9/21]

As Of December 2021, Kansas Had Received $888 Million In Child Tax Credit Payments As Part Of The American Rescue Plan. As of August 2021, Kansas had received $147.2 million in Child Tax Credit payments: “The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service announced today that more than $15 billion were paid to families that include roughly 61 million eligible children in the second monthly payment of the expanded and newly-advanceable Child Tax Credit from the American Rescue Plan passed in March. […] Eligible families received a payment of up to $300 per month for each child under age 6 and up to $250 per month for each child age 6 to 17. This tax relief is having a real impact on the lives of America’s children. According to the Census Bureau’s Household Pulse Survey data released earlier this week, parents reported having less trouble covering the costs of food and other household expenses after receiving their first CTC payment. The share of families reporting that they sometimes or often did not have enough to eat in the past week dropped to the lowest percentage since the pandemic began. Parents are using their CTC payments to pay for basics for their kids.” [Department of the Treasury, Press Release, 12/15/21]

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Small Business Support – Restaurant Revitalization Funding

As Of August 2021, Kansas’ 3rd Congressional District Had Received $43.5 Million In Restaurant Revitalization Funding To Help Restaurants Keep Their Doors Open As Part Of The American Rescue Plan. As of August 2021, Kansas’ 3rd Congressional District had received $43.5 million in Restaurant Revitalization Funding as part of The American Rescue Plan: “The American Rescue Plan Act established the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) to provide funding to help restaurants and other eligible businesses keep their doors open. This program will provide restaurants with funding equal to their pandemic-related revenue loss up to $10 million per business and no more than $5 million per physical location. Recipients are not required to repay the funding as long as funds are used for eligible uses no later than March 11, 2023.” [U.S. Small Business Administration, RRF FOIA, 8/18/21; U.S. Small Business Administration, accessed 3/30/22]
As Of June 2021, Kansas Had Received $108.6 Million In Restaurant Revitalization Funding As Part Of The American Rescue Plan. [U.S. Small Business Administration, RRF Report, 6/30/21]

Small Business Support – Shuttered Venue Operators Grants

As Of April 2022, Kansas Had Received $100.2 Million In Shuttered Venues Operators Grants To Help Live Venues, Museums, And Theaters Stay Open As Part Of The American Rescue Plan. As of September 2021, Kansas had received $99.9 million in Shuttered Venues Operators Grants as part of the American Rescue Plan Act: “The Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) program was established by the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act, and amended by the American Rescue Plan Act. The program includes over $16 billion in grants to shuttered venues, to be administered by SBA’s Office of Disaster Assistance. Eligible applicants may qualify for grants equal to 45% of their gross earned revenue, with the maximum amount available for a single grant award of $10 million. $2 billion is reserved for eligible applications with up to 50 full-time employees. […] Eligible entities include: live venue operators or promoters, theatrical producers, live performing arts organization operators, museum operators, motion picture theater operators (including owners), talent representatives.” [SBA Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program Reports, 4/11/22; SBA accessed 4/13/22]

Elementary And Secondary School Emergency Relief

Kansas Received $831.1 Million In Elementary And Secondary School Emergency Relief Through The American Rescue Plan To Help Safely Reopen Schools. Kansas received $831.1 million in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief through the American Rescue Plan: “This document outlines the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, enacted on March 11, 2021. ARP ESSER provides a total of nearly $122 billion to States and school districts to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the nation’s students. In addition to ARP ESSER, the ARP Act includes $3 billion for special education, $850 million for the Outlying Areas, $2.75 billion to support non-public schools, and additional funding for homeless children and youth, Tribal educational agencies, Native Hawaiians, and Alaska Natives.” [ARP ESSER Methodology and Allocation Table Revised, 6/25/21; Department of Education, Fact Sheet, 3/17/21]

Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Kansas Received $1.5 Billion In Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds As Part Of The American Rescue Plan To Help Governments Respond To The Pandemic And Bring Back Jobs. Kansas received $1.5 billion in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as part of the American Rescue Plan: “The American Rescue Plan will deliver $350 billion for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency and bring back jobs. […] Recipients may use these funds to: support public health expenditures, by, for example, funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff, address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector, replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic, provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors, invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet, within these overall categories, recipients have broad flexibility to decide how best to use this funding to meet the needs of their communities. [Department of the Treasury, Allocation for States, accessed 3/30/22; Department of the Treasury, accessed 3/30/22]

Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Law Enforcement
The American Rescue Plan Provided $350 Billion In State And Local Funding To Hire Law Enforcement Officials, Pay Overtime For Community Policing, And Restore Law Enforcement To Pre-Pandemic Levels. “Today, the Treasury Department is highlighting that communities experiencing a surge in gun violence as a result of the pandemic may use the American Rescue Plan’s $350 billion in state and local funding for purposes such as: Hiring law enforcement officials – even above pre-pandemic levels – or paying overtime where the funds are directly focused on advancing community policing strategies in those communities experiencing an increase in gun violence associated with the pandemic. […] In addition, the Treasury Department is clarifying that any community may use ARP state and local aid for the above strategies and any other public safety programs, up to the level of revenue loss the jurisdiction experienced during the pandemic. And any community may use ARP funds to rehire police officers and other public servants to restore law enforcement and courts to their pre-pandemic levels.” [White House, Press Release, 6/23/21]

Department Of The Treasury: “There Are Many Ways In Which The State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds […] Can Support Communities Working To Reduce And Respond To Increased Violence.” “Under Treasury’s Interim Final Rule, there are many ways in which the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“Funds”) under the American Rescue Plan Act can support communities working to reduce and respond to increased violence due to the pandemic. […] In all communities, recipients may use resources to rehire police officers and other public servants to restore law enforcement and courts to their pre-pandemic levels. […] In communities where an increase in violence or increased difficulty in accessing or providing services to respond to or mitigate the effects of violence, is a result of the pandemic they may use funds to address that harm. This spending may include: Hiring law enforcement officials – even above pre-pandemic levels – or paying overtime where the funds are directly focused on advancing community policing strategies in those communities experiencing an increase in gun violence associated with the pandemic or Community Violence Intervention (CVI) programs, including capacity building efforts at CVI programs like funding and training additional intervention workers.” [Department of the Treasury, 7/19/21]

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Adkins Blamed COVID-19 Relief Packages For Incentivizing Unemployment—Even Though Adkins Herself Was Unemployed At The Time

Adkins Claimed That “Some Of” The COVID-19 Relief Packages “Focused Heavily On Incentivizing Unemployment.” “Some of the COVID-19 packages have focused heavily on incentivizing unemployment, that is a very distinct difference between Miss Davids and myself,’ Adkins said.” [Kansas City Star, 10/22/20]

- Adkins Left Her Job At Cerner In January 2020.
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Adkins Called The $3 Trillion HEROES Act Relief Bill An Attempt To Hide A “Radical Liberal Agenda” As Pandemic Relief. “Nancy Pelosi and House Democrats again attempted to hide their radical liberal agenda in a “relief” package. Democrats voted to increase our debt with funding for partisan special interests that have nothing to do with the virus or pandemic. This bill even provides illegal immigrants with taxpayer-funded benefits. Nancy Pelosi, who Sharice Davids voted for as Speaker of the House, has once again funneled through legislation that is at odds with the needs of Kansans. Although this will not pass the Senate, it is further evidence that the time to take back the House is now. The people of #KS03 deserve a leader who will stand up to Pelosi and work to regain a majority. I am ready to be that leader.”
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[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 5/16/20]

Adkins Criticized $3 Trillion The HEROES Act, Echoing Statements That It Would Be A “Recipe For A Prolonged Recession.”

Rep. Brady is right. This $3T bill is a “recipe for a prolonged recession”. We need results-based, data-driven solutions to get the economy back on track. Tossing money at special interests is not the answer. #KS03 & the nation deserve better.
• **May 2020:** The House Of Representatives Passed The HEROES Act Which Proposed $3 Trillion To Address The Economic Impacts Of The Coronavirus. “House Democrats on Friday passed a $3 trillion tax cut and spending bill aimed at addressing the devastating economic fallout from the coronavirus outbreak by directing huge sums of money into all corners of the economy. But the White House and Senate Republicans have decried the measure’s design and said they will cast it aside, leaving uncertain what steps policymakers might take as the economy continues to face severe strains. The sweeping legislation, dubbed the ‘Heroes Act’, passed 208-199.” [Washington Post, 5/15/20]

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**Adkins Opposed The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill That Provided Billions In Infrastructure Investments And Improvements To Kansas**

**Adkins Criticized Rep. Sharice Davids For Voting For The Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Which She Called “Massive Spending”**

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@SenatorJerryMoran @JerryMoran · Aug 9, 2021
This afternoon, I spoke on the Senate floor regarding my intent to oppose the infrastructure bill.
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[Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 8/11/21]
Adkins Claimed That The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Would Add $400 Billion To The Deficit. “@sharicedavids Infrastructure Plan Will Add $400 Billion to the Deficit, CBO finds via @budgethawks.”

Adkins Tweeted In Support Of The House Republican STARTER Act Infrastructure Plan. “Real infrastructure solutions for problems facing #KS03 #BuilderBeliever ... @sharicedavids ... I come from a builder/heavy construction family. Let’s get our community working!”

Kevin McCarthy @GOPLeader · May 19, 2021
The STARTER Act will fund highways, roads, bridges, transit, and highway safety improvements. It’s a bill that addresses America’s real infrastructure needs.

[Twitter, @amanda_adkins, 5/19/21]
May 2021: House Republicans Introduced The STARTER Act that proposed $400 Billion Towards Infrastructure Investments. “As United States lawmakers grapple with how to address much-needed infrastructure investment, House Republican Committee leaders introduced their own proposal this week in the form of the more than $400 billion, five-year STARTER Act 2.0. STARTER, or Surface Transportation Advanced through Reform, Technology, & Efficient Review, is a less costly plan than other proposals currently being considered in Washington.” [Transportation Today, 5/21/21]

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Provided Billions To Fund Much-Needed Bridge And Transit Improvements In Kansas

KCUR: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Will Bring $3.8 Billion To Kansas For Infrastructure Projects. “The new legislation will bring $3.8 billion to Kansas for infrastructure projects and create two million jobs per year for the next decade.” [KCUR, 12/14/21]

Kansas Was Slated To Receive $225 Million From The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill For Bridge Repairs Over Five Years. “Kansas is slated to get $225 million from the infrastructure bill over five years, including $45 million in fiscal 2022.” [KCUR, 1/28/22]

According To An October 2021 Report Published By Rep. Sharice Davids’ Office, 732 Bridges In Kansas’ 3rd Congressional District Needed Repairs. “Much of that money will go toward repairing more than 1,300 bridges in the state that are in poor condition, said Kansas Transportation Secretary Julie Lorenz. Some 732 bridges in Kansas’ Third Congressional District alone need repairs, according to a report Davids published last October. Of those bridges, 21 are considered in poor condition by the Department of Transportation.” [KCUR, 1/28/22]

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The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Included Over $2.8 Million To Improve Transit Safety And Acquire New Buses & Rail Cars In Kansas. “The round of funding in Kansas includes over $2.8 million to improve transit safety and to acquire new buses and rail cars.” [KSHB, 2/9/22]

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The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Brought In Over $1.1 Million To Improve Transit Reliability Including For Seniors And The Disabled In The Kansas City Area. “Across the Kansas City area the funding is set to bring over $400,000 for transit repairs and to improve transit reliability, as well as over $750,000 to improve transit for seniors and those with disabilities.” [KSHB, 2/9/22]

Adkins Quietly Took Money From And Was Endorsed By Elected Officials Who Promoted The Big Lie, While Staying Silent On The January 6th Insurrection

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Join me in supporting Amanda:
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[Ted Cruz, Twitter, 4/26/21]
• Cruz Led Other Republican Senators In An Effort To “Thwart The Democratic Process” Over Unsubstantiated Allegations Of Voter Fraud. “Nearly a dozen Republican senators and senators-elect led by Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas said Saturday they will reject electors from certain states won by President-elect Joe Biden, citing unsubstantiated allegations of voter fraud and calling for an emergency 10-day audit of the results, an unprecedented attempt to thwart the democratic process.” [Washington Post, 1/2/21]

• January 2021: Cruz Voted To Overturn The Electoral College Results From Arizona Pennsylvania. [Washington Post, 1/7/21]

September 2021: Adkins Was Endorsed By House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy. “Excited to have the endorsement of Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy! We will prioritize a stronger economy, and stronger America for our families back here in Kansas.”

[September 7, 2021, Amanda Adkins for Congress Facebook]

• January 2021: McCarthy Voted To Overturn The Electoral College Results From Arizona And Pennsylvania. [Washington Post, 1/7/21]

July 2021: Adkins Was Endorsed By House Republican Whip Steve Scalise.
I am so honored to earn this support from House leadership and I will work hard every single day to faithfully serve the people in KS-03 by getting our economy back on track starting with reducing inflation and spending, ensuring security and good foreign policy, and addressing the healthcare crisis facing this nation.

Will you chip in $5, $10, $25, $50, $100 or your best gift right now to help sustain the fight to take back Kansas’ 3rd Congressional District and fight for our values?

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- **January 2021: Scalise Voted To Overturn The Electoral College Results From Arizona And Pennsylvania.** [Washington Post, 1/7/21]

- **November 2021: Adkins Was Endorsed By House Republican Conference Chair Elise Stefanik.** “#EPAC is proud to endorse health care leader and conservative fighter @Amanda_adkins for Congress. Amanda has what it takes to flip #KS03 red and help #FIREPelosi once and for all! #REDWAVE2022”
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October 2021: Adkins Was Endorsed By Johnson County Sheriff Calvin Hayden.
October 2020: Hayden Endorsed Adkins Saying He Knew Her For “Many Years.” “I’ve known Amanda Adkins for many years, and I know her support for law enforcement is genuine and steadfast,” said Hayden in a press release. ‘Now more than ever, we need leaders who aren’t afraid to support the brave men and women who protect us. Amanda understands what it takes to keep our communities safe, and she’ll have the backs of our police officers.’ [Shawnee Mission Post, 10/5/20]

Adkins Said She Was “Honored” To Have Sheriff Hayden’s Support. Adkins said she was ‘honored’ that Hayden supports her campaign. ‘In Congress, I’ll work closely with local law enforcement agencies to ensure they have the resources they need, and I’ll always oppose any attempt to defund the police,’ Adkins said. ‘Nothing is more important to me than keeping our district a safe place to live and work.’ [Shawnee Mission Post, 10/5/20]

Sheriff Hayden Used Taxpayer Money To Investigate Baseless Claims Of Irregularities In The 2020 Election

Sheriff Hayden “Joined The Ranks Of Others Casting Doubt On the Legitimacy” Of 2020 Election Results In Johnson County. Assigning An Officer Investigate Alleged Election Irregularities Despite No Evidence Of Fraud. “Saying he’s not convinced the numbers from the voter registration rolls add up, Sheriff Calvin Hayden has joined the ranks of others casting doubt on the legitimacy of recent election results in Johnson County. There has been no evidence of widespread voter fraud anywhere in the state. Kansas Secretary of State Scott Schwab, who has addressed concerns about the integrity of the 2020 elections from fellow Republicans for months now, has repeatedly affirmed that voter fraud did not sway the results. Still, some Republicans have continued to invoke the specter of stolen elections in public. Hayden told the Post Monday he has assigned an officer to investigate voting data in the most recent elections to try to answer questions that have been coming in from people concerned that the elections might have irregularities. The investigator will be working on county time to conduct the investigation.” [KCUR, 3/1/22]

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Hayden Couldn’t Estimate How Much Of The Johnson County Sheriff’s Office Budget Was Used On The Investigation. “The officer has been tasked with looking at a huge amount of data, he said. But it is not, so far, a criminal investigation. ‘What we’ve found is it’s very difficult to find a person we can charge,’ he said. The investigator is not working full time on the election questions but is working on the county clock, Hayden confirmed. However he couldn’t estimate how much of his office’s budget has been spent on the project, since the hours have not been separated from the employee’s other duties.” [KCUR, 3/1/22]

### Adkins Supported Extreme Policies That Discriminated Against LGBTQ Kansans

While Adkins Was Chair, The 2010 Kansas Republican Party State Platform Called For Preserving “Traditional Marriage” And A Federal Constitutional Amendment That “Fully Protects Marriage As A Union Of A Man And A Woman”

2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas Republican State Platform Called For Preserving Traditional Marriage “Between One Man And One Woman.” “Preserving Traditional Marriage. As Republicans, we believe that strong societies rest on strong, stable families. Families provide important value in attainment of leadership skills, moral fiber, work ethic and other traits necessary to be successful in society. As defined by the Kansas Constitution, the benefits and privileges of marriage exist only between one man and one woman. Happy and healthy marriages are the foundation of our society, and we must support the institution of marriage if our society is to survive.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]

2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas Republican State Platform Called For A Federal Constitutional Amendment That “Fully Protects Marriage As A Union Of A Man And A Woman.” “Because our children’s future is best preserved within the traditional understanding of marriage, we call for a federal constitutional amendment that fully protects marriage as a union of a man and a woman, so that judges and legislatures cannot make other arrangements equivalent to it.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]

- 2010: Adkins Was Chair of The Kansas State Republican Party. “Adkins was state GOP chair when Brownback was first elected governor in 2010, and he appointed her to head the Children’s Cabinet.” [Associated Press, 4/5/21]

### Adkins Supported A Trump Administration Policy That Allowed Faith-Based Adoption Services Receiving Federal Funds To Refuse To Place Children With Same-Sex Couples

Adkins Applauded Republicans For “Standing Firm For, In My View, Freedom Of Religion” In Regard To Allowing Faith-Based Foster Care And Adoption Agencies To Not Allow LGBTQ Families To Adopt. “Question: Sharice Davids recently asked Republican members of the Kansas delegation to join her in renouncing the new rule that would allow Catholic Church members and other faith-based groups to facilitate adoptions and she asked that the Kansas delegation criticize that because they don’t allow same-sex couples to adopt yet they can adopt through many other organizations. What are your thoughts on that? ADKINS: I did immediately react to it. First of all I applaud the Republican members of the Kansas delegation for standing firm for, in my view, freedom of religion. I think that that’s really important in this case and It’s a mistake for Sharice Davids to be in opposition. The other thing that I would say is that I, what is this really about? We want more kids in homes. I’ve spent a lot of time doing work for at-risk kids and families and I want to see more kids in homes and adopted, so by not allowing faith-based providers to help with foster care and adoption placement, you’re minimizing the pool of providers who can be helping place kids. So for me it’s about freedom of religion, and it’s about kids, we want to see more kids in loving homes as quickly as possible. […] I don’t think it matches the values of the 3rd district at all, I think it was a mistake for [Davids] for sure.” [This Could Be Big Podcast, Amanda Adkins Interview, 11/18/19, saved on Vantage]
Adkins Tweeted That She Applauded Kansas Republicans For “Being In Opposition To Sharice Davids,” And Shared An Article On Davids Opposing A Trump Administration Policy That Allowed Faith-Based Adoption Services To Turn Away Same-Sex Couples.

[Amanda Adkins Personal Twitter Page, 11/5/19]

- **November 2019:** Davids Urged Republican Members Of Kansas’ Congressional Delegation To Join Her In Opposing A Trump Administration Rule That Enabled Faith-Based Adoption Services To Turn Away Same-Sex Couples. To “Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids urged her Kansas GOP colleagues Tuesday to speak out against a Trump administration policy that will enable faith-based adoption services to turn away same-sex couples. They won't be heeding her advice. Davids, the only Democrat in the Kansas delegation and one of nine LGBTQ members of Congress, sent a letter Tuesday asking Republican colleagues to use their relationships with President Donald Trump to help reverse the policy.” [Kansas City Star 11/5/19]

- **November 2019:** The Trump Administration Adopted A Policy That Rolled Back Discrimination Protections On The Basis Of Sexual Orientation And Allowed Faith-Based Adoption Services Receiving Federal Funds To Refuse To Place Children With Same-Sex Couples. “The Department of Health and Human Services released a proposed rule Friday that would roll back an Obama-era regulation barring discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. Four of the five Republican members of the state's congressional delegation voiced support for the policy Tuesday within hours of the release of Davids’ letter. The new rule will enable groups receiving federal dollars through HHS, such as faith-based adoption services, to refuse to place children with same-sex couples without an impact on their federal funding. Kansas adopted a similar policy under former Gov. Jeff Colyer.” [Kansas City Star 11/5/19]
Adkins Attacked And Sided Against Kansas Union Workers Who Were Protesting For Their Freedom To Organize

2011: Adkins Called Kansas Union Members “Agitators” Who Were Conducting “Street Tactics” At The State Capitol For Protesting Against Anti-Union Legislation

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- February 2011: “Loud” Protests Were Held At The Kansas State Capitol Following An Anti-Union Bill Passed By The Republican Legislature. “Across the state line in Topeka, though, loud protests rocked the Kansas House on Thursday, followed by a rally on Friday at the capitol. The reason: The Republican-dominated Kansas House passed a bill to curtail the ability of union members to designate political action committee contributions through payroll deductions. It awaits Senate action. ‘This is a nice attempt to stick it to the unions,’ said Rep. Mike Slattery, a Mission Democrat. He argued that the measure was aimed at diluting contributions from workers who traditionally supported Democrats.” [Kansas City Star, 2/26/11]

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2011: Kansas Union Members Protested Against Legislation That Restricted Unions’ Political Power, Including Banning Voluntary Deductions From Union Members Paychecks For Political Activities

2011: Kansas Union Members Protested At The State Capitol Against Legislation That Would Ban Deductions From Union Members Paychecks For Political Activities. “The Kansas House passed a Republican-backed bill on February 24 that would ban voluntary deductions from union members’ paychecks for political activities. The bill also bans public employee unions from endorsing political candidates. […] Kansas union members filled the hall of the House on February 24 in an unsuccessful attempt to urge lawmakers to oppose the bill.” [National Journal, 3/7/11]
Kansas Union Leaders Called The Legislation A “Move To Silence Groups Who Fight For Fair Wages.” “A group of union members protested as elected officials in the Kansas house voted in favor of a bill that would ban unions from taking a voluntary donation from their union member members paycheck for political activity. ‘Vote no, vote no,’ the group shouted as legislators took final action on the bill. Protesters were removed from the House gallery by capital police as Republican House speaker Mike O’Neal told protesters to leave the chamber. ‘I don't believe I've ever seen a more dismal display of disrespect for the House in my 27 years as was just displayed. Please exit the gallery,’ said O’Neal. Supporters of the bill say it will give union members more choice on where their donations are spent but union leaders say the bill is a move to silence groups who fight for fair wages. The House voted 75 in favor and 46 against and the bill will now move to the Kansas Senate. Unions are planning additional protests on Saturday at the State house in Topeka.” [McPherson Sentinel, 2/25/11]

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Adkins Was Criticized By Her Republican Primary Opponent, Sarah Hart Weir, For Allowing A Man Previously Accused Of Being A White Nationalist To Volunteer At Her Campaign Events. “Congressional candidate Sarah Hart Weir is assailing Republican opponent Amanda Adkins for allowing a man previously accused of being a white nationalist to volunteer at Adkins’ campaign events. The volunteer, Collin Gustin, denies being a white nationalist, and a spokeswoman for Adkins says he isn’t employed by the campaign.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 3/4/20]

- Man In Question Had Previously Used Racial Slurs And Said “These People Know They’re Not Oppressed. They Just Hate White People And Are Jealous Of Us.” “Gustin also said he has matured since making remarks in an online discussion group that were quoted in the 2018 story by The Capital-Journal. Wading into a dispute over whether someone had used a racial slur, Gustin wrote, ‘They could’ve easily lied about the parents saying n*****,’ ‘They don’t truly care about racism,’ Gustin added to his online comment. ‘These people know they’re not oppressed. They just hate white people and are jealous of us.’” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 3/4/20]


Key Visuals

Video

Adkins Said “Entitlement Spending—Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid—We Should Be Having That As An Annual Budget Debate Process.” [18:30] ADKINS: I think that it’s a partnership not just with LEOs but with business/families/communities. One of the topics we should be talking about tonight is the debt. I’m looking at my kids right now, there’s one point in the congressional budget office that’s startling: by 2049 if we don’t take steps to
reduce the national debt, it will equate to 144% of GDP. I hope that that frightens everyone in this room. When I look at my kids and the kids in my youth program, their future will not be as bright as it is today if we don’t do something. There are two things we can do, and it really has to do with discretionary and entitlement spending. First, on the discretionary, the Budget Control Act, we do need to reauthorize it, and we actually need to enforce it, folks. I also think that, entitlement spending—Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid—we should be having that as an annual budget debate process, we should be discussing what we’re taking in and what we’re actually spending so there’s transparent discussion on it.” [Kansas GOP Candidate Forum, 1/31/20, saved on Vantage] (VIDEO)

**Adkins Opposed Expanding Medicare And Said She Wanted To Focus On “Shoring Up” The Program.**

ADKINS: “For seniors did you know that the 3.5 trillion dollar spending bill that’s being pushed through by liberals in congress, it seeks to expand Medicare but what they’re not telling you is that Medicare will be insolvent within 2 years. Which means that benefits could be cut by up to a thousand dollars for beneficiaries. We need to focus on shoring up the program.”

Irresponsible spending and increased inflation puts Americans at risk. #KS03 seniors and working families will be impacted the most. @sharicedavids and #BidenFailure ... check out my latest response.

[Amada Adkins, Twitter, 10/20/21] (Video)

**Adkins Gave Trump A “B” Grade For His Management Of The Medical Supply Chain.** [20:16] ADKINS: “I said this in the primary too, with regard to the President, I think that the one thing that he truly can control is supply chain management, or at least have a lot of influence over it. I mean I gave him a B for that at the time, and even around the time of the primary you know he released his executive order requiring that more drugs and other medical supplies are actually manufactured here in the United States..”[4star Politics Interview, 09/30/20] (VIDEO)

**Adkins Gave Trump A “C+” Overall For His Management Of The COVID-19 Pandemic Due To His Tone And Public Dialogue At The Time.** [21:11] ADKINS: “Yeah I would, you know with regard to supply chain management being the primary thing that he did, yeah, I mean I would give him a B on that. You know probably overall, just because I do think that the tone, and public dialogue does matter because people are concerned right now, I might downgrade a little bit to a C+.”[4star Politics Interview, 09/30/20] (VIDEO)
September 2020: Adkins Said President Trump Made A “Very Positive Step” With His Executive Order Requiring Drugs And Medical Supplies To Be Manufactured Domestically During The COVID-19 Pandemic. [20:10] ADKINS: “The last thing though that I wanted to just say because you asked the question you know how would I rate, how would I rate everybody, so, I, and I said this in the primary too, with regard to the President, I think that the one thing that he truly can control is supply chain management, or at least have a lot of influence over it. I mean I gave him a B for that at the time, and even around the time of the primary you know he released his executive order requiring that more drugs and other medical supplies are actually manufactured here in the United States. I was a proponent of that in the primary, I’m still a proponent of it, I think that we do need to actually monitor the overall cost of that so that government procurement rates don’t go through the roof. But I think it’s smart. If you believe, as I do, that the federal government’s first role is security, I think that you know that, that was a very positive step on his part.” [4star Politics Interview, [09/30/20] (VIDEO)

2021: Adkins: “Limited Government This Cycle Is Going To Be A Huge Huge Issue.” [18:58] ADKINS: “When we actually did the math, and we looked at, what is the differential, if you take into consideration rising wages, but then the impact of inflation, it’s still somewhere between $1,500 and $2,000 in the negative for people in our district. So that is the overall issue that is driving a lot right now. But related to that, keep in mind, people recognize that a lot of that is due to federal spending, and an influx of money that is in the system, so they are very very frustrated by the overreach of the federal government and by all the spending. So limited government this cycle is going to be a huge huge issue I’m finding.” [E-PAC Press Conference, [11/30/21] (VIDEO)

Audio

Adkins Referred To Biden’s Build Back Better Plan, As The "Build Back Better Mess." [3:06] ADKINS: "Well, Pete, it comes down to everyday experiences, and people are impacted in their daily lives. I mean, just this week, we are still facing the Democrats trying to push through what I would call the Build Back Better mess. The only thing that has been holding it up is that, thankfully, there are many people who want to see the Congressional Budget Office scores, so we actually know what the total cost is of the bill.” [KCMO Talk Radio, Pete Mundo Morning Show, [11/15/21] (AUDIO)

2020: Adkins Characterized Former Governor Sam Brownback’s Budget Approach As “Very Fiscally Prudent.” [7:18] ADKINS: “I mean I think that there are a number of things that you know Governor Brownback did that were important. You know early on you know a lot of people will remember that you know he entered into being Governor with significant shortfalls that he you know early on you know he tried, was very fiscally prudent in how he approached the budget. And you know I think a lot of Republicans in particular, even just in this primary race that has come up, really do appreciate that. You know fiscal restraint is very important to me as a candidate and it’s one of the reasons why it’s the first theme within my path to prosperity plan. And one of the reasons why I’ve been really focused on the national debt because I just, you know $26.2 trillion by the end of this year, I don’t feel comfortable as a mother and someone who’s lead in business you know stacking hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt on top of our children”[KCUR, Up To Date Podcast, [07/29/20] (AUDIO)

Adkins: “Government Must Accept That It Can't Solve All Problems With Trillion Dollar Solutions.” [3:49] ADKINS: “I know that this is true in terms of the mindset of most people here in KS03. Government must accept that it can't solve all problems with trillion dollar solutions.” [KCMO Talk Radio, Pete Mundo Morning Show, [11/15/21] (AUDIO)

Images
Amanda Adkins @amanda_adkins · Oct 24, 2015
Still more work to do, but post KS tax cuts ... seeing solid increases in personal income See Forbes - forbes.com/sites/rexsinqu... Brownback

$486 Million In Growth Later, Kansas’ Historic Tax Cut Should Set Examp...
While naysayers continue to refute the existence of the (very real) good news from Kansas, more positive evidence just keeps coming. Recently ...
forbes.com

[Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 10/24/15]

Amanda Adkins for Congress
January 22, 2020 ·
50 million innocent unborn children have been aborted since the Roe v. Wade decision 47 years ago. As a pro-life advocate I support life from conception until natural death. Add your name if you agree, all life is precious.

[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 1/22/20]
As a healthcare leader with more than 15 years experience working health management in the United States, I believe we need a three-point Coronavirus response plan that focuses on: Improved Detection; Risk Mitigation; and Supply Chain Management. Please click on the link below to read my latest policy on COVID-19 and what I believe the Federal Government should be doing to protect the health, safety and security of the United States.

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Ad that applauds Adkins as ‘her own woman’ was paid for by PAC funded by father
OCTOBER 21, 2020, 2:51 PM
[Kansas City Star, 10/21/20]

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Kansas Republican Amanda Adkins faces FEC complaint related to 2019 fundraising
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020, 2:25 PM
[Kansas City Star, 9/14/20]
Amanda Adkins: Our children need to return to school and attend classes in person

AUGUST 21, 2020, 5:00 AM
[Kansas City Star, 8/21/20]

Cerner must guard against conflicts of interest as exec runs for Congress, experts say

NOVEMBER 17, 2019, 5:00 AM
[Kansas City Star, 11/17/19]
Headlines

Kansas City Star: “Candidate’s Father Steers Six Figures Into PAC Attacking Rival In Kansas GOP Primary” [Kansas City Star, 7/8/20]

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Kansas City Star: “Kansas Republicans Eye New Map, Easy Primary As Path To Victory Against Sharice Davids In 2022” [Kansas City Star, 5/3/21]
Personal & Professional History
## Biography

This section provides background information on Adkins’ personal life, including education, personal finances, her criminal and civil record, and other areas. Searches were conducted with various local media in Johnson County, media outlets including the Kansas City Star, Topeka Capital-Journal, KCTV, as well as a number of other online resources, including Lexis-Nexis.

### Birth Date

Adkins Was Born On November 7th, 1974. [Kansas Voter Registration Application, accessed 3/14/03]

### Education


Adkins Attended Chapman University In Orange, California For An Undisclosed Amount Of Time.

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Adkins Attended St. Joseph Catholic High School In Lakewood, California. “Ok … Yes, I was born in the KC area, proudly graduated from KU, and have lived in Overland Park for 20 years. Bit of trivia … Where did I go to high school? Saint Joseph High School in LA County. All girls and Catholic in CA. Dr. Mendoza was the principal then and still now. Catholic women … we rock the house.” [Amanda Landes Adkins, Facebook, 9/2/21]

Career

The following provides a brief overview of Adkins’ professional career:

**Political**

- **1997 – 1998:** Aide and Deputy Finance Director for Sam Brownback’s 1998 Senate campaign [Congressional Quarterly Daily Monitor, 1/11/02]
- **1999 – 2000:** Legislative Assistant/Aide for Senator Brownback [Congressional Quarterly Daily Monitor, 1/11/02; LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 2/22/22]
- **2000 – 2002:** Political and Executive Director at GOPAC [LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 2/22/22]
- **2002-2002:** Professional Staff, U.S. House Of Representatives Rules Committee GOPAC [LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 2/22/22]
- **2003 – 2004:** Campaign Manager at Brownback for U.S. Senate [LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 2/22/22]
- **2009 – 2013:** Chair of Kansas Republican Party [LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 2/22/22]
- **2011 – 2018:** Appointed as Chair of the Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund by Governor Brownback [LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 2/22/22]
- **2013:** Appointed to Mental Health Task Force by Governor Brownback [Governor Sam Brownback Names Mental Health Task Force, Targeted News Service, 7/10/13]
- **2019 – Present:** Republican Candidate for KS-03 [LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 2/22/22]

**Professional**

- **2004 – 2008:** Director of Government and Industry, Cerner Corporation [LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 2/22/22]
- **2008 – 2019:** Vice President and General Manager of Population Health, Cerner Corporation [LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 2/22/22]
- **2019 – 2020:** Vice President of Strategic Growth, Cerner Corporation [LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 2/22/22]
Additional Boards/Charitable

- **2010-2017**: Board Member, Salvation Army Kansas and Western Missouri Division [LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 2/22/22]
- **2011-2015**: Board Member, The Entrepreneur Coalition [LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 2/22/22]

Associated Entities

The following provides a brief overview of Adkins’ associated entities:

**Non-Profit(s)**

- Systems of Care Initiative 501(c)(3) Organization [2020 IRS 990, Systems of Care Initiative, filed 5/17/21]

Criminal Record

As of February 2022, Adkins was not associated with any criminal or traffic violations. [Nexis Criminal Records Search, accessed 2/9/22]

As of May 2022, Adkins was not associated with any criminal records according to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

![Kansas Bureau of Investigation](image)

Search Results

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[Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Criminal History Record Search, accessed 5/5/22]

Bankruptcy, Judgments Or Liens

As of February 2022, Adkins was not associated with any bankruptcies, judgments, or liens. [Nexis Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens Search, accessed 2/9/22]

Voter Registration & History

As of April 2022, Adkins was registered to vote as a Republican at Overland Park, KS 66223

According to the Kansas Secretary of State, Adkins was registered to vote as a Republican at Overland Park, KS 66223.
Voter History

According to Johnson County voting records, Adkins’ voting history is depicted below:

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[Kansas Secretary of State, Voter Registrant Detail, accessed 2/9/22]
Family

Jason Adkins, Husband

Jason Adkins Birthdate

Jason Adkins Was Born On October 13th, 1974. [VoteBuilder, accessed 2/15/22]

As Of 2021 Jason And Amanda Adkins Had Been Married For 22 Years

Adkins Was Married To Jason Adkins And Have Two Children Together. “She and her husband, Jason, have been married for 21 years and have two high school aged children.”

Amanda graduated from the University of Kansas in 1998 and has lived in Overland Park, KS for over 20 years. She and her husband, Jason, have been married for 21 years and have two high school aged children.

[Amanda Adkins For Congress, accessed 2/15/22]
October 2021: Amanda And Jason Adkins Were Married For 22 Years.

[Image: Amanda Adkins for Congress]

A very happy 22nd Anniversary to my hubby Jason. Always my best friend and partner in life. ❤️❤️❤️ #wedding #anniversary

**Jason Adkins Employment History**

2019: **Jason Adkins Listed His Occupation As A Product Specialist At Titleist.** According to FEC records, Jason Adkins was employed by Titleist. [FEC Individual Contribution Search, accessed 2/15/22]

- **Titleist Is A Golf Ball And Equipment Manufacturing Company.** “As one of the brand’s of Acushnet Company, Titleist is the maker of the #1 ball in golf including the Titleist Pro V1 and Pro V1x golf balls played by more tour professionals around the world.” [Titleist, LinkedIn, accessed 4/20/22]

2014: **Jason Adkins Worked As A Golf Club Fitting Rep For Titleist In Kansas City.** “Truly enjoy the whole process of fine tuning and making sure clubs fit my specs. Titleist had always seemed to make clubs for the low digit handicap player. After much frustration the last few years, I met Jason Adkins who is the Titleist fitting rep here in Kansas City. I was very impressed with his knowledge and approach to club fitting. I had Jason fit me for the 913 Driver. He spent 2 hours checking shafts, ball flight and dispersion.” [Titleist, 6/23/14]

2009 – 2012: **Jason Adkins Listed His Occupation As An Executive At Cerner On Federal Election Commission Records.** According to FEC records, Jason Adkins was employed by Cerner. [FEC Individual Contribution Search, accessed 2/15/22]

- **2004 – 2020: Amanda Adkins Worked At Cerner As A Director And Vice President.** [Amanda Adkins, LinkedIn, accessed 2/15/22]

2012: **Amanda Adkins Said Her Husband “Stays At Home With Our Kids.”** [Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 4/25/12]
Jason Adkins Criminal Record

October 2005: Jason Adkins Had A Misdemeanor Registration Violation. Jason Adkins had a misdemeanor registration violation in Johnson County that was dismissed by the prosecutor as of October 10, 2005.

Kansas Court Report

Offender Information
- Name: ADKINS, JASON T
- Address: KS
- Case Number: 05TC00538
- Case Type: M U
- County: JOHNSON
- DOB: 10/1974
- Race: WHITE
- Sex: Male

Offenses
- Offense Date: 01/10/2005
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- Court Case Number: 05TC00538
- Court Offense: REGISTRATION VIOLATION
- Court Disposition: DISMISS BY PROS Status: CLOSED
- Court Level/Degree: MISDEMEANOR

[LexisNexis Criminal Records Search, accessed 2/15/22]

Jason Adkins Political Contributions

As Of April 2022, Jason Adkins Contributed A Total Of $4,020.00 To Federal Causes. [FEC Individual Contribution search, accessed 2/15/22]
### Grace Landes, Mother

#### Grace Landes Birthdate

**Grace Landes Was Born On December 31st, 1951.** [VoteBuilder, accessed 2/15/22]

**Grace Landes Was Adkins’ Mother.** “Today is also the day my parents, Al and Grace Landes, were married 50 years ago. Interestingly enough, they started their marriage in Germany as my father was serving in the United States Army during the Vietnam era. My parents represent the best of America – hard work, accountability, a belief in God, the family, and our great country.” [Cosmic Food Adventure Blog-By Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 6/6/20]

#### Grace Landes Criminal Record

**Grace Landes Was Not Associated With Any Criminal Violations.** As of February 2022, Grace Landes was not associated with any criminal or traffic violations. [Nexis Criminal Records Search, accessed 2/15/22]

#### Grace Landes Federal Political Contributions

**Landes Contributed A Total Of $160,285.57 To Federal Political Causes.** [FEC Individual Contribution Search, accessed 2/15/22]

**Landes Contributed A Total Of $11,350 To Adkins’ Campaign Committee.** [FEC Individual Contribution Search, accessed 2/15/22]

- **Landes’ First Donation To Adkins’ Campaign Committee Took Place On 5/10/19, 112 Days Before She Filed Her Candidacy With The FEC.** [FEC Individual Contribution Search, accessed 2/15/22]

- **Candidates Are Required To Register And File Financial Reports With The FEC After Raising $5,000.** According to the FEC, candidates for federal office are required to register and file financial reports with the FEC once they raise $5,000. [FEC Registering For A Candidate, accessed 2/15/22]

**Landes Contributed A Total Of $4,300 To Sam Brownback’s Campaign Committees.** [FEC Individual Contribution Search, accessed 2/15/22]

**Landes Contributed To Democratic Candidates Dianne Feinstein, Bill Clinton, Alan Wheat, And Pat Danner.** [FEC Individual Contribution Search, accessed 2/15/22]
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**Grace Landes State Political Contributions**

Grace Landes Contributed A Total Of $18,825.00 To State Political Causes In Missouri. [Missouri Ethics Commission Contributions & Expenditures Search, accessed 2/15/22]
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Grace Landes Tweeted In Support Of President Trump And His Administration’s Handling Of The COVID-19 Pandemic

April 2020: Landes Tweeted “We Need To Open Our Country.” [Grace Landes, Twitter, 4/19/20]

April 2020: Landes Retweeted A Post From Laura Ingraham Boasting About The Benefits Of Hydroxychloroquine, A Non-Scientific “Cure” For Coronavirus. [Grace Landes, Twitter, 4/10/20]

December 2019: Landes Posted About Her Support For Trump Through The Impeachment Hearings, Saying “I Know You Are Innocent” And “I’m Praying For You.” [Grace Landes, Twitter, 12/18/19]
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Alan Landes, Father

Alan Landes Birthdate

Alan Landes Was Born On November 23, 1949. [VoteBuilder, accessed 2/15/22]

- Alan Landes Was Amanda Adkins’ Father. “The father of a former Kansas Republican Party chairwoman who is seeking to unseat freshman Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids from her seat representing a Kansas City area swing district has contributed more than $100,000 to a super PAC airing ads attacking one of his daughter’s top rivals. Federal Election Commission records show that Amanda Adkins’ father, Alan Landes, was the sole donor to the Heartland USA PAC as of March 31 after making two donations totaling $113,146, The Kansas City Star reports.” [Associated Press, 7/8/20]

Alan Landes Criminal Record

Alan Landes Was Not Associated With Any Criminal Violations. As of February 2022, Alan Landes was not associated with any criminal or traffic violations. [Nexis Criminal Records Search, accessed 2/15/22]

Alan Landes Bankruptcy & Liens

Alan Landes Was Not Associated With Any Bankruptcy Or Liens. As of April 2022, Alan Landes was not associated with any bankruptcies, judgments, or liens. [Nexis Bankruptcy, Judgments & Liens Search, accessed 4/6/22]

Alan Landes Employment History

Landes Was Director And Former President Of Herzog Contracting Corp. “During Al’s 45-year career, he rose up through the Herzog ranks, providing management and operations for numerous areas of the company – most recently the President of Herzog Contracting Corp. (HCC). Under his supervision, HCC developed an impressive portfolio of major rail construction projects across North America. He currently serves as one of three directors for all the Herzog companies. Within the industry, Al has served as the past president of Associated General Contractors (AGC) of America and AGC of California. He has also served as past president of both the National Railroad Construction and Maintenance Association (NRC) as well as The Beavers and their Charitable Trust.” [Herzog, accessed 5/26/20]

Alan Landes Federal Political Contributions

Alan Landes Contributed A Total Of $11,400 To Amanda Adkins For Congress. [FEC Individual Contribution Search, accessed 2/15/22]

- Two Of Landes’ Donations Took Place On 5/9/19 And 7/4/19, 113 And 57 Days Prior To Adkins’ Filing, Respectively. [FEC Individual Contribution Search, accessed 2/15/22]

- Candidates Are Required To Register And File Financial Reports With The FEC After Raising $5,000. According to the FEC, candidates for federal office are required to register and file financial reports with the FEC once they raise $5,000. [FEC Registering For A Candidate, accessed 2/15/22]

Alan Landes Contributed A Total Of $408,046 To Heartland USA PAC. [FEC Individual Contribution Search, accessed 2/15/22]

- Heartland USA PAC Is An Unauthorized, Independent Expenditure-Only Super PAC That Was Filed With The FEC On 8/20/19. [FEC Committee Search, accessed 2/15/22]

- Amanda Adkins Filed To Run For Congress With The FEC On 8/30/19, Only Ten Days Later. [FEC Committee Search, accessed 2/15/22]

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Alan Landes Contributed A Total Of $1,664 To Sam Brownback. [FEC Individual Contribution Search, accessed 2/15/22]

Alan Landes Contributed Over $60,000 To The Republican National Committee And Over $30,000 To The National Republican Congressional Committee. According to the FEC Individual Contribution Search, Landes contributed a total of $60,110 to the Republican National Committee and $33,200 to the National Republican Congressional Committee. [FEC Individual Contribution Search, accessed 2/15/22]

Alan Landes Contributed A Total Of $58,400 To Elect John Boehner As Speaker Of The House. [FEC Individual Contribution Search, accessed 2/15/22]


Alan Landes Contributed A Total Of $873,945 To Federal Political Causes. [FEC Individual Contribution Search, accessed 2/15/22]

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Anna Landes Wigh, Sister

Anna Landes Wigh Birthdate

Anna Landes Wigh Was Born On February 21st, 1979. [VoteBuilder, accessed 2/16/22]

- **Anna Landes Wigh Is Amanda Adkins’ Sister.**

  [Anna Landes Wigh, Facebook, 8/4/20]

Anna Landes Wigh Criminal Record

Anna Landes Wigh Was Not Associated With Any Criminal Violations. As of February 2022, Anna Landes Wigh was not associated with any criminal or traffic violations. [Nexis Criminal Records Search, accessed 2/16/22]

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[ FEC Individual Contribution Search, accessed 2/16/22 ]

**Anna Landes Wigh State Political Contributions**

As of July 2020, there was no record of state political contributions from Anna Landes Wigh. [Kansas Campaign Finance Viewer, accessed 7/7/20]

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**Nathan Landes, Brother**

**Nathan Landes Birthdate**

Nathan Landes was born on January 11th, 1978. [VoteBuilder, accessed 2/16/22]

- **Nathan Landes was Amanda Adkins’ Brother.** “Surviving family includes three children, Brenda (Rick) Ebersold, Al (Gracie) Landes, both of St. Joseph, Mo., and Tony Landes, Stewartsville, Mo.; seven grandchildren, Craig (Jennifer) Ebersold, Natasha (Damion) Moore, Amanda (Jason) Adkins, Anna (Jeff) Wigh, Nathan (Christi) Landes, Amber Hoyle, Christina (George) Fought; 15 greatgrandchildren; brothers, Eldon Landes Jr. and Glen Landes; sister Margaret Landes; sister-in-laws, Barb Landes and Lois Blessing, and special friend Ethel Thom.” [Bethany Republican-Clipper, 6/24/15]

- **Nathan Landes was married to Christina Landes.**
Nathan Landes Employment History

Nathan Landes Was A “Manager – Technical R&D” At Herzog Railroad Services. According to Facebook, Nathan Landes was a “Manager – Technical R&D” at Herzog Railroad Services, the same company his father was Director and former President of. [Nathan Landes, Facebook, accessed 2/16/22]

Nathan Landes Criminal Record

Nathan Landes Was Not Associated With Any Criminal Violations. As of July 2020, Nathan Landes was not associated with any criminal or traffic violations. [Nexis Criminal Records Search, accessed 2/16/22]

Nathan Landes Federal Political Contributions

2019 – 2021: Landes Contributed A Total Of $11,400.20 To Adkins’ Campaign. [FEC Individual Contribution Search, accessed 2/16/22]

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[FEC Individual Contribution Search, accessed 2/16/22]

**Nathan Landes State Political Contributions**

**Nathan Landes Had No Record Of Political Contributions In Missouri.** [Missouri Political Contribution Search, accessed 2/16/22]

**Nathan Landes Social Media Platforms**

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**Madison And Dylan Adkins, Children**

**2022: Adkins Has A 17 Year Old Son Named Dylan.** “Happy Birthday to Kansas … and to my son, Dylan! He was born 17 years ago today.” [Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 1/29/22]

**Adkins Has A Daughter Named Madison.** “Belated happy #NationalDaughtersDay to my cherished daughter Madison. So proud to be your mother. I can’t wait to see what you contribute to this world. #KS03 #Catholic moms and their daughters.” [Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 9/26/21]
Personal Finance

In 2021, Adkins Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $2,675,023 And $11,725,000.

According to Adkins’ federal personal financial disclosures, her 2021 annual unearned income was between $5,003 And $15,400. Adkins’ assets totaled between $2,675,023 And $11,725,000. Adkins disclosed no liabilities.

Adkins’ Federal Personal Financial Disclosure Summary

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2021 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Net Worth

As Of May 2021, Adkins Reported An Estimated Net Worth Between $2,675,023 And $11,725,000

As Of May 2021: Adkins Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $2,675,023 And $11,725,000. [Adkins 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 5/14/21]

Earned Income

January-May 2021: Adkins Reported No Earned Income

Adkins Reported $124,451.00 In Earned Income From Cerner Corporation During 2020. [Adkins 2021 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 5/14/21]

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[Adkins 2021 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 5/14/21]

Assets & Unearned Income

January-May 2021: Adkins Reported Between $5,003 And $15,400 In Unearned Income.


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A mutual fund holding domestic stock. 4.2% of IRA account.

IRA Rollover at Charles Schwab
A mutual fund holding foreign stock. 8.8% of IRA account.

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**Liabilities**


**Positions**

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[Adkins 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 5/14/21]

**Agreements**

### 2020 Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

#### Net Worth

**Adkins Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $2,673,017 And $11,710,000**


#### Earned Income

**January-May 2020: Adkins Reported No Earned Income**

**Adkins Reported $35,270.00 In Earned Income From January-May 2020.** [Adkins 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 5/15/20]

**Adkins Reported $270,763.00 In Earned Income From Cerner Corporation During 2019.** [Adkins 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 5/15/20]

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#### Assets & Unearned Income

**January-May 2020: Adkins Reported Between $5,204 And $16,400 In Unearned Income**

**Adkins Reported Between $5,204 And $16,400 In Unearned Income For January-May 2020.** [Adkins 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 5/15/20]

**2019: Adkins Reported Between $212,507 And $2,035,400 In Unearned Income**


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<td>Tax-Deferred</td>
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| Total: | $2,688,017.00 | $11,720,000.00 | Total: | $5,204.00 | $16,400.00 | $212,507.00 | $2,035,400.00 |


**Liabilities**
Adkins Reported Between $10,000 And $15,000 In Liabilities

Adkins Reported Between $10,000 And $15,000 In Liabilities. [Adkins 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 5/15/20]

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<td>Bank of America</td>
<td>March 2019 start</td>
<td>Revolving credit amount</td>
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Positions

Adkins Reported Four Positions, All Of Which Were Unpaid


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2019 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Net Worth

As Of September 2019, Adkins Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $408,012 And $1,010,000

Adkins Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $408,012 And $1,010,000. [Adkins 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 9/28/19]

Earned Income

2019: Adkins Reported $226,799.00 In Earned Income

2018: Adkins Reported $305,385.00 In Earned Income


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<td>$1,271.00</td>
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Assets & Unearned Income

2019: Adkins Reported Between $7,502 And $20,000 In Unearned Income


2018: Adkins Reported Between $10,002 And $30,000 In Unearned Income


2019: Adkins Reported Assets

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**Liabilities**

**Adkins Reported Between $10,000 And $15,000 In Liabilities**

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Positions

Adkins Reported Five Positions Including A Paid Vice President Role At Cerner And Four Uncompensated Positions

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2020 Amendment To 2019 Federal Personal Financial Disclosure


Net Worth

Adkins’ Amended Disclosure Showed An Estimated Net Worth Between $5,408,012 And $6,010,000 For 2019

Adkins Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $5,408,012 And $6,010,000. [Adkins 2020 Amendment to 2019 Public Financial Disclosure, filed 5/7/20]

Assets & Unearned Income

2020: Adkins Reported Two Additional Family Trusts Worth $2.5 Million Each
2020: In An Amendment To Her 2019 PFD, Adkins Reported Two Additional Family Trusts Worth $2.5 Million Each. [Adkins 2020 Amendment to 2019 Public Financial Disclosure, filed 5/7/20]

2020: In An Amendment To Her 2019 PFD, Adkins Reported An Additional Sum Of Between $100,002 And $200,000 In Unearned Income From January 2018 To September 2019

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Adkins Assets & “Unearned” Income

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[Adkins 2020 Amendment to 2019 Public Financial Disclosure, filed 5/7/20]

Adkins Reported Between $10,000 And $15,000 In Liabilities On Her Original 2019 PFD

Adkins Reported Between $10,000 And $15,000 In Liabilities. [Adkins 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 9/28/19]
Professional History

**Significant Findings**

  - 2004 – 2008: Adkins worked as the Director of Government and Industry at Cerner.
  - 2005 – 2006: Adkins was registered as a lobbyist for Cerner.
  - 2008 – 2019: Adkins worked as the Vice president and General Manager of Population Health at Cerner.
  - 2019 – 2020: Adkins worked as the Vice President of Strategic Growth at Cerner.
  - January 2020: Adkins took a leave of absence from Cerner to run for Congress.
  - January 2021: Adkins left her position at Cerner after her 2020 election loss.
  - As of 2022, Adkins gave $8,700 to Cerner Corporation PAC in 266 separate donations between 2006 and 2020.

- As Cerner’s Director of Government & Industry, Adkins lobbied in Washington, D.C. on behalf of Cerner, including on a 2006 bill sponsored by then-Senator Sam Brownback and then-Rep. Paul Ryan that sought to incentivize widespread adoption of electronic health records.
  - As a lobbyist for Cerner, Adkins reported her lobbying issues as “healthcare and information technology.”
  - Adkins stated on a 2005 lobbying disclosure form that she lobbied on “health care information technology and the use of HIT to reform Medicaid in states.” Adkins also stated that she did not lobby on any specific bill or legislation.
  - Adkins stated on a 2006 lobbying disclosure form that she lobbied on House and Senate versions of the 2006 Independent Health Record Bank Act.
    - The bill encouraged the “Creation, use, and maintenance of lifetime electronic records in independent health record banks,” including by promoting participation in health information exchanges via tax incentives.
    - The Senate version of the bill was sponsored by Adkins’ longtime political ally then-Senator Sam Brownback, and the House version of the bill was sponsored by then-Representative Paul Ryan.
    - The bill was introduced in both chambers of Congress and referred to subcommittees in each. *Note: the only related bills listed for this bill were the companion bill in the opposite chamber, but further research could be done into whether a similar bill passed later.*
  - Adkins reported lobbying expenses on behalf of Cerner of less than $10,000 in 2005 and $120,000 in 2006.
✓ **Note:** Adkins lobbied for Cerner in her role as Director of Government and Industry, which she held from 2004-2008, so it is possible she lobbied outside of the 2005-2006 range, though searches did not return any results showing that.

- Cerner Corporation was a supplier of health information technologies and the single largest private employer in the Kansas City area.
- Cerner Corporation employed around 14,000 people.
- 2019 – 2021: Cerner cut almost one thousand jobs during multiple rounds of layoffs, including at least 385 while Adkins was at the company — of which 60 were in the Kansas City area.
- 2009 – 2020: Cerner was the defendant in dozens of lawsuits, including claims of unpaid overtime, patent violations, and failures of their electronic system, and threatened employees for taking legal action against them. A few highlights:
  - **2017:** Cerner was chosen by the Trump administration for a coveted contract to modernize veterans’ health records. The contract was awarded without competition and an investigation was opened to determine if the process was influenced by members of Mar-a-Lago.
  - **2010:** Cerner sold identifiable patient records to pharmaceutical companies.
  - **2005:** Cerner helped pay for a report that said digitizing health records would save the U.S. government billions, but eight years later, “evidence of savings [was] scant,” while Cerner had reaped “enormous rewards” because of health records legislation they lobbied for.
  
- **2018:** Adkins co-founded a non-profit called Systems of Care Initiative that was intended to improve school readiness of young children.
  - According to SOCI’s 990 forms filed with the IRS, Adkins worked at the non-profit for an average of 2 hours per week and received no compensation.
  - Analysis of SOCI’s 990 filings for 2019 and 2020 revealed that:
    - SOCI organization was depleting its assets faster that it could replenish them.
    - In 2019, SOCI spent more on salaries than on charitable grants, and in 2020, it spent almost as much on salaries as grants.
    - Almost all of the organization’s charitable giving for 2019 and 2020 was to one other organization based in Kansas City—The Family Conservancy. The group’s stated mission was to create “equitable opportunities for all children to thrive and experience wellbeing throughout their lives.”
  - More specifically:
    - **2020:** SOCI saw a $151,549 drop in assets and a $344,423 drop in revenue from 2019.
    - **2020:** SOCI listed $155,577 in revenue and spent $152,273 on grants and $140,365 in salaries for employees.
In 2019, SOCI listed $500,000 in revenue and spent $102,500 on grants and $129,600 in salaries for employees.

In 2019, SOCI provided a $102,500 to The Family Conservancy and in 2020 it provided $147,243 to The Family Conservancy, as well as $5,000 towards Walmart E-Cards for 100 recipients.

Adkins served on the committees of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce, the Salvation Army, and the Entrepreneur Coalition.

Cerner Corporation

2004 – 2020: Adkins Worked For Cerner Corporation In A Variety Of Executive Roles, Including As A Registered Lobbyist

2004-2020: Adkins Worked For Cerner Corporation, A Supplier Of Health Information Technologies Based Out Of Kansas City, In Several Different Roles

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Cerner Corporation Provided Health Information Technologies Including Medical Devices And Electronic Health Records. “Cerner Corp. is a public company in North Kansas City, Mo., that provides various health information technologies, ranging from medical devices to electronic health records (EHR) to hardware. The company is most well-known for its EHR offerings, though it is currently expanding its investments in population health management.” [SearchHealthIT, accessed 2/22/22]

2004-2008: Adkins Worked As The Director Of Government And Industry At Cerner

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Cerner Closely Monitored Proposals For A Nationwide Health Information Technology Network So Cerner Could Provide The Software. “Cerner Corp. is closely monitoring proposals in Washington to establish a nationwide health information technology network. Cerner, based in North Kansas City, is a leading provider of health-care information technology. Amanda Adkins, the company’s director of government affairs, said Cerner stands ready to provide software and services to the record banks if they take off. ‘It could be a very positive outcome for Cerner,’ Adkins said. ‘But better still, we expect that it will be a good outcome for health care in the United States.’” [Kansas City Star, 6/20/06]

2005 – 2006: Adkins Was Registered As A Lobbyist For Cerner

Note: Adkins lobbied for Cerner in her role as Director of Government and Industry, which she held from 2004-2008, so it is possible she lobbied outside of the 2005-2006 range, though searches did not return any results showing that.

2005 – 2006: Adkins Was A Registered Lobbyist For Cerner In Kansas And Washington, D.C. According to Legistorm and the Kansas Secretary of State, Adkins was a registered lobbyist for the Cerner Corporation in 2005 and 2006.
• **2019: Adkins Criticized Her Primary Opponent For Being A Lobbyist Despite Her Own Lobbying Record.** “Adkins has worked for the company for more than a decade in a variety of high-level roles. After managing Sam Brownback’s successful Senate re-election campaign in 2004, Adkins took a position as Cerner’s director of government affairs. She recently slammed her GOP rival Sara Hart Weir’s career as a lobbyist, but records show that Adkins registered as a lobbyist with the Kansas Legislature in 2005 and with the U.S. House in 2006. In 2008, Adkins was promoted to the company’s vice president and general manager of population health.” [Kansas City Star, 11/17/19]
2008-2019: Adkins Worked As The Vice President And General Manager Of Population Health At Cerner

2008 – 2019: As Vice President And General Manager Of Population Health, Adkins “Was Responsible For Advancing Experiential, Clinical, And Financial Results” For Clients That Included Employers, Health Plans, Health Systems And Governments. “As vice president in population health, Amanda Adkins was responsible for advancing experiential, clinical, and financial results for 200+ clients that span employers, health plans, health systems and governments. With her children and the future in mind, growth and systemic change are the themes of Amanda’s work. Her Cerner career has centered on aligning person-payer-provider via new payment methodologies, intelligence derived from data, and measured expectations connected to personalized health plans. Her work to advance population results has included start-up businesses such as Primary Health, which is a risk-reduction program that leverages a bundle of technology, services, and consulting. Program bundles create partnerships that align health retailers, physicians, and sponsors working together to change how the healthcare system works for the benefit of the consumer.”

Vice President & General Manager, Population Health
May 2008 - Jun 2019 · 11 yrs 2 mos

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[LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 2/22/22]

2019 – 2020: Adkins Worked As The Vice President Of Strategic Growth At Cerner

2019 – 2020: As Vice President Of Strategic Growth, Adkins Had “Senior Executive Responsibility For A Health Economy Team.” “Amanda has senior executive responsibility for a Health Economy team focused on demonstrating Cerner’s experience and population level results related to financial efficiency and clinical effectiveness for the individual and family. The Health Economy team manages strategy and results review related to Cerner exemplar clients at the country, state and city level. This includes continued work with employers, health systems and other public entities.”

Cerner Corporation
11 yrs 9 mos
Kansas City, Missouri Area

Vice President, Strategic Growth
Jul 2019 - Jan 2020 · 7 mos

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[LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 2/22/22]
2020: Adkins Took A Leave Of Absence From Cerner To Run For Congress

January 2020: Adkins Took A Leave Of Absence From Her Role At Cerner While She Ran For Congress. “Most recently, Adkins was vice president of strategic growth. In January 2020, however, she took a leave of absence to pursue her campaign for a U.S. House seat in the 3rd Congressional District in Kansas. Adkins lost the race in November and now has announced she's leaving Cerner, The Kansas City Star reports. Adkins, who continues to fundraise, declined the Star's request for comment on future political endeavors.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 1/6/21]

2021: Adkins Left Her Executive Role At Cerner After Her 2020 Election Loss

January 2021: Adkins Left Her Position At Cerner After Her 2020 Election Loss. “Veteran Cerner Corp. executive Amanda Adkins has left the healthcare IT firm since losing her campaign for a Kansas Congressional seat. Adkins, 45, Cerner's vice president of strategic growth, took a leave of absence last January as she sought to unseat Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids, who represents the 3rd Congressional District in Kansas. While Adkins lost the November election by about 10 percentage points, she continues fundraising efforts - sparking speculation about a possible rematch with Davids in 2022. Adkins told The Star that it was her decision to leave Cerner and declined to discuss future political plans. She worked at the firm for 15 years. ‘After a long and valuable contribution to Cerner over many years, Amanda will not be returning to the company in any capacity.’ Cerner spokeswoman Misti Preston told The Star. ‘We wish her well in her efforts to positively impact the Kansas City community in the years to come.” [Kansas City Star, 1/6/21]

Adkins Lobbied On Behalf Of Cerner On A 2006 Bill Sponsored By Then-Senator Sam Brownback That Sought To Incentivize Widespread Adoption Of Electronic Health Records, And In 2005 On The General Issue Of Health IT Reform In State Medicaid Programs

As A Lobbyist For Cerner, Adkins Reported Her Lobbying Issues As “Healthcare And Information Technology”

April 2005: Adkins Was Registered As A Lobbyist With Cerner Corporation.
LOBBYING REGISTRATION
Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 4)

1. Effective Date of Registration: A - 3/7 -

2. House Identification Number: 
Senate Identification Number: 

3. Registrant name: Amanda Adkins
Organization: CERNER CORPORATION
Address: 2800 ROCK CREEK PKWY
City: KANSAS CITY State: MO Zip: 64117

4. Principal place of business (if different than line 3)
City: 
State: 
Zip: 

5. Telephone number and contact name: B 1621-7022
Prefix: Contact: Mrs. Amanda Adkins
Full Name: Email: AMANDA ADKINS

6. General description of registrant's business or activities
HEALTHCARE & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

7. Client name:
Address: 
City: State: Zip: Country: 

8. Principal place of business (if different than line 7)
City: State: Zip: Country: 

9. General description of client’s business or activities

10. Name of each individual who has acted or is expected to act as a lobbyist for the client identified on line 7. If any person has served as a "covered executive branch official" or "covered legislative branch official" within two years of a lobbyist for the client, state the executive and/or legislative position(s) in which the person served.

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[Secretary of the Senate, Lobbying Registration, Filed 5/12/05]

2005: Adkins Listed Her Lobbying Issues As “Healthcare & Information Technology.”
2005: Adkins Stated On Lobbying Disclosure That She Lobbied On The Use Of Health Information Technology “To Reform Medicaid In States” But Stated That She Did Not Lobby On Any Specific Bill/Legislation
2005: Adkins Stated That She Lobbied No Specific Bill Or Legislation But That She Contacted The House And Senate Regarding The Use Of Health Care Information Technology To “Reform Medicaid In States.”

LOBBYING ACTIVITY. Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code: HCR - Health Issues

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Health care information technology and the use of HIT to reform Medicaid in states. No specific bill/legislation was lobbied.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: US House of Representatives and US Senate

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

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15. General issue area code  HCR  Health Issues  (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Health information technology legislation
H.R. 5559 and S. 3454

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies  □ Check if None  ☑ House  ☑ Senate

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- **H.R. 5559, Also Known As The Independent Health Record Bank Act Of 2006 Encouraged The “Creation, Use, And Maintenance Of Lifetime Electronic Health Records In Independent Health Record Banks” And Aimed To Create A “Nationwide Health Information Technology Infrastructure” Via Tax Incentives.** “A bill to improve the exchange of health information by encouraging the creation, use, and maintenance of lifetime electronic health records in independent health record banks, by using such records to build a nationwide health information technology infrastructure, and by promoting participation in health information exchanges by consumers through tax incentives. [CQ, HR 5559, accessed 5/6/22]

- **The Senate Independent Health Record Bank Act Of 2006 Encouraged The “Creation, Use, And Maintenance Of Lifetime Electronic Health Records” And Aimed To Create A “Nationwide Health Information Technology Infrastructure.”** “A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the exchange of healthcare information through the use of technology, to encourage the creation, use and
maintenance of lifetime electronic health records that may contain health plan and debit card functionality in independent health record banks, to use such records to build a nationwide health information technology infrastructure, and to promote participation in health information exchange by consumers through tax incentives and for other purposes.” [CQ, S.3454, accessed 5/6/22]


The Senate Version Of The Independent Health Record Bank Act Of 2006 Was Sponsored By Sen. Sam Brownback.


[Congress.gov, S.3454, accessed 5/4/22]


[Congress.gov, H.R. 5559, accessed 5/6/22]

The Independent Health Record Bank Act Of 2006 Was Introduced In Both Chambers Before Being Referred To Subcommittees


Note: the only related bills listed for this bill were the companion bill in the opposite chamber, but further research could be done into whether a similar bill passed later.
Adkins Reported Lobbying Expenses On Behalf Of Cerner Of Less Than $10,000 In 2005 And $120,000 In 2006


- Year: 2005
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2006: Adkins Listed $120,000 In Expenses Related To Lobbying Activity.
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CERNER CORPORATION

2. Address  □ Check if different than previously reported

Address1  2800 ROCKCREEK PARKWAY  Address2
City  KANSAS CITY  State  MO  Zip Code  64117 -  Co

3. Principal place of business (if different than line 2)

City  -  State  -  Zip Code  -  Co

4a. Contact Name
Ms. JEFF BLOEMKER
b. Telephone Number  □ International Number
(816) 201-9114
c. E-mail  jeff.bloemker@cerner.com

5. Ser  296

7. Client Name  ✓ Self

CERNER CORPORATION

6. Hc  375

TYPE OF REPORT  8. Year 2006  Midyear (January1-June30) ✓ Year End (July 1-Dec

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Signature ✓ Digitally Signed By: Amanda L Adkins

[Secretary of the Senate, Mid-Year Lobbying Report, Filed 2/20/07]

Date  02/

2006-2020: Adkins Contributed $8,700 To Cerner Corporation PAC In 266 Separate Donations

As Of 2022, Adkins Gave $8,700 To Cerner Corporation PAC In 266 Separate Donations Between 2006 And 2020. [FEC Individual Contribution Search, accessed 2/22/22]
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**Cerner Corporation Was The Single Largest Private Employer In The Kansas City Area, Employing Around 14,000 People**

As Of 2021, Cerner Was The Single Largest Private Employer In The Kansas City Area Employing Around 14,000 People. “With around 14,000 employees across several campuses across the metro, Cerner is the single largest private employer in the Kansas City region. Cerner went through rounds of layoffs in November 2019 and June 2020. The layoffs in 2019 included 60 in the Kansas City metro area.” [KMBC 6/10/21]

2019 – 2020: Cerner Cut Almost One Thousand Jobs During Multiple Rounds Of Layoffs, Including At Least 385 While Adkins Was At The Company

**2021: Cerner Laid Off 500 Employees.** “Cerner – Kansas City’s largest private employer – confirmed through a spokesperson on Thursday that it is going through a reduction of its workforce. Misti Preston, Cerner’s director of external communications and public relations for Cerner, said ‘today’s event includes 500 associates out of our 26k+ global associate base. A subset of that does affect Kansas City.’ She also said the move will not impact its status as the city’s largest private employer.” [KMBC 6/10/21]

**2020: Cerner Laid Off 100 Employees Including 50 In The Kansas City Area.** “Cerner Corp. will cut 100 positions, including about 50 in the Kansas City area, in a third round of layoffs for the healthcare IT firm. The local cuts affect multiple departments, a spokesperson said. They follow September layoffs of 255 Cerner employees and November layoffs of 130 workers.” [Kansas City Star, 6/23/20]

**2019: Cerner Laid Off 385 Employees Including 60 In The Kansas City Area.** “Cerner Corp. has cut 130 jobs from its workforce, including 60 in the Kansas City area. Tuesday’s round of layoffs was the second in about two months. The North Kansas City-based healthcare IT firm laid off 255 workers in early September. […] Cerner is the Kansas City area’s largest private employer with some 14,000 workers on campuses across the metro.” [Kansas City Star, 11/12/19]

- **2019 – 2020: As Vice President Of Strategic Growth, Adkins Had “Senior Executive Responsibility For A Health Economy Team.”** “Amanda has senior executive responsibility for a Health Economy team focused on demonstrating Cerner’s experience and population level results related to financial efficiency and clinical effectiveness for the individual and family. The Health Economy team manages strategy and results review related to Cerner exemplar clients at the country, state and city level. This includes continued work with employers, health systems and other public entities.”
2021: Cerner Was Acquired By Oracle For Approximately $28.3 Billion

December 2021: Oracle Was Acquired By Oracle For Roughly $28.3 Billion Making It Oracle’s Largest Acquisition Ever. "Enterprise software giant Oracle will buy electronic medical records company Cerner in an all-cash deal for $95 per share, or approximately $28.3 billion in equity value. The deal, expected to close in calendar year 2022, could help Oracle boost its presence in health care by bringing troves of health data to its cloud services. Oracle shares closed down 5% Monday after the companies announced the deal. Shares initially fell 6% on Friday after The Wall Street Journal first reported Oracle would buy Cerner. The massive acquisition is the biggest ever for Oracle, one of the largest software providers. The company, founded in 1977, had a market cap around $264 billion as of early Monday morning.” [CNBC, 12/20/21]


2009: Cerner Was Involved In A Lawsuit Filed By The Son Of An 89-Year-Old Woman Who Said Their Electronic Medical Records System Was A Major Factor In Her Death

Cerner Was Involved In A Lawsuit Filed By The Son Of An 89-Year-Old Woman Who Died On A Hospital Roof In Freezing Temperatures Claimed Cerner’s Electronic Medical Records System Was A Major Factor In Her Death. “The son of an 89-year-old woman who died on UPMC Montefiore’s roof in freezing temperatures charged in court papers Tuesday that a new and untested electronic medical records system was a major factor in her death. The complaint filed in Allegheny County Common Pleas Court claims the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center implemented the records system at Montefiore a little more than a month before Rose Lee Diggs’ death, despite warnings from staffers that it was deficient. Diggs, a survivor of multiple strokes and under treatment for dementia, was under the care of medical staff struggling with a system that ‘they were not properly trained on,’ placing patients ‘at a severely increased risk of harm and death,’ the lawsuit states.” [Pittsburgh Tribune Review, 2/11/09]

• The Hospital In Question Allegedly Ignored Warnings That The Records System Was Faulty Because They Had An Ownership Of 74,787 Shares In Cerner. “Family attorney Rob Peirce charges in the lawsuit that UPMC ignored warnings that the records system could put patients at risk because the health conglomerate has an ownership interest in the company, Cerner Corp., that developed the records system. Security and Exchange Commission records show UPMC received 74,787 shares of Cerner stock in 2005. UPMC and Cerner have been involved in joint efforts to sell the recordkeeping system to health care facilities in the United
Kingdom. Cerner, which is not named as a defendant in the lawsuit, did not respond to a request for comment.” [Pittsburgh Tribune Review, 2/11/09]

### 2010: Cerner Said They Sold Allegedly “Unidentifiable” Patient Records To Pharmaceutical Companies

Cerner Corporation Sold What They Said Were “Unidentifiable” Patient Records To Pharmaceutical Companies And Described Themselves As A “Middleman” Between Doctors And Drug Companies. “Some companies sell the data to help pay for the patient record systems; others sell it to drug companies for extra revenue. Cerner Corp. - a Kansas City-based electronic health record vendor with 200 Texas customers, including Tenet Healthcare - shares unidentifiable patient records with drug companies and researchers looking for patients to participate in clinical trials, says a company spokeswoman. Doctors long have made extra money by referring patients to clinical drug trials. Cerner says it simplifies and cleans up the process by acting as a middleman of sorts between doctors and drug companies. Cerner electronically gives drug companies a patient’s medical record that does not reveal that person’s name or Social Security number.” [Dallas Morning News, 5/18/10]

### 2013: Cerner Was Sued For Failing To Implement Their System In Time For The Hospital To Qualify For Federal Incentive Payments

Cerner Was Sued For Failing To Implement Their System In Time For The Hospital To Qualify For Federal Incentive Payments. “A handful of lawsuits have been filed over the systems. In the fall of 2010, for example, Girard Medical Center, a small hospital in Crawford County, Kan., hired Cerner Corporation to install an electronic records system. The hospital was hoping to obtain federal financing for it. But after receiving $1.3 million in payments, Cerner employees failed to get the system up and running in time for the hospital to qualify for federal incentive payments. The company then notified the hospital that it was abandoning the project, according to a lawsuit Girard filed against Cerner last year. The case is in arbitration. A lawyer for Girard and a spokeswoman for Cerner declined to comment.” [New York Times, 1/11/13]

### Cerner Helped Pay For A 2005 Report That Predicted Widespread Use Of An Electronic Health Records System Could Save The U.S. Health Care System At Least $81 Billion Per Year; It Didn’t, But Cerner Reaped “Enormous Rewards” From Health Records Legislation They Lobbied For

Cerner Paid For A Report That Predicted Widespread Use Of An Electronic Health Records System Could Save The U.S. Health Care System At Least $81 Billion Per Year, But 8 Years Later, “Evidence Of Savings [Was] Scant.” “RAND’s 2005 report was paid for by a group of companies, including General Electric and Cerner Corporation, that have profited by developing and selling electronic records systems to hospitals and physician practices. Cerner’s revenue has nearly tripled since the report was released, to a projected $3 billion in 2013, from $1 billion in 2005. The report predicted that widespread use of electronic records could save the United States health care system at least $81 billion a year, a figure RAND now says was overstated. The study was widely praised within the technology industry and helped persuade Congress and the Obama administration to authorize billions of dollars in federal stimulus money in 2009 to help hospitals and doctors pay for the installation of electronic records systems. ‘RAND got a lot of attention and a lot of buzz with the original analysis,’ said Dr. Kellermann, who was not involved in the 2005 study. ‘The industry quickly embraced it.’ But evidence of significant savings is scant, and there is increasing concern that electronic records have actually added to costs by making it easier to bill more for some services.” [New York Times, 1/11/13]

### Sales Rose 60% For Cerner Products Between 2009 And 2012 As A Result Of The Health Care Legislation Included In The 2009 Economic Stimulus Bill

Sales Rose 60% For Cerner Products Between 2009 And 2012 As A Result Of The Health Care Legislation Included In The 2009 Economic Stimulus Bill. “While proponents say new record-keeping technologies will one day reduce costs and improve care, profits and sales are soaring now across the records industry. At Allscripts, annual sales have more than doubled from $548 million in 2009 to an estimated $1.44 billion last year, partly reflecting daring acquisitions made on the bet that the legislation would be a boon for the industry. At the Cerner Corporation of Kansas City, Mo., sales rose 60 percent during that period. With money pouring in, top executives are enjoying Wall Street-style paydays. None of that would have happened without the health records legislation
that was included in the 2009 economic stimulus bill—and the lobbying that helped produce it. Along the way, the records industry made hundreds of thousands of dollars of political contributions to both Democrats and Republicans.” [New York Times, 2/20/13]

Cerner Reaped “Enormous Rewards” Because Of The Legislation They Lobbied For. “Cerner’s lobbying dollars doubled to nearly $400,000 between 2006 and last year, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. While its political action committee contributed a little to some Democrats in 2008, including Senator Baucus, its contributions last year went almost entirely to Republicans, with a large amount going to the Mitt Romney campaign. Current and former industry executives say that big digital records companies like Cerner, Allscripts and Epic Systems of Verona, Wis., have reaped enormous rewards because of the legislation they pushed for. ‘Nothing that these companies did in my eyes was spectacular,’ said John Gomez, the former head of technology at Allscripts. ‘They grew as a result of government incentives.’ Executives at smaller records companies say the legislation cemented the established companies’ leading positions in the field, making it difficult for others to break into the business and innovate. Until the 2009 legislation, growth at the leading records firms was steady; since then, it has been explosive. Annual sales growth at Cerner, for instance, has doubled to 20 percent from 10 percent.” [New York Times, 2/20/13]

2015: Cerner Asked Employees Not To Take Legal Action Against Them In Exchange For $500 In Stock Options; If They Didn’t Sign On, They Would Not Be Eligible For Merit Raises

Cerner Asked Employees Not To Take Legal Action Against Them In Exchange For $500 In Stock Options; If They Didn’t Sign On, They Would Not Be Eligible For Merit Raises. “In an attempt to thwart class-action lawsuits, Cerner Corp. has crafted a new employee agreement that’s drawing controversy, KSHB reports. The North Kansas City-based company sent the form to each of its nearly 17,000 U.S. employees, which asks them to agree to not take legal action against Cerner. If they don’t sign the agreement, they must forgo their merit raises. Employees who agreed by Dec. 8 to Cerner’s request received $500 in stock options. Attorneys already are receiving complaints from Cerner employees, KSHB reports.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 12/10/15]

2016: KCUR: Cerner Was The Defendant In At Least Four Lawsuits Involving Pay Grievances

Cerner Was The Defendant In At Least Four Lawsuits Involving Pay Grievances. “This new lawsuit along with two others in Jackson County and Cass County all concern overtime pay. According to KCUR, a fourth lawsuit says Cerner pays its nonexempt employees a full pay period late and fails to include all compensation in their regular rate of pay. The fourth lawsuit is not a class action, but instead is proceeding as a collective action.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 5/17/16]

2016: Cerner Employees Sued The Company Due To Pay Grievances Involving Inadequate Overtime Pay

Cerner Employees Sued The Company Due To Pay Grievances Involving Inadequate Overtime Pay. “Cerner Corp. employees continue to file lawsuits against the company concerning grievances with their pay. The latest lawsuit - a class action filed by Jonathan Taylor in federal court in Kansas City - seeks unspecified damages for help desk workers who worked overtime but were not paid for it, KCUR reports. According to the lawsuit, AMS delivery consultants at Cerner (Nasdaq: CERN) were expected to work at least 48 hours a week. ‘There are multiple different job titles which we believe have been misclassified,’ said Eric Dirks, a principal attorney at Williams Dirks Dameron LLC in Kansas City who believes the class could number in the hundreds. ‘This is just yet another one of the job titles and organizations that we believe is misclassified.’” [Kansas City Business Journal, 5/17/16]

2018: Cerner Settled A 1400-Employee Class-Action Lawsuit Regarding Overtime Pay For $4.5 Million

Cerner Settled A 1400-Employee Class-Action Lawsuit Regarding Overtime Pay For $4.5 Million. “Cerner Corp. recently settled another long-running class-action lawsuit, to the tune of $4.5 million. U.S. District Judge Fernando Gaitan Jr. approved the terms of the settlement on June 11, which includes $4.5 million for class
members and up to $2 million in attorneys’ fees. The three-year-old lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri was based on overtime complaints by two former Cerner employees who worked as salaried service center analysts. According to Healthcare IT News, they alleged that Cerner’s payroll processing system resulted in overtime wages being miscalculated and that overtime wages were received a full pay period late. More than 1,400 class members elected to participate in the lawsuit, according to court documents. Cerner has asked the court to seal the terms of the settlement. The case is similar to another class-action suit Cerner settled last week, brought forth by a former delivery consultant for the company. The lawsuit alleged Cerner misclassified its employees, and that they should not be exempt from overtime pay.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 7/2/18]

2017: Cerner Was Sued By A Hospital In Wisconsin After Claiming Issues In Their Software Resulted In Losses Of Over $16 Million

Cerner Was Sued By A Hospital In Wisconsin After Claiming Issues In Their Software Resulted In Losses Of Over $16 Million. “Agnesian Healthcare Inc., a hospital in Fond Du Lac, Wis., is suing Cerner Corp. (Nasdaq: CERN) for breach of warranty and fraud after claiming issues in its billing software resulted in losses of more than $16 million. In a complaint filed Sept. 15, Agnesian claimed problems with Cerner’s revenue cycle system began immediately after its installation, resulting in ‘pervasive errors’ in patient billing statements. Agnesian said it had paid $300,000 for the software, which went live in 2015.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 9/25/17]

2017: Cerner Was Sued For Violating A Patent

Cerner Was Sued For Violating A Patent. “The same company that sued the Department of Veterans Affairs over its no-bid contract with Cerner Corp. is now suing Cerner over one of its patents. San Diego-based CliniComp International Inc. filed a complaint in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California on Monday stating Cerner (Nasdaq: CERN) had violated one of its patents for an enterprise health care management system. The 2003 patent describes a system that allows companies to remotely host hospitals’ IT infrastructure, removing the burden for health systems to update their own IT systems. The company stated the remote-hosting solutions Cerner offers for its Millennium electronic health record system violate this patent. CliniComp will seek a permanent injunction and an undetermined amount of damages, according to the complaint.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 12/12/17]

2018: A Cerner IT Specialist Was Arrested As Part Of A Massive Child Pornography Sweep

A Cerner IT Specialist Was Part Of A Massive Child Pornography Sweep. “A Princeton University director, a former member of the environmental commission in Atlantic Highlands, and a high-level manager at ING Financial Markets were among 15 people arrested in a massive child pornography sweep in Monmouth County, officials said Wednesday. […] The other defendants arrested are: […] Brian Foley, 60, of Atlantic Highlands, an information technology specialist with Cerner Corp. and a former member of the environmental commission in Atlantic Highlands, according to the prosecutor’s statement.” [Star-Ledger, 11/29/18]

2020: Four Former Cerner Employees Filed A Class-Action Lawsuit Alleging Cerner Mismanaged Their Retirement Plans, Costing Participants Millions Of Dollars

Four Former Cerner Employees Filed A Class-Action Lawsuit Alleging Cerner Mismanaged Their Retirement Plans, Costing Participants Millions Of Dollars. “A class-action lawsuit by four former Cerner Corp. employees contends that the North Kansas City-based company mismanaged its retirement plan through excessive fees that cost participants millions of dollars. The filing alleges that since 2014, Cerner (Nasdaq: CERN) failed to explore cheaper investment options, instead offering funds with ‘grossly excessive fees,’ Becker’s Hospital Review reports. Accordingly, the lawsuit says, Cerner breached its fiduciary responsibilities under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act. The employees want Cerner to restore their financial losses that resulted from the alleged mismanagement of the $2 billion plan, Becker’s Hospital Review reports. Their case was
filed in federal court in Kansas City. Cerner declined to comment on pending litigation, as is the company’s policy.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 1/24/20]

### 2017: Cerner Was Chosen By The Trump Administration For A “Coveted Contract To Modernize Veterans Health Records” In A No-Competition Process, Prompting Investigation

**Cerner Was Chosen By The Trump Administration For A “Coveted Contract To Modernize Veterans Health Records” In A No-Competition Process.** “The Trump administration picked Kansas City-based Cerner Corp. for a coveted contract to modernize veterans health records, but the news came with a caveat: There will be no competition for the taxpayer-funded project. And neither Cerner nor the Department of Veterans Affairs could say how much the contract will cost. [McClatchy Washington Bureau, 6/5/17]

- **Contracts Are Normally Awarded To Private Companies After A Competitive Bidding Process In Order To Avoid Conflicts Of Interest And Identify The Lowest-Cost Option.** “The federal government typically awards contracts to private companies after a competitive bidding process in order to keep costs low and avoid conflicts of interest. ‘When you have competitive bidding it prevents government officials from throwing contracts to their friends or keeping them from people they don’t like,’ said Richard Painter, chairman of the board of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, a nonpartisan watchdog group. Competitive bidding also protects taxpayers and helps guarantee the highest quality products for the money.” [McClatchy Washington Bureau, 6/5/17]

- **Cerner Already Won A 2-Year, Highly Competitive Selection Process For A $4.3 Billion Contract With The Pentagon To Overhaul Their Health Records System.** “Cerner already has a $4.3 billion contract with the Pentagon to overhaul the Defense Department’s health records system. [...] Two years ago, when Cerner won a coveted Pentagon contract to overhaul its medical record system, the highly competitive selection process took longer than two years. Cerner partnered with defense technology contractor Leidos, Accenture Federal Services and Intermountain Healthcare in its bid for the $4.3 billion, 10-year defense contract. The team beat out Cerner’s major rival, Epic, a Wisconsin-based health IT firm that also is a leading provider of electronic health records technology.” [McClatchy Washington Bureau, 6/5/17]

**An Investigation Was Opened After Questions Arose Over “The Influence Of Three Members Of President Donald Trump’s Florida Country Club In The VA’s Contract With Cerner Corp”

**Questions Arose Over The “Influence” Of Three Members Of Trump’s Florida Country Club In The VA’s Contract With Cerner Corporation.** “The chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee criticized the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for missing a deadline to provide documents related to the influence of three members of President Donald Trump’s Florida country club in the VA’s contract with Cerner Corp.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 2/27/19]

- **February 2019: An Investigation Was Opened Into The Influence Of These “Mar-A-Lago Three.”** “Takano opened an investigation Feb. 8, requesting all records of communication between the ‘Mar-a-Lago three’ and their companies with current or former VA officials. Ike Perlmutter, chairman of Marvel Entertainment; Bruce Moskowitz, a California physician; and lawyer Marc Sherman were able to review Cerner’s (Nasdaq: CERN) then-proposed contract to revamp the VA’s electronic health record system and reportedly influenced the selection of a Cerner EHR. ‘The Department has stonewalled Congress long enough regarding this matter and others,’ Takano said in the letter. He requested a new deadline of March 8 for all documents. Cerner secured a $10 billion contract for a 10-year implementation of its EHR program with the VA in May. At an investor conference earlier this month, Travis Dalton, Cerner’s president of government services, provided an update on the contract and said the North Kansas City-based health IT company has completed seven task orders with the VA.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 2/27/19]
2018: Adkins Founded A Non-Profit Intended To Improve School Readiness Of Young Children

According To The Kansas Secretary Of State, Systems Of Care Initiative (SOCI) Was Formed On August 30, 2018. [Kansas Secretary of State, Articles of Incorporation, 8/30/18]

According To The IRS, Systems Of Care Initiative (SOCI) Was Granted Tax Exempt Status Effective August 30, 2018.

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter “4221-PC” in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

[IRS, Systems of Care Initiative Determination Letter, accessed 5/5/22]

As Of April 2022, SOCI Is Active And In Good Standing With The Kansas Secretary Of State.
Business Entity Search

Be advised the business information on this page is for summary informational purposes only, actual documents filed by customers with the secretary of State's office to ensure a proper record of the correct debtor name.

Business Summary

Current Entity Name
SYSTEMS OF CARE INITIATIVE, INC.

Current Mailing Address: 1150 OVERBROOK ROAD, SUITE 210, LEAWOOD, KS 66211

Business Entity Type: KANSAS NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION

Date of Formation in Kansas: 08/30/2018

State of Organization: KS

Current Status: ACTIVE AND IN GOOD STANDING

Resident Agent and Registered Office

Resident Agent: NATIONAL REGISTERED AGENTS, INC. OF KS

Registered Office: 112 SW 7TH STREET, SUITE 3C, TOPEKA, KS 66603

[Kansas Secretary of State, Business Entity Search, accessed 4/21/22]

According To SOCI’s 990 Forms Filed With The IRS, Adkins Worked At The Non-Profit For An Average Of 2 Hours Per Week And Received No Compensation.

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[2020 IRS 990, Systems of Care Initiative, filed 5/17/21; 2019 IRS 990, Systems of Care Initiative, filed 5/11/20]

2020: SOCI Listed $155,577 In Revenue And Spent A Total Of $307,126, Leaving The Organization With A $151,549 Loss For 2020.
• 2020: SOCI Spent $152,273 On Grants And $140,365 In Salaries For Employees. [2020 IRS 990, Systems of Care Initiative, filed 5/17/21]

• 2020: SOCI Saw A $151,549 Drop In Assets And A $344,423 Drop In Revenue From 2019. [2020 IRS 990, Systems of Care Initiative, filed 5/17/21]

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[2020 IRS 990, Systems of Care Initiative, filed 5/17/21]

2020: The Grants Provided By SOCI Included A $147,273 Grant To The Family Conservancy In Kansas City And $5,000 Towards Walmart E-Cards For 100 Recipients.

[2020 IRS 990, Systems of Care Initiative, filed 5/17/21]
2019: SOCI Listed $500,000 In Revenue And Spent A Total $268,271, Leaving The Organization With $231,729 In Assets At The End Of The Year. [2019 IRS 990, Systems of Care Initiative, filed 5/11/20]

- **2019: SOCI Spent $102,500 On Grants And $129,600 In Salaries For Employees.** [2019 IRS 990, Systems of Care Initiative, filed 5/11/20]

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[2019 IRS 990, Systems of Care Initiative, filed 5/11/20]

**2019: SOCI Provided A $102,500 Grant To The Family Conservancy.**

[2019 IRS 990, Systems of Care Initiative, filed 5/11/20]

- **The Family Conservancy Was A Kansas City Non-Profit Organization That Provided Training For Early Educators And Child Care Professionals.** *At The Family Conservancy, we empower Kansas City to raise happy, healthy, educated children. We’re focused on supporting families, caregivers and teachers who*

Adkins Said She Founded The Systems Of Care Initiative To Help “Young Children Be Healthy And Ready For Kindergarten And Later Success In Life.” “In the course of this work, she has been a leader for consideration of social determinants of health in communities (SDOH). A belief in the importance of SDOH was a major consideration when she founded Systems of Care Initiative (SOCI), a philanthropic organization dedicated to helping young children be healthy and ready for kindergarten and later success in life.” [Adkins Campaign Website, accessed 2/22/22]

As Of 2022, Adkins Was Listed As A Founding Member And The President Of The Board Of Directors Of SOCI.

[SOCI, accessed 2/22/22]

Adkins Said SOCI Would Make Early Childhood Investments In Kansas City, Kansas.

Meet SOCI (pronounced so-she). socicommunities.org. Proud founder! Parents have dreams for their children to have a high quality life incl. work they love. SOCI will make early childhood investments (starting in KCK) when we see workforce vision, but significant early risk.

[SOCI INC. SYSTEMS OF CARE INITIATIVE]

9:52 AM - Apr 3, 2019 - Twitter Web Client
[Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 4/3/19]
August 2021: Adkins Stressed The Importance Of Early Learning While Having Lunch With Kids At A Learning Center That Was A SOCI Scholarship Partner.

Great day having lunch with kids at #KS03 KidZone in Wyandotte County. Early learning is so important. Proud to be part of business leaders doing work for @of_soci communities!

7:38 PM - Aug 10, 2021 - Twitter for iPhone
[Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 8/10/21]
May 2020: Adkins Announced That SOCI Was Issuing 100 Walmart Gift Cards To Help Parents In Wyandotte County During The COVID-19 Pandemic.

Adkins Claimed That Children’s Health Was A “Topic Close To My Heart.”
Adkins Stated That She “Worked As An Advocate For Children For Years” Including Founding SOCI And Would Continue Her Advocacy If Elected To Congress.

Committees And Boards

Adkins Served On The Committees Of The Kansas Chamber Of Commerce, The Salvation Army, And The Entrepreneur Coalition

Adkins’ Campaign Website Said She Served On The Executive Committee Of The Kansas Chamber Of Commerce For 14 Years And The Boards Of The Salvation Army And The Entrepreneur Coalition. “Amanda served on the Executive Committee of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce for 14 years. She also previously served on the Boards of The Salvation Army and The Entrepreneur Coalition.” [Amanda Adkins Campaign Website, accessed 2/22/22]

2011 – 2015: Adkins Claimed That She Was A Board Member At The Entrepreneur Coalition.

Board Member
The Entrepreneur Coalition
Sep 2011 - 2015 · 3 yrs 5 mos

[Amanda Adkins, LinkedIn, accessed 4/21/22]
According To The Kansas Secretary Of State, The Entrepreneur Coalition Was Formed In 2011 And Was “Forfeited” In 2013.

### Business Summary

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Business Entity Type: KANSAS NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION

Date of Formation in Kansas: 09/08/2011

State of Organization: KS

Current Status: FORFEITED - FAILED TO TIMELY FILE A/R

Resident Agent and Registered Office

Resident Agent: REBECCA M. KORPHAGE

Registered Office: 6700 W 75th Street, OVERLAND PARK, KS 66204

Annual Reports

The following annual report information is valid for active and delinquent status entities only.

Tax Closing Month: 12

The Last Annual Report on File: 00/0000

Next Annual Report Due: 06/15/2013

Forfeiture Date: 09/15/2013

[Kansas Secretary Of State, Business Entity Search, accessed 4/21/22]
Political Career

This section provides an overview of Adkins’ political career, from 1997 to 2022.

**Significant Findings**

✓ Adkins has been running for Congress since 2019, even quitting her job to focus more fully on her Congressional campaigns.

  ✓ August 2019: Adkins filed her candidacy with the FEC for her 2020 Congressional campaign.
  ✓ Adkins lost the 2020 Kansas 3rd general election by 10 points.
  ✓ 2020: A single-candidate super PAC supporting Adkins—Heartland USA PAC—spent nearly $400,000 on advertising in support of her campaign and attacking opponents.
  ✓ Heartland USA PAC was overwhelmingly funded by Adkins’ father, Alan Landes

✓ April 2021: Adkins announced her 2022 candidacy for Kansas’s 3rd Congressional district.

  ✓ Adkins said she would be a “better candidate” and would run a better campaign this cycle.

  ✓ In January 2020, after launching her Congressional campaign, Adkins took a leave of absence and a year later officially stepped down from her job at Cerner Corporation—before launching her second campaign for Congress.

✓ 2021: Adkins was endorsed by national Republican Party leaders, as the party planned to “coalesce” around Adkins to ram her through the primary and shut out competition.

  ✓ 2021: The Republican National Committee said the party would “coalesce” to around Adkins to avoid a competitive primary election.

  ✓ 2021: Adkins was endorsed by high-profile and influential figures in the Republican party establishment, including House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, Sen. Ted Cruz, former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, House GOP Conference Chair Elise Stefanik, and multiple other Congresswomen and state officials.

  ✓ 2022: Adkins received backing from the Congressional Leadership Fund, a super PAC aligned with Congressional Republicans and Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy.

✓ Before running for Congress, Adkins worked as a professional political operative.

  ✓ 2009: 2013: Adkins served as chair of the Kansas Republican Party.

  ✓ 2011: Adkins received a political appointment to act as chair of Gov. Brownback Kansas Children’s Cabinet.

  ✓ Adkins was appointed to be on the planning committee for the 2012 Republican National Convention
2004: Adkins worked as Campaign Manager for Sam Brownback’s U.S. Senate Campaign.

In the early 2000s, Adkins worked on the House of Representatives Rules Committee and in the United States Senate as a Legislative Aide.

2005-2022: Adkins was co-chair and co-founder of an organization that trained Republican women to get involved in politics.

2000-2002: Adkins worked as the Political and Executive Director of GOPAC, INC, a group that identified and supported Republican candidates running for office.

As Chair of the Kansas Republican Party, Adkins opposed efforts to make Congressional maps fairer and as a Congressional candidate was even subpoenaed in a trial about whether the 2022 Congressional map was unconstitutionally gerrymandered.

2022: Adkins was subpoenaed in a trial about whether the Kansas Congressional map was politically and racially gerrymandered in a way that violated the Kansas constitution.

2012: Adkins opposed a bipartisan effort to pass a nonpartisan Congressional map, even condemning members of her own party who voted for it.

2009: Adkins submitted written testimony against a senate bill that would require the state to draw districts in a non-partisan way.

Adkins is a long-time Republican political donor, giving over $25,000 to federal and state political entities.

Adkins contributed a total of $23,828.58 to federal political causes.

Adkins contributed a total of $2,817.87 to state-wide candidates, including $2,567.87 to Sam Brownback.

### 2022 Campaign

#### January 2021: Adkins Left Her Executive Role At Cerner After Her 2020 Election Loss

**January 2021: Adkins Left Her Position At Cerner After Her 2020 Election Loss.** “Veteran Cerner Corp. executive Amanda Adkins has left the healthcare IT firm since losing her campaign for a Kansas Congressional seat. Adkins, 45, Cerner's vice president of strategic growth, took a leave of absence last January as she sought to unseat Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids, who represents the 3rd Congressional District in Kansas. While Adkins lost the November election by about 10 percentage points, she continues fundraising efforts - sparking speculation about a possible rematch with Davids in 2022. Adkins told The Star that it was her decision to leave Cerner and declined to discuss future political plans. She worked at the firm for 15 years. ‘After a long and valuable contribution to Cerner over many years, Amanda will not be returning to the company in any capacity,’ Cerner spokeswoman Misti Preston told The Star. ‘We wish her well in her efforts to positively impact the Kansas City community in the years to come.’” [Kansas City Star, 1/6/21]

#### April 2021: Adkins Announced Her 2022 Candidacy For Kansas’s 3rd Congressional District

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Adkins Said She Was Running As A “Common-Sense Conservative.” “We need more common-sense conservative, female, business-minded voices in Congress,’ Adkins said in a statement announcing her 2022 candidacy. ‘I want to represent the people of the Third District in Washington to get things done, end the gridlock and solve the problems that people are facing with their families every day. My experience as a business leader, mother, and community champion for solutions in healthcare will bring perspective missing in Washington. I believe the government’s role should be providing economic lift to a region, not furthering dependency on the government for generations to come.” [KSHB, 4/5/21]

Adkins Pledged To Be A “Better Candidate” In 2022

Adkins Said She Would Be A “Better Candidate” And Would Run A Better Campaign This Cycle. “Adkins, a former state GOP chair, hasn't explicitly referred to redistricting. She's made general comments about how 2022 will be a more favorable year because she'll be able to connect Davids to President Joe Biden's administration. The president's party typically loses seats during midterm elections. ‘I will be a better candidate this cycle. My campaign will be better,’ Adkins told Republicans at the convention. ‘I'm not worried about message this cycle because our opportunity to contrast will be so great with Sharice Davids.” [Kansas City Star, 5/3/21]

2021: Adkins Was Endorsed By National Republican Party Leaders, As The Party Planned To “Coalesce” Around Adkins To Ram Her Through The Primary And Shut Out Competition

2021: The Republican National Committee Said The Party Would “Coalesce” To Around Adkins To Avoid Competitive Primary Election

Kansas Republican Activists Plotted To Unite Around Adkins As The Presumptive Candidate In Order To Avoid A Contentious Primary. “Dozens of Republican activists huddled in a crowded conference room in Manhattan last month to plot the ouster of Kansas Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids, whose hold on the 3rd Congressional District prevents a GOP monopoly in the state's federal delegation. One strategy: Unite behind a candidate early to avoid a costly primary fight and count on the GOP-controlled Legislature to draw new district lines more favorable to Republicans. New lines will be essential if the party rallies around a candidate who lost to Davids by 10 points just six months ago, former Cerner executive Amanda Adkins. ‘I think the party's going to coalesce around Amanda Adkins,’ said Republican National Committeeman Mark Kahrs in an interview at the party's state convention in April.” [Kansas City Star, 5/3/21]

- Republican National Committeeman Mark Kahrs Attributed Adkins' 2020 Loss To The Competitive 2020 GOP Primary. “Kahrs attributed Adkins' 2020 loss to a contentious primary, which forced her to spend down resources, a pitfall Republicans hope to avoid in 2022.” [Kansas City Star, 5/3/21]

2022: Adkins Was Subpoenaed In A Trial About Whether The Kansas Congressional Map Was Politically And Racially Gerrymandered In A Way That Violated The Kansas Constitution

Adkins Was Subpoenaed In A Trial About Whether The 2022 Kansas Congressional Maps Were Politically And Racially Gerrymandered And Violated The Kansas Constitution. “A trial over the map approved by the Republican-controlled Legislature is set to begin Monday in Wyandotte County, where attorneys for a group of voters will attempt to prove that lawmakers produced politically and racially gerrymandered district lines that violate the Kansas Constitution. […] Republican political consultants and lobbyists Mark Dugan and David Kensinger have both been subpoenaed, as well as Amanda Adkins, the likely Republican nominee to challenge
Several Republican senators have also been subpoenaed, including some who made comments indicating they had or had considered seeking concessions to support the map.” [Kansas City Star, 3/30/22]

- The Kansas Congressional Map Passed By the Republican-Controlled Legislature Showed “Clear Efforts To Favor The Republican Party.” “Jowei Chen, a political science professor at the University of Michigan, had a computer draw 1,000 versions of Kansas congressional maps, using non-partisan and traditional guidelines. The results? The map Kansas lawmakers passed this year had more Republican districts than 98.8% of Chen's simulations. ‘This extreme, additional level of partisan bias ... can be directly attributed to the map-drawer's clear efforts to favor the Republican Party,’ Chen said in a written report filed in Wyandotte County District Court. A trial over the map approved by the Republican-controlled Legislature is set to begin Monday in Wyandotte County, where attorneys for a group of voters will attempt to prove that lawmakers produced politically and racially gerrymandered district lines that violate the Kansas Constitution. Republicans say the lines are constitutional and fair.” [Kansas City Star, 3/30/22]

- The Kansas Congressional Map Divided Wyandotte County Between Two Congressional Districts Effectively Splitting Minority Communities In KS-03. “The map - called Ad Astra, after the state's motto - divides Wyandotte County between two congressional districts for the first time in 40 years, cleaving apart minority communities that traditionally vote for Democrats. The new boundaries come as 3rd District Democratic U.S. Rep. Sharice Davids heads into what is expected to be a tough election cycle for congressional Democrats. The map also places Lawrence, a Democratic-leaning city, into the solidly Republican 1st District, which encompasses the western and northcentral areas of the state. GOP lawmakers overrode Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly's veto in February to approve the map.” [Kansas City Star, 3/30/22]

Some Republicans Were Skeptical Redistricting Would Be Enough To Help Adkins Win; State Rep. Chris Croft “Strongly Consider[ed]” Jumping Into The Race

Kansas Republican Consultants Were Skeptical Adkins Could Win A Rematch Even With Potential Redistricting Changes To The District And State Rep. Chris Croft “Strongly Consider[ed]” Jumping Into The Race. “Some Republicans, skeptical that redistricting will be enough to turn a losing candidate into a winner two years later, want another option. State Rep. Chris Croft, an Overland Park Republican who currently chairs the committee that oversees redistricting, said at the convention he was ‘strongly considering’ jumping into the race. ‘Amanda is rolling out the same donors, the same endorsements, the same theme, and the same message. That's hardly the narrative to win over Republicans who are skeptical that the sequel will end any different than the original,” said Jared Suhn, a Kansas GOP consultant who has advised Croft and worked for Adkins' 2020 primary rival Sara Hart Weir.” [Kansas City Star, 5/3/21]

Adkins Used The 2021 Georgia Senate Runoff Elections To Raise Money For Her Own 2022 Campaign

Adkins Used The 2021 Georgia Senate Runoff Elections To Fundraise For Her 2022 Campaign. “An unsuccessful House candidate in Kansas is using the two Senate races in Georgia to raise money -- possibly for a 2022 run. Kansas Republican Amanda Adkins lost her race against Democrat Rep. Sharice Davids by roughly 10 percentage points, but on Monday she sent a fundraising plea tied to the two runoff Senate elections in Georgia. The January 5 runoff elections will decide control of the U.S. Senate as President-elect Joe Biden prepares to take office on January 20. ‘Remember: If Chuck Schumer and Kamala Harris take the Senate, there will be NO DEFENSE against the litany of radical, far-left initiatives they have promised -- they will pack the courts and force their initiatives through,’ the email states. ‘As conservatives, we must remain committed to helping Republicans Kelly Loeffler and David Perdue win their Senate runoffs. The future of America is on the line. Will you join me in this fight?’ the email states in between links to a fundraising site.” [Kansas City Star, 12/29/20]

- Adkins Divided The Contributions Equally Among Republican Senators Perdue And Loeffler, And Her Own Campaign. “A third of the money would go to Loeffler's campaign against Democrat Raphael Warnock
and third of the money would go Perdue's campaign against Democrat Jon Ossoff. But a final third of the money would go to Adkins' campaign. It's not uncommon for campaigns to continue fundraising in the weeks after the election if candidates face campaign debts, but as of a November 23 campaign finance filing Adkins' campaign had nearly $45,000 cash on hand with only $5,000 in debts left to pay. The email has caused speculation among Republicans who received the email that Adkins is preparing for a rematch with Davids in the Kansas 3rd Congressional District in 2022. Adkins’ campaign did not respond to questions about whether Adkins was raising money in anticipation of a 2022 run or why Republicans should send a third of their money to her rather than give to the Georgia candidates directly if they want to influence the Senate race.” [Kansas City Star, 12/29/20]

### Endorsements

**Adkins Was Endorsed By Former Secretary Of State Mike Pompeo.** “Big crowd in Overland Park, KS last night supporting @amanda_adkins for Congress. Proud to endorse our long time, talented friend. GO KANSAS turn the 3rd district RED so we can take back America!” [Mike Pompeo, Twitter, 5/21/21]

**Adkins Was Endorsed By House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy.** “Excited to have the endorsement of Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy! We will prioritize a stronger economy, and stronger America for our families back here in Kansas.” [Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 9/7/21]

**Adkins Was Endorsed By Senator Ted Cruz.** “I’m proud to endorse @amanda_adkins for election to #KS03. We need Amanda in Congress to help fight back against Joe Biden’s extreme agenda.” [Ted Cruz, Twitter, 4/26/21]

**Adkins Was Endorsed By House GOP Conference Chair Elise Stefanik.** “#EPAC is proud to endorse health care leader and conservative fighter @Amanda_adkins for Congress. Amanda has what it takes to flip #KS03 red and help #FIREPelosi once and for all! #REDWAVE2022” [Elise Stefanik, Twitter, 11/10/21]

**Adkins Was Endorsed By Rep. Ashley Hinson.** “@amanda_adkins knows how to make tough decisions and deliver results. She will work to bring down the cost of health care and push back on policies that are wrong for Kansans. I am proud to endorse her campaign!” [Ashley Hinson, Twitter, 11/2/21]

**Adkins Was Endorsed By Rep. Yvette Herrell.** [Amanda Adkins, YouTube, 4/12/21]

**Adkins Was Endorsed By Rep. Ron Estes.** [Amanda Adkins, YouTube, 4/23/21]

**Adkins Was Endorsed By Rep. Vicky Hartzler.** [Amanda Adkins, YouTube, 4/12/21]

**Adkins Was Endorsed By Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts.** [Amanda Adkins, YouTube, 7/15/21]

**Adkins Was Endorsed By Former State Senator Julia Lynn.** “A special thanks to my #KS03 friend Julia Lynn. I appreciate our long-term friendship, your service to our community, and your support of my campaign!” [Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 11/1/21]

**Adkins Was Endorsed By Johnson County Sheriff Cal Hayden.** [Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 10/11/21]

**Adkins Was Endorsed By Congressional Leadership Fund’s Trailblazers Fund, Which Endorses And Provides Direct Support To Republican Candidates.** “The CLF, which shared its announcement first with Fox News, says the 11 candidates have earned the endorsement of its Trailblazers Fund. That’s the group’s hard-dollar arm which was set up last year to endorse and provide direct financial support to key Republicans in order to help the GOP win back the House majority it lost in the 2018 midterms. In setting up the Trailblazers fund, CLF reclassified itself as a hybrid PAC, allowing it to more directly communicate with and assist candidates. […] The 11 candidates are Juan Ciscomani in Arizona (AZ-06), Esther Joy King in Illinois (IL-17), Amanda Adkins in Kansas (KS-03), former Rep. Bruce Poliquin in Maine (ME-02), former Interior secretary and former Rep. Ryan
Zinke in Montana (MT-01), Tom Kean, Jr. in New Jersey (NJ-07), Morgan Luttrell (TX-08), Monica De La Cruz (TX-15), and Wesely Hunt (TX-38) in Texas, Jen Kiggans in Virginia (VA-02), and Derrick Van Orden in Wisconsin (WI-03).” [Fox News, 1/5/22]

### The Republican PAC Winning For Women Endorsed Adkins’s 2022 Campaign For Kansas’ 3rd Congressional District

“The Republican PAC Winning for Women is endorsing House candidates Amanda Adkins in Kansas and Lisa Scheller in Pennsylvania Wednesday, marking the group’s third round of endorsements in the 2022 cycle. ‘Every sign points to successful midterm elections for Republicans, and that starts with strong, qualified candidates. Republican women are laser-focused on the issues that matter to American families – inflation, education, and the cost of health care, among others,’ Winning for Women (WFW) spokeswoman Olivia Perez-Cubas said. ‘Amanda and Lisa are no exception, and thanks to their experiences, are in strong positions to flip their seats red and help Republicans take back the House,’ Perez-Cubas added.” [Fox News, 1/26/22]

### Adkins Was Listed As A “Young Gun” Candidate By Kevin McCarthy

**2021: Adkins Was Named A “Young Gun” Recruit By Kevin McCarthy.** “House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy on Monday unveiled the first round of ‘Young Guns’ – promising candidates running in the 2022 midterm elections - when the GOP aims to win back the chamber’s majority from the Democrats. […] On the list are former Rep. Bruce Poliquin of Maine (ME-02), Derrick Van Ordin of Wisconsin (WI-03), Esther Joy King of Illinois (IL-17), Tom Kean Jr. of New Jersey (NJ-07), Amanda Adkins of Kansas (KS-03), Ryan Zinke of Montana (MT-01/02), and from two from Texas - Monica De La Cruz Hernandez (TX-15) and Wesley Hunt (TX-38).” [Fox News, 11/8/21]

- **The Young Guns Designation Was Given To GOP Candidates Who Met Campaign Goals And Fundraising Benchmarks Set By The NRCC.** “The 14-year-old "Young Guns" program, led by McCarthy in conjunction with the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC), the House GOP reelection arm, helps equip Republican candidates across the country who show the promise of running successful campaigns with "the tools they need" to win. The program is divided into three levels, and to make the list, candidates have to exhibit potential by meeting thresholds for campaign fundraising and organization.” [Fox News, 11/8/21]

### The NRCC Included Adkins On Their “On The Radar” List.

“Those on the list are labeled ‘On the Radar’ candidates, the initial step in the NRCC’s ‘Young Guns’ program. The 14-year-old program, led by the NRCC in conjunction with House GOP Leader Kevin McCarthy, helps equip Republican candidates across the country who show the promise of running successful campaigns with ‘the tools they need’ to win. […] Those on the list are Walt Blackman and Eli Crane (AZ-01), Juan Ciscomani (AZ-02), Christopher Rodriguez (CA-49), Brady Duke and Cory Mills (FL-07), Amanda Makki and Anna Paulina Luna (FL-13), Jake Evans, Harold Earls, and Meagan Hanson (GA-06), Rich McCormick (GA-07), Zach Nunn (IA-03), Esther Joy King (IL-17), Amanda Adkins (KS-03), Bruce Poliquin (ME-02), Tyler Kistner (MN-02) and Ryan Zinke (MT-02).” [Fox News, 10/12/21]

### The Kansas Chamber Of Commerce Cut Ties With The National Chamber Of Commerce After They Endorsed Rep. Sharice Davids Over Adkins; Adkins Was A “Cornerstone” Member Of The Kansas Chamber Of Commerce

**2021: The Kansas Chamber Of Commerce Severed Ties With The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce After They Endorsed Rep. Sharice Davids Over Amanda Adkins.** “The Kansas Chamber of Commerce has cut ties with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce after the national business group endorsed Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids last year. The U.S. Chamber's decision to endorse Davids—along with 22 other freshman House Democrats--caught Kansas business leaders by surprise last year. Davids’ Republican opponent in the 3rd Congressional District, long-time Cerner executive Amanda Adkins, had served on the board of the state chamber for 12 years. The U.S. Chamber’s endorsement of Davids and other Democrats represented a strategic shift intended to curry favor with Democrats in anticipation that they would maintain their House majority. It also came after years of tension with then-President Donald Trump’s administration on trade policy, which put a strain on the decades-long alliance between Republicans and the business community. But the move has resulted in the Kansas Chamber's decision not to renew
its membership in the U.S. Chamber of Commerce after Kansas officials complained their input was ignored during the process.” [Kansas City Star, 5/17/21]

**Adkins Was A “Cornerstone” Member Of The Kansas Chamber Of Commerce.** “Healthcare IT giant Cerner, where Adkins served in high-level roles from 2005 to 2020, is a "Cornerstone" member of the Kansas Chamber, a term used for businesses that invest at least $5,000 in the group annually. Adkins, a former Kansas Republican chair, is launching another run for the seat in 2022 after losing to Davids by 10 points in the fall. Adkins' campaign did not immediately comment on the break between the state and national chambers.” [Kansas City Star, 5/17/21]

### 2020 Campaign

**September 2019: Adkins Announced She Would Run In The KS-03 Republican Primary**

**September 2019: Adkins Officially Announced She Would Run In The KS-03 Republican Primary.** “A Kansas business executive with political ties to former Republican Gov. Sam Brownback has officially kicked off her campaign to challenge freshman Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids. Amanda Adkins made the announcement Monday. It was expected after she filed paperwork last week with the Federal Election Commission creating a campaign committee for a run for the GOP nomination in the Kansas City-area 3rd Congressional District. […] She managed Brownback’s successful U.S. Senate re-election campaign in 2004 and was Kansas Republican Party chairwoman when Brownback was elected governor in 2010.” [Associated Press State & Local, 9/10/19]

**Adkins Filed Her Candidacy With The FEC On August 30th, 2019.** According to the FEC, Adkins filed her statement of organization on August 30th, 2019. [FEC Committee Search, accessed 2/15/22]

**Adkins Said She Was Running For Office Because She Was “Distraught By The Results In The Last Election.”** “We are here because we’re all distraught by the results in the last election. Certainly unhappy about the election of Sharice Davids, but let’s talk about what that represents. It’s not just a loss folks. We look at the Democratic party and the creep of socialism within that party, and what we’re worried about is what that will mean in terms of our own dear Republicans. In this district, it’s incredibly important that we have a leader who’s well-recognized and embodies the community itself. A leader who has trust, who’s known, who’s shown they can give results. I’ve been a business leader in KC for 15 years, I’ve been a leader in politics for 25 years, I’ve been active in philanthropy, doing work for at risk kids, and a lot of that has been formed by my experience as a working mom. In this race, it’s critical that we are messaging to the daily experiences of people in Kansas City. As a businesswoman, I’m focused on growth opportunities. Because I’m accountable to who the taxpayer is, I’m focused on results in public programs. As a mother, I’m focused on building a successful path for children. Thank you so much.” [Kansas GOP Candidate Forum, 1/31/20, saved on Vantage]

**Adkins Said Residents Of KS-03 Told Her They “Don’t Hear From Davids Very Much At All”**

“Why She Should Take On Davids: People in the 3rd Congressional District have told Adkins ‘they don’t hear from (Davids) very much at all.’ Adkins added that ‘for a district that is very entrepreneurial and full of lots of people who are thinkers, I think that they have a higher expectation.’ Adkins also emphasized her political experience, which does not involve holding office, but getting people into office. She was the chairwoman of the GOP state party from
2009-2013, a time during which Republicans won ‘all of the congressional races, all of the statewide races,’ and more seats in the Statehouse.” [KCUR, 4/20/20]

Adkins Said She Was Known For Being “Socially Conservative And Fiscally Conservative”

Adkins Said She Was Known For Being “Socially Conservative And Fiscally Conservative.” “I’m known here for being socially conservative and fiscally conservative, which I’ve been since college.” [Starlight Republican Women At Minsky’s Pizza, 11/21/19, saved on Vantage]

Adkins Said She Was A “Long-Term Conservative Leader” And That She Admired Margaret Thatcher

Adkins Said She Was A “Long-Term Conservative Leader” And That She Admired Margaret Thatcher. “In terms of who I am, I’m a very long-term conservative leader, I am a businesswoman and a mother of two wonderful kids. I did want to say, not everyone knows this, even the NRCC got this wrong, you missed where I got my start. I was—little known fact—the state chair of the KFCR. My history as a Republican leader goes back 25 years. Started as state chair at KU, I was pre-med, hard science, human biology major. Was inspired to get into politics due to my father, Alan. Grew up having conservative conversations around the dinner table. One of my favorite political leaders is Margaret Thatcher because she was inspired by her own faithful father who encouraged her to pursue public service.” [Kansas GOP Olathe Pizza Shop Event, 1/13/20, saved on Vantage]

Adkins Emphasized Her Business Background And Said Being A Capitalist Was Important To Her Campaign

Adkins Emphasized Her Business Background And Said Being A Capitalist Was Important To Her Campaign. “Thank you. I would start with the fact that I’m a businesswoman, I wish more people in business would run for office. I think given the socialist rhetoric that’s being pushed by the Democratic party, I’d say I’m a capitalist. I know how hard it is to create, to grow, to run business, to create solutions in the free market and I think that is an important differentiator and a voice that needs to be more significant in congress. And it’s actually well represented across KS and MO, if you see all the people who chose to invest in me, there was overwhelmingly a high number of businesspeople. The other thing, having been in 25 years, my win rate is pretty good. When I ran a statewide race before I started at Cerner, we got the highest number of votes in KS history. As your state party chair, we won everything—statewide, federal, legislature. As the co-founder of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Excellence in Public Service Series, I can also say that we’ve graduated 300 women who’re running for office, are elected, are in leadership positions all across the state of KS, I am very proud of all of those accomplishments.” [Kansas GOP Candidate Forum, 1/31/20, saved on Vantage]

Adkins’ First Run For Congress Was Propped Up By A Super PAC That Was Bankrolled By Her Family Fortune

August 2020: Adkins Won The Five-Way Kansas 3rd GOP Primary With 31% Of The Vote. “Cerner executive Amanda Adkins emerged from a five-way Republican primary battle Tuesday to take on first-term Rep. Sharice Davids in Kansas’ 3rd Congressional District, the only district in the state represented by a Democrat. With 98% of precincts reporting, Adkins held a commanding 8-point lead over disability rights activist Sara Hart Weir. Adkins, who at 10:30 p.m. held 31% of the vote, benefited from a crowded field behind her. Weir sat at 23%, former Roeland Park Mayor Adrienne Valles Foster had 20% of the vote and former Burns & McConnell executive Mike Beehler had 19%. Former state Rep. Tom Love had just 7%.” [Kansas City Star, 8/4/20]
2020: A Single-Candidate Super PAC Supporting Adkins—Heartland USA PAC--Spent Nearly $400,000 On Advertising In Support Of Her Campaign And Attacking Opponents

2020: Heartland USA PAC Spent $382,484.90 In The Primary And General Election On Advertising In Support Of Amanda Adkins.

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[FEC, accessed 4/6/22]

The Heartland USA PAC Was Funded Almost Exclusively By Adkins’ Father, Alan Landes. “Adkins also sparred frequently with Weir, former president of the National Down Syndrome Society. Last month, a super PAC funded almost exclusively by Adkins' father, Alan Landes, launched an ad portraying Weir as a child playing dress-up. The PAC, Heartland USA PAC, received $373,046 this cycle -- $313,046 of which came from Adkins' father. Campaign finance reform advocates say family-funded PACs undermine the requirement that super PACs be independent from a campaign.” [Kansas City Star, 8/4/20]

Adkins’ Father’s PAC Spent Over $200,000 On Attack Ads Against GOP Primary Rival Sara Hart Weir. “During the primary election, the PAC spent more than $200,000 on ads attacking Adkins' GOP primary rival Sara Hart Weir.” [Kansas City Star, 10/21/20]

Adkins’ Father’s PAC Paid For Ads That Touted Adkins As An “Independent” Woman

Adkins’ Father’s PAC Bought Ads That Touted Adkins As An “Independent” Woman. “A political action committee funded by Amanda Adkins’ father is releasing an ad touting the 3rd District Republican congressional candidate as an independent woman. According to Federal Communications Commission records, Heartland USA PAC has spent $62,800 to purchase time on KSHB and KMBC between Friday and November 2nd. The PAC has also bought time on WDAF though FCC documents did not disclose the cost. Adkins' father, retired construction executive Alan Landes, has donated $313,046 to the PAC, or more than 81% of its total funding as of September 30, according to filings with the Federal Election Commission. The Heartland USA PAC did not immediately respond to The Star's request to comment on the ad buy. The spot, titled 'Her Own Woman' mentions Adkins' accomplishments in business and politics before claiming successful women are often torn down, or defined by the men they work with. Adkins, the ad says, is ‘her own woman.’ ‘Her whole life Amanda has stood up for Kansas, especially for our kids, and she did it standing on her own two feet,’ the ad says.” [Kansas City Star, 10/21/20]

Adkins Defended Her Father, Calling Him Her “Conservative Inspiration.” “Adkins' campaign did not respond to multiple phone calls and emails about the ad, but Adkins personally posted a response on Weir's Facebook page Tuesday evening after Weir and her supporters had criticized the ad in a thread. ‘MY FATHER was my conservative inspiration. A boy from the farm, married 50 years, GOP family, built a successful local company
into a national success. What say you?’ Adkins wrote on Weir's page in response to critics.” [Kansas City Star, 7/7/20]

Heartland USA PAC Was Overwhelmingly Funded By Adkins’ Father, Alan Landes

2019-2020: Alan Landes Overwhelmingly Funded Heartland USA PAC, Contributing A Total Of $408,046 Of The PAC’s Total Contributions Of $564,546.

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[FEC, accessed 4/6/22]

Note: As of April 2022, it appeared the PAC had not yet raised any money during the 2022 cycle.

Adkins Potentially Violated Federal Election Law By Collecting Campaign Contributions Months After She Was Required To File A Statement Of Candidacy

Adkins Received An FEC Complaint After She Raised Over $150,000 In 2019 Before Filing A Statement Of Candidacy

Adkins Received An FEC Complaint After She Raised More Than $150,000 In 2019 Before Filing A Statement Of Candidacy With The FEC. “A former Kansas Democratic official has filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission (FEC) against Republican Amanda Adkins, alleging the congressional candidate skirted campaign finance rules in 2019. Adkins, a Cerner executive who is challenging Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids in the Kansas 3rd Congressional District, raised more than $150,000 before filing a statement of candidacy with the FEC in August of 2019. Federal campaign finance rules require candidates to file paperwork with the FEC after raising or expending $5,000 or more.” [Kansas City Star, 9/14/20]

• Candidates Are Allowed To “Test The Waters” And Raise Money But Can Not Present Themselves As Officially Running For Office. “However, a loophole allows candidates to "test the waters" and raise money for an exploratory campaign before they file. There is no limit to the money a prospective candidates can raise during the exploratory phase, but they must be careful not to present themselves as officially running for office.” [Kansas City Star, 9/14/20]

Campaign Finance Experts Believed That Adkins Pushed The Boundaries Of The Exploratory Phase By Raising Over $150,000. “Paul Seamus Ryan, the vice president for policy and litigation of Common Cause, a national watchdog group, told The Star in July that the FEC has never set a specific limit for how much a candidate can raise during the exploratory phase. ‘In my opinion, $150,000 pushes the boundaries of the 'testing the waters' exemption for a House candidate. It looks like Ms. Adkins had decided to run long before she filed her FEC paperwork, and that
she was amassing funds to be used in her campaign. But because there are no bright lines here, it’s very, very unlikely that the FEC would find a violation,” Ryan said in an email.” [Kansas City Star, 9/14/20]

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Adkins Continued To Collect Campaign Contributions 115 Days After She Was Legally Required To Register Her Campaign

Candidates Are Required To Register And File Financial Reports With The FEC After Raising Or Spending $5,000. According to the FEC, candidates for federal office are required to register and file financial reports with the FEC once they raise or spend $5,000. [FEC Registering For A Candidate, accessed 2/28/22]

Adkins Had Officially Raised Over $5,000 On May 7th, 2019. [FEC Committee Search, accessed 2/28/22]

Adkins Finally Filed A Statement Of Organization On August 30th, 2019, 115 Days After She Hit The $5,000 Mark. [FEC Committee Search, accessed 2/28/22]

By The Time Adkins Officially Registered Her Campaign, She Had Raised $153,603.82. [FEC Committee Search, accessed 2/28/22]

- Adkins Had Raised $148,501.24 In Excess Of Federal Law Before She Officially Filed For Candidacy. [FEC Committee Search, accessed 2/28/22]

Adkins Skirted Federal Election Law By Representing Herself As A Candidate Before Filing Appropriate Paperwork

2019: Kansas City Star: “Adkins May Have Skirted Federal Election Law By Representing Herself As A Candidate Before Filing The Appropriate Paperwork.” “Kansas Republican congressional candidate Amanda Adkins may have skirted federal election law by representing herself as a candidate before filing the appropriate paperwork, campaign finance watchdogs say. Federal election rules include a ‘testing the waters’ provision allowing prospective candidates to conduct a limited amount of preliminary activity. They are required to file with the Federal Election Commission if they make or authorize statements referring to themselves as a candidate and spend or raise at least $5,000. Adkins, a former Kansas GOP chair, officially filed for Kansas’ 3rd congressional district on Aug. 30 and held a kickoff event this week at the Prairie Fire Museum in Overland Park. She will compete with fellow Republican Sara Hart Weir for the opportunity to challenge Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids in November 2020.” [Kansas City Star, 9/12/19]

- Political Consultants Referred To Adkins “Unequivocally” As A Candidate A Full Month Prior To Adkins Filing With The FEC. “But emails obtained by The Star show that a full month before the FEC filing, political consultants referred to Adkins unequivocally as a candidate. ‘We are very excited to announce that High Cotton will be working with Amanda Adkins, candidate in KS-03 (formerly Yoder’s seat),’ wrote Kathryn Jones, a senior associate with High Cotton Consulting, in a July 30 email to a prospective donor.” [Kansas City Star, 9/12/19]

- The Fundraising Firm In Question Was “High Cotton,” Founded By A Long-Time GOP Strategist Who Ran Ted Cruz’s 2016 Presidential Campaign. “High Cotton, a fundraising firm located in Washington, is one of a network of companies owned by Kansas City-based Axiom Strategies. Axiom, which advised former Republican Rep. Kevin Yoder last election, was founded by Jeff Roe, a long-time GOP strategist who ran Texas Sen. Ted Cruz’s 2016 presidential campaign.” [Kansas City Star, 9/12/19]

- A Consultant Email Included A Bio For Adkins Identical To One Currently On Her Campaign Website And Sought To Set Up Donor Meetings For September. “The Jones email includes a bio for Adkins identical to one currently on her campaign website, which touts her background as an executive at Cerner and describes the candidate as a ‘businesswoman, mother and social entrepreneur.’” In another email on the same
day, Jones wrote that Adkins ‘hasn’t announced but will be running in KS-03.’ Both emails sought to set up September meetings with potential donors.” [Kansas City Star, 9/12/19]

The Adkins’ Campaign Responded By Saying She Did Not Decide To Run For Office Until Late August, Despite Evidence From The July 30th Emails. “Adkins’ campaign said in a statement that the candidate did not decide to run for office until late August, despite the July emails. ‘Amanda followed the rules set forth by the FEC when she tested the waters to make a decision about running for Congress. She decided late in August to run for the seat, and filed the appropriate paperwork,’ said campaign spokeswoman Alana Roethle, a former state party secretary.” [Kansas City Star, 9/12/19]

Campaign Finance Experts Criticized Adkins For The Mistake, Saying “If Adkins Had Authorized Her Consultants To Refer To Her As A Candidate, Then She Should Have Filed.” “Fischer said the evidence suggests that Adkins should have filed with FEC earlier in the summer and that at a minimum the expenditures made before her official filing should be disclosed on her October campaign finance report. Craig Holman, a government affairs lobbyist with Public Citizen, a group which advocates for stronger campaign finance rules, also said that the emails indicate that Adkins had moved beyond testing the waters for a campaign by July. ‘These emails are a declaration of candidacy and do not conform to ‘testing the waters’ rules. The emails (1) label Amanda Adkins as a candidate for KS-03, and (2) consist of a fundraising solicitation by a hired consulting firm on behalf of the candidate,’ Holman said in an email. Lloyd Mayer, an associate professor at Notre Dame Law School, said the emails definitely raise questions but he also cautioned that they were sent by a consultant rather than Adkins herself. ‘Why did the consultant think this was the case?’ said Mayer, an expert in election law and campaign finance. ‘Most people are pretty careful to say I’m still exploring or I’m just looking.’ If Adkins had authorized her consultants to refer to her as a candidate, then she should have filed, Mayer said.” [Kansas City Star, 9/12/19]

During Her 2020 Campaign Adkins Left Her Role At Cerner Amid Concerns About Conflicts Of Interest--But Not Until After Using The Company’s Name And Logo In Her Campaign Materials And Raising Thousands Of Dollars From Cerner Employees

Adkins Initially Planned To Remain As Cerner’s VP Of Strategic Growth During Her Campaign, But Stepped Down In January 2020 After Ethical Concerns Were Raised

Adkins Initially Planned To Remain As Cerner’s VP Of Strategic Growth During Her Campaign But Stepped Down Mid-January. “Cerner executive Amanda Adkins has left the company to focus on her campaign to unseat Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids. Adkins, a former Kansas Republican chair, launched her bid for Kansas’ 3rd congressional district in September, but initially planned to remain as Cerner’s vice president of strategic growth through the campaign. But as of last week, Adkins has officially stepped down from her role after 15 years with the health care IT giant. ‘Amanda has made the decision to devote all her energy into the campaign and pursue a congressional bid. We wish her luck as she works full-time to represent her constituency and vies for the candidacy,’ Cerner spokeswoman Misti Preston said Thursday.” [Kansas City Star, 1/23/20]

Adkins’ Campaign Spokeswoman Confirmed That Adkins Was No Longer A Paid Employee Of Cerner As Of January 17, 2020. “Adkins’ campaign spokeswoman Alana Roethle confirmed in an email that Adkins is no longer a paid employee of Cerner as of January 17. ‘She is a full time candidate in the KS-03 race,’ Roethle said.” [Kansas City Star, 1/23/20]

Prior To Stepping Down, Adkins’ Campaign Had Already Raised More Than $500,000. “Adkins’ campaign announced earlier this month that she has raised more than $500,000 in her bid to face Davids.” [Kansas City Star, 1/23/20]

Cerner Said The Company And Adkins Would “Re-Evaluate The Situation” Of Adkins Returning To Cerner If She Did Not Win The Race. “Asked whether Adkins would return to Cerner, Kansas City’s largest private sector employer, if she did not win the race, Preston said the company and candidate would re-evaluate the
situation after the election. ‘Of course, we wish Amanda the best of luck and don’t want to speculate on any outcomes or a hypothetical situation. But, both Amanda and Cerner will re-evaluate employment possibilities if/when that time comes,’ Preston said in an email.” [Kansas City Star, 1/23/20]

Experts Argued That Adkins’ Role At Cerner Would Cause The Company “Ethical Headaches” During Her Campaign Due To Its Federal Contracts

Adkins’ Decision To Step Down Resolved “Potential Ethical Headaches For Cerner”. “Adkins’ decision to step down resolves potential ethical headaches for Cerner posed by the candidacy of one of its executives. Federal election rules prohibit federal contractors from giving directly to federal candidates. Cerner policies restrict employees from working on campaigns during company time. But as a salaried executive Adkins didn’t use a daily time clock, which potentially clouded the distinction between company and personal time. Cerner also bars employees from using company resources for federal campaign purposes or using its corporate logo in connection with political activity, according to a copy of its internal rules shared with The Star in November. Adkins’ campaign website had initially featured the company’s logo in a photograph when the site first went online in an apparent violation of this rule.” [Kansas City Star, 1/23/20]

- Cerner Was A Major Federal Contractor With A $10 Billion Contract To Design A Health Care Records System For The U.S. Department Of Veterans Affairs. “The Kansas City-based company is a major federal contractor with a $10 billion contract to design a new health care records system for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The new system is expected launch later this year.” [Kansas City Star, 1/23/20]

However, Before Adkins Resigned From Her Cerner Post, She Raised Over $150,000 –Including At Least $6,350 From Cerner Employees--And Used Cerner’s Logo On Her Campaign Website

Adkins’ Campaign Website Originally Featured A Picture Of Her With The Cerner Logo But Was Cropped Soon After. “When Cerner executive Amanda Adkins launched her congressional campaign in September, her website featured a photograph of her standing next to the corporate logo on the company’s Kansas City, Kansas, campus. The photo was cropped to remove the Cerner name shortly after the site went online. The change illustrates the ethical and optical challenges both the company and Adkins face as she seeks the Republican nomination to unseat Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids in Kansas’ 3rd congressional district, while continuing to work for the health care IT giant that holds billions of dollars in federal contracts.” [Kansas City Star, 11/17/19]

A Cerner Spokeswoman Said Adkins Clearly Understood The Company’s Policies On Campaigning While Employed. “Asked about the initial use of Cerner’s logo on the campaign site, Misti Preston, a spokeswoman for the company, said in an email that when Adkins decided to run for office ‘the company’s policies were made clear to her: campaigning should be done on personal time and her personal campaign activities should be kept entirely separate and apart from her role at Cerner.’ But distinctions between company time and personal time are murky. Preston was unable to say how many hours Adkins works in a typical work week.” [Kansas City Star, 11/17/19]

Adkins Received $6,350 From Cerner Employees During Her First Month In The Race, And Cerner’s PAC Contributed To Every House Incumbent Of Either Party In Kansas Except Sharice Davids. “Excluding her personal contributions to the campaign, Adkins received $6,350 from Cerner employees during her first month in the race, including $2,800 from Donald Trigg, the company’s executive vice president, according to her October campaign finance filing. The PAC hasn’t donated any money to Adkins’ campaign at this point, but Davids is the only House incumbent of either party from Kansas or Kansas City region not to receive a contribution from Cerner’s PAC this cycle.’ [Kansas City Star, 11/17/19]

Adkins Was Part Of The NRCC’s Young Guns Program And Was Elevated To The Status Of “Contender” In February 2020
Adkins Was Part Of The NRCC’s Young Guns Program And Was Elevated To The Status Of “Contender” In February 2020. “The district committee has already heard from two [female Republican candidates] —Sara Hart Weir and Amanda Adkins. Former Roeland Park Mayor Adrienne Vallejo Foster was scheduled to speak at the group’s January event, which was postponed because of weather. She will instead speak in April. All three women are part of the National Republican Congressional Committee’s ‘Young Guns’ program. Adkins, a former state party chair and Cerner executive, was elevated this week to the status of ‘Contender’ based on the strength of her fundraising.” [Kansas City Star, 2/21/20]

- “Contender” Candidates Of The Young Guns Program “Have Completed Stringent Program Metrics And Are On The Path To Developing A Mature And Competitive Campaign Operation.” “House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy announced the first round of ‘Contender’ candidates, the second tier of the 2020 Young Guns program. ‘These hardworking candidates have proven their ability to run strong, competitive campaign operations,’ said House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy. ‘We’re going to ensure these contenders are victorious in November by forcing their Democratic opponents to own their party’s radical socialist agenda.’ The NRCC’s Young Guns program requires candidates to work towards specific goals and meet benchmarks throughout the election cycle to ensure their campaigns remain competitive, well-funded and communicative within their districts. Contender candidates have completed stringent program metrics and are on the path to developing a mature and competitive campaign operation […] (KS-03) Amanda Adkins.” [NRCC Press Release, via Targeted News Service, 2/20/20]

Endorsements And Support

Adkins Was Endorsed By Susan Pompeo

February 2020: Adkins Was Endorsed By Susan Pompeo, Wife Of U.S. Secretary Of State Mike Pompeo. “U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo’s wife on Tuesday endorsed Republican candidate Amanda Adkins in the race for the Kansas congressional seat for the Kansas City area. Susan Pompeo said she’s known and respected Adkins for nearly two decades. Adkins served as Kansas Republican Party chairwoman from 2009 to 2013, and she and Mike Pompeo served together for two years on the Republican National Committee, representing Kansas, when Adkins was state GOP leader. She also was party chairwoman in 2010 when he won the Wichita-area congressional seat that he held until 2017.” [Associated Press State & Local, 2/11/20]

Adkins Had A Nearly 20-Year Relationship With Susan Pompeo From Their Shared Involvement in A Program That Promotes Leadership Roles For Republican Women. “Adkins’ relationship with Susan Pompeo goes back for nearly 20 years through their involvement in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Excellence in Public Service Series, a program that promotes leadership roles for Republican women. ‘It is an honor to have Susan’s support for my run for Congress, and it has been an inspiration to work with her to promote Republican Women and conservative causes in Kansas all these years,’ Adkins said in a statement.” [Kansas City Star, 2/11/20]

Susan Pompeo Was A Special Guest At A February 2020 Fundraiser For Adkins That Could “Serve As A Signal To Elite Republican Donors To Get Behind Adkins.” “Loomis said the Wichita Republican’s endorsement likely means little for voters in the Kansas City area district, but it could serve as a signal to elite Republican donors to get behind Adkins. Susan Pompeo will appear as a special guest at a fundraiser for Adkins in Washington on Feb. 25, according to an invitation obtained by The Star.” [Kansas City Star, 2/11/20]

Sarah Huckabee Sanders Planned To Headline A Fundraiser For Davids’ Eventual Republican Opponent

Former Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders Was Planning To Headline A Fundraiser For Davids’ Eventual Republican Opponent. “President Donald Trump’s former press secretary will headline a Republican fundraiser in Johnson County in April, to support Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids’ eventual opponent in Kansas’ 3rd congressional district. The April 6 event in Mission Hills will feature Sarah Huckabee Sanders and former Rep.
Kevin Yoder, who lost his 2018 re-election bid to Davids by 9 points amid an anti-Trump wave in the suburbs.” [Kansas City Star, 2/26/20]

- **Huckabee Sanders’ Husband Bryan Grew Up In Kansas And Worked For Brownback As Senator; Fundraiser Event Would Take Place At Home Of Oil And Gas Exploration Firm Owner.** “Huckabee Sanders, who left the White House last year, is the daughter of former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and is widely expected to run for Arkansas governor in 2022. Her husband, Bryan Sanders, grew up in Kansas and worked for Republican Sam Brownback during his tenure in the U.S. Senate. The event to support Davids’ eventual opponent was organized by the National Republican Congressional Committee and Team Estes, a joint fundraising committee for Wichita Republican Rep. Ron Estes. Suggested contributions range from $1,000 to $25,000, according to a copy of the invitation. The event will take place at the home of Nick Powell, the owner of Colt Energy, an oil and gas exploration firm.” [Kansas City Star, 2/26/20]

| Adkins Was Criticized By Her Republican Opponent Sarah Hart Weir For Allowing A Man Accused Of Being A White Nationalist To Volunteer At Her Campaign Events |

Adkins Was Criticized By Her Republican Primary Opponent, Sarah Hart Weir, For Allowing A Man Previously Accused Of Being A White Nationalist To Volunteer At Her Campaign Events. “Congressional candidate Sarah Hart Weir is assailing Republican opponent Amanda Adkins for allowing a man previously accused of being a white nationalist to volunteer at Adkins’ campaign events. The volunteer, Collin Gustin, denies being a white nationalist, and a spokeswoman for Adkins says he isn’t employed by the campaign.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 3/4/20]

- **Man In Question Had Previously Used Racial Slurs And Said “These People Know They’re Not Oppressed. They Just Hate White People And Are Jealous Of Us.”** “Gustin also said he has matured since making remarks in an online discussion group that were quoted in the 2018 story by The Capital-Journal. Wading into a dispute over whether someone had used a racial slur, Gustin wrote, ‘They could’ve easily lied about the parents saying n*****.’ ‘They don’t truly care about racism,’ Gustin added to his online comment. ‘These people know they’re not oppressed. They just hate white people and are jealous of us.’” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 3/4/20]


| Adkins Centered Her Campaign On Suburban Women |

Adkins Said She Was Very Conservative But Excelled At Engaging Professional Women And Mothers. “I have a very conservative focus in other areas: youth program, women’s collaboration effort given the importance of bringing women back into the fold in a meaningful way in this district. Great news is people are asking me how are you different? We need to do a great job of engaging professional women and mothers in the home or out of the home, I’m a professional woman and a mother, I feel good about my prospects of having good dialogue and engaging.” [Kansas GOP Olathe Pizza Shop Event, 1/13/20, saved on Vantage]

- **Adkins Said She Could Connect With Voters Over Being A Working Mother And Professional Woman, Even If They Didn’t Agree With Her**

Adkins Said That While Voters May Not Agree With Her, She Could Connect With Them Over Being A Working Mother And A Professional Woman. “Voters may not agree with absolutely everything that I am, but
I’m a working mother and a professional woman so all those things that they are, I am and I can speak to their experience, […] you know, hearts and minds.” [Starlight Republican Women At Minsky’s Pizza, 11/21/19, saved on Vantage]

**Adkins Believed Suburban Women Were Most Concerned With The Economy And The Desire To Have Hope For The Future Of Their Children**

Adkins Believed Suburban Women Were Concerned With The Economy And The Desire To Have Hope For The Future Of Their Children. “Suburban Women: Adkins believes this voting bloc is concerned with two things: the economy and ‘the desire to have hope for the future of their children’ (she has two of her own). She said when she talks to women, they ‘want you to understand their problems related to those areas … (that) you share their values and that you’re a problem solver.’” [KCUR, 4/20/20]

**Adkins Said She Was Focused On “Achieving Through Kids” And That Professional Women Should Connect With Her Message**

Adkins Said She Was Focused On “Achieving Through Kids” And That Professional Women Should Connect With Her Message. “Thank you. My husband Jason is sitting in the front row, best friend and partner. Children, Madison and Dylan. Mothers hold hopes and dreams for their children and it really has inspired how I’ve thought about the investments I’ve made with my time. Some of you know that I served as the chair of the Kansas Children’s Cabinet and oversaw all of the healthcare and social services investments for young children. I was inspired by that experience to found a charity, a group of business leaders making targeted investments in Wyandotte County in 3 and 4 year olds. The goal is to have vision to make sure they’re ready for school with an eye for what is the workforce like in the future. So I’m thinking long-term, I have a vision, I have a plan, I’m focused on achieving through kids. That is my message to professional women, to mothers, whether they work in or outside of the home. Thank you.” [Kansas GOP Candidate Forum, 1/31/20, saved on Vantage]

### Election History

#### 2020 Kansas 3rd Congressional District General Election

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**Kansas Republican Party Chair**
2009: Adkins Ran Unopposed For Kansas Republican Party Chair

2008: Adkins Was Viewed As The Probable Successor To Kris Kobach For Chairwoman Of Kansas Republican Party

Adkins Was Viewed As The Probable Successor To Kris Kobach For Chairwoman Of The Kansas Republican Party. “In a posting on the ‘Prime Buzz’ blog on the website of the Kansas City Star (12/10, 266K), Steve Kraske discusses the possibility that Amanda Adkins may be in line to become ‘the new chairwoman of the’ Kansas GOP. Kraske writes, ‘Insiders say it’s pretty likely.’ To date, ‘she’s the only candidate to replace Kris Kobach, who said recently he won’t seek a second, two-year term. Adkins, 34, isn’t well-known in state government circles. But she’s got impressive credentials.’ For example, ‘She managed Sen. Sam Brownback’s 2004 re-election campaign. ... She sits on the board of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce. She founded a group called the Dwight D. Eisenhower Excellence in Public Service Series that trains women interested in politics. She’s a veteran of Capitol Hill in Washington.’” [Frontrunner, 12/11/08]

Adkins Was Touted For Her “Impressive Credentials” As Brownback’s Senate Campaign Manager

Adkins Ran To Replace Kobach As Kansas Party Chair And Was Touted For Her “Impressive Credentials” As Brownback's Campaign Manager. “Adkins, 34, isn’t well-known in state government circles. But she’s got impressive credentials.” For example, ‘She managed Sen. Sam Brownback’s 2004 re-election campaign.” [KS: Amanda Adkins Said To Be Favorite To Head State GOP, Frontrunner, 12/11/08]

Brownback “Trusted” Adkins To Run His Campaign When His Career “Was On The Line.” The group will produce strategy based on conservative ideals, strengthen ties among Republicans and expand membership in the party,’ she said. ‘This is all very much focused on expansion and bringing more people into the process,’ she said. ‘We must develop a message and fresh ideas that will reach across the kitchen table and resonate with the voters.’ Adkins has served on several congressional staffs, worked with the Heritage Foundation and managed Brownback's last Senate campaign. ‘In 2004, when my career was on the line during a re-election, I trusted Amanda to run my campaign,’ the Topeka senator said in a letter to party members. ‘The campaign Amanda designed and led yielded over 780,000 votes - the most votes ever received by any candidate in any campaign for any office in Kansas history.’ [Topeka Capital-Journal, 2/1/09]

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Adkins Was Supported As Party Chair By Conservatives And Was “Acceptable Enough To Moderates” In Kansas Republican Party. “[Adkins] replaces Kris Kobach, a conservative who decided not to seek a second term so that he could run for statewide office. Kobach has formed a campaign committee for a run for secretary of state in 2010. Conservatives still control the state party organization, and Adkins had their support. But she also was acceptable enough to moderates that no opposition to her selection emerged.” [Executive Named New Kansas GOP Chairwoman, Associated Press Financial Wire, 1/1/09]

Feb. 2009: Adkins Was Unanimously Elected By A State Committee To Chair The Kansas Republican Party; She Was The Only Candidate

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As Kansas GOP Chair, Adkins Criticized President Obama Prior To His Visit To Kansas

As Kansas GOP Chairwoman, Adkins Released A Statement Criticizing President Obama Prior To His Visit To Kansas. “As a member of the Kansas City business community, a mother of two small children, and a civic activist in the state of Kansas, I have spent a lot of time talking with entrepreneurs, businesses of all sizes, families and individuals across the state and right now the sentiment in Kansas is people are very much focused on and desire clarity on a path towards job creation, competitiveness and effectiveness for the state of Kansas and for the country I have to say, odd that he selected the state of Kansas in the sense that a compare contrast of his executive management at the federal level versus that of our own Governor Sam Brownback is not in his favor. Since President Obama has taken office, the national debt has risen 41%. I dont that [sic] Kansans are going to be overly excited or enthusiastic about his message today. In fact, I think it is going to backfire.” [Amanda Adkins For The RNC For States News Service, 12/6/11]

When Adkins Began As Chair, The Kansas Republican Party Was In Severe Debt

Adkins Said The Kansas Republican Party Had “Basically No Money” When She Entered As Chair

Adkins Said The Kansas Republican Party Had Paid Off About $80,000 In Debt And That It Had “Basically ‘No Money’” When She Took Over. “Adkins said the party had paid off about $80,000 in debt. That work was done by the GOP’s new team and Sen. Sam Brownback, the likely Republican candidate for governor. Kobach didn’t help with that effort, she said. ‘To date, we’re the ones who’ve done it,’ Adkins said. She said the party had basically ‘no money’ when she took over the reins from Kobach. The preliminary audit said the party had $3,280 in the bank on Dec. 31, 2007, just a few weeks before her formal election as chairwoman. Adkins said she began to understand that the party faced even more extensive financial problems when a firm hired to perform an internal party audit could not complete its work because of a lack of records. As the months went by, Adkins said, she learned of more and more problems. She said she’s committed to instituting ‘foundational’ reforms to ensure that similar problems don’t happen again.” [Kansas City Star, 6/9/10]

Adkins Said The Party Had Over $100,000 In Debt When She Entered As Chair. “Current Kansas GOP chairwoman Amanda Adkins said there [sic] numerous problems with the party when she took the job, including more than $100,000 in operational debt. The party fell behind for months in its payroll and rent, accumulating unpaid bills for routine office expenses. ‘Not only did we have to solve these significant problems, we had to make great strides in core initiatives to get people excited about the party again,’ Adkins said.” [Associated Press State & Local Wire, 6/8/10]

The Kansas Republican Party Experienced Severe Debt Under Brownback. “The party appears to be rebounding from a June 20 treasurer’s report that showed the Kansas [sic] GOP with a nearly empty checking account—just $3,900 on hand in the GOP’s federal account and $968 in its state account. Brownback, the party’s titular leader given his status as the all-but-certain next governor of Kanas, has given the party a sizable donation, Adkins said, although the amount is not yet known. At the time of the treasurer’s report, which was obtained by Prime Buzz, four members of the Federal Election Commission staff were conducting an audit at Kansas GOP headquarters in Topeka covering the 2007-08 election cycle. At the time, the FEC staff was expected to be in the office for about two weeks, the report said. The treasurer’s report said the audit ‘has been triggered by failure to provide information to the FEC as required.’ The treasurer’s report said ‘no evidence’ had been found to suggest any misuse of money. Today, Adkins said the FEC would be issuing a report on its findings in the next two months. To date, the FEC has not levied a fine. ‘You come in and you take the good and the bad, and there were some problems I inherited,’ Adkins said. ‘There’s been a lot to work through.’” [Steve Kraske For Prime Buzz, 1/25/10]

Adkins Was Chair Of The Kansas Republican Party In 2010 When Kansas Republicans Had Major Electoral Success
Adkins Was Chair Of The Kansas Republican Party In 2010 When Republicans Won 6 Of 6 Statewide Positions, 5 Of 5 Federal Positions, And Gained 16 State House Seats. “In 2010, the Kansas Republican Party swept back into power winning 6 of 6 statewide positions, 5 of 5 federal positions, and 92 of 125 House seats (a gain of 16). It was the most stunning political sweep in Kansas since 1938. This historic success was led by the team of State Party Chair Amanda Adkins and Executive Director Ashley McMillan. Amanda is currently an executive at Cerner. She was Chair of the KS Republican party from 2009-2012, and Sam Brownback’s Senate campaign manager in 2004. Her other political roles included executive director and national political director for GOPAC, staff for the U.S. House Rules Committee; legislative director to California Congressman David Dreier; staff director for the California Republican Congressional delegation; and as a legislative aide in the U.S. Senate. Ashley, from Cloud County, was Washburn student body president, Kansas Senate staff intern, staff for Sen Pat Roberts, political director for Senator Roberts’ 2008 campaign, Kansas GOP Executive Director in 2010-11, Cloud County GOP Party chair, and is currently Vice-Chair of the Kansas Republican Party.” [Kansas Republican Party On Facebook From State Capital Newsfeed, 3/30/15]

Adkins “Boldly Predicted” That Republicans Would Do Even Better In 2012 As A Result Of Increasing Registered Voters And The Party Being Debt-Free. “Amanda Adkins stood before the Kansas Republican committee last weekend and peeled off stats that show how dominant the GOP is. The Kansas party holds both U.S. Senate seats, all four congressional seats and six of six statewide offices. In the state Senate, the GOP controls 32 of 40 seats. In the House, it’s 92 of 125. ‘They have no bench, folks,’ Adkins said of the Democrats. A fact sheet distributed to committee members drilled even deeper. In the state’s 105 counties, Republicans said they control 283 of 350 commission seats; 90 of 105 sheriff’s slots; 86 of 105 attorney positions, and 84 of 103 county clerk jobs. There’s more. Adkins boldly predicted that the GOP could pick up one more Senate seat and four more House seats this year, even though the redistricting process is incomplete. Since November 2010, she said, the Republican advantage in registered voters has grown by 6,000 over the Democrats. And the party is now debt-free, she announced.” [Kansas City Star, 2/24/12]

Adkins Claimed The State Party Under Her Leadership Would “Change The Face Of Kansas”

Adkins On Becoming Chair Of State GOP: “We’re Going To Change The Face Of Kansas.” “Amanda Adkins eschewed modest goals Saturday upon election as chairwoman of the Kansas Republican Party. ‘We're going to change the face of Kansas,’ she said. ‘We want to win, and we want to win big.’ Adkins, of Overland Park, was elected by GOP delegates without opposition to replace Kris Kobach, who stepped aside to prepare his 2010 campaign for secretary of state. She received a key endorsement from Sen. Sam Brownback, who is running for governor. ‘We will be focusing on freedom and limited government,’ Adkins told the Kansas Days crowd at Agricultural Hall at the Kansas Expocentre. ‘The Republican Party’s message will be one of hope, growth and opportunity.’ Adkins, a 34-year-old executive at Cerner Corp., a health care computer systems company, said the state GOP would establish an internal think tank to develop a road map for electoral victory in 2010.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 2/1/09]

Adkins Wanted To Strengthen Ties Among Republicans And Expand Membership In The Party. “The group will produce strategy based on conservative ideals, strengthen ties among Republicans and expand membership in the party,’ she said. ‘This is all very much focused on expansion and bringing more people into the process,’ she said. ‘We must develop a message and fresh ideas that will reach across the kitchen table and resonate with the voters.’ Adkins has served on several congressional staffs, worked with the Heritage Foundation and managed Brownback's last Senate campaign. ’In 2004, when my career was on the line during a re-election, I trusted Amanda to run my campaign,’ the Topeka senator said in a letter to party members. ‘The campaign Amanda designed and led yielded over 780,000 votes - the most votes ever received by any candidate in any campaign for any office in Kansas history.’ [Topeka Capital-Journal, 2/1/09]

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Adkins Was Part Of Creating A Framework For The Kansas GOP Advocating For A Simplified Tax System, US Energy Independence, And Pro-Life Policies. “Earlier Saturday, the GOP State Committee approved ‘Our Commitment for Kansas,’ which party leaders called a framework for a more detailed platform to come. It advocates a simplified tax system, U.S. energy independence and protecting ‘every single life.’ Some committee members criticized the document as vague, and GOP leaders had to ask for a show of hands for its approval. The vote was 95-58. State party chairwoman Amanda Adkins told the committee that she sees the Kansas GOP as ‘a conservative party of ideas.’” [Wichita Eagle, 1/31/10]

2012: Adkins Oversaw Adoption Of Loyalty Pledge Required By GOP Candidates Running For State And Federal Positions

Adkins: “Republican Solutions Require Republican Legislative Leadership Supported By Republican Legislators.” “Loyalty pledge – In 2010, the Kansas Republican Party adopted a state platform that included: ‘The Republican Party supports the right of all individuals and groups to express their political views freely and openly without government regulation or interference. We cherish the opportunity to engage with others and to advance our philosophy of freedom and responsibility in a free and vibrant political debate, secure in the knowledge that the logic of freedom and responsibility will always prevail in a free and thinking electorate.’ In 2012, the mood is a little different. Party officials are asking all GOP candidates for House and Senate seats to sign a loyalty pledge. ‘Republican solutions require Republican legislative leadership supported by Republican legislators,’ said Amanda Adkins, chairwoman of the state GOP. So much for free thought without interference. The Grand Old Party in Kansas apparently seeks only those who embrace rigidly conservative positions, and is willing to shed those who do not.” [Wichita Eagle, 4/30/12]

Before Running For Congress, Adkins Worked As A Professional Political Operative

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2013: Adkins Was Appointed By Brownback To The State’s Mental Health Task Force

Adkins Was Appointed By Brownback To Kansas’ Mental Health Task Force. “Kansas Governor Sam Brownback announced Wednesday his appointments to the Governor’s Mental Health Task Force, established to
re-evaluate the state’s mental health system and determine ways to make it stronger and more effective. […] Appointed to the task for by the Governor are: […] Amanda Adkins, Kansas City.” [Governor Sam Brownback Names Mental Health Task Force, Targeted News Service, 7/10/13]

### 2011: Adkins Received A Political Appointment To Act As Chair Of Gov. Brownback Kansas Children’s Cabinet

Adkins Chaired The Kansas Republican Party Between 2009 And 2013 And Was Appointed By Brownback In 2011 To Chair The Kansas Children’s Cabinet And Trust Fund. “Adkins chaired the state party from 2009 to 2013, overseeing the 2010 election when Republicans, with Brownback at the top of the ticket in the race for governor, won every federal and statewide office. She managed Brownback’s 2004 campaign for U.S. Senate and after he became governor he appointed Adkins to chair the Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund, which oversees a variety of childhood programs.” [Kansas City Star, 9/3/19]

- **Adkins Said She Was Appointed To Serve As Chair Of The Children’s Cabinet In August 2011.**
  “Amanda was appointed by Governor Brownback to serve as Chair of the Children’s Cabinet in August 2011. She did this in a volunteer capacity.” [Amanda Adkins LinkedIn Page, accessed 5/5/20]

Adkins Described Her Responsibilities As Advising The Governor On Finances, Evaluating Programs, Developing And Implementing A Delivery System, And Preventing Child Abuse. “The Kansas Children’s Cabinet has been directed by the statute to undertake these four overarching responsibilities: 1. Advising the Governor and the legislature regarding the uses of the moneys credited to the Children’s Initiatives Fund; 2. Evaluating programs which utilize Children’s Initiatives Fund moneys; 3. Assisting the Governor in developing and implementing a coordinated, comprehensive delivery system to serve children and families of Kansas; 4. Supporting the prevention of child abuse and neglect through the Children’s Trust Fund.” [Amanda Adkins LinkedIn Page, accessed 5/5/20]

### Adkins Was Appointed To Be On The Planning Committee For The 2012 Republican National Convention

2011: Adkins Was Appointed By RNC Chairman Reince Priebus To Be On The Committee Responsible For Planning The 2012 Republican National Convention. “Adkins was appointed by RNC Chairman Reince Priebus to be on the RNC 2012 Committee On Arrangements Executive Committee, which was responsible for planning the 2012 Republican National Convention.” [States News Service, 3/29/11]

### 2004: Adkins Worked As Campaign Manager For Sam Brownback’s U.S. Senate Campaign

2004: Adkins Worked As Campaign Manager For Sam Brownback’s Campaign For U.S. Senate.

[Amanda Adkins LinkedIn Page, accessed 4/18/22]

1998-2000: Adkins Worked As A Legislative Aide In The United States Senate.


Adkins Said She Was Co-Founder Of The Dwight D. Eisenhower Excellence In Public Service Series. “Amanda is co-founder of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Excellence in Public Service Series whose mission is to prepare Republican women to seek greater involvement in leadership, government and politics. This series, founded in 2005, is a part of the National Excellence in Public Service Series. Since its founding, the Eisenhower Series has graduated over 300 women leaders in the State of Kansas.” [Adkins Campaign Website, accessed 5/18/20]

2005-2022: Served As Co-Chair And Founder Of Dwight D. Eisenhower Excellence In Public Service Series.
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Amanda Adkins
Candidate for Office at U.S. House of Representatives (KS-03)

Amanda is a candidate to represent the U.S. Congressional district in Kansas 03. Her platform is focused on growth opportunity for the region, accountability to results in public programs, and building a successful path for kids.

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• Provide a first-class leadership training experience on a scholarship basis for outstanding GOP women.
• Encourage, mentor and prepare selected GOP women leaders to seek new levels of involvement in government and politics.
• Form an effective and diverse statewide political network for GOP women.

[LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 4/18/22]

2000-2002: Adkins Worked As The Political And Executive Director Of A Group That Identified And Supported Republican Candidates Running For Office

2000-2002: Adkins Worked As Political And Executive Director Of GOPAC, Inc.

• GoPAC Was A 527 Group That Identified And Supported Republican Candidates Seeking Elected Office. “GOPAC is a 527 group that identifies and supports Republican candidates seeking elected office.” [Ballotpedia, accessed 4/19/22]

Adkins Was The Political And Executive Director Of GOPAC. “Prior to her career with Cerner, Amanda […] was also the Political and Executive Director of GOPAC under the leadership of former Congressman David Dreier (R-CA) and later Governor Frank Keating (R-OK).” [Adkins Campaign Website, accessed 5/18/20]

Adkins Opposed Efforts To Make Congressional Maps Fairer
2022: Adkins Was Subpoenaed In A Trial About Whether The 2022 Kansas Congressional Maps Were Politically And Racially Gerrymandered And Violated The Kansas Constitution

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- The Kansas Congressional Map Passed By the Republican-Controlled Legislature Showed “Clear Efforts To Favor The Republican Party.” “Jowei Chen, a political science professor at the University of Michigan, had a computer draw 1,000 versions of Kansas congressional maps, using non-partisan and traditional guidelines. The results? The map Kansas lawmakers passed this year had more Republican districts than 98.8% of Chen's simulations. ‘This extreme, additional level of partisan bias ... can be directly attributed to the map-drawer's clear efforts to favor the Republican Party,’ Chen said in a written report filed in Wyandotte County District Court. A trial over the map approved by the Republican-controlled Legislature is set to begin Monday in Wyandotte County, where attorneys for a group of voters will attempt to prove that lawmakers produced politically and racially gerrymandered district lines that violate the Kansas Constitution. Republicans say the lines are constitutional and fair.” [Kansas City Star, 3/30/22]

- The Kansas Congressional Map Divided Wyandotte County Between Two Congressional Districts Effectively Splitting Minority Communities In KS-03. “The map - called Ad Astra, after the state's motto - divides Wyandotte County between two congressional districts for the first time in 40 years, cleaving apart minority communities that traditionally vote for Democrats. The new boundaries come as 3rd District Democratic U.S. Rep. Sharice Davids heads into what is expected to be a tough election cycle for congressional Democrats. The map also places Lawrence, a Democratic-leaning city, into the solidly Republican 1st District, which encompasses the western and northcentral areas of the state. GOP lawmakers overrode Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly's veto in February to approve the map.” [Kansas City Star, 3/30/22]

2012: Adkins Opposed A Bipartisan Effort To Pass A Nonpartisan Congressional Map, Even Condemning Members Of Her Own Party Who Voted For It

2012: Adkins Called A Kansas Legislative Attempt To Pass A Nonpartisan Congressional District Map A “Coldly Calculated Attempt To Create A Democrat 2nd Congressional District To The Detriment Of The Dean Of Our Congressional Delegation.” “Senate takes stab at logical districts, but partisans cry foul, reveal agendas Give credit to the Senate half of the Statehouse building in Topeka. Despite the expectation that redistricting would be a wholly partisan exercise, the Senate Reapportionment Committee has passed to its full chamber a nonpartisan map of new congressional district boundaries. It is a good map - as good as any possible, that is. It puts Manhattan and Riley County into the Big First that already consumes two-thirds of the state’s geography. But it gets all of Lawrence into a single district. And overall it makes sense, keeping areas of common interest together. But to hear some partisans describe it, the map is an abomination. Kansas Republican Party Chairwoman Amanda Adkins said the proposal ‘appears to be a coldly calculated attempt to create a Democrat 2nd Congressional District to the detriment of the dean of our congressional delegation.’ Oh, yeah, the map does make the 2nd District 30 percent Democrat compared to 29 percent today. Calculating indeed.” [Associated Press State & Local Wire, 2/7/12]

2012: Adkins Implied Republicans Who Were Part Of The Bipartisan Coalition Supporting The Congressional Redistricting Bill Should Be “Seriously Questioned.” “A bipartisan coalition in the Kansas Senate passed a congressional redistricting bill that has drawn criticism from some Republicans and leaves the
senior member of the state’s all-GOP delegation in the U.S. House with a slightly more Democratic district. […] ‘It makes sense that Democrats in the Senate would support it, but rank and file Republicans in the state should seriously question Republican members who joined them,’ state GOP chairwoman Amanda Adkins said in a statement.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 2/9/12]

### 2009: Adkins Submitted Written Testimony Against A Senate Bill That Would Require The State To Draw Districts In A Non-Partisan Way

**Adkins Submitted Written Testimony Against Senate Bill 291, Saying It Could Be “Damaging To Various Constituencies.”** “Senate Bill 291, backed by the Senate's top Republican and Democratic leaders, would require the state's legislative research staff to use census data to redraw districts that equalize population while being "reasonably compact" and "composed of convenient contiguous territory." A five-member bipartisan commission would hold public hearings, advise the researchers and send recommended maps to the Legislature, where only nonsubstantive amendments would be allowed before an up-or-down vote. If the maps were rejected, they'd be revised until they won legislative approval. […] Amanda Adkins, chairwoman of the Kansas Republican Party, submitted written testimony against the bill, suggesting it could be ‘damaging to various constituencies’ to reduce incumbent legislators’ influence on redistricting.” [Wichita Eagle, 3/27/09]

**Senate Bill 291 Would Require The State’s Legislative Research Staff To Redraw Districts In A Non-Partisan Way.** “Senate Bill 291, backed by the Senate’s top Republican and Democratic leaders, would require the state’s legislative research staff to use census data to redraw districts that equalize population while being ‘reasonably compact’ and ‘composed of convenient contiguous territory.’ A five-member bipartisan commission would hold public hearings, advise the researchers and send recommended maps to the Legislature, where only nonsubstantive amendments would be allowed before an up-or-down vote. If the maps were rejected, they’d be revised until they won legislative approval. The point is: Kansans would see the end of a process in which legislators get to draw their own districts to safeguard their re-election rather than serve the best interests of a community or neighborhood.” [Wichita Eagle, 3/27/09]

### Awards

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### Personal Political Donations

#### Federal Contributions

**As Of April 2022, Adkins Had Contributed A Total Of $23,828.58 To Federal Political Causes.** [FEC.gov Individual Contribution Search, accessed 2/28/22]

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| 9/20/21 | Kansas Republican Party | $1,000.00 | Cerner |
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Adkins Gave $8,800 To Cerner Corporation PAC In 271 Separate Donations Between 2006 And 2020


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### State Contributions

Adkins Contributed A Total Of $2,817.87 To State-Wide Candidates, Including $2,567.87 To Sam Brownback

As Of April 2022, Adkins Had Contributed A Total Of $2,817.87 To State-Wide Candidates. [Kansas Secretary of State Contributions Search, accessed 4/26/22]

Adkins Contributed $2,567.87 To Sam Brownback. [Kansas Secretary of State Contributions Search, accessed 4/26/22]

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### Kansas Republican Party And Brownback Contributions

**2010-2013: The Kansas Republican Party Gave $37,375.97 To Brownback’s Campaign During Adkins’ Tenure As State Party Chair**

**2010-2013: The Kansas GOP Gave $37,375.97 To Brownback’s Campaign.** [Kansas Secretary of State Campaign Contribution Search, accessed 2/28/22]

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Significant Findings

✓ Adkins potentially violated federal election law during her 2020 campaign.

✓ During her 2020 congressional campaign, an FEC complaint was made against Adkins after she skirted the spirit of campaign finance law by raising over $150,000 before filing a statement of candidacy.

✓ Adkins collected campaign contributions for 115 days after she was legally required to register her campaign.

  ✓ Candidates are required to register and file financial reports with the FEC after raising or spending $5,000.

  ✓ Adkins had officially raised over $5,000 on May 7th, 2019.

✓ Adkins pushed the boundaries of the “test the waters” loophole to raise $150,000 for her exploratory committee.

✓ Adkins may have skirted federal election law by representing herself as a candidate before filing appropriate paperwork.

✓ 2019: Adkins potentially violated federal election law by representing herself as a candidate a full month before filing the appropriate paperwork.

  ✓ July 2019: Political consultants referred to Adkins “unequivocally” as a candidate in emails a full month prior to Adkins filing with the FEC.

✓ Adkins’ campaign responded by saying she did not decide to run for office until late August, despite evidence from the July 30th emails.

✓ During the 2020 Cycle, Adkins left her role at Cerner amid concerns about conflicts of interest, but not until after using the company’s name and logo in her campaign materials and raising thousands of dollars from Cerner employees.

  ✓ Adkins initially planned to remain as Cerner’s VP of strategic growth during her 2020 congressional campaign, but stepped down in January 2020 after ethical concerns were raised.

  ✓ Experts argued that Adkins’ role at Cerner would cause the company “ethical headaches” during her campaign due to its federal contracts.

  ✓ However, before Adkins resigned from her Cerner post, she raised over $150,000—including at least $6,350 from Cerner employees—and used Cerner’s logo on her campaign website.

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✓ Adkins’ amended disclosure included an updated, higher net worth value stemming from family assets not previously disclosed—two trusts worth $2.5 million each.

✓ Adkins’ updated disclosure also listed additional unearned income valued at between $100,002 and $200,000, which was not previously disclose.

✓ During Adkins’ tenure as an executive at Cerner Corporation, the company was mired in a string of lawsuits and scandals involving worker exploitation, corruption, and even wrongful death.

✓ 2004 – Jan. 2020: Adkins worked for Cerner Corporation in “a variety of high-level roles” including as vice president.

✓ 2009: Cerner was involved in a lawsuit filed by the son of an 89-year-old woman who said their electronic medical records system was a major factor in her death.

✓ 2010: Cerner said they sold allegedly “unidentifiable” patient records to pharmaceutical companies.

✓ 2013: Cerner was sued for failing to implement their system in time for the hospital to qualify for federal incentive payments.

✓ 2013: Cerner paid for a report that predicted widespread use of an electronic health records system could save the U.S. health care system at least $81 billion per year; it didn’t, but Cerner took a payday.

✓ 2015: Cerner asked employees not to take legal action against them in exchange for $500 in stock options; if they didn’t sign on, they would not be eligible for merit raises.

✓ 2016: Cerner was the defendant in at least four lawsuits involving pay grievances.

✓ 2016: Cerner employees sued the company due to pay grievances involving inadequate overtime pay.

✓ 2018: Cerner settled a 1400-employee class-action lawsuit regarding overtime pay for $4.5 million.

✓ 2017: Cerner was sued by a hospital in Wisconsin after claiming issues in their software resulted in losses of over $16 million.

✓ 2017: Cerner was sued for violating a patent.

✓ 2018: A Cerner IT specialist was arrested as part of a massive child pornography sweep.

✓ 2020: Four former Cerner employees filed a class-action lawsuit alleging Cerner mismanaged their retirement plans, costing participants millions of dollars.

✓ 2017: Cerner was chosen by the Trump administration for a “coveted contract to modernize veterans’ health records” in a no-competition process, prompting investigation.
During Her 2020 Congressional Campaign, An FEC Complaint Was Made Against Adkins After She skirted The Spirit Of Campaign Finance Law By Raising Over $150,000 Before Filing A Statement Of Candidacy

Adkins Collected Campaign Contributions For 115 Days After She Was Legally Required To Register Her Campaign

Candidates Are Required To Register And File Financial Reports With The FEC After Raising Or Spending $5,000. According to the FEC, candidates for federal office are required to register and file financial reports with the FEC once they raise or spend $5,000. [FEC Registering For A Candidate, accessed 2/28/22]

Adkins Had Officially Raised Over $5,000 On May 7th, 2019. [FEC Committee Search, accessed 2/28/22]

Adkins Failed To Register Her Campaign For 115 Days After She Hit The $5,000 Mark, Finally Filing A Statement Of Organization On August 30th, 2019. [FEC Committee Search, accessed 2/28/22]

By The Time Adkins Officially Registered Her Campaign, She Had Raised $153,603.82, $148,501.24 In Excess Of Federal Law Before She Officially Filed For Candidacy. [FEC Committee Search, accessed 2/28/22]

Adkins Pushed The Boundaries Of The “Test The Waters” Loophole To Raise $150,000 For Her Exploratory Committee

Adkins Received An FEC Complaint After She Raised More Than $150,000 In 2019 Before Filing A Statement Of Candidacy With The FEC. “A former Kansas Democratic official has filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission (FEC) against Republican Amanda Adkins, alleging the congressional candidate skirted campaign finance rules in 2019. Adkins, a Cerner executive who is challenging Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids in the Kansas 3rd Congressional District, raised more than $150,000 before filing a statement of candidacy with the FEC in August of 2019. Federal campaign finance rules require candidates to file paperwork with the FEC after raising or expending $5,000 or more.” [Kansas City Star, 9/14/20]

Adkins’ Campaign Stated That She Was Complying With The “Test The Waters” Rule When She Raised $150,000 As Part Of Her Exploratory Campaign. “Rep. Davids will promptly reimburse the campaign for this purchase and we’d encourage Amanda Adkins to reimburse the $150,000 in excess contributions she's taken in this election if she's so passionate about campaign finance.’ Last week, a former Kansas Democratic Party official filed an FEC complaint against Adkins, alleging that she violated a rule that requires candidates to file for office within 15 days of raising or spending $5,000 after they become a candidate. Adkins' campaign maintains that she was complying with the "testing the waters" rule, which allows candidates to raise money through an exploratory campaign, and did not decide to run for office until August of 2019.” [Kansas City Star, 9/17/20]

- Candidates Are Allowed To “Test The Waters” And Raise Money But Can Not Present Themselves As Officially Running For Office. “However, a loophole allows candidates to "test the waters" and raise money for an exploratory campaign before they file. There is no limit to the money a prospective candidates can raise during the exploratory phase, but they must be careful not to present themselves as officially running for office.” [Kansas City Star, 9/14/20]

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National Watchdog Group Common Cause: Adkins “Push[ed] The Boundaries” Of The Exploratory Phase By Raising Over $150,000 Before Filing A Statement Of Candidacy. “Paul Seamus Ryan, the vice president for policy and litigation of Common Cause, a national watchdog group, told The Star in July that the FEC has never set
a specific limit for how much a candidate can raise during the exploratory phase. ‘In my opinion, $150,000 pushes the boundaries of the 'testing the waters' exemption for a House candidate. It looks like Ms. Adkins had decided to run long before she filed her FEC paperwork, and that she was amassing funds to be used in her campaign. But because there are no bright lines here, it's very, very unlikely that the FEC would find a violation,’ Ryan said in an email.” [Kansas City Star, 9/14/20]

### Adkins May Have Skirted Federal Election Law By Representing Herself As A Candidate Before Filing Appropriate Paperwork

#### 2019: Adkins Potentially Violated Federal Election Law By Representing Herself As A Candidate A Full Month Before Filing The Appropriate Paperwork

**July 2019: Kansas City Star:** “Adkins May Have Skirted Federal Election Law By Representing Herself As A Candidate Before Filing The Appropriate Paperwork.” “Kansas Republican congressional candidate Amanda Adkins may have skirted federal election law by representing herself as a candidate before filing the appropriate paperwork, campaign finance watchdogs say. Federal election rules include a ‘testing the waters’ provision allowing prospective candidates to conduct a limited amount of preliminary activity. They are required to file with the Federal Election Commission if they make or authorize statements referring to themselves as a candidate and spend or raise at least $5,000. Adkins, a former Kansas GOP chair, officially filed for Kansas’ 3rd congressional district on Aug. 30 and held a kickoff event this week at the Prairie Fire Museum in Overland Park. She will compete with fellow Republican Sara Hart Weir for the opportunity to challenge Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids in November 2020.” [Kansas City Star, 9/12/19]

**July 2019: Political Consultants Referred To Adkins “Unequivocally” As A Candidate A Full Month Prior To Adkins Filing With The FEC.** “But emails obtained by The Star show that a full month before the FEC filing, political consultants referred to Adkins unequivocally as a candidate. ‘We are very excited to announce that High Cotton will be working with Amanda Adkins, candidate in KS-03 (formerly Yoder’s seat),’ wrote Kathryn Jones, a senior associate with High Cotton Consulting, in a July 30 email to a prospective donor.” [Kansas City Star, 9/12/19]

- **The Fundraising Firm In Question Was “High Cotton,” Founded By A Long-Time GOP Strategist Who Ran Ted Cruz’s 2016 Presidential Campaign.** “High Cotton, a fundraising firm located in Washington, is one of a network of companies owned by Kansas City-based Axiom Strategies. Axiom, which advised former Republican Rep. Kevin Yoder last election, was founded by Jeff Roe, a long-time GOP strategist who ran Texas Sen. Ted Cruz’s 2016 presidential campaign.” [Kansas City Star, 9/12/19]

- **A Consultant’s Email Included A Bio For Adkins Identical To One Currently On Her Campaign Website And Sought To Set Up Donor Meetings For September.** “The Jones email includes a bio for Adkins identical to one currently on her campaign website, which touts her background as an executive at Cerner and describes the candidate as a ‘businesswoman, mother and social entrepreneur.’ In another email on the same day, Jones wrote that Adkins ‘hasn’t announced but will be running in KS-03.’ Both emails sought to set up September meetings with potential donors.” [Kansas City Star, 9/12/19]

### Adkins Claimed She Decided To Run For Office In August Despite Emails From July Referring To Her Candidacy

**Adkins’ Campaign Responded By Saying She Did Not Decide To Run For Office Until Late August, Despite Evidence From The July 30th Emails.** ‘Adkins’ campaign said in a statement that the candidate did not decide to run for office until late August, despite the July emails. ‘Amanda followed the rules set forth by the FEC when she tested the waters to make a decision about running for Congress. She decided late in August to run for the seat, and filed the appropriate paperwork,’ said campaign spokeswoman Alana Roethle, a former state party secretary.” [Kansas City Star, 9/12/19]
• Campaign Finance Experts Criticized Adkins For The Mistake, Saying “If Adkins Had Authorized Her Consultants To Refer To Her As A Candidate, Then She Should Have Filed.” “Fischer said the evidence suggests that Adkins should have filed with FEC earlier in the summer and that at a minimum the expenditures made before her official filing should be disclosed on her October campaign finance report. Craig Holman, a government affairs lobbyist with Public Citizen, a group which advocates for stronger campaign finance rules, also said that the emails indicate that Adkins had moved beyond testing the waters for a campaign by July. ‘These emails are a declaration of candidacy and do not conform to ‘testing the waters’ rules. The emails (1) label Amanda Adkins as a candidate for KS-03, and (2) consist of a fundraising solicitation by a hired consulting firm on behalf of the candidate,’ Holman said in an email. Lloyd Mayer, an associate professor at Notre Dame Law School, said the emails definitely raise questions but he also cautioned that they were sent by a consultant rather than Adkins herself. ‘Why did the consultant think this was the case?’ said Mayer, an expert in election law and campaign finance. ‘Most people are pretty careful to say I’m still exploring or I’m just looking.’ If Adkins had authorized her consultants to refer to her as a candidate, then she should have filed, Mayer said.” [Kansas City Star, 9/12/19]

During The 2020 Cycle, Adkins Left Her Role At Cerner Amid Concerns About Conflicts Of Interest--But Not Until After Using The Company’s Name And Logo In Her Campaign Materials And Raising Thousands Of Dollars From Cerner Employees

Adkins Initially Planned To Remain As Cerner’s VP Of Strategic Growth During Her 2020 Congressional Campaign, But Stepped Down In January 2020 After Ethical Concerns Were Raised

2020: Adkins Initially Planned To Remain As Cerner’s VP Of Strategic Growth During Her Campaign But Stepped Down Mid-January. “Cerner executive Amanda Adkins has left the company to focus on her campaign to unseat Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids. Adkins, a former Kansas Republican chair, launched her bid for Kansas’ 3rd congressional district in September, but initially planned to remain as Cerner’s vice president of strategic growth through the campaign. But as of last week, Adkins has officially stepped down from her role after 15 years with the health care IT giant. ‘Amanda has made the decision to devote all her energy into the campaign and pursue a congressional bid. We wish her luck as she works full-time to represent her constituency and vies for the candidacy,’ Cerner spokeswoman Misti Preston said Thursday.” [Kansas City Star, 1/23/20]

Adkins’ Campaign Spokeswoman Confirmed That Adkins Was No Longer A Paid Employee Of Cerner As Of January 17, 2020. “Adkins’ campaign spokeswoman Alana Roethle confirmed in an email that Adkins is no longer a paid employee of Cerner as of January 17. ‘She is a full time candidate in the KS-03 race,’ Roethle said.” [Kansas City Star, 1/23/20]

Prior To Stepping Down, Adkins’ Campaign Had Already Raised More Than $500,000. “Adkins’ campaign announced earlier this month that she has raised more than $500,000 in her bid to face Davids.” [Kansas City Star, 1/23/20]

Cerner Said The Company And Adkins Would “Re-Evaluate The Situation” Of Adkins Returning To Cerner If She Did Not Win The Race. “Asked whether Adkins would return to Cerner, Kansas City’s largest private sector employer, if she did not win the race, Preston said the company and candidate would re-evaluate the situation after the election. ‘Of course, we wish Amanda the best of luck and don’t want to speculate on any outcomes or a hypothetical situation. But, both Amanda and Cerner will re-evaluate employment possibilities if/when that times comes,’ Preston said in an email.” [Kansas City Star, 1/23/20]

Experts Argued That Adkins’ Role At Cerner Would Cause The Company “Ethical Headaches” During Her Campaign Due To Its Federal Contracts
Prior To Stepping Down, Adkins’ Candidacy Was Likely To Cause “Ethical Headaches.” “Adkins’ decision to step down resolves potential ethical headaches for Cerner posed by the candidacy of one of its executives. Federal election rules prohibit federal contractors from giving directly to federal candidates. Cerner policies restrict employees from working on campaigns during company time. But as a salaried executive Adkins didn’t use a daily time clock, which potentially clouded the distinction between company and personal time. Cerner also bars employees from using company resources for federal campaign purposes or using its corporate logo in connection with political activity, according to a copy of its internal rules shared with The Star in November. Adkins’ campaign website had initially featured the company’s logo in a photograph when the site first went online in an apparent violation of this rule.” [Kansas City Star, 1/23/20]

- **Cerner Is A Major Federal Contractor With A $10 Billion Contract To Design A Health Care Records System For The U.S. Department Of Veterans Affairs.** “The Kansas City-based company is a major federal contractor with a $10 billion contract to design a new health care records system for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The new system is expected launch later this year.” [Kansas City Star, 1/23/20]

However, Before Adkins Resigned From Her Cerner Post, She Raised Over $150,000 –Including At Least $6,350 From Cerner Employees--And Used Cerner’s Logo On Her Campaign Website

Adkins’ Campaign Website Initially Featured A Photo Of Her With The Cerner Logo

- **A Cerner Spokeswoman Said That Adkins Was Told That “Personal Campaign Activities Should Be Kept Entirely Separate And Apart From Her Role At Cerner.”** “Asked about the initial use of Cerner’s logo on the campaign site, Misti Preston, a spokeswoman for the company, said in an email that when Adkins decided to run for office ‘the company’s policies were made clear to her: campaigning should be done on personal time and her personal campaign activities should be kept entirely separate and apart from her role at Cerner.’ But distinctions between company time and personal time are murky. Preston was unable to say how many hours Adkins works in a typical work week.” [Kansas City Star, 11/17/19]

Adkins Received $6,350 From Cerner Employees During Her First Month In The Race, And Cerner’s PAC Contributed To Every Kansas House Incumbent Except Sharice Davids

- **Adkins Would Go On To Raise A Total Of $17,400 In Contributions From Cerner Employees During Her 2020 Campaign.** [FEC, accessed 4/19/22]
Adkins Initially Failed To Disclose The Full Extent Of Her Personal Wealth On Her Candidate Financial Disclosure Forms

2020: Adkins Submitted An Amendment To Her 2019 PFD

May 2020: Adkins Submitted An Amendment To Her 2019 PFD. Adkins submitted an amendment to her previously filed federal personal financial disclosure on 5/7/20. [Adkins 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Amendment, filed 5/7/20]

Adkins’ Amended Disclosure Included An Updated, Higher Net Worth Value Stemming From Family Assets Not Previously Disclosed—Two Trusts Worth $2.5 Million Each

Adkins Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $5,408,012 And $6,010,000. [Adkins 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Amendment, filed 5/7/20]

2020: Adkins Reported Two Additional Family Trusts Worth $2.5 Million Each. [Adkins 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Amendment, filed 5/7/20]

Adkins’ Updated Disclosure Also Listed Additional Unearned Income Valued At Between $100,002 And $200,000, Which Was Not Previously Disclosed

2020: Adkins Reported An Additional Sum Of Between $100,002 And $200,000 In Unearned Income. [Adkins 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Amendment, filed 5/7/20]

During Adkins’ Tenure As An Executive At Cerner Corporation, The Company Was Mired In A String Of Lawsuits And Scandals Involving Worker Exploitation, Corruption, And Even Wrongful Death

2004 – Jan. 2020: Adkins Worked For Cerner Corporation In “A Variety Of High-Level Roles” Including As Vice President

2004: Adkins Started Her Career At Cerner As Director Of Government And Industry. “Amanda started her career at Cerner in 2004 focused on thought leadership in healthcare. In the midst of increasing federal focus on healthcare innovation investment, Amanda worked with two Washington, D.C.-based think tanks to author the Independent Health Record Bank Act which outlined a framework for how health information would be used in a future state when personal health intelligence systems were a reality.”

Director of Government and Industry
Cerner Corporation
Nov 2004 - Feb 2008 · 3 yrs 4 mos

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[LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 2/22/22]
2005-2020: Adkins Worked For Cerner In “A Variety Of High-Level Roles.” “Adkins has worked for the company for more than a decade in a variety of high-level roles. After managing Sam Brownback’s successful Senate re-election campaign in 2004, Adkins took a position as Cerner’s director of government affairs. She recently slammed her GOP rival Sara Hart Weir’s career as a lobbyist, but records show that Adkins registered as a lobbyist with the Kansas Legislature in 2005 and with the U.S. House in 2006. In 2008, Adkins was promoted to the company’s vice president and general manager of population health. […] Adkins moved to another job in July when she became vice president of strategic growth. The change occurred after she had already met with the National Republican Congressional Committee about the 3rd District race. Adkins’ new role is to seek out new opportunities for growth beyond the hospital and health care areas that the company has traditionally focused on, according to a Cerner spokeswoman.” [Kansas City Star, 11/17/19]

2008-2020: Adkins Served In Vice President Roles At Cerner, First As Vice President & General Manager Of Population Health, Then As Vice President Of Strategic Growth

Cerner Corporation
11 yrs 9 mos
Kansas City, Missouri Area

- Vice President, Strategic Growth
  Jul 2019 - Jan 2020 - 7 mos
  Amanda has senior executive responsibility for a Health Economy team focused on demonstrating Cerner’s experience and population level results related to financial efficiency and clinical effectiveness for the individual and family. The Health Economy team manages strategy and results review related to Cerner exemplar clients at the country, state and city level. This includes continued work with employers, health systems and other public entities.

- Vice President & General Manager, Population Health
  May 2008 - Jun 2019 - 11 yrs 2 mos
  As vice president in population health, Amanda Adkins was responsible for advancing experiential, clinical, and financial results for 200+ clients that span employers, health plans, health systems and governments.

  With her children and the future in mind, growth and systemic change are the themes of Amanda’s work. Her Cerner career has centered on aligning person-payer-provider via new payment methodologies, intelligence derived from data, and measured expectations connected to personalized health plans. Her work to advance population results has included start-up businesses such as Primary Health, which is a risk-reduction program that leverages a bundle of technology, services, and consulting. Program bundles create partnerships that align health retailers, physicians, and sponsors working together to change how the healthcare system works for the benefit of the consumer.

[LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 2/22/22]

2005 – 2006: Adkins Was A Registered Lobbyist For Cerner In Kansas And Washington, D.C. According to Legistorm and the Kansas Secretary of State, Adkins was a registered lobbyist for the Cerner Corporation in 2005 and 2006. [Kansas Secretary of State, accessed 2/22/22; Legistorm, accessed 2/22/22]

January 2020: Adkins Took A Leave Of Absence From Her Role At Cerner While She Ran For Congress.
“Most recently, Adkins was vice president of strategic growth. In January 2020, however, she took a leave of absence to pursue her campaign for a U.S. House seat in the 3rd Congressional District in Kansas. Adkins lost the race in November and now has announced she's leaving Cerner, The Kansas City Star reports. Adkins, who continues to fundraise, declined the Star's request for comment on future political endeavors.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 1/6/21]
January 2021: Adkins Left Her Position At Cerner After The 2020 Election. “Veteran Cerner Corp. executive Amanda Adkins has left the healthcare IT firm since losing her campaign for a Kansas Congressional seat. Adkins, 45, Cerner’s vice president of strategic growth, took a leave of absence last January as she sought to unseat Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids, who represents the 3rd Congressional District in Kansas. While Adkins lost the November election by about 10 percentage points, she continues fundraising efforts - sparking speculation about a possible rematch with Davids in 2022. Adkins told The Star that it was her decision to leave Cerner and declined to discuss future political plans. She worked at the firm for 15 years. ‘After a long and valuable contribution to Cerner over many years, Amanda will not be returning to the company in any capacity,’ Cerner spokeswoman Misti Preston told The Star. ‘We wish her well in her efforts to positively impact the Kansas City community in the years to come.” [Kansas City Star, 1/6/21]

2009: Cerner Was Involved In A Lawsuit Filed By The Son Of An 89-Year-Old Woman Who Said Their Electronic Medical Records System Was A Major Factor In Her Death

Cerner Was Involved In A Lawsuit Filed By The Son Of An 89-Year-Old Woman Who Died On A Hospital Roof In Freezing Temperatures Claimed Cerner’s Electronic Medical Records System Was A Major Factor In Her Death. “The son of an 89-year-old woman who died on UPMC Montefiore’s roof in freezing temperatures charged in court papers Tuesday that a new and untested electronic medical records system was a major factor in her death. The complaint filed in Allegheny County Common Pleas Court claims the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center implemented the records system at Montefiore a little more than a month before Rose Lee Diggs’ death, despite warnings from staffers that it was deficient. Diggs, a survivor of multiple strokes and under treatment for dementia, was under the care of medical staff struggling with a system that ‘they were not properly trained on,’ placing patients ‘at a severely increased risk of harm and death,’ the lawsuit states.” [Pittsburgh Tribune Review, 2/11/09]

- The Hospital In Question Allegedly Ignored Warnings That The Records System Was Faulty Because They Had An Ownership Of 74,787 Shares In Cerner. “Family attorney Rob Peirce charges in the lawsuit that UPMC ignored warnings that the records system could put patients at risk because the health conglomerate has an ownership interest in the company, Cerner Corp., that developed the records system. Security and Exchange Commission records show UPMC received 74,787 shares of Cerner stock in 2005. UPMC and Cerner have been involved in joint efforts to sell the recordkeeping system to health care facilities in the United Kingdom. Cerner, which is not named as a defendant in the lawsuit, did not respond to a request for comment.” [Pittsburgh Tribune Review, 2/11/09]

2010: Cerner Said They Sold Allegedly “Unidentifiable” Patient Records To Pharmaceutical Companies

Cerner Corporation Sold What They Said Were “Unidentifiable” Patient Records To Pharmaceutical Companies And Described Themselves As A “Middleman” Between Doctors And Drug Companies. “Some companies sell the data to help pay for the patient record systems; others sell it to drug companies for extra revenue. Cerner Corp. - a Kansas City-based electronic health record vendor with 200 Texas customers, including Tenet Healthcare - shares unidentifiable patient records with drug companies and researchers looking for patients to participate in clinical trials, says a company spokeswoman. Doctors long have made extra money by referring patients to clinical drug trials. Cerner says it simplifies and cleans up the process by acting as a middleman of sorts between doctors and drug companies. Cerner electronically gives drug companies a patient’s medical record that does not reveal that person’s name or Social Security number.” [Dallas Morning News, 5/18/10]

2013: Cerner Was Sued For Failing To Implement Their System In Time For The Hospital To Qualify For Federal Incentive Payments

Cerner Was Sued For Failing To Implement Their System In Time For The Hospital To Qualify For Federal Incentive Payments. “A handful of lawsuits have been filed over the systems. In the fall of 2010, for example,
Girard Medical Center, a small hospital in Crawford County, Kan., hired Cerner Corporation to install an electronic records system. The hospital was hoping to obtain federal financing for it. But after receiving $1.3 million in payments, Cerner employees failed to get the system up and running in time for the hospital to qualify for federal incentive payments. The company then notified the hospital that it was abandoning the project, according to a lawsuit Girard filed against Cerner last year. The case is in arbitration. A lawyer for Girard and a spokeswoman for Cerner declined to comment.” [New York Times, 1/11/13]

Cerner Paid For A Report That Predicted Widespread Use Of An Electronic Health Records System Could Save The U.S. Health Care System At Least $81 Billion Per Year; It Didn’t, But Cerner Took A Payday

Cerner Paid For A Report That Predicted Widespread Use Of An Electronic Health Records System Could Save The U.S. Health Care System At Least $81 Billion Per Year, But 8 Years Later, “Evidence Of Savings [Was] Scant.” “RAND’s 2005 report was paid for by a group of companies, including General Electric and Cerner Corporation, that have profited by developing and selling electronic records systems to hospitals and physician practices. Cerner’s revenue has nearly tripled since the report was released, to a projected $3 billion in 2013, from $1 billion in 2005. The report predicted that widespread use of electronic records could save the United States health care system at least $81 billion a year, a figure RAND now says was overstated. The study was widely praised within the technology industry and helped persuade Congress and the Obama administration to authorize billions of dollars in federal stimulus money in 2009 to help hospitals and doctors pay for the installation of electronic records systems. ‘RAND got a lot of attention and a lot of buzz with the original analysis,’ said Dr. Kellermann, who was not involved in the 2005 study. ‘The industry quickly embraced it.’ But evidence of significant savings is scant, and there is increasing concern that electronic records have actually added to costs by making it easier to bill more for some services.” [New York Times, 1/11/13]

Sales Rose 60% For Cerner Products Between 2009 And 2012 As A Result Of The Health Care Legislation Included In The 2009 Economic Stimulus Bill. “While proponents say new record-keeping technologies will one day reduce costs and improve care, profits and sales are soaring now across the records industry. At Allscripts, annual sales have more than doubled from $548 million in 2009 to an estimated $1.44 billion last year, partly reflecting daring acquisitions made on the bet that the legislation would be a boon for the industry. At the Cerner Corporation of Kansas City, Mo., sales rose 60 percent during that period. With money pouring in, top executives are enjoying Wall Street-style paydays. None of that would have happened without the health records legislation that was included in the 2009 economic stimulus bill—and the lobbying that helped produce it. Along the way, the records industry made hundreds of thousands of dollars of political contributions to both Democrats and Republicans.” [New York Times, 2/20/13]

Cerner Reaped “Enormous Rewards” Because Of The Legislation They Lobbyed For. “Cerner’s lobbying dollars doubled to nearly $400,000 between 2006 and last year, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. While its political action committee contributed a little to some Democrats in 2008, including Senator Baucus, its contributions last year went almost entirely to Republicans, with a large amount going to the Mitt Romney campaign. Current and former industry executives say that big digital records companies like Cerner, Allscripts and Epic Systems of Verona, Wis., have reaped enormous rewards because of the legislation they pushed for. ‘Nothing that these companies did in my eyes was spectacular,’ said John Gomez, the former head of technology at Allscripts. ‘They grew as a result of government incentives.’ Executives at smaller records companies say the legislation cemented the established companies’ leading positions in the field, making it difficult for others to break into the business and innovate. Until the 2009 legislation, growth at the leading records firms was steady; since then, it has been explosive. Annual sales growth at Cerner, for instance, has doubled to 20 percent from 10 percent.” [New York Times, 2/20/13]

2015: Cerner Asked Employees Not To Take Legal Action Against Them In Exchange For $500 In Stock Options; If They Didn’t Sign On, They Would Not Be Eligible For Merit Raises
Cerner Asked Employees Not To Take Legal Action Against Them In Exchange For $500 In Stock Options; If They Didn’t Sign On, They Would Not Be Eligible For Merit Raises. “In an attempt to thwart class-action lawsuits, Cerner Corp. has crafted a new employee agreement that’s drawing controversy, KSHB reports. The North Kansas City-based company sent the form to each of its nearly 17,000 U.S. employees, which asks them to agree to not take legal action against Cerner. If they don’t sign the agreement, they must forgo their merit raises. Employees who agreed by Dec. 8 to Cerner’s request received $500 in stock options. Attorneys already are receiving complaints from Cerner employees, KSHB reports.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 12/10/15]

2016: Cerner Was The Defendant In At Least Four Lawsuits Involving Pay Grievances

Cerner Was The Defendant In At Least Four Lawsuits Involving Pay Grievances. “This new lawsuit along with two others in Jackson County and Cass County all concern overtime pay. According to KCUR, a fourth lawsuit says Cerner pays its nonexempt employees a full pay period late and fails to include all compensation in their regular rate of pay. The fourth lawsuit is not a class action, but instead is proceeding as a collective action.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 5/17/16]

2016: Cerner Employees Sued The Company Due To Pay Grievances Involving Inadequate Overtime Pay

Cerner Employees Sued The Company Due To Pay Grievances Involving Inadequate Overtime Pay. “Cerner Corp. employees continue to file lawsuits against the company concerning grievances with their pay. The latest lawsuit - a class action filed by Jonathan Taylor in federal court in Kansas City - seeks unspecified damages for help desk workers who worked overtime but were not paid for it, KCUR reports. According to the lawsuit, AMS delivery consultants at Cerner (Nasdaq: CERN) were expected to work at least 48 hours a week. ‘There are multiple different job titles which we believe have been misclassified,’ said Eric Dirks, a principal attorney at Williams Dirks Dameron LLC in Kansas City who believes the class could number in the hundreds. ‘This is just yet another one of the job titles and organizations that we believe is misclassified.’” [Kansas City Business Journal, 5/17/16]

2018: Cerner Settled A 1400-Employee Class-Action Lawsuit Regarding Overtime Pay For $4.5 Million

Cerner Settled A 1400-Employee Class-Action Lawsuit Regarding Overtime Pay For $4.5 Million. “Cerner Corp. recently settled another long-running class-action lawsuit, to the tune of $4.5 million. U.S. District Judge Fernando Gaitan Jr. approved the terms of the settlement on June 11, which includes $4.5 million for class members and up to $2 million in attorneys’ fees. The three-year-old lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri was based on overtime complaints by two former Cerner employees who worked as salaried service center analysts. According to Healthcare IT News, they alleged that Cerner’s payroll processing system resulted in overtime wages being miscalculated and that overtime wages were received a full pay period late. More than 1,400 class members elected to participate in the lawsuit, according to court documents. Cerner has asked the court to seal the terms of the settlement. The case is similar to another class-action suit Cerner settled last week, brought forth by a former delivery consultant for the company. The lawsuit alleged Cerner misclassified its employees, and that they should not be exempt from overtime pay.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 5/17/16]

2017: Cerner Was Sued By A Hospital In Wisconsin After Claiming Issues In Their Software Resulted In Losses Of Over $16 Million

Cerner Was Sued By A Hospital In Wisconsin After Claiming Issues In Their Software Resulted In Losses Of Over $16 Million. “Agnesian Healthcare Inc., a hospital in Fond Du Lac, Wis., is suing Cerner Corp. (Nasdaq: CERN) for breach of warranty and fraud after claiming issues in its billing software resulted in losses of more than $16 million. In a complaint filed Sept. 15, Agnesian claimed problems with Cerner’s revenue cycle system began immediately after its installation, resulting in in ‘pervasive errors’ in patient billing statements. Agnesian said it had paid $300,000 for the software, which went live in 2015.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 9/25/17]
2017: Cerner Was Sued For Violating A Patent

Cerner Was Sued For Violating A Patent. “The same company that sued the Department of Veterans Affairs over its no-bid contract with Cerner Corp. is now suing Cerner over one of its patents. San Diego-based CliniComp International Inc. filed a complaint in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California on Monday stating Cerner (Nasdaq: CERN) had violated one of its patents for an enterprise health care management system. The 2003 patent describes a system that allows companies to remotely host hospitals’ IT infrastructure, removing the burden for health systems to update their own IT systems. The company stated the remote-hosting solutions Cerner offers for its Millennium electronic health record system violate this patent. CliniComp will seek a permanent injunction and an undetermined amount of damages, according to the complaint.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 12/12/17]

2018: A Cerner IT Specialist Was Arrested As Part Of A Massive Child Pornography Sweep

A Cerner IT Specialist Was Part Of A Massive Child Pornography Sweep. “A Princeton University director, a former member of the environmental commission in Atlantic Highlands, and a high-level manager at ING Financial Markets were among 15 people arrested in a massive child pornography sweep in Monmouth County, officials said Wednesday. […] The other defendants arrested are: […] Brian Foley, 60, of Atlantic Highlands, an information technology specialist with Cerner Corp. and a former member of the environmental commission in Atlantic Highlands, according to the prosecutor’s statement.” [Star-Ledger, 11/29/18]

2020: Four Former Cerner Employees Filed A Class-Action Lawsuit Alleging Cerner Mismanaged Their Retirement Plans, Costing Participants Millions Of Dollars

Four Former Cerner Employees Filed A Class-Action Lawsuit Alleging Cerner Mismanaged Their Retirement Plans, Costing Participants Millions Of Dollars. “A class-action lawsuit by four former Cerner Corp. employees contends that the North Kansas City-based company mismanaged its retirement plan through excessive fees that cost participants millions of dollars. The filing alleges that since 2014, Cerner (Nasdaq: CERN) failed to explore cheaper investment options, instead offering funds with ‘grossly excessive fees,’ Becker’s Hospital Review reports. Accordingly, the lawsuit says, Cerner breached its fiduciary responsibilities under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act. The employees want Cerner to restore their financial losses that resulted from the alleged mismanagement of the $2 billion plan, Becker’s Hospital Review reports. Their case was filed in federal court in Kansas City. Cerner declined to comment on pending litigation, as is the company’s policy.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 1/24/20]

2017: Cerner Was Chosen By The Trump Administration For A “Coveted Contract To Modernize Veterans Health Records” In A No-Competition Process, Prompting Investigation

Cerner Was Chosen By The Trump Administration For A “Coveted Contract To Modernize Veterans Health Records” In A No-Competition Process. “The Trump administration picked Kansas City-based Cerner Corp. for a coveted contract to modernize veterans health records, but the news came with a caveat: There will be no competition for the taxpayer-funded project. And neither Cerner nor the Department of Veterans Affairs could say how much the contract will cost. [McClatchy Washington Bureau, 6/5/17]

- Contracts Are Normally Awarded To Private Companies After A Competitive Bidding Process In Order To Avoid Conflicts Of Interest And Identify The Lowest-Cost Option. “The federal government typically awards contracts to private companies after a competitive bidding process in order to keep costs low and avoid conflicts of interest. ‘When you have competitive bidding it prevents government officials from throwing contracts to their friends or keeping them from people they don’t like,’ said Richard Painter, chairman of the board of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, a nonpartisan watchdog group. Competitive bidding also protects taxpayers and helps guarantee the highest quality products for the money.” [McClatchy Washington Bureau, 6/5/17]
• **Cerner Already Won A 2-Year, Highly Competitive Selection Process For A $4.3 Billion Contract With The Pentagon To Overhaul Their Health Records System.** “Cerner already has a $4.3 billion contract with the Pentagon to overhaul the Defense Department’s health records system. […] Two years ago, when Cerner won a coveted Pentagon contract to overhaul its medical record system, the highly competitive selection process took longer than two years. Cerner partnered with defense technology contractor Leidos, Accenture Federal Services and Intermountain Healthcare in its bid for the $4.3 billion, 10-year defense contract. The team beat out Cerner’s major rival, Epic, a Wisconsin-based health IT firm that also is a leading provider of electronic health records technology.” [McClatchy Washington Bureau, 6/5/17]

**An Investigation Was Opened After Questions Arose Over “The Influence Of Three Members Of President Donald Trump’s Florida Country Club In The VA’s Contract With Cerner Corp”**

Questions Arose Over The “Influence” Of Three Members Of Trump’s Florida Country Club In The VA’s Contract With Cerner Corporation. “The chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee criticized the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for missing a deadline to provide documents related to the influence of three members of President Donald Trump’s Florida country club in the VA’s contract with Cerner Corp.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 2/27/19]

• **February 2019: An Investigation Was Opened Into The Influence Of These “Mar-A-Lago Three.”** “Takano opened an investigation Feb. 8, requesting all records of communication between the ‘Mar-a-Lago three’ and their companies with current or former VA officials. Ike Perlmutter, chairman of Marvel Entertainment; Bruce Moskowitz, a California physician; and lawyer Marc Sherman were able to review Cerner’s (Nasdaq: CERN) then-proposed contract to revamp the VA’s electronic health record system and reportedly influenced the selection of a Cerner EHR. ‘The Department has stonewalled Congress long enough regarding this matter and others,’ Takano said in the letter. He requested a new deadline of March 8 for all documents. Cerner secured a $10 billion contract for a 10-year implementation of its EHR program with the VA in May. At an investor conference earlier this month, Travis Dalton, Cerner’s president of government services, provided an update on the contract and said the North Kansas City-based health IT company has completed seven task orders with the VA.” [Kansas City Business Journal, 2/27/19]
**Political Relationships**

### Significant Findings

- Adkins was Sam Brownback’s campaign manager for his 2004 Senate campaign.
- Brownback and Adkins had a close relationship while Adkins was the Kansas GOP party chair.
  - Brownback endorsed Adkins for GOP Party Chair and gave the Kansas GOP a “sizable donation” while Adkins was chair, helping the party rebound from severe debt.
  - Adkins supported Brownback in his 2010 bid for Kansas Governor, hosting his campaign kick-off event and headlining fundraisers alongside him.
  - Brownback supported Adkins’ “strategic plan” for the Republican party.
  - Adkins praised Brownback for his governing strategies, calling him an “incredible governor,” likening him to Mother Teresa, and questioning the validity of a poll when it was unfavorable towards him.
  - Adkins defended Brownback for his ties to a controversial evangelist and when he was accused of being part of a violation against the Kansas Open Meetings Act.
  - Brownback chose Adkins to be appointed to the state’s Mental Health Task Force in 2013.
- Adkins supported Brownback’s disastrous economic policies, including extreme tax cuts which created a $900 million budget gap, led to cuts in education, Medicaid, the Children’s Cabinet Fund, and crucial construction projects, and led to job losses.
  - Brownback’s tax plan meant cuts to the Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund under Adkins’ chairmanship.
  - Adkins faced backlash from fellow Children’s Cabinet members for supporting Brownback’s proposal to transfer children’s program funds to the state general fund, and for sharing funding recommendations with Brownback on behalf of the group without the group’s approval.
  - The Children’s Cabinet programs were primarily funded by tobacco settlement dollars, rather than the state’s general fund, but Brownback proposed “securitizing” the settlement payments, would diminish future payments, and Adkins implied that the children’s cabinet could not vote to oppose the proposal.
  - Just years after the cuts passed, the Kansas Legislature reversed course and rolled back the cuts.
- Brownback left behind an outdated unemployment claims system that was particularly vulnerable to strain once the COVID-19 pandemic hit.
  - 2013 – 2014: Adkins contributed $2,567.87 directly to Sam Brownback.
✓ 2009 – 2014: Adkins Gave $9,928.58 to the Kansas Republican Party, which was a major funder to Brownback’s campaigns.

✓ But when Adkins first ran for Congress in 2019, she attempted to downplay her Brownback connections.

✓ Adkins said her connection to Brownback would not hurt her congressional campaign because she had “done a lot in politics.”

✓ Adkins brushed off a question about voters’ disdain for Brownback, saying it was “two cycles ago.”

✓ Adkins claimed people knew her more from her work at Cerner than from her work with Brownback.

✓ Adkins launched her 2022 house campaign with an endorsement video featuring former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

✓ 2020 – 2022: Adkins was endorsed by House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy and was named an NRCC young gun recruit.

✓ 2022: Adkins claimed that Kevin McCarthy “will be a great speaker” under a Republican House majority.

✓ Adkins was named in the first round slate of Republican women candidates endorsed by House Republican Conference Chair Elise Stefanik’s Leadership PAC, E-PAC.

✓ Adkins was endorsed by Johnson County Sheriff Calvin Hayden.

✓ Sheriff Hayden used taxpayer money to investigate baseless election fraud claims.

✓ Sheriff Hayden defied Johnson County’s vaccine mandate and said his office was a “safe haven” for unvaccinated officers.

### Sam Brownback

**Adkins Served As Campaign Manager For Brownback’s 2004 Senate Re-Election Campaign**

**Adkins Served As Campaign Manager For Brownback’s 2004 Senate Re-Election Campaign.** Adkins served as the Campaign Manager for Sam Brownback’s 2004 re-election campaign for Senate representing the state of Kansas. [2004 Candidate For United States Senate From Kansas, Kansas City Star, 7/28/04]

**Adkins Said Brownback Was An Example Of How To Win Over Hispanic Voters**

**February 2004: Adkins Cited Brownback As An Example Of “Successfully Wooing Hispanic Voters.”**

“Forward-thinking candidates understand the need to hire a director of coalitions. Amanda Adkins, a Republican campaign professional who’s done coalitions work at GOPAC and on Capitol Hill, said figureheads don’t work. ‘It’s important for Hispanic leaders to be the agent through whom the candidates’ message of opportunity is shared,’ she said. ‘We want active members of the business, social service and faith-based communities.’ She cited the case of U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., who is currently building a team of Hispanic advisors throughout his state. He faces re-election in 2004.” [Seven Action Tips For Wooing Hispanic Voters, Matt Lewis, Campaigns And Elections, 2/04]
Adkins Acted As A Spokesperson For Brownback During His 2004 Campaign

March 2004: Adkins Announced That Brownback Planned To Serve As Co-Chair For President Bush’s Re-Election Campaign. “Amanda Adkins […] informed the group that Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback would serve as Kansas co-chair for President Bush’s campaign steering committee.” [Organization Notes, Kansas City Star, 3/13/04]

Adkins Said Brownback Had $1.4 Million Cash On Hand As Of June 2004. “Brownback has a huge financial advantage. As of June 30, his campaign had $1.4 million in cash on hand, said his campaign manager, Amanda Adkins. Jones, a Democrat, has $18,000, according to his most recent campaign finance report. Naramore says he has $500. Conroy, a Democrat, says he spent all his money on the $1,500 filing fee. ‘In essence, Brownback is unopposed,’ Loomis said. The $18,000 Jones raised is not enough to muster a serious effort, Loomis said. He said the Democrats needed a big name with big money but did not get it.” [Underdog Takes A Shot At Senate; Brownback Has Huge Financial Advantage, Kansas City Star, 7/26/04]

2009 – 2013: Adkins Had A Close Relationship With Sam Brownback While She Served As Kansas Republican Party Chair

2009: Brownback Endorsed Adkins For Republican Party Chair And Praised Her For Successfully Running His Campaign

2009: Adkins Was Endorsed By Sen. Brownback For Republican Party Chair. “Adkins, of Overland Park, was elected by GOP delegates without opposition to replace Kris Kobach, who stepped aside to prepare his 2010 campaign for secretary of state. She received a key endorsement from Sen. Sam Brownback, who is running for governor.” [New GOP Chair Stressed Winning, Topeka Capital-Journal, 2/1/09]

• Brownback Praised Adkins For Running His Successful Senate Re-Election Campaign. “Adkins has served on several congressional staffs, worked with the Heritage Foundation and managed Brownback’s last Senate campaign. ‘In 2004, when my career was on the line during a re-election, I trusted Amanda to run my campaign,’ the Topeka senator said in a letter to party members. ‘The campaign Amanda designed and led yielded over 780,000 votes - the most votes ever received by any candidate in any campaign for any office in Kansas history.’” [New GOP Chair Stressed Winning, Topeka Capital-Journal, 2/1/09]

As Chair Of The Kansas Republican Party Adkins Supported Brownback’s 2010 Campaign For Governor

Adkins Said Brownback’s Fundraising Success Showed Enthusiastic Support From Kansans. “State GOP Chairwoman Amanda Adkins said Brownback’s total shows that Kansans support him enthusiastically because of his pro-growth message on economic issues and, ‘The Democrats’ lack of a systemic approach and message that resonates is starting to show.’” [Brownback Raises $1.53M For Topeka Run, Hays Daily News, 1/10/10]

Adkins Hosted Brownback’s Campaign Announcement Event. “Kansas Republican Party Chairwoman Amanda Adkins will host Senator Sam Brownback and Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh for a Brownback for Governor Campaign announcement at 11 AM on Thursday, September 3, 2009 at the Kansas Republican Party Headquarters in Topeka. After brief remarks, Brownback, Adkins and Thornburgh will take questions. All are welcome to attend!” [Kansas GOP Press Release, 9/1/09]

Brownback Gave The Kansas Republican Party A “Sizable Donation” While Adkins Was Chair, Helping The Party Rebound From Severe Debt

Brownback Gave The Kansas Republican Party A “Sizable Donation” While Adkins Was Chair, Helping The Party Rebound From A “Nearly Empty Checking Account.” “The party appears to be rebounding from a June 20 treasurer’s report that showed the Kansas [sic] GOP with a nearly empty checking account—just $3,900 on hand in the GOP’s federal account and $968 in its state account. Brownback, the party’s titular leader given his status as the all-but-certain next governor of Kansas, has given the party a sizable donation, Adkins said, although the amount is not yet known.” [Kansas GOP To Get New Executive Director As Party Sorts Through Fallout From FEC Audit, Prime Buss, 1/25/10]

Adkins Said The Kansas Republican Party Had Paid Off About $80,000 In Debt And That It Had “Basically ‘No Money’” When She Took Over. “Adkins said the party had paid off about $80,000 in debt. That work was done by the GOP’s new team and Sen. Sam Brownback, the likely Republican candidate for governor. Kobach didn’t help with that effort, she said. ‘To date, we’re the ones who’ve done it,’ Adkins said. She said the party had basically ‘no money’ when she took over the reins from Kobach. The preliminary audit said the party had $3,280 in the bank on Dec. 31, 2007, just a few weeks before her formal election as chairwoman. Adkins said she began to understand that the party faced even more extensive financial problems when a firm hired to perform an internal party audit could not complete its work because of a lack of records. As the months went by, Adkins said, she learned of more and more problems. She said she’s committed to instituting ‘foundational’ reforms to ensure that similar problems don’t happen again.” [Kansas City Star, 6/9/10]

Adkins Said The Party Had Over $100,000 In Debt When She Entered As Chair. “Current Kansas GOP chairwoman Amanda Adkins said there [sic] numerous problems with the party when she took the job, including more than $100,000 in operational debt. The party fell behind for months in its payroll and rent, accumulating unpaid bills for routine office expenses. ‘Not only did we have to solve these significant problems, we had to make great strides in core initiatives to get people excited about the party again,’ Adkins said.” [Associated Press State & Local Wire, 6/8/10]

Brownback Supported Adkins’ Strategic Plan For The Republican Party

Gov. Brownback Supported Adkins’ Strategic Plan As Republican Party Chairwoman To Give Kansas A Government Controlled By “Pro-Business, Anti-Tax, Small Government Conservatives.” “Coming off its first clean sweep of congressional and statewide races in Kansas since 1964, the state Republican Party has drafted a plan for maintaining that dominance in politics for at least another decade. […] The goals are outlined in an eight-page strategic plan from state Chairwoman Amanda Adkins, and the ultimate aim is giving Kansas a state government that’s consistently controlled by pro-business, anti-tax, small-government conservatives and results in the policies such control implies. […] Gov.-elect Sam Brownback, who takes office Jan. 10, said the state GOP showed last year that it could operate as a unified party. But he said it wants to sustain that success. ‘An infrastructure needs to be put in place,’ he said last week during a brief interview while taking a break from work with his transition team. ‘You maintain a high level of activity and leadership.’” [Kan. GOP Planning For Long-Term Political Rule, Associated Press State & Local, 1/2/11]

2012: Adkins Questioned The Validity Of A Poll When It Showed Unfavorable Numbers For Brownback

Adkins Questioned Validity Of Poll When It Showed Brownback To Have Unfavorable Numbers. “In January 2010, Kansas Republican Party chairwoman Amanda Adkins called then-Gov. Parkinson’s 42 percent approval rating in a SurveyUSA poll a profound result delivering a clear message ‘Kansans oppose the Obama-Pelosi-Parkinson agenda of higher taxes and bigger government.’ When Brownback’s numbers in a SurveyUSA poll in January 2011 dipped below those of Parkinson, Adkins questioned the validity of the company’s survey results.” [Brownback: Numbers Plunge As Agenda Emerges, Topeka Capital-Journal, 4/29/12]
Adkins Quoted Mother Teresa While Describing Sam Brownback, Saying He Did “Small Things With Great Love” And Said Kansas Saw Considerable Outcomes In Early Childhood Investments Under Brownback’s Tenure As Governor

Adkins Quoted Mother Teresa In A Description Of Sam Brownback, Saying He Did “Small Things With Great Love,” And Said Kansas Saw “Considerable Outcomes” Relating To Early Childhood Investments.

“To the editor: […] Inspired by my father’s commitment to others, I made the decision to get involved in numerous activities, including civic involvement in Sam Brownback’s U.S. Senate run in the 1990s. I consider this one of the luckiest moments of my life. This is not due to the fact that Brownback has just done great things, but because in the words of Mother Teresa he has also done ‘small things with great love.’ […] With Brownback’s support, the state has seen considerable outcomes related to early childhood investments such as block grants to high performing pre-schools, helping parents become teachers, and ensuring children with challenges, such as mental and behavioral health problems, get the best care possible. Thank you, governor. It has been my honor to support your leadership with thousands of hours of my time. I look forward to helping you bring more change to our communities, and even more important the children and families who live in them.” [Leavenworth Times, 6/14/20]

2013: Adkins Was Appointed By Brownback To The State’s Mental Health Task Force

Adkins Was Appointed By Brownback To Kansas’ Mental Health Task Force. “Kansas Governor Sam Brownback announced Wednesday his appointments to the Governor’s Mental Health Task Force, established to re-evaluate the state’s mental health system and determine ways to make it stronger and more effective. […] Appointed to the task for by the Governor are: […] Amanda Adkins, Kansas City.” [Governor Sam Brownback Names Mental Health Task Force, Targeted News Service, 7/10/13]

Adkins Repeatedly Praised And Supported Brownback’s Tax And Economic Plans …

Adkins Supported Tax Cuts Implemented By Brownback

Adkins Tweeted Support For Tax Cuts Implemented By Brownback. [Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 10/24/15]
Adkins Supported Brownback’s “Pro-Business Agenda”

Adkins Tweeted Support For Brownback’s “Pro-Business Agenda.” [Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 8/11/09]


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2010: Adkins Claimed That Kansas Republicans Had “Sound Plans” For The State’s Economy

ADKINS OP-ED: Adkins Believed “Kansas Republicans Are Presenting A United Front With Sound Plans To Meet The Challenges Of A 21st Century Economy.” “Much has been said about President Barack Obama's commitment to mirror European nations spending, health care and other environmental policies. For people who thought Democrats could sell European-style socialism to Americans, the April 30th Daily Presidential Tracking Poll by Rasmussen Reports should prove alarming. Fifty-three percent of voters disapprove of Obama's performance as president. Kansans, being a people who look to community and family before government for answers, will take a hard look at leadership on the ballot in November. The question is simple: Do you want an America that rewards individual promise, entrepreneurship and centers on family or do you want European-style socialism that penalizes hard work, stifles prosperity and celebrates government? Kansas Republicans are presenting a united front with sound plans to meet the challenges of a 21st Century economy. Our philosophy centers on liberating the promise of the individual and family as the answer, not more government growth, on a path to prosperity. The choice is yours. Amanda Adkins, Overland Park, is the chairwoman of the Kansas Republican Party and a business executive in the health care industry.” [Hays Daily News, Amanda Adkins, 5/12/10]


Adkins Noted Support For Brownback Economic Policies That Encouraged People From Out Of State To Move To Declining Kansas Counties With Income Tax Breaks. “Dozens of people marched Saturday to the Kansas Statehouse to protest potential budget cuts and other policies pursued by Gov. Sam Brownback and fellow Republicans who dominate state government. […] State GOP Chairwoman Amanda Adkins said Kansans’ top priority is creating jobs for more than 100,000 state residents who are without work, then noted strong bipartisan support behind legislative approval of a plan from Brownback to lure people from other states to declining Kansas counties with income tax breaks. ‘Kansans of all backgrounds and viewpoints are coming together behind ideas to grow our state,’ Adkins said. ‘That’s the top priority.’” [Kan. Statehouse Rally Protests GOP-Run State Govt, Associated Press State & Local Wire, 3/20/11]

“Kansas Republican Party Chairwoman Amanda Adkins said disagreement over policy decisions was a healthy part of the democratic process, and she encouraged residents regardless of political party to be passionate about issues
they hold dear. Adkins, who was appointed by Brownback to be head of the Kansas Children’s Cabinet, said the governor was taking a ‘long view’ of where Kansas needs to be to have a growing economy while providing services in the most efficient manner.” [Newly Formed Kan. Group Plans Rally, Associated Press State & Local Wire, 8/27/11]

**In An RNC Press Release About President Obama’s Visit To Kansas, Adkins Praised Brownback And Criticized Obama.** “As a member of the Kansas City business community, a mother of two small children, and a civic activist in the state of Kansas, I have spent a lot of time talking with entrepreneurs, businesses of all sizes, families and individuals across the state and right now the sentiment in Kansas is people are very much focused on and desire clarity on a path towards job creation, competitiveness and effectiveness for the state of Kansas and for the country. I have to say, odd that he selected the state of Kansas in the sense that a compare contrast of his executive management at the federal level versus that of our own Governor Sam Brownback is not in his favor. Since President Obama has taken office, the national debt has risen 41%. I dont that Kansans are going to be overly excited or enthusiastic about his message today. In fact, I think it is going to backfire.” [RNC Press Release, 12/6/11]

**Adkins Wrote An Op-Ed Praising Brownback’s Economic “Road Map” And Its Impact On Children.** “Research well-documents that 90 percent of a child’s brain is developed before the age of 5. Therefore, it is of critical importance to focus on and invest in early education and health care interventions and outcomes for kids. The Institute for a Competitive Workforce, an affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, found in a 2010 report that ‘for every dollar invested today, savings range from $2.50 to as much as $17 in the years ahead.’ Understanding that Kansas children are critical to our future, Gov. Sam Brownback made improving kindergarten readiness a key measure of his economic ‘road map.’

**Adkins Praised Brownback’s “Pro-Growth” Strategy**

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**Adkins Called Brownback An “Incredible Governor” And Praised Him For Leading The State To Be “No-Income-Tax.”** “Kansas GOP Chairwoman Amanda Adkins: Kansas, ‘a state where we grow leaders like Dwight D. Eisenhower, Bob Dole and our incredible governor, Sam Brownback. A governor who is leading us to become a no-income-tax state.” [Convention Buzz | Parties Have Perks, Paul Camp Lurks, Kansas City Star, 8/28/12]

… Which Led To A $900 Million State Budget Gap, Job Losses, And Cuts To Vital Services...

2012: Brownback Pushed Through A Tax Plan That Cut State Income Taxes Across The Board, Which Immediately Reduced State Revenue By $700 Million A Year. “Which In 2012, Kansas lawmakers, led by Gov. Sam Brownback, a Republican, enacted a tax cut that eliminated state income taxes entirely for pass-through entities — such as sole proprietorships and limited liability partnerships — which are taxed at the owner’s individual income tax rate. The law also lowered individual income tax rates, cutting the top rate to 4.9 percent from 6.4 percent. The tax package reduced state revenue by nearly $700 million a year, a drop of about 8 percent, from 2013 through 2016, according to the Kansas Legislative Research Department, forcing officials to shorten school calendars, delay highway repairs and reduce aid to the poor. Research suggests the package did not stimulate the economy, certainly not enough to pay for the tax cut. This year, legislators passed a bill to largely rescind the law, saying it had not worked as intended.” [New York Times, 10/25/17]

Brownback’s Tax Cuts Created A $900 Million Two-Year Budget Gap In Kansas. “The nation’s most aggressive experiment in conservative economic policy is dead. Republican majorities in the Kansas legislature on Tuesday night voted to reverse the deep tax cuts engineered by Governor Sam Brownback five years ago, blaming them for blowing a hole in the state’s budget that threatened the viability of its schools and infrastructure. [...] Lawmakers in the GOP-controlled House and Senate came within a few votes of undoing the tax cuts in February as lawmakers searched for revenue to plug a nearly $900 million two-year budget gap and meet a court order demanding more funding for education. [The Atlantic, 6/7/17]

Brownback Is “Notorious” For His “Kansas Experiment” Of Dramatic Tax Cuts That Hurt The State Badly. “Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback is notorious for what is known as the Kansas experiment, a bold effort to assert the power of limited government. In 2012, the Republican governor pushed reforms through the state Legislature that dramatically cut income taxes across the board. Brownback boasted the plan would deliver a ‘shot of adrenaline’ to the Kansas economy. But the opposite happened. Revenues shrank, and the economy grew more slowly than in neighboring states and the country as a whole, Kansas’ bond rating plummeted, and the state cut funding to education and infrastructure.” [NPR, 10/25/17]

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Failure Was Almost Instantaneous: State Revenue Plummeted By 10% In One Year, Causing The State To Cut Medicaid, K-12 Funding, And Pension Contributions, And Halt Construction Projects. “[W]hen the tax cuts went into effect in 2014, their failure was seen almost instantly. State revenues plummeted by almost $700 million, Kriz says. ‘To put it in context, the state general fund budget is about $6 billion, and so that’s 10 percent revenue loss in one year,’ he says. ‘That’s a lot for any government to have to make [up].’ State lawmakers tried to balance the budget by tapping into reserves and the highway fund. They put construction projects on hold; pension contributions dropped; and Medicaid was cut. The state also refashioned the school funding formula and closed and consolidated several school districts. School funding consumes about half of Kansas’ budget.” [NPR, 10/25/17]
Brownback’s Tax Cuts Caused A Deficit Explosion, Even With Spending Cuts To K-12 Education, Housing, And Police And Fire Protection. “The tax cuts did produce one explosion, however. The state’s budget deficit was expected to hit $280 million this year, despite major spending reductions. Kansas falls well below national averages in a wide range of public services from K-12 education to housing and fire protection, according to an analysis by the Urban Institute’s State and Local Finance Initiative.” [Forbes, 6/7/17]

Kansas’ Private-Sector Job Growth From 2012 To 2017 Was Lower Than Almost All Neighboring States And Less Than Half Of The Country’s Average. “Kansas’ 4.2 percent private-sector job growth from December 2012 (the month before the tax cuts took effect) to May 2017 (the month before they were repealed) was lower than all of its neighbors except Oklahoma and less than half of the 9.4 percent job growth in the United States.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 1/22/18]

Forbes: “Growth And Job Creation In Kansas Underperformed Both The National Economy And Neighboring States.” “Since Kansas enacted tax and spending cuts in 2012 and 2013, Brownback and his allies have argued that this fiscal potion would generate an explosion of economic growth. It didn’t. Overall growth and job creation in Kansas underperformed both the national economy and neighboring states.” [Forbes, 6/7/17]

Brownback Was Re-Elected In 2014 But His Approval Rating In 2017 Was A Measly 25%, And Republicans Lost Seats In The Kansas Legislature As A Result. “While Brownback was reelected in 2014, his popularity has since plummeted and his approval rating now hovers at around 25 percent, second lowest among all sitting governors. And while the GOP enjoyed tremendous national electoral success in 2016, the party lost seats in the Kansas legislature. At least in one deep red state, the Trump formula of big tax and spending cuts is no longer the path to political success. In 2012, Brownback called his tax plan a ‘real live experiment.’ It appears to have failed.” [Forbes, 6/7/17]

CNBC: “The State Was Still Dealing With A Residual $351 Million Revenue Shortfall For Fiscal Year 2018.” “One year ago Kansas was still nursing a hangover from a disastrous tax-cutting experiment by former Republican Gov. Sam Brownback, who slashed individual income-tax rates and eliminated taxes on ‘pass-through’ income from certain businesses. Even though a bipartisan super-majority of the state legislature had repealed the Brownback program over his veto in 2017, the state was still dealing with a residual $351 million revenue shortfall for fiscal 2018, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. In addition to its No. 35 overall ranking last year, Kansas finished a dismal No. 45 in the Economy category.” [CNBC, 7/10/19]

Three Groups Of Economists Concluded Brownback’s Tax Cuts Had “Little If Any Positive Impact.” “Three different groups of economists have conducted research using sophisticated statistical techniques to isolate the effects of the Kansas tax cuts on the state’s relative economic performance. All three studies have concluded that the tax cuts have had little if any positive impact.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 1/22/18]

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…And Cuts To The Children’s Cabinet Fund Under Adkins’ Leadership…

2011: Adkins Was Appointed By Gov. Brownback To Chair The Kansas Children’s Cabinet
Adkins Chaired The Kansas Republican Party Between 2009 And 2013 And Was Appointed By Brownback In 2011 To Chair The Kansas Children’s Cabinet And Trust Fund. “Adkins chaired the state party from 2009 to 2013, overseeing the 2010 election when Republicans, with Brownback at the top of the ticket in the race for governor, won every federal and statewide office. She managed Brownback’s 2004 campaign for U.S. Senate and after he became governor he appointed Adkins to chair the Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund, which oversees a variety of childhood programs.” [Kansas City Star, 9/3/19]

- **Adkins Said She Was Appointed To Serve As Chair Of The Children’s Cabinet In August 2011.**
  “Amanda was appointed by Governor Brownback to serve as Chair of the Children’s Cabinet in August 2011. She did this in a volunteer capacity.” [Amanda Adkins LinkedIn Page, accessed 5/5/20]

Adkins Described Her Responsibilities As Advising The Governor On Finances, Evaluating Programs, Developing And Implementing A Delivery System, And Preventing Child Abuse. “The Kansas Children’s Cabinet has been directed by the statute to undertake these four overarching responsibilities: 1. Advising the Governor and the legislature regarding the uses of the moneys credited to the Children’s Initiatives Fund; 2. Evaluating programs which utilize Children’s Initiatives Fund moneys; 3. Assisting the Governor in developing and implementing a coordinated, comprehensive delivery system to serve children and families of Kansas; 4. Supporting the prevention of child abuse and neglect through the Children’s Trust Fund.” [Amanda Adkins LinkedIn Page, accessed 5/5/20]

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2012: As Chair Of The Kansas Children’s Cabinet And Trust Fund, Adkins Had To Prepare For The Possibility Of Losing 75% Of Their Funding. “In anticipation of a precipitous drop in money from a lawsuit against tobacco companies, members of a board tasked with helping Kansas kids were urged to prepare for the possibility of having 75 percent less funding next year. Amanda Adkins, chairwoman of the Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund, recommended that the board prepare two sets of program recommendations. The first would assume the traditional $56 million in tobacco funds, while the second would assume $12 million, which Adkins called the ‘worst-case scenario.’ ‘That is just the hard reality in which we find ourselves,’ Adkins said.” […] The cabinet is funded with dollars from a master settlement with major tobacco companies in 1998. But one of the conditions of the settlement was that states force lesser cigarette manufacturers to pay a $6 per carton fee in order to keep them from undercutting the big companies. [Topeka Capital-Journal, 9/27/12]

- **Adkins Said Brownback Valued “What IS Happening Here” And That She Had Had Conversations With Him About Finding Other Funding.** “Adkins, also the chairwoman of the Kansas Republican Party, said she has had conversations with Gov. Sam Brownback about finding other funding. ‘He values significantly what is happening here,’ Adkins said, singling out the group’s kindergarten readiness data as something that particularly caught Brownback’s eye.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 9/27/12]

2014: Adkins Raised Concern Over Brownback’s Plans To Move Money From Two Key Funds For Children’s Programs To Cover Revenue Shortfalls In The State Budget. “A plan put forth by Gov. Sam Brownback last week to address an estimated $280 million revenue shortfall in the current fiscal year’s state budget includes sweeping money from two key funds for children’s programs, sparking concern among members of the Kansas Children’s Cabinet. […] Amanda Adkins, chair of the Children’s Cabinet, which draws up recommendations each year for state funding of early childhood programs, said the agency would seek contact with Brownback on the matter. ‘We know that Governor Brownback values early childhood education,’ said Adkins, general manager of Cerner Corporation in Kansas City, Mo. ‘However, we are worried about the sustainability of programs we know, through our accountability process, are getting results for individuals, families and Kansas communities.’” [Governor’s Budget Plan Draws Concerns From Child Advocates, Topeka Capital-Journal, 12/15/14]
January 2016: Adkins Argued Proposed Funding Change To Shift Some Of The Money Administered By The Children’s Cabinet To The State General Fund Would Not Have Negative Effects. “The Governor’s Office is defending a proposal that some child advocates say would make it easier for the state to siphon dollars from early childhood education. Unveiled last week, Gov. Sam Brownback’s state budget would shift the entire Children’s Initiatives Fund - a pot of money administered by the Children’s Cabinet - to the State General Fund in fiscal year 2017. [...] Amanda Adkins, chair of the Children’s Cabinet, expressed confidence the proposal wouldn’t have negative effects. ‘Changing the direction that funds flow does not impact our role, responsibility or focus,’ said Adkins” [Child Advocates Criticise Brownback Budget, Topeka Capital-Journal, 1/18/16]

August 2016: Adkins Acknowledged That Brownback’s Proposal Would Include Cuts From Early Childhood Programs And Said She Was A “Big Believer In Cutting” Programs When Necessary. “A directive from Gov. Sam Brownback’s administration to state agencies to explore a potential 5 percent budget cut also targets early childhood programs. [...] Though the administration has requested information about 5 percent cuts, there is no guarantee Brownback’s budget will include reductions. However, cabinet chairwoman Amanda Adkins, a Brownback appointee, suggested that is likely. ‘There’s probably at least in the governor’s budget going to be some cuts,’ Adkins said. ‘I know nobody likes that, but that is at least what was communicated to us.’ […] ‘I’m a big believer in cutting when you are seeking efficiencies, but cutting programs with demonstrated outcomes makes less sense to me,’ Adkins said.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 8/13/16]

Adkins Faced Backlash From Fellow Cabinet Members For Supporting The Transferring Of Children’s Program Funds To The State General Fund And For Sharing Funding Recommendations With Governor Brownback

Adkins Faced Backlash From Cabinet Members For Supporting Brownback’s Proposal To Transfer The Children’s Initiative Fund To The State General Fund. “The tension between Adkins and some members of the board also lies in Adkins’ response to Brownback’s proposal to transfer the Children’s Initiative Fund — which is administered by the children’s cabinet — to the state general fund. Adkins has said the change, which would affect about $50 million, wouldn’t affect the group’s role, responsibility or focus. Senate and House budget committees are currently working through the budget proposal and some lawmakers are pushing to block the change.” [Topeka Capitol-Journal, 2/5/16]

Adkins Said The Recommendations Were “From The Kansas Children’s Cabinet,” But Group Members Said They Hadn’t Voted On Them. “Members of the Kansas Children’s Cabinet have criticized the leader of their group for excluding them from recent funding recommendations for early childhood programs. The recommendations come in a document that says they are ‘from the Kansas Children’s Cabinet.’ Yet group members said they hadn’t voted on them. Amanda Adkins, the group’s chairwoman, said Friday she needed to move quickly to get the recommendations to lawmakers during the budget process, The Topeka Capital-Journal reported.” [Associated Press State & Local, 2/7/16]

Adkins Was Criticized By Fellow Members Of The Kansas Children’s Cabinet For Sharing Funding Recommendations With Governor Brownback Without The Group’s Approval. “Members of the Kansas Children’s Cabinet rebuked the group’s leader Friday after she developed a series of funding recommendations with Gov. Sam Brownback for early childhood programs without her group’s approval that nevertheless were purported to have come from the group. Amanda Adkins, the group’s chairwoman, said she needed to move quickly in order to get ideas in front of lawmakers during the budget process. She called the recommendations - which the group saw for the first time Friday - ‘foundational’ and indicated she would welcome the group to vote on them in the
future. The recommendations come in a document that says they are ‘from the Kansas Children’s Cabinet.’ Yet group members said they hadn’t voted on them.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 2/6/16]

Several Board Members “Expressed Concerns With What Appeared To Be Lack Of Communications And Information Sharing” And “Fiscal Agent Changes Without The Full Cabinet’s Endorsement Or Having Been Consulted.” “Chair Adkins remarked she has had several conversations with Governor Brownback about protecting CIF/tobacco dollars. She said the Governor has been very supportive of the work of the Children’s Cabinet. […] There are actions and steps that the Governor has taken that are different than various stakeholders’ opinions. […] Valdenia Winn, Shannon Cotsoradis, LeEtta Felter (and Terrie Huntington via email) expressed concerns with what appeared to be lack of communications and information sharing with the board, with the Chair’s discussions taking place with the Governor about CIF dollars and moving CIF dollars to the State General Fund. Cabinet members voiced concerns about fiscal agent changes without the full Cabinet’s endorsement or having been consulted.” [Minutes Of The Kansas Children’s Cabinet And Trust Fund, 2/5/16, received via KORA request 5/29/20]

Adkins Said She Understood Concerns But Her Meeting With The Governor Was “Only A Dialogue.” “Cabinet Chair Adkins said she understood Cabinet members’ concerns. She said she met with the Governor individually and not to make decisions on behalf of the Cabinet Board. She reiterated that she was not speaking on behalf of the board, but only having dialogue with the governor.” [Minutes Of The Kansas Children’s Cabinet And Trust Fund, 2/5/16, received via KORA request 5/29/20]

Adkins Had Deep Ties To Brownback And Defended Her Choice To Pass On Funding Recommendations Because She “Was Trying To get Ideas In Front Of The Governor Amid The Budget Process.” “Adkins, a Cerner executive, has deep ties to Brownback. She managed Brownback’s 2004 Senate re-election campaign, sits on the Kansas Chamber of Commerce board of directors and was appointed to the children’s cabinet by the governor. During Friday’s meeting, she often referred to personal conversations with the governor when explaining her actions. ‘I wouldn’t be doing my job as chair of this cabinet if beyond this conversation I wasn’t asking Gov. Brownback to consider doing more with us,’ Adkins said. She said during the past three months she has ‘spent a considerable amount of time talking with Gov. Brownback, our budget director, with his policy director, deputy chief of staff on, legislators, business people, on and on. It has been a significant investment of time.’ Adkins acknowledged that the process wasn’t perfect, but said she was trying to get ideas in front of the governor amid the budget process.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 2/6/16]

The Children’s Cabinet Programs Were Primarily Funded By Tobacco Settlement Dollars, Rather Than The State’s General Fund, But Brownback Proposed “Securitizing” The Settlement Payments, Would Diminish Future Payments, And Adkins Said The Children’s Cabinet Could Not Vote To Oppose The Proposal

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GOP Controlled State Legislature Voted To Roll Back Tax Cuts To Close The $900 Million Budget Gap. “Last year, the Republican-controlled state Legislature voted to roll back the tax cuts, but Kansas is still dealing with the aftermath of this bold experiment. State lawmakers are now seeking to close a $900 million budget gap over the next two years.” [NPR, 10/25/17]

Brownback Vetoed The Tax Increase Bill But The Republican Legislature Voted To Override The Governor's Veto. “The Republican dominated Kansas Legislature that has soured on Gov. Sam Brownback’s vision for the state voted late Tuesday to roll back the governor’s signature tax cuts. Lawmakers voted to override Brownback’s veto of a tax plan estimated to bring the state more than $1.2 billion over a two-year span. The Senate vote was 27 to 13, and the House followed by agreeing 88 to 31 to supersede the Republican governor’s wishes on the tax plan and force the changes into law.” [Kansas City Star, 6/7/17]

Brownback Left Behind An Outdated Unemployment Claims System That Was Particularly Vulnerable To Strain Once The COVID-19 Pandemic Hit

May 2020: Over 200,000 Kansans Filed Initial Unemployment Claims In Seven Weeks Due To COVID-19. “More than 200,000 Kansans filed initial unemployment claims in seven weeks as the COVID-19 pandemic brought everyday life to a halt and crippled the state’s economy.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 5/3/20]

May 2020: The Kansas Department Of Labor’s Small Staff And Antiquated System Was Unprepared For The Volume Of Claims And Kansans Were Met With “Website Crashes, System Failures, Delays In Payments And Unanswered Questions.” “The Kansas Department of Labor struggled to handle the unprecedented volume of calls and claims with its small staff and antiquated system, leaving the agency vulnerable to outrage and political crossfire. There were website crashes, system failures, delays in payments and unanswered questions. […] The most recent unemployment numbers, for the week ending April 25, include 111,128 continued claims and 27,663 new ones. Before the pandemic, with the state’s unemployment rate at a 40-year low, the agency typically fielded 1,800 claims per week. To handle those claims, the labor department had a staff of 20 individuals capable of working their way through a computer system developed in the late 1970s.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 5/3/20]

December 2020: Some Kansans Waited As Long As Ten Weeks Amid Skyrocketing Unemployment Claims During The COVID-19 Pandemic. When Karyn Martinez of Wichita was furloughed from her job at the end of March, she immediately applied for unemployment. Receiving unemployment aid, including the extra $600 in pandemic unemployment insurance authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, helped pay her monthly bills. Then the payments stopped. ‘I had to wait 10 weeks just to get it,’ Martinez, 40, said. ‘I almost lost everything. I’m at the point (where) I’m about to leave my car. I have no car insurance on it because of this.’ Since the coronavirus pandemic triggered mass layoffs across the country in the spring, Martinez is one of more than 80,000 Kansans who were unemployed as of October this year. Without a job, they’ve relied on state and
federal support to get by — to pay rent, bills, utilities and food. But nine months since unemployment claims began skyrocketing in the spring, Martinez and other Kansans are experiencing delays in receiving their payments and a lack of clarity from the Kansas Department of Labor.” [Kansas City Beacon, 12/17/20]

Kansas’ Failure To Process Unemployment Claims Was A Result Of “Government Austerity Measures” And An “Inherited” Unemployment System

2020: Kansas Labor Secretary Attempted To Overhaul The System A Decade Earlier, But The Project Was Shuttered After Brownback Took Office. “[Labor Secretary] Garcia said she was preparing to solicit bids to develop a new system, which could cost $35 million on the low end, before the pandemic hit. The state began a similar process to overhaul the system a decade ago, but the project was spiked after former Gov. Sam Brownback took office.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 5/3/20]

Kansas’ Failure To Adequately Administer Unemployment Benefits “Highlights How Years Of State Government Austerity Measures Have Left Cash-Strapped Agencies […] Bereft Of Investments Needed To Handle Emergencies.” “Kansas, in particular, where the Department of Labor website for filing claims has been buggy or offline for extended periods and getting someone on the phone is rare, highlights how years of state government austerity measures have left cash-strapped agencies like those that administer unemployment bereft of investments needed to handle emergencies.” [Kansas City Star, 4/16/20]

The “Inherited” Unemployment System Was “Held Together With What Seems Like Band-Aids.” “Secretary of Labor, Delia Garcia, said the unemployment system was not only overloaded, but also outdated. ‘This inherited system is held together with what seems like band-aids,’ she said, ‘Our fellow Kansans deserve better than a 40-year-old system.’” [WIBW, 4/16/20]

Adkins Repeatedly Defended Brownback Against Ethics Criticism

Adkins Defended Brownback Against Criticism For His Ties To A Controversial Evangelist Who “Urged Christians To Fast And Pray” So God Would “Heal The Nation’s Sins Of Abortion And Homosexuality”

Adkins Defended Brownback After Criticism For Ties To A Controversial Evangelist Who “Urged Christians To Fast And Pray” So God Would “Heal The Nation’s Sins Of Abortion And Homosexuality”. “Kansas Democrats are highlighting Republican gubernatorial nominee Sam Brownback’s ties to a controversial evangelist, saying the association raises questions about his judgment. The Kansas Democratic Party cites Brownback’s appearance at a 2007 rally for evangelist Lou Engle, who has urged Christians to fast and pray that ‘God, the avenger of blood’ will heal the nation’s sins of abortion and homosexuality. […] “Senator Brownback is a strong supporter of human rights for all people, everywhere in the world,’ said Amanda Adkins, chairwoman of the Kansas Republicans.” [Kansas Dems Question Brownback Ties To Evangelist, Associated Press State & Local Wire, 10/12/10]

Adkins Defended Brownback When He Was Accused Of Being Part Of A Violation Of The Kansas Open Meetings Act

Adkins Defended Brownback When He Was Called As A Witness In An Investigation Into Possible Violations Of The Kansas Open Meetings Act. “Gov. Sam Brownback will ‘more than likely’ be called as a witness in an investigation into possible violations of the Kansas Open Meetings Act, Shawnee County District Attorney Chad Taylor said Friday. […] Amanda Adkins, chairwoman of the Kansas Republican Party, said: ‘This is a classic political maneuver by those who oppose Gov. Brownback’s agenda to grow the economy and create jobs. They are trying to distract Kansans and the media from the important challenges our state faces and what we need to do move our state forward.’” [Taylor Likely To Question Gov. In KOMA Probe, Topeka Capital-Journal, 2/4/12]
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Adkins Contributed Nearly $10,000 To The Kansas Republican Party, Which Was A Major Funder Of Sam Brownback’s Campaign

The Kansas Republican Party Gave $302,787.83 To Sam Brownback’s Campaign Between 2010 And 2014. [Kansas Secretary of State Contributions Search, accessed 3/1/22]

- Adkins Gave $9,928.58 To The Kansas Republican Party Between 2009 And 2014. [FEC.gov Individual Contribution Search, accessed 3/1/22]

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### Adkins Attempted To Downplay Her Brownback Connections In 2019

**Adkins Said Her Connection To Brownback Would Not Hurt Her Congressional Campaign Because She Had “Done A Lot In Politics”**

Adkins could also feel the drag from her connections to Brownback, who left office with a low approval rating. Asked whether her past work for Brownback could hurt her in the 3rd congressional district, Adkins said no. ‘I’ve done a lot in politics,’ she said. She points to her time as chair of the Kansas GOP and as a staffer for Congressman David Dreier, a California Republican. ‘I’ve got a pretty extensive span of relationships over 20 years in politics.’” [Kansas City Star, 5/16/19]

**Adkins Brushed Off A Question About Voters’ Disdain For Brownback, Saying It Was “Two Cycles Ago”**

In response to a question about voters’ disdain for Brownback, Adkins brushed it off, saying “Brownback was two cycles ago.” “The data would say the more difficult one’s Trump […] Brownback was two cycles ago.” [Starlight Republican Women At Minsky’s Pizza, 11/21/19, saved on Vantage]

**Adkins Claimed People Knew Her More From Her Work At Cerner Than From Her Work With Brownback**

Adkins claimed people knew her more from her work at Cerner than from her work with Brownback. “First of all, just to set the facts straight, the last time I worked for Sam Brownback is when he served in the United States Senate. I was his campaign manager and I’m very proud of a lot of the work he did in human rights, which of course now he’s doing at the State Department, but just as a reminder, most people in this community know me more so from the time that I’ve been a businesswoman because I’ve been at Cerner for 15 years.” [Kansas City Star, 5/16/19]
There’s definitely a lot of dimension to who I am, I have a lot of relationships.” [KCMO Interview, 9/9/19, saved on Vantage]

Mike Pompeo

Adkins Was Endorsed By Former Secretary Of State Mike Pompeo. “Big crowd in Overland Park, KS last night supporting @amanda_adkins for Congress. Proud to endorse our long time, talented friend. GO KANSAS turn the 3rd district RED so we can take back America!” [Mike Pompeo, Twitter, 5/21/21]


Adkins Was Endorsed By Susan Pompeo

February 2020: Adkins Was Endorsed By Susan Pompeo, Wife Of U.S. Secretary Of State Mike Pompeo. “U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo’s wife on Tuesday endorsed Republican candidate Amanda Adkins in the race for the Kansas congressional seat for the Kansas City area. Susan Pompeo said she’s known and respected Adkins for nearly two decades. Adkins served as Kansas Republican Party chairwoman from 2009 to 2013, and she and Mike Pompeo served together for two years on the Republican National Committee, representing Kansas, when Adkins was state GOP leader. She also was party chairwoman in 2010 when he won the Wichita-area congressional seat that he held until 2017.” [Associated Press State & Local, 2/11/20]

Adkins Had A Nearly 20-Year Relationship With Susan Pompeo From Their Shared Involvement in A Program That Promoted Leadership Roles For Republican Women. “Adkins’ relationship with Susan Pompeo goes back for nearly 20 years through their involvement in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Excellence in Public Service Series, a program that promotes leadership roles for Republican women. ‘It is an honor to have Susan’s support for my run for Congress, and it has been an inspiration to work with her to promote Republican Women and conservative causes in Kansas all these years,’ Adkins said in a statement.” [Kansas City Star, 2/11/20]

Susan Pompeo Was A Special Guest At A February 2020 Fundraiser For Adkins That Could “Serve As A Signal To Elite Republican Donors To Get Behind Adkins.” “Loomis said the Wichita Republican’s endorsement likely means little for voters in the Kansas City area district, but it could serve as a signal to elite Republican donors to get behind Adkins. Susan Pompeo will appear as a special guest at a fundraiser for Adkins in Washington on Feb. 25, according to an invitation obtained by The Star.” [Kansas City Star, 2/11/20]

Kevin McCarthy

2022: Adkins Claimed That Kevin McCarthy “Will Be A Great Speaker” Under A Republican House Majority

It has been a great week meeting with entrepreneurs, families, & activists in #KS03 ... we are months away from seeing a GOP majority in the U.S. House. @GOPLeader Kevin McCarthy will be a great Speaker and we will have a great freshman class focused on solutions for America. 🇺🇸

4:47 PM · Apr 22, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

[Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 4/22/22]

**2020 – 2022: Adkins Was Endorsed By Kevin McCarthy And Was Named An NRCC Young Gun Recruit**

**Adkins Was Endorsed By House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy.** “Excited to have the endorsement of Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy! We will prioritize a stronger economy, and stronger America for our families back here in Kansas.” [Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 9/7/21]

**2019: Adkins Met With McCarthy In Washington.** “@GOPLeader Kevin McCarthy thanks for the tour. Good to spend time w Adkins campaign supporter Steve Craig too.”

[Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 10/16/19]

**Adkins Was Listed As A “Young Gun” Candidate By Kevin McCarthy**

**November 2021: Adkins Was Named A “Young Gun” Recruit By Kevin McCarthy.** “House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy on Monday unveiled the first round of ‘Young Guns’ – promising candidates running in the 2022 midterm elections - when the GOP aims to win back the chamber’s majority from the Democrats. […] On the list are former Rep. Bruce Poliquin of Maine (ME-02), Derrick Van Orden of Wisconsin (WI-03), Esther Joy King of Illinois (IL-17), Tom Kean Jr. of New Jersey (NJ-07), Amanda Adkins of Kansas (KS-03), Ryan Zinke of
Montana (MT-01/02), and from two from Texas - Monica De La Cruz Hernandez (TX-15) and Wesley Hunt (TX-38).” [Fox News, 11/8/21]

- **The Young Guns Designation Was Given To GOP Candidates Who Met Campaign Goals And Fundraising Benchmarks Set By The NRCC.** “The 14-year-old "Young Guns" program, led by McCarthy in conjunction with the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC), the House GOP reelection arm, helps equip Republican candidates across the country who show the promise of running successful campaigns with "the tools they need" to win. The program is divided into three levels, and to make the list, candidates have to exhibit potential by meeting thresholds for campaign fundraising and organization.” [Fox News, 11/8/21]

The NRCC Included Adkins On Their “On The Radar” List. “Those on the list are labeled ‘On the Radar’ candidates, the initial step in the NRCC’s ‘Young Guns’ program. The 14-year-old program, led by the NRCC in conjunction with House GOP Leader Kevin McCarthy, helps equip Republican candidates across the country who show the promise of running successful campaigns with ‘the tools they need’ to win. […] Those on the list are Walt Blackman and Eli Crane (AZ-01), Juan Ciscomani (AZ-02), Christopher Rodriguez (CA-49), Brady Duke and Cory Mills (FL-07), Amanda Makki and Anna Paulina Luna (FL-13), Jake Evans, Harold Earls, and Meagan Hanson (GA-06), Rich McCormick (GA-07), Zach Nunn (IA-03), Esther Joy King (IL-17), Amanda Adkins (KS-03), Bruce Poliquin (ME-02), Tyler Kistner (MN-02) and Ryan Zinke (MT-02).” [Fox News, 10/12/21]

2020: Adkins Was Part Of The NRCC’s Young Guns Program And Was Elevated To The Status Of “Contender.” “The district committee has already heard from two [female Republican candidates] —Sara Hart Weir and Amanda Adkins. Former Roeland Park Mayor Adrienne Vallejo Foster was scheduled to speak at the group’s January event, which was postponed because of weather. She will instead speak in April. All three women are part of the National Republican Congressional Committee’s ‘Young Guns’ program. Adkins, a former state party chair and Cerner executive, was elevated this week to the status of ‘Contender’ based on the strength of her fundraising.” [Kansas City Star, 2/21/20]

**Elise Stefanik**

Adkins Was Named In The First Round Slate Of Republican Women Candidates Endorsed By Stefanik’s Leadership PAC, E-PAC

Stefanik Endorsed Adkins As Part Of A Slate Of House Republican Women Candidates Running In 2022.

“Meet our #EPAC 2022 Majority Makers! These #GOPWomen are fired up & ready to build on the historic success of 2020 & #FirePelosi once and for all!”
Amanda Adkins Was Endorsed By House Republican Conference Chair Elise Stefanik. “#EPAC is proud to endorse health care leader and conservative fighter @Amanda_adkins for Congress. Amanda has what it takes to flip #KS03 red and help #FIREPelosi once and for all! #REDWAVE2022” [Elise Stefanik, Twitter, 11/10/21]

Calvin Hayden

Adkins Was Endorsed By Johnson County Sheriff Calvin Hayden

October 2021: Adkins Was Endorsed By Johnson County Sheriff Calvin Hayden.

[Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 10/11/21]
October 2020: Hayden Endorsed Adkins Saying He Knew Her For “Many Years.” “I’ve known Amanda Adkins for many years, and I know her support for law enforcement is genuine and steadfast,’ said Hayden in a press release. ‘Now more than ever, we need leaders who aren’t afraid to support the brave men and women who protect us. Amanda understands what it takes to keep our communities safe, and she’ll have the backs of our police officers.” [Shawnee Mission Post, 10/5/20]

Adkins Said She Was “Honored” To Have Sheriff Hayden’s Support. Adkins said she was ‘honored’ that Hayden supports her campaign. ‘In Congress, I’ll work closely with local law enforcement agencies to ensure they have the resources they need, and I’ll always oppose any attempt to defund the police,’ Adkins said. ‘Nothing is more important to me than keeping our district a safe place to live and work.” [Shawnee Mission Post, 10/5/20]

Sheriff Hayden Used Taxpayer Money To Investigate Baseless 2020 Election Fraud Claims

Sheriff Hayden Assigned An Officer Investigate 2020 Election Irregularities Despite No Evidence Of Fraud. “Saying he’s not convinced the numbers from the voter registration rolls add up, Sheriff Calvin Hayden has joined the ranks of others casting doubt on the legitimacy of recent election results in Johnson County. There has been no evidence of widespread voter fraud anywhere in the state. Kansas Secretary of State Scott Schwab, who has addressed concerns about the integrity of the 2020 elections from fellow Republicans for months now, has repeatedly affirmed that voter fraud did not sway the results. Still, some Republicans have continued to invoke the specter of stolen elections in public. Hayden told the Post Monday he has assigned an officer to investigate voting data in the most recent elections to try to answer questions that have been coming in from people concerned that the elections might have irregularities. The investigator will be working on county time to conduct the investigation.” [KCUR, 3/1/22]

Hayden Couldn’t Estimate How Much Of The Johnson County Sheriff’s Office Budget Was Used On The Investigation. “The officer has been tasked with looking at a huge amount of data, he said. But it is not, so far, a criminal investigation. ‘What we’ve found is it’s very difficult to find a person we can charge,’ he said. The investigator is not working full time on the election questions but is working on the county clock, Hayden confirmed. However he could’t estimate how much of his office’s budget has been spent on the project, since the hours have not been separated from the employee’s other duties.” [KCUR, 3/1/22]

Sheriff Hayden Defied Johnson County’s Vaccine Mandate And Said His Office Was A “Safe Haven” For Unvaccinated Officers

Sheriff Hayden Said His Office Was A “Safe Haven” For Unvaccinated Officers. “In a news release, Sheriff Calvin Hayden said Thursday his office is a safe haven for law enforcement officers in other states who do not want to be required to get a COVID-19 vaccine. ‘True to our Midwestern values, Johnson County is a place where freedom is valued, and law enforcement is respected. The support our citizens have shown over the last several years has been overwhelming,’ Hayden said.” [KSN, 10/29/21]

Hayden Said He Would Not Follow Johnson County’s Vaccine Mandate. “In August, Johnson County implemented a policy requiring employees to be fully vaccinated or get a weekly COVID-19 test. A day after the county made that announcement, Hayden said he would not follow the mandate. Hayden said this issue is more than just about vaccinations. He said officers in cities across the U.S. no longer feel supported by the departments where they work. He said that will not happen to his employees at the Johnson County Sheriff’s Office.” [KSN, 10/29/21]
Donald Trump

Significant Findings

✓ Adkins praised President Trump’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic but also made comments that were less complimentary.

✓ Adkins gave Trump a “B” grade for his management of the medical supply chain.

✓ Adkins gave Trump a “C+” overall for his management of the COVID-19 pandemic due to his tone and public dialogue at the time.

✓ March 2020: Adkins said she was pleased with Trump’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

✓ September 2020: Adkins called Trump’s executive order requiring drugs and medical supplies to be manufactured domestically during the pandemic “a very positive step.”

✓ Adkins praised Trump for delivering a strong economy and new jobs.

✓ Adkins said Trump had done a “great job” in terms of economic policy, including the US-China trade agreement he signed in early 2020.

✓ Adkins applauded Trump for his tax cuts and regulatory rollbacks, praising low unemployment and high wages.

✓ 11/1/19: Adkins was criticized by her Republican primary opponent for “waiting to see where the wind blows” on Trump’s first impeachment.

✓ Adkins claimed her primary opponent was spreading “misinformation” and put out a statement praising Trump and criticizing the “DC circus since Trump’s election,” but did not specifically mention impeachment.

✓ In subsequent weeks, Adkins was more vocal in saying Trump had done nothing wrong and called impeachment a waste of money and a “circus.”

✓ 11/18/19: Adkins said nothing in the Ukraine transcript suggested the President had done anything that would necessitate impeachment.

✓ Adkins said impeachment was a waste of money and Democrats, including Rep. Sharice Davids, only did it because they don’t like Trump personally.

COVID-19

Adkins Gave Trump Mixed Reviews For His Response To The COVID-19 Pandemic

Adkins Gave Trump A C+ For His Overall COVID-19 Response, Saying His Effort Was “Slightly Above Average.” “Kansas Republican congressional candidate Amanda Adkins gives President Donald Trump a C+ for his overall response to the COVID-19 emergency. Adkins, who is running in Kansas’ 3rd District, said the president
deserves a higher grade for supply management, but the overall effort has been slightly above average.”  [Kansas City Star, 9/30/20]

**Adkins Gave Trump A “B” Grade For His Management Of The Medical Supply Chain.** [20:16] ADKINS: “I said this in the primary too, with regard to the President, I think that the one thing that he truly can control is supply chain management, or at least have a lot of influence over it. I mean I gave him a B for that at the time, and even around the time of the primary you know he released his executive order requiring that more drugs and other medical supplies are actually manufactured here in the United States.” [4star Politics Interview, 09/30/20] (VIDEO)

**Adkins Gave Trump A “C+” Overall For His Management Of The COVID-19 Pandemic Due To His Tone And Public Dialogue At The Time.** [21:11] ADKINS: “Yeah I would, you know with regard to supply chain management being the primary thing that he did, yeah, I mean I would give him a B on that. You know probably overall, just because I do think that the tone, and public dialogue does matter because people are concerned right now, I might downgrade a little bit to a C+.” [4star Politics Interview, 09/30/20] (VIDEO)

**Adkins President Trump Made A “Very Positive Step” In His Response To The COVID-19 Pandemic.** [20:10] ADKINS: “The last thing though that I wanted to just say because you asked the question you know how would I rate, how would I rate everybody, so, I, and I said this in the primary too, with regard to the President, I think that the one thing that he truly can control is supply chain management, or at least have a lot of influence over it. I mean I gave him a B for that at the time, and even around the time of the primary you know he released his executive order requiring that more drugs and other medical supplies are actually manufactured here in the United States. I was a proponent of that in the primary, I’m still a proponent of it, I think that we do need to actually monitor the overall cost of that so that government procurement rates don’t go through the roof. But I think it’s smart. If you believe, as I do, that the federal government’s first role is security, I think that you know that, that was a very positive step on his part.” [4star Politics Interview, 09/30/20] (VIDEO)

**March 2020: Adkins Said She Was Pleased With Trump’s Response To The COVID-19 Pandemic.** “Like all of you, I have been carefully monitoring the unfolding global situation relative to COVID-19. The President has declared a National State of Emergency, which opens the door for more federal aid to states and municipalities and removes government red tape to ensure our country is appropriately responding to the global pandemic. I am pleased to see the President encourage public-private partnerships that will accelerate needed testing, identify proper treatments, and ultimately develop a COVID-19 vaccine. As a healthcare leader, I built a career mitigating risks and fostering innovation in the healthcare sector.” [Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 3/13/20]

### Economy And Jobs

**Adkins Praised Trump For Delivering A Strong Economy And New Jobs**

**Adkins Praised Trump For Delivering A Strong Economy And New Jobs.** “I’ve been vocal about the dysfunction on display with the DC circus since Trump’s election. The Democrats have run from the Mueller report, to the Kavanaugh debacle, and now to impeachment proceedings,” Adkins said. ‘All the while President Trump has actually delivered results that matter for families including a strong economy, more than 4 million new jobs and the highest median household income on record in history. Kansans deserve continued economic opportunity, and a representative interested in serving the people more than playing silly games.”’ [Kansas City Star, 11/1/19]

**Adkins Said Trump “Has Done A Great Job In Terms Of Economic Policy” Including The US-China Trade Agreement He Signed In Early 2020.** “The thing about that is, here in Kansas City, when I talk to people, they typically are concerned most by national security or the economy. The president has done a great job in terms of economic policy and the most recent example is the US-China trade agreement that has been signed here just recently.” [KCMO, 1/16/20, saved on Vantage]
Adkins Applauded Trump For His Tax Cuts And Regulatory Rollbacks, Praising Low Unemployment And High Wages. “I do want to applaud President Trump for the regulatory rollback work he did early on, certainly for the tax cuts, and then I think most important, the results that have been achieved based on that work. We’ve seen the results in unemployment being low, a super stock market, one of the highest wages on record in history. Really, really fantastic results.” [Kansas GOP Olathe Pizza Shop Event, 1/13/20, saved on Vantage]

**Impeachment**

| 11/1/19: Adkins Was Criticized By Her Republican Primary Opponent For “Waiting To See Where The Wind Blows” On Trump’s First Impeachment |

Adkins Was Attacked By Her Republican Primary Opponent For Being “Eerily Silent” On Trump’s Impeachment. “Every Republican from Kansas and Missouri opposed the measure, while every Democrat from region, including Davids, supported the inquiry into whether Trump improperly sought to compel Ukraine to investigate former Vice President Joe Biden's son. The Trump Victory Committee and National Republican Congressional Committee both released statements condemning Davids within minutes of the vote. In recent days, Weir appears to have fully embraced the Trump movement and is tethering her campaign to the president. She's repeatedly attacked Davids on the issue, but she's also sought to paint Adkins as unwilling to stand up for Trump. […] ‘My Republican primary opponent, Amanda Adkins --- though has been eerily silent,’ Weir said in the campaign email.” [Kansas City Star, 11/1/19]

| 11/1/19: Adkins Put Out A Statement Praising Trump And Criticizing The “DC Circus Since Trump’s Election,” But Did Not Specifically Mention Impeachment |

Adkins Was Criticized By Her Republican Primary Opponent For “Waiting To See Where The Wind Blows” On Impeachment And Failing To Specifically Mention Her Opinion On Impeachment. “Weir opposes the impeachment inquiry and suggested Thursday that Adkins is ‘waiting to see where the wind blows.’ Adkins called the criticism ‘irrational.’ She issued a statement praising Trump and criticizing the ‘DC circus since Trump’s election’ without specifically mentioning impeachment.” [Associated Press State & Local, 11/1/19]

Adkins Claimed Her Primary Opponent Was Spreading “Misinformation” And That She Had Been “Vocal About The Dysfunction On Display With The DC Circus” Since Trump’s Election. “Adkins issued a response Thursday afternoon after the House vote, accusing Weir of spreading misinformation about her stance on impeachment and asserted her support for the president without delving into the specific details of the inquiry. ‘I've been vocal about the dysfunction on display with the DC circus since Trump's election. The Democrats have run from the Mueller report, to the Kavanaugh debacle, and now to impeachment proceedings,’ Adkins said.” [Kansas City Star, 11/1/19]

| In Subsequent Weeks, Adkins Was More Vocal In Saying Trump Had Done Nothing Wrong And Called Impeachment A Waste Of Money And A “Circus” |

| 11/14/19: Adkins Called Impeachment “A Circus” And Said “We Need To Move On” |

Adkins Called Impeachment “A Circus.” “My opinion from the early outset has not changed, I think it is a circus and we need to move on.” [Pete Mundo/Amanda Adkins Interview, 11/14/19, saved on Vantage]

| 11/18/19: Adkins Said Nothing In The Ukraine Transcript Suggested The President Had Done Anything That Would Necessitate Impeachment |

Adkins Said She Read The Ukraine Transcript And Said She Didn’t “See Anything That Even Remotely Suggest[ed] That The President Has Done Something That Would Necessitate Impeachment.” “I did take the
time to read the Ukraine-called transcript and look at the rule that was passed by the Democrats, and I really did want to hear the first round of public testimony that occurred yesterday […] first of all, Sharice Davids did vote for the rule that was passed by the Democrats […] my view of the rule […] a complete lack in transparency, putting the power in a very small number of largely Democrat members. […] I listened to the testimony, […] I do have an issue with US leaders encouraging leaders of other governments to investigate American citizens. […] That said, I look at the proceedings and I don’t see anything that even remotely suggests that the president has done something that would necessitate impeachment, and I think it’s pretty much a circus. […] That’s the party of Sharice Davids.”


  **Adkins Criticized Democrats Including Sharice Davids For Celebrating “Happy Impeachment Day.”** “As Democrats and Hollywood elitists celebrate “Happy Impeachment Day!” I am saddened by the state of affairs in our country. Sharice Davids is celebrating with the liberal elite as they undermine the results of the 2016 election. Are Kansans really ready to succumb to this liberal agenda? I don’t believe so. You deserve better. Join me to ensure conservative principles that align with you are represented in Washington.”

- **January 2020: Adkins Said Impeachment Was a Waste Of Money And Democrats, Including Davids, Only Did It Because They Didn’t Like Trump Personally**

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Adkins Called Herself A “Pro-Life Advocate” Who Was “Committed To Supporting Life From Conception Until Natural Death.” “As a pro-life advocate, I am committed to supporting life from conception until natural death. I celebrate the dignity and value of every citizen as informed by my strong faith and experiences as a mother. I have dedicated my life to supporting the most vulnerable in our community starting with children. Based on the needs I encountered during my tenure as Chair of the State of Kansas Children’s Cabinet, I founded the Systems of Care Initiative (SOCI) – a non-profit organization that aligns business leaders with high-performance early learning organizations dedicated to improving the health and readiness of young children when they enter school.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/22/22]

- **Adkins Said She Was A Proud Pro-Life Catholic And Would Work To “Protect Religious Liberty And Your First Amendment Rights.”** [Amanda Adkins For Congress, Twitter, 10/18/19]

We are blessed to live in a country where we are free to practice the faith of our choice. I am a proud PROLIFE Catholic, and as your Congresswoman, I will protect RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND YOUR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS. @adkins_2020 #BuilderBeliever #K03 #clergyappreciationmonth

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[Amanda Adkins For Congress, Twitter, 10/18/19]

Adkins Claimed She Sought To Protect At-Risk Kids And Families In Birth And Would Not Abandon Them Thereafter. “In all the work I do for at-risk kids and families, my vision is always to show our community that I seek to protect them in birth and will not abandon the child or parents thereafter.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/22/22]
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Replying to @rj_illl @groovyshroomy and 2 others

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[Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 9/1/21]

Adkins Embraced “Tremendous Victories At Various Levels Of Government” That Reduced Abortions “In Recent Years” And Advocated For Anti-Abortion Policies

Adkins’ Campaign Website: “In Recent Years, We Have Seen Tremendous Victories At Various Levels Of Government To Reduce The Number Of Abortions.” “In recent years, we have seen tremendous victories at various levels of government to reduce the number of abortions in our country. We must take it a step further and support our citizens across the full continuum of life.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/22/22]

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Kansas Reflector: “Adkins, Who Previously Worked For GOP Gov. Sam Brownback, Has Embraced Anti-Abortion Political Views.” “Hadley, a district organizer with the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, said the Supreme Court case made the issue of abortion relevant in the upcoming congressional contest. Adkins, who previously worked for GOP Gov. Sam Brownback, has embraced anti-abortion political views, while Davids has campaigned to retain a woman’s right to decide whether to carry a fetus to term.” [Kansas Reflector, 12/1/21]

2010: Adkins Was Part Of Creating A Framework For The Kansas GOP Advocating For Policies To Protect “Every Single Life.” “Earlier Saturday, the GOP State Committee approved ‘Our Commitment for Kansas,’ which party leaders called a framework for a more detailed platform to come. It advocates a simplified tax system, U.S. energy in dependence and protecting ‘every single life.’ Some committee members criticized the document as vague, and GOP leaders had to ask for a show of hands for its approval. The vote was 95-58. State party chairwoman Amanda Adkins told the committee that she sees the Kansas GOP as ‘a conservative party of ideas.’” [Wichita Eagle, 1/31/10]

Adkins Responded To A Negative Comment On Twitter By Defending Her Support For Anti-Abortion Policies By Stating That Her Charity Group “To Help Birth To Five Kids And Their Families.” “This comment is garbage. Do your homework please. I helped found a #KS03 charity to help birth to five kids and their families. Life begins at conception. Great communities support young children and families. These kids are the future … and their life starts at conception.”
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**Adkins’ Campaigns Were Endorsed By Multiple “Pro-Life” Organizations**

*Kansas Reflector: In The 2020 Election, The Kansans For Life Political Action Committee Endorsed Adkins And Said She Was Part Of A ‘Powerful Pro-Life Congressional Slate’. “In the 2020 election, the Kansans for Life political action committee endorsed Adkins and said she was part of a ‘powerful pro-life congressional slate for voters to send to the U.S. House to stand against Nancy Pelosi and her pro-abortion agenda. We must send a clear message to the abortion industry that they are not welcome in Kansas.’” [Kansas Reflector, 12/1/21]*

**Adkins’ 2022 Campaign Was Endorsed By Susan B. Anthony List’s Candidate Fund PAC. “Today Susan B. Anthony List’s Candidate Fund PAC announced its endorsement of Amanda Adkins (R) for Congress in Kansas’ 3rd District. ‘Amanda Adkins has spent her career as a leading voice for families and children and we are proud to back her for Congress,’ said Hon. Marilyn Musgrave, SBA List’s vice president of government affairs. ‘Amanda is committed to promoting life and the dignity of every person, born and unborn. In contrast, her Democratic opponent Sharice Davids is an extremist who continually sides with the radical abortion lobby and is far out of step with America’s heartland. Davids was Kansas’ only sponsor of legislation to enshrine abortion on demand until birth in the law – she even refuses to support medical care for babies who survive failed abortions. As Kansans fight to protect unborn children and their mothers and have their values reflected in state law, they deserve leaders in Congress who will fight for them too. Amanda will bring a mother’s compassion, grit and common sense to Washington and we urge voters to support her in the primary.’” [Press Release, SBA List, 3/4/22]*

**Adkins Claimed That 50 Million Children Had Been Aborted Since Roe v. Wade And That 3,000 Lives Were “Taken By Abortion” Every Day**

**Adkins Claimed That “50 Million Innocent Unborn Children” Have Been Aborted Since The Roe V. Wade Decision. “50 million innocent unborn children have been aborted since the Roe v. Wade decision 47 years ago. As a pro-life advocate I support life from conception until natural death. Add your name if you agree, all life is precious.”**

[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 1/22/20]
Adkins Claimed That “3,000 Lives” Were Taken By Abortion Every Day. “Please join me in a moment of silence to reflect on the 3,000 lives taken by abortion every day. As a Catholic and a mother, and as your next Congresswoman, you can be confident I will fight for the rights of unborn children.”

While Adkins Was Chair, The Kansas Republican Party State Platform Called For Numerous Restrictions On Reproductive Rights, Including Overturning Roe V. Wade

Adkins Embraced A State Platform That Called For The Overturning Of Roe V. Wade

2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas GOP State Platform Supported The Overturning Of Roe V. Wade. “In the interest of guarding the inalienable right to life of all Americans, we support the overturning of Roe v. Wade and the prohibition of euthanasia. We encourage providing positive alternatives to abortion by meeting the physical, emotional, and financial needs of pregnant women and offering adoption services where needed and promoting abstinence-only educational programs in our schools.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]

Adkins Opposed Using Public Revenues For Funding Abortions And “Organizations Which Advocate It”


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2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas GOP State Platform Claimed That The “Unborn” Have An “Inalienable Right To Life Which Cannot Be Infringed.” “Every innocent human life is sacred. Every human being, born or unborn, has an inalienable right to life which cannot be infringed. We believe life begins at conception. The Kansas Republican Party will lead our nation toward a culture that values life—the life of the elderly and sick, the life of the young, and the life of the unborn.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]

Adkins’ Longtime Ally Governor Sam Brownback Supported Strict Anti-Abortion Measures

2022: Former Governor Sam Brownback Praised Trump For Appointing Justices That Would Overturn Roe V. Wade

May 2022: Former Governor Brownback Claimed Trump Would Be A “Major Part” Of Roe V. Wade Being Overturned Due To The Justices He Appointed To The Supreme Court. “Former Kansas governor ambassador and current pro-life activist Sam Brownback says if Roe v. Wade is overturned, 45th President Trump will be a ‘major part of it’ for putting three justices on the Supreme Court.” [OAN, 5/3/22]

2017: Governor Brownback Sent A Letter To President Trump, Paul Ryan And Mitch McConnell Urging Them To Defund Planned Parenthood And Pass Legislation Restricting Abortion

for Brownback during his time in the U.S. Senate, urging them to defund Planned Parenthood and pass legislation restricting abortion. Brownback has attempted to cut off Medicaid funding to Planned Parenthood in Kansas, an action that has been paused as a federal lawsuit remains pending. The Medicaid dollars Planned Parenthood receives pay for breast exams and other health services for women but do not pay directly for abortions. ‘With the new administration in Washington and both houses of Congress controlled by pro-life majorities, we must grasp the opportunity to proclaim and protect the dignity of life,’ Brownback writes in the letter.” [Kansas City Star, 2/19/17]

### 2015: Governor Brownback Signed Legislation To Restrict Second-Trimester Abortions In Kansas

#### April 2015: Brownback Signed A Law Restricting Second-Trimester Abortions In Kansas

“Kansas became the first state to sharply restrict second-trimester abortions on Tuesday, opening another front in the battle between anti-abortion and pro-choice activists at the state level. Republican Gov. Sam Brownback, a strong opponent of abortion, signed the law on Tuesday surrounded by anti-abortion activists and poster-sized images of fetuses.” [Washington Post, 4/8/15]

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“Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback signed sweeping anti-abortion legislation Friday, giving his state a new law to block tax breaks for abortion providers, ban sex-selection abortions and declare that life begins ‘at fertilization.’ Many provisions take effect in July, though the tax changes will be effective for 2014. The measure cleared the Republican-dominated Legislature by wide margins earlier this month. The GOP governor is a strong abortion opponent who urged lawmakers to create ‘a culture of life’ after taking office in January 2011.” [USA Today, 4/20/13]

### 2010: Adkins Defended Brownback Against Criticism For His Ties To A Controversial Evangelist Who “Urged Christians To Fast And Pray” So God Would “Heal The Nation’s Sins Of Abortion And Homosexuality”

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“Kansas Democrats are highlighting Republican gubernatorial nominee Sam Brownback’s ties to a controversial evangelist, saying the association raises questions about his judgment. The Kansas Democratic Party cites Brownback’s appearance at a 2007 rally for evangelist Lou Engle, who has urged Christians to fast and pray that ‘God, the avenger of blood’ will heal the nation’s sins of abortion and homosexuality. […] ‘Senator Brownback is a strong supporter of human rights for all people, everywhere in the world,’ said Amanda Adkins, chairwoman of the Kansas Republicans.” [Kansas Dems Question Brownback Ties To Evangelist, Associated Press State & Local Wire, 10/12/10]
Agriculture & Food Access Issues

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**Agriculture**

**Adkins Applauded New Export Opportunities For Kansas Agricultural Products That Were Included In The USMCA**

Adkins said she was “Pleased” That The USMCA “Moved Forward” And Applauded “New Export Opportunities For Kansas’ Agricultural Products,” Calling It “A Win For The American Economy.” “The Democrats’ partisan politics should not keep Congress from doing the work they are elected to do. I am pleased to see the USMCA trade deal move forward. USMCA provides new export opportunities for Kansas’ agriculture products and lowers material costs in manufacturing, ultimately leading to more goods at lower costs in Kansas and beyond. This is a win for the American economy and the American worker.”

*Amanda Adkins for Congress*

December 10, 2019

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Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 12/10/19

- **December 2019: House Democrats And The Trump Administration Reached A Deal To Move Forward With The USMCA Following Additional Environmental And Labor Provisions.** House Democrats and the Trump administration have reached an agreement to move forward with the White House’s replacement for the North American Free Trade Agreement, top Democrats said Tuesday. The two sides had worked for more than a year to resolve Democratic concerns about enforcement tools for labor and environmental standards under the
new deal, known as the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement. House Democrats, President Donald Trump, top Senate Republicans and labor leaders all cited progress toward a deal this week.” [CNBC, 12/10/19]

Adkins Said Kansas’ Agriculture Industry Was An Economic Driver And Supported “Protection And Wise Use Of All Natural Resources” To Maintain The State’s Agricultural Economy

Adkins Claimed She Recognized The Importance Of The Jobs Provided By The Agriculture Industry In Kansas. “Agriculture is a top three industry and important job provider in Kansas. I recognize the benefits of the hard work Kansans learn from farming, and am ensuring my own children do, too. This is my son, Dylan, and my Dad at my parents’ farm. @adkins_2020 #BuilderBeliever #KS03 #NationalFarmersDay”

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2020: Adkins Was The Sole Kansas Republican Candidate Nominee For Federal Office To Not Be Endorsed Either By The Kansas Farm Bureau Or Its PAC

2020: The Kansas Farm Bureau Or Its PAC Endorsed Republican Candidates For Senate And The 1st, 2nd And 4th Congressional Districts. “Kansas Republicans in federal races largely earned the backing of the state’s most influential agriculture group, with the Kansas Farm Bureau backing U.S. Rep. Roger Marshall in his U.S. Senate bid and State Treasurer Jake LaTurner in his run for the 2nd Congressional District. The Farm Bureau’s political action committee also endorsed former Lt. Gov. Tracey Mann, who is running to replace Marshall in the 1st Congressional District, and incumbent U.S. Rep. Ron Estes, who represents the 4th Congressional District.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 9/30/20]
**Big Lie & January 6th Insurrection**

**Significant Findings**

- While Adkins remained silent on the January 6th, she took money from and was endorsed by elected officials who promoted the Big Lie.

- Adkins received $56,250 in contributions from the campaign committees and leadership PACs of Republican lawmakers who supported the Big Lie and voted to overturn the 2020 election.

- Adkins was endorsed by numerous Republicans who voted to overturn the 2020 election results.

- Adkins was endorsed by Senator Ted Cruz who led other Republican senators in an effort to “thwart the democratic process” over unsubstantiated allegations of voter fraud.

- Adkins was endorsed by Republican House leadership including Kevin McCarthy, Steve Scalise and Elise Stefanik who all voted to object to the electoral college results.

- Adkins was endorsed by Johnson County Sheriff Calvin Hayden.

- Sheriff Hayden used taxpayer money to investigate baseless election fraud claims.

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Adkins Was Endorsed By Numerous Republicans Who Voted To Overturn The 2020 Election Results Including Ted Cruz, Who Led The Charge In The Senate To Reject Electors Over Baseless Allegations Of Voter Fraud

April 2021: Adkins Was Endorsed By Senator Ted Cruz. “I’m proud to endorse @amanda_adkins for election to #KS03. We need Amanda in Congress to help fight back against Joe Biden’s extreme agenda.”

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Ted Cruz (@tedcruz)

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We need Amanda in Congress to help fight back against Joe Biden’s extreme agenda.

Join me in supporting Amanda:

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Washington Post: Cruz Led Other Republican Senators In An Effort To “Thwart The Democratic Process” Over Unsubstantiated Allegations Of Voter Fraud. “Nearly a dozen Republican senators and senators-elect led by Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas said Saturday they will reject electors from certain states won by President-elect Joe Biden, citing unsubstantiated allegations of voter fraud and calling for an emergency 10-day audit of the results, an unprecedented attempt to thwart the democratic process.” [Washington Post, 1/2/21]

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January 2021: Cruz Voted To Overturn The Electoral College Results From Arizona And Pennsylvania. [Washington Post, 1/7/21]

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September 2021: Adkins Was Endorsed By House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy. “Excited to have the endorsement of Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy! We will prioritize a stronger economy, and stronger America for our families back here in Kansas.”
January 2021: McCarthy Voted To Overturn The Electoral College Results From Arizona And Pennsylvania. [Washington Post, 1/7/21]

July 2021: Adkins Was Endorsed By House Republican Whip Steve Scalise.

I am so honored to earn this support from House leadership and I will work hard every single day to faithfully serve the people in KS-03 by getting our economy back on track starting with reducing inflation and spending, ensuring security and good foreign policy, and addressing the healthcare crisis facing this nation.

Will you chip in $5, $10, $25, $50, $100 or your best gift right now to help sustain the fight to take back Kansas’ 3rd Congressional District and fight for our values?

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• **January 2021: Scalise Voted To Overturn The Electoral College Results From Arizona And Pennsylvania.** [Washington Post, 1/7/21]

November 2021: Adkins Was Endorsed By House Republican Conference Chair Elise Stefanik. “#EPAC is proud to endorse health care leader and conservative fighter @Amanda_adkins for Congress. Amanda has what it takes to flip #KS03 red and help #FIREPelosi once and for all! #REDWAVE2022”

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[Elise Stefanik, Twitter, 11/10/21]

• **January 2021: Stefanik Voted To Overturn The Electoral College Results From Pennsylvania.** [Washington Post, 1/7/21]


• **January 2021: Herrell Voted To Overturn The Electoral College Results From Arizona And Pennsylvania.** [Washington Post, 1/7/21]


• **January 2021: Estes Voted To Overturn The Electoral College Results From Arizona And Pennsylvania.** [Washington Post, 1/7/21]


• **January 2021: Hartzler Voted To Overturn The Electoral College Results From Arizona And Pennsylvania.** [Washington Post, 1/7/21]
October 2021: Adkins Was Endorsed By Johnson County Sheriff Calvin Hayden.

October 2020: Hayden Endorsed Adkins Saying He Knew Her For “Many Years.” “I’ve known Amanda Adkins for many years, and I know her support for law enforcement is genuine and steadfast,’ said Hayden in a press release. ‘Now more than ever, we need leaders who aren’t afraid to support the brave men and women who protect us. Amanda understands what it takes to keep our communities safe, and she’ll have the backs of our police officers.” [Shawnee Mission Post, 10/5/20]

Adkins Said She Was “Honored” To Have Sheriff Hayden’s Support. Adkins said she was ‘honored’ that Hayden supports her campaign. ‘In Congress, I’ll work closely with local law enforcement agencies to ensure they have the resources they need, and I’ll always oppose any attempt to defund the police,’ Adkins said. ‘Nothing is more important to me than keeping our district a safe place to live and work.” [Shawnee Mission Post, 10/5/20]

Sheriff Hayden Used Taxpayer Money To Investigate Baseless Claims Of Irregularities In The 2020 Election

KCUR: Sheriff Hayden “Joined The Ranks Of Others Casting Doubt On the Legitimacy” Of 2020 Election Results In Johnson County, Assigning An Officer Investigate Alleged Election Irregularities Despite No Evidence Of Fraud. “Saying he’s not convinced the numbers from the voter registration rolls add up, Sheriff Calvin Hayden has joined the ranks of others casting doubt on the legitimacy of recent election results in Johnson County. There has been no evidence of widespread voter fraud anywhere in the state. Kansas Secretary of State Scott Schwab, who has addressed concerns about the integrity of the 2020 elections from fellow Republicans for months now, has repeatedly affirmed that voter fraud did not sway the results. Still, some Republicans have continued to invoke the specter of stolen elections in public. Hayden told the Post Monday he has assigned an officer to investigate voting data in the most recent elections to try to answer questions that have been coming in from people concerned that the elections might have irregularities. The investigator will be working on county time to conduct the investigation.” [KCUR, 3/1/22]

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investigation.” [KCUR, 3/1/22]

KCUR: Hayden “Couldn’t Estimate” How Much Of The Johnson County Sheriff’s Office Budget Was Used
On The Investigation. “The officer has been tasked with looking at a huge amount of data, he said. But it is not, so
far, a criminal investigation. ‘What we’ve found is it’s very difficult to find a person we can charge,’ he said. The
investigator is not working full time on the election questions but is working on the county clock, Hayden
confirmed. However he couldn’t estimate how much of his office’s budget has been spent on the project, since the
hours have not been separated from the employee’s other duties.” [KCUR, 3/1/22]
Budget Issues

Significant Findings

✓ Adkins repeatedly criticized the Build Back Better Act claiming that it would increase inflation and the national debt.

✓ Adkins opposed the “Build Back Better mess” and was thankful that the bill was stalled in Congress.

✓ Adkins warned the “disastrous consequences” of the Build Back Better Act would leave future generations in debt and would “further damage” the district’s economy.

✓ Adkins claimed that the Build Back Better Act was the “largest tax increase in 40 years” despite the bill’s provisions limiting tax increases only to those making over $400,000 a year.

✓ Adkins falsely claimed the Build Back Better act required financial companies to monitor and report to the IRS all deposits and withdrawals above $600.

✓ Adkins attacked Sharice Davids over her support for the Build Back Better Act.

✓ 2020: Adkins praised Governor Sam Brownback’s budget approach as “fiscally prudent.”

✓ Brownback’s economic policies created a $900 million state budget gap and led to statewide cuts to vital services.

   ✓ 2012: Brownback pushed through a tax plan that cut state income taxes across the board, which immediately reduced state revenue by $700 million a year.

   ✓ Brownback’s tax cuts created a $900 million two-year budget gap in Kansas.

   ✓ Brownback’s tax cuts caused a deficit explosion, even with spending cuts to k-12 education, housing, and police and fire protection.

✓ Adkins blamed Sharice Davids’ votes for increased “reckless” government spending for rising inflation that would “crush the middle class.”

   ✓ Adkins attacked said the increased cost of goods and services impacting Kansas families was “due in large part to reckless government spending supported by Sharice Davids.”

✓ Adkins supported privatizing and cutting government federal programs “at every level” in order to reign in government spending.

   ✓ Adkins called for a “thorough analysis” of all government programs” to hold government spending accountable “for every dollar.”

   ✓ Adkins supported privatizing government programs that “can be done by the private sector.”
✓ Adkins stated that government programs that are “better handled at local levels” should become a “state and local responsibility.”

✓ Adkins called for government programs to be cut altogether if they “are no longer serving needed and intended purposes.”

✓ 2010: Under Adkins’ chairmanship, the Kansas Republican state platform called for government programs “at every level” to be eliminated at “every opportunity” to reduce government spending.

✓ Adkins said “entitlement spending—Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid—we should be having that as an annual budget debate process.”

✓ Adkins stated that Biden and Davids would increase taxes and cut defense spending in order to fund Social Security and Medicare.

✓ Adkins said limited government was going to be a “huge, huge” issue in the 2022 cycle.

✓ Adkins said we should look to President Harding’s spending cuts to rebuild the country after the pandemic.

✓ Harding’s economic style of “freewheeling consumption” in the early 1920s preceded the stock market crash of 1929 and the resulting great depression and world war.

✓ 2010: Adkins wrote an op-ed criticizing President Obama for his commitment to “mirror European nations spending, health care and other environmental policies.”

✓ Adkins warned that the national debt put the U.S. on an “unsustainable path.”

✓ Adkins claimed that every household in the U.S. would owe $216,933 in order to pay off the national debt.

✓ Adkins claimed children were being born with $90,000 “stacked on their back” as a result of the national debt.

✓ Adkins warned that Social Security and Medicare were at risk due to the national debt.

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**Build Back Better Act**

**Adkins Repeatedly Criticized The Build Back Better Act As A “Mess” That Would Increase Inflation And The National Debt**

**Adkins Opposed The “Build Back Better Mess” And Was Thankful That The Bill Was Stalled In Congress**

**Adkins Referred To Biden’s Build Back Better Plan, As The ”Build Back Better Mess.”** [3:06] ADKINS: "Well, Pete, it comes down to everyday experiences, and people are impacted in their daily lives. I mean, just this week, we are still facing the Democrats trying to push through what I would call the Build Back Better mess. The only thing that has been holding it up is that, thankfully, there are many people who want to see the Congressional Budget Office scores, so we actually know what the total cost is of the bill." [KCMO Talk Radio, Pete Mundo Morning Show, 11/15/21] (AUDIO)
• **CEO Of Kansas-Based United Methodist Health Ministry:** “The Build Back Better Plan Will Take Enormous Steps To Improve The Quality Of Life Of All Kansans.” “David Jordan, president and chief executive officer at the Hutchinson-based philanthropy United Methodist Health Ministry Fund, said on the Kansas Reflector podcast the bill was important because it took on the nation’s most pressing issues, including fundamentals such as health care and child care. It would make expansion of eligibility for Medicaid in Kansas a realistic option even with a reluctant Kansas Legislature, he said. ‘The Build Back Better plan will take enormous steps to improve the quality of life of all Kansans,’ Jordan said.” [Kansas Reflector, 12/6/21]

• **CEO Of Kansas-Based United Methodist Health Ministry Estimated The Build Back Better Act Would Cover Half Of Uncompensated Care Provided By Kansas Hospitals.** “Jordan, a proponent of Kansas expanding eligibility for Medicaid, said the Build Back Better legislation contained incentives good through 2025 to encourage Kansas legislators and their peers in 11 other holdout states to embrace quality, affordable health coverage for lower-income families. Kansas has about 260,000 uninsured residents and Medicaid expansion would help more than 100,000 Kansans exit the health-care gap because they earned too much to qualify for Medicaid and too little to afford private insurance, he said. ‘It also benefits our hospitals,’ said Jordan, who estimated the bill would cover half of uncompensated care provided by Kansas hospitals. ‘Seventy percent to 72% of our hospitals are financially vulnerable.’” [Kansas Reflector, 12/6/21]

• **Executive Director Of Child Care Aware Of Kansas Praised The Build Back Better Act For Its “Creation Of Substantial Federal Subsidies For Early Childhood Education And Child Care Would Fundamentally Change Household Economics For Kansas Families.”** “Creation of substantial federal subsidies for early childhood education and child care would fundamentally change household economics for Kansas families, said Kelly Davydov, executive director of Child Care Aware of Kansas. ‘This really represents an unprecedented investment in expanding access for families to high quality care,’ she said. ‘It also has several provisions to support child care providers directly in ways that we haven’t seen before. So when we think about that, in terms of both families and providers and what this means for communities, it’s really an important investment that we have never seen in the early care and education space before.” [Kansas Reflector, 12/6/21]

• **Executive Director Of Child Care Aware Of Kansas Said The Child-Care Provisions Of The Build Back Better Act “Supports Family Choice.”** “The pre-K would be voluntary and federal financial support would flow to traditional preschools, child-care businesses and family providers of child care, said Davydov, of Child Care Aware of Kansas. ‘Very importantly, this supports family choice,’ she said. ‘This allows families to choose the environment that best meets their local needs, their unique family needs, and in ways that also support access to high quality education so that no matter where a child is, they’re going to be able to access really, really high quality early care and education.” [Kansas Reflector, 12/6/21]

• **Roosevelt Institute: Build Back Better Act Would Invest In Child Care, Creating Jobs And Allowing Parents To Get Back To Work.** “Convenient, affordable childcare is a major obstacle for working parents, illuminated even more so by school and daycare closures during the COVID-19 pandemic, which has disproportionately impacted women’s labor force participation. Increasing the capacity of industries in order to curb inflation of specific prices requires increasing the supply of labor. The Build Back Better Act invests in existing and new childcare facilities in underserved areas and provides subsidies to make childcare more affordable for qualifying households. Together, these investments would increase the supply of childcare, create new jobs, and allow parents to get back to work.” [Roosevelt Institute, Fact Sheet, 9/28/21]

• **Center For American Progress: Build Back Better Act Would Invest In Clean Electricity And Energy Efficiency, Reducing Energy Costs By $500 Per Year For The Average Household.** “Build Back Better helps break the United States’ dependence on fossil fuels—an industry that’s particularly vulnerable to extreme weather, which has and will continue to be exacerbated by climate change—consumer energy costs will be reduced. Specifically, proposed investments in clean electricity and energy efficiency will make energy costs more affordable, saving the average household approximately $500 a year in reduced energy costs. This much-needed investment in clean energy would come at a time when energy prices have pushed up inflation for consecutive months.” [Center for American Progress, 11/16/21]
• The Build Back Better Deal Lowered Drug Prices For Seniors By Reducing Co-Pays And Establishing A $2,000 Out-Of-Pocket Limit in Medicare Part D. “Pelosi celebrated the drug-pricing agreement: ‘For a generation, House Democrats have been fighting to deliver real drug price negotiations that will lower costs. With today’s agreement on strong lower drug price provisions for the Build Back Better Act, Democrats have a path forward to make good on this transformational agenda for our seniors.’ She said the deal will lower drug prices for seniors, reduce their out-of-pocket co-pays and establish a $2,000 out-of-pocket limit for seniors’ expenses in Medicare Part D. The bill would also halt price hikes above inflation, which would affect all Americans, she said.” [NBC News, 11/2/21]

• FactCheck.Org: “In The First Year Of Biden’s Proposed Budget, 2022, Nearly Nine Out Of 10 Households Would See A Tax Cut.” “In the first year of Biden’s proposed budget, 2022, nearly nine out of 10 households would see a tax cut, according to the Tax Policy Center.” [FactCheck.org, 9/24/21]

Nov. 2021: Adkins Said “Thankfully” The Build Back Better Plan Was Stalled By “Many People Who Want To See The Congressional Budget Office Scores” For The Bill. [3:23] ADKINS: The only thing that has been holding it up is that, thankfully, there are many people who want to see the Congressional Budget Office scores, so we actually know what the total cost is of the bill.” [KCMO Talk Radio, Pete Mundo Morning Show, 11/15/21] (AUDIO)

Adkins Warned The “Disastrous Consequences” Of The Build Back Better Act Would Leave Future Generations In Debt And Would “Further Damage” The District’s Economy

Adkins Tweeted A Video Warning Of The “Disastrous Consequences” Of Democrats’ $3.5 Trillion Spending Bill. “Are you better off today? Sharing a quick video this morning regarding the disastrous consequences of the $3.5 trillion spending spree the Democrats are working to ram through in Washington. I hope you will support my campaign. #KS03 #GOP”

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Adkins Claimed That The Build Back Better Act Would Leave Future Generations “$90,000 In Debt The Second They’re Born.” “The House Democrats’ irresponsible $3.5 trillion spending spree will leave future generations $90,000 in debt the second they’re born. And the left’s call for a multi-trillion-dollar tax hike will hurt businesses and cost Americans countless jobs. It couldn’t be clearer – the Democrats’ one-party control of Washington is an unmitigated disaster for our country.” [Tony’s Kansas City, 9/2/21]

Adkins Said Democrats’ “Reckless” 3.5 Trillion Spending Bill Would “Further Damage” The District’s Economy. “Across the board, prices are rising: gas, food, and so much more. 5.4% on average and there is no end in sight. Adding $3.5 trillion dollars to the deficit is not a wise decision; it is a reckless spending bill full of Democratic policies that will further damage #KS03 economy.”

Adkins Claimed That The Build Back Better Act Was The “Largest Tax Increase In 40 Years” Despite The Bill’s Provisions Limiting Tax Increases Only To Those Making Over $400,000 A Year

Adkins Tweeted A Graphic Stating That The Build Back Better Act Was The Largest Tax Increase In 40 Years.
✓ The Reconciliation Bill Would Not Increase Taxes For Households Making Less Than $400,000. “Senate Democrats aim to fund a $3.5 trillion budget measure partly on the backs of higher taxes for corporations and the wealthy, according to a budget framework issued Wednesday. Democrats would ‘prohibit’ tax increases for households earning less than $400,000, as well as other groups like small businesses and family farms, as they seek to raise revenue for clean-energy initiatives and an expansion of the social safety net, according to the outline.” [CNBC, 7/15/21]

Amanda Adkins Falsely Claimed The Build Back Better Act Required Financial Companies To Monitor And Report To The IRS All Deposits And Withdrawals Above $600. “Did you know? Joe Biden’s $3.5 trillion social spending plan includes a proposal that would require financial companies to monitor any deposit or withdrawal you make above $600 at any time during the year. All to be reported to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).”
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Here is the impact.

Business. This would put onerous reporting and auditing requirements on banks. Costing more money to run their business, and new fees potentially passed on to their customers.

YOU the individual. This is a complete invasion of your privacy, and it is a thinly veiled attempt to try and find other ways to tax YOU more to pay for Biden programs.

National security risk. The IRS is already targeted by foreign adversaries. Can you imagine a massive database of information on all Americans? What is the liability for our country and for the financial institutions sharing this information if security is breached?

Once again, the Biden Administration is creating an environment full of risk that hampers OUR prosperity.

[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 10/13/21]

- PolitiFact Ruled InfoWars’ Claim That The IRS Would Monitor All Bank Accounts Over $600 “Mostly False.” “An Infowars headline widely shared on Instagram stated that "Biden’s Treasury Department declares IRS will monitor" all accounts over $600. The Treasury has made no such declaration. The department has made a proposal that Congress is considering. Under the proposal, financial institutions would be required to annually report the total inflows and outflows from bank, loan and investment accounts, if the total is at least $600 in a year, or if the account’s value is at least $600. The headline contains an element of truth but ignores critical facts that would give a different impression. We rate it Mostly False.” [PolitiFact, 9/15/21]

Adkins Attacked Sharice Davids Over Her Support For The Build Back Better Act

Adkins Said Davids Supported The “Build Back Better Mess” Which Had A “Direct Impact” On The Inflation That Was Causing A “Real Problem For Our Voters.” [00:48] ADKINS: “I’m running against Sharice Davids. Even here just in the last few weeks, she voted for what I would call the Build Back Better Mess. And in my district, which is a very suburban district, people are largely driven by economic issues, and so, they’re looking at what’s transpiring, federal spending on the rise, direct impact on inflation. And when there’s a pinch at the gas pump and people are paying more at the grocery store it is a real problem for our voters.” [Newsmax, Spicer & Co., 11/30/21] (VIDEO)

Adkins Tweeted At Davids, “You Want To Spend Another $3.5 Trillion…Increase Inflation…And Then You Think #KS03 Will Be Ok Raising The Debt Ceiling To Pay For Your Spending? No.” “Really? … #BidenFailureDems and @RepDavids …you want to spend another $3.5 trillion … increase inflation … and then you think #KS03 will be ok raising the debt ceiling to pay for your spending? No.”
Really? ... #BidenFailureDems and @RepDavids ... you want to spend another $3.5 trillion ... increase inflation ... and then you think #KS03 will be ok raising the debt ceiling to pay for your spending? No.

Adkins Attacked Davids For Supporting “Failed Leftist Policies” Including Supporting An “Irresponsible” $3.5 Trillion Bill And Calling For A Multi-Trillion-Dollar Tax Hike. “In the past month, we’ve seen the disastrous results of Joe Biden and Sharice Davids’ failed leftist policies come into full view. - President Biden’s botched withdrawal from Afghanistan is the most humiliating foreign policy disaster in living memory. - Skyrocketing inflation is impacting Kansas families at the check-out line and the gas pump. - The House Democrats’ irresponsible $3.5 trillion spending spree will leave future generations $90,000 in debt the second they’re born. - And the left’s call for a multi-trillion-dollar tax hike will hurt businesses and cost Americans countless jobs. It couldn’t be clearer – the Democrats’ one-party control of Washington is an unmitigated disaster for our country. It’s time for a change in Kansas District 3 and America. Please help me defeat Davids, retire Pelosi, and hold President Biden accountable by RUSHING your best gift right now.” [Tony’s Kansas City, 9/2/21]

Brownback Administration

2020: Adkins Praised Former Governor Sam Brownback’s Budget Approach As “Very Fiscally Prudent”

2020: Adkins Characterized Former Governor Sam Brownback’s Budget Approach As “Very Fiscally Prudent.” [7:18] ADKINS: “I mean I think that there are a number of things that you know Governor Brownback did that were important. You know early on you know a lot of people will remember that you know he entered into being Governor with significant shortfalls that he you know early on you know he tried, was very fiscally prudent in how he approached the budget. And you know I think a lot of Republicans in particular, even just in this primary race that has come up, really do appreciate that. You know fiscal restraint is very important to me as a candidate and it’s one of the reasons why it’s the first theme within my path to prosperity plan. And one of the reasons why I’ve been really focused on the national debt because I just, you know $26.2 trillion by the end of this year, I don’t feel comfortable as a mother and someone who’s lead in business you know stacking hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt on top of our children.” [KCUR, Up To Date Podcast, 07/29/20] (AUDIO)

Brownback’s Economic Policies Created A $900 Million State Budget Gap And Led To Statewide Cuts To Vital Services

Sam Brownback, a Republican, enacted a tax cut that eliminated state income taxes entirely for pass-through entities — such as sole proprietorships and limited liability partnerships — which are taxed at the owner’s individual income tax rate. The law also lowered individual income tax rates, cutting the top rate to 4.9 percent from 6.4 percent. The tax package reduced state revenue by nearly $700 million a year, a drop of about 8 percent, from 2013 through 2016, according to the Kansas Legislative Research Department, forcing officials to shorten school calendars, delay highway repairs and reduce aid to the poor. Research suggests the package did not stimulate the economy, certainly not enough to pay for the tax cut. This year, legislators passed a bill to largely rescind the law, saying it had not worked as intended.” [New York Times, 10/25/17]

Brownback’s Tax Cuts Created A $900 Million Two-Year Budget Gap In Kansas. “The nation’s most aggressive experiment in conservative economic policy is dead. Republican majorities in the Kansas legislature on Tuesday night voted to reverse the deep tax cuts engineered by Governor Sam Brownback five years ago, blaming them for blowing a hole in the state’s budget that threatened the viability of its schools and infrastructure. […] Lawmakers in the GOP-controlled House and Senate came within a few votes of undoing the tax cuts in February as lawmakers searched for revenue to plug a nearly $900 million two-year budget gap and meet a court order demanding more funding for education.” [The Atlantic, 6/7/17]

Brownback’s Tax Cuts Caused A Deficit Explosion, Even With Spending Cuts To K-12 Education, Housing, And Police And Fire Protection. “The tax cuts did produce one explosion, however. The state’s budget deficit was expected to hit $280 million this year, despite major spending reductions. Kansas falls well below national averages in a wide range of public services from K-12 education to housing to police and fire protection, according to an analysis by the Urban Institute’s State and Local Finance Initiative.” [Forbes, 6/7/17]

Kansas’ Private-Sector Job Growth From 2012 To 2017 Was Lower Than Almost All Neighboring States And Less Than Half Of The Country’s Average. “Kansas’ 4.2 percent private-sector job growth from December 2012 (the month before the tax cuts took effect) to May 2017 (the month before they were repealed) was lower than all of its neighbors except Oklahoma and less than half of the 9.4 percent job growth in the United States.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 1/22/18]

State Lawmakers Tried To Balance The Budget By Halting Constructions Projects, Slashing Medicaid, And Tapping In Education Reserves. “State lawmakers tried to balance the budget by tapping into reserves and the highway fund. They put construction projects on hold; pension contributions dropped; and Medicaid was cut. The state also refashioned the school funding formula and closed and consolidated several school districts. School funding consumes about half of Kansas' budget.” [NPR, 10/25/17]

**Government Spending**

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2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas GOP State Platform Called For Government Programs “At Every Level” To Be Eliminated At “Every Opportunity” To Reduce Government Spending. “We believe that government at every level has grown too large and is now a threat to the very rights it was designed to protect. We call on every elected official to eliminate government programs and reduce government spending at every opportunity.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]

Adkins Said Entitlement Spending Should Be Re-Evaluated Through An “Annual Budget Debate Process”

Adkins Said “Entitlement Spending—Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid—We Should Be Having That As An Annual Budget Debate Process.” [18:30] ADKINS: “I think that it’s a partnership not just with LEOs but with business/families/communities. One of the topics we should be talking about tonight is the debt. I’m looking at my kids right now, there’s one point in the congressional budget office that’s startling: by 2049 if we don’t take steps to reduce the national debt, it will equate to 144% of GDP. I hope that that frightens everyone in this room. When I look at my kids and the kids in my youth program, their future will not be as bright as it is today if we don’t do something. There are two things we can do, and it really has to do with discretionary and entitlement spending. First, on the discretionary, the Budget Control Act, we do need to reauthorize it, and we actually need to enforce it, folks. I also think that, entitlement spending—Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid—we should be having that as an annual budget debate process, we should be discussing what we’re taking in and what we’re actually spending so there’s transparent discussion on it.” [Kansas GOP Candidate Forum, 1/31/20, saved on Vantage] (VIDEO)

Adkins Said She Was “Deeply Concerned” About Spending In Washington And That She Was Committed To Decreasing Dependency On The Federal Government. “I am deeply concerned about out of control spending by Washington leaders. The federal budget continues to outspend what the government brings in – an average of $67,000 for every American according to The Heritage Foundation. This is an unsustainable model that is strapping future generations of Americans with massive debt. The federal government should be held accountable for passing a balanced budget. Congress has the responsibility to ensure policies and programs enacted today are accountable to future generations. Just as I have done in my career in healthcare, I am committed to eliminating waste, fraud and abuse, and to ensuring programs achieve measurable outcomes. My goal is to ensure Americans keep more of the money they earn, not increase dependency on the federal government.” [Adkins Campaign Website, accessed 5/18/20]

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Adkins Stated That Biden And Davids Would Increase Taxes And Cut Defense Spending In Order To Fund Social Security And Medicare

Adkins Claimed President Biden And Rep. Sharice Davids Would Increase Taxes And Cut Defense Spending In Order To Keep Paying For Social Security & Medicare. “Let’s look at Federal spending by category. Two of the highest areas of mandatory spending are important to our seniors – Social Security and Medicare. Today, both are funded by Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) tax rates paid by and employers and you the employee. Historically, Social Security has run a surplus allowing the federal government to reinvest
funds. However, with an aging population and increasing healthcare costs, it is projected that by the early-2030’s there will not be enough money to pay full Social Security benefits. Additionally, the Congressional Budget Office predicts the Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, which finances Medicare Part A, to become insolvent by 2024, meaning benefits to seniors would be cut by up to $1,000. Stated again, we will not have money in the trust fund to meet current Social Security commitments. In addition, rising spending on Medicare and Medicaid will contribute to an already large deficit, as both largely depend on federal revenue. Where will this money come from? Left unchecked Sharice Davids and Joe Biden will choose to increase taxes on current and future generations, cut federal priorities including defense and national security spending, and they will not be accountable in reviewing other federal programs not achieving outcomes. Individuals and families in KS-03 deserve better.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/28/22]

2021: Adkins: “Limited Government This Cycle Is Going To Be A Huge Huge Issue.” [18:58] ADKINS: “When we actually did the math, and we looked at, what is the differential, if you take into consideration rising wages, but then the impact of inflation, it’s still somewhere between $1,500 and $2,000 in the negative for people in our district. So that is the overall issue that is driving a lot right now. But related to that, keep in mind, people recognize that a lot of that is due to federal spending, and an influx of money that is in the system, so they are very very frustrated by the overreach of the federal government and by all the spending. So limited government this cycle is going to be a huge huge issue I’m finding.” [E-PAC Press Conference, 11/30/21] (VIDEO)

Adkins Said We Should Look To President Harding’s Spending Cuts To Rebuild The Economy After Coronavirus

Adkins Said We Should Look To President Harding’s Spending Cuts To Rebuild The Country After The Coronavirus. “The question you submitted is how can our country survive so much debt? […] I know there are many on the left who keep citing the Great Depression, but I would like to call out what occurred after the 1918 Spanish Flu when Harding was President. He really focused on discipline within government at a time when unemployment went from 4% - 12%, and right now, we may be well above that in April. Harding prioritized how money was being spent, and cut government spending and national debt in the midst of a similar crisis situation, and 2-3 years later, unemployment was low again, and the country was starting to rebound. Then we went into WWII...but, there are examples from history we should look at and learn from, and I appreciate the question, it is a serious time that requires serious leadership.” [Amanda Adkins Conversation In The Community – John Doull, 4/30/20]

- Atlantic Council: “It Was The Combination Of Technology And Pent-Up Capital,” Not Harding’s Spending Cuts, “That Produced An Economic Renaissance.” “[Harding’s] actions to repair the economy led to farm tariffs to support the agricultural sector and significant tax cuts. However, it was the combination of technology and pent-up capital that produced an economic renaissance. Use of electricity became widespread, sparking economic growth and greater productivity. […] Rubber, steel, and building flourished as hotels, gas stations, and restaurants became essential to accommodate the tourists made mobile by Henry Ford. Radio linked the nation and movies provided mass entertainment.” [Atlantic Council, 5/1/20]

- Smithsonian Magazine: “Harding-Style Restoration Of Economy” Meant “Freewheeling Consumption And Giddy Speculation” In The Early 1920s, Which Preceded The Stock Market Crash Of 1929 And The Resulting Great Depression And World War. “Harding-style restoration of economy meant, for many, freewheeling consumption and giddy speculation. As the stock market and the nation’s cities, began to roar in the exciting heedlessness of the Jazz Age, nary a caution was raised—except by the most astute observers. Lack of regulation was a virtue to Harding, a balm after all the rules and restrictions of war and disease. ‘The world needs to be reminded that all human ills are not curable by legislation,’ Harding had said. […] The Roaring Twenties might have been fun, but it left those who weren’t white or privileged more vulnerable to the tilt-a-
whirl economy of the era. There was no net to catch them, and economic growth had no backstop or safety mechanism. Harding led to Coolidge; Coolidge led to Hoover. It would take the Great Depression and Franklin D. Roosevelt’s anything-but-normal presidency to create the social protections of the New Deal.” [Smithsonian Magazine, 5/19/20]

Adkins Criticized President Obama For “European-Style” Spending

2010: Adkins Wrote An Op-Ed Criticizing President Obama For His Commitment To “Mirror European Nations Spending, Health Care And Other Environmental Policies.” “Much has been said about President Barack Obama’s commitment to mirror European nations spending, health care and other environmental policies. One only needs a quick review of history to be reminded of how well this does not work. […] The question is simple: Do you want an America that rewards individual promise, entrepreneurship and centers on family or do you want European-style socialism that penalizes hard work, stifles prosperity and celebrates government? Kansas Republicans are presenting a united front with sound plans to meet the challenges of a 21st Century economy. Our philosophy centers on liberating the promise of the individual and family as the answer, not more government growth, on a path to prosperity. The choice is yours.” [Amanda Adkins For Hays Daily News, 5/12/10]

National Debt

Adkins Warned That The U.S. Was On An “Unsustainable Path” Because Of The National Debt. “In February 2021, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office projected the federal deficit (the shortfall between what the federal government collects and what it spends in a particular year) would reach $2.3 trillion in 2021. This figure – the second largest since 1945 – was derived before the latest round of COVID relief was signed into law, costing the country another $1.9 trillion. As of March 1, 2021, the U.S. Treasury calculated the federal government debt at over $28.0 trillion. This means as a country we have spent close to $30 trillion dollars that we simply do not have. Debt now currently exceeds the entire size of the economy ($21.5 trillion) and we are on an unsustainable path on which the national debt is project to be 202% of Gross Domestic Product by 2051.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/28/22]

Adkins Claimed That Every Household In The U.S. Would Owe $216,933 In Order To Pay Off The National Debt. “In order to pay off the national debt, every household in the U.S. would owe $216,933 – that’s $84,834 for every person living in America. Can you imagine coming up with an extra $200,000 in your household’s budget to pay for government’s misuse? In recent years, the government has been operating without a budget. How can we control spending when there is not a budget in place? Whether we are managing for ourselves or our families, if we ran our families or our businesses in this same manner, we would be in grave trouble.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/28/22]

Adkins Claimed Children Were Being Born With $90,000 “Stacked On Their Back” As A Result Of The National Debt. “Future generations are impacted. We are closing in on $30 trillion in national debt. This means your children and grandchildren are born with $90,000 stacked on their back. It will be worse in future years.”
The House approved a budget resolution clearing the way for a massive spending bill and it will be “paid for” according to Nancy Pelosi. She is talking about $3.5 trillion in new social spending, and a promise that House Democrats will also push for a multi-trillion dollar tax increase.

Joe Biden and Sharice Davids will crush the middle class through spending, related inflation, and new taxation. Let’s look at the progression...

Families are impacted. Inflation is at 5+% growth in total. People are also experiencing a 24.5% increase in average gasoline prices impacting their household income.

Business is impacted. Joe Biden has already said he will increase tax on business from 21% to 28%. This means our tax on business will be higher than China (currently 25%)!

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When we increase tax on business we lose jobs. When we tax individuals more families suffer. Sharice Davids lack of leadership and commitment to the district is a throwback to the 1970s - high inflation and bad foreign policy.

It is time for change. Will you share this post with one of your family or friends?

Amanda
[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 8/25/21]

Adkins Said The Biden Administration’s Policies Will Put The Country Further Into Debt. “We cannot afford the policies of the Biden Administration that will further put the country into debt and increase dependency on the federal government. The Biden Administration used the pandemic recovery bill – The American Recovery Act – to pursue even greater expansion of Obamacare, which has little, if anything, to do with actual pandemic relief.”
[Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/28/22]

Adkins Claimed That The National Debt Put Social Security And Medicare At Risk Of Running Out

Adkins Warned That Social Security And Medicare Were At Risk Due To The National Debt. “The deficit and debt amounts are huge. Perhaps so daunting that many Americans – including elected officials – are choosing to ignore other commitments including those made to our seniors. The pandemic has accelerated the rate at which major trust fund programs, including Medicare and Social Security, will run out of reserves. We risk not being about to meet our Social Security and Medicare commitment with so much federal debt. I am committed to America’s seniors and will fight to protect Social Security and the commitments made to retiring Americans.”
[Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/28/22]

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COVID-19 And Pandemic Relief

**Significant Findings**

- Adkins praised President Trump’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic but also made comments that were less complimentary.
  - Adkins gave Trump a “B” grade for his management of the medical supply chain.
  - Adkins gave Trump a “C+” overall for his management of the COVID-19 pandemic due to his tone and public dialogue at the time.
  - March 2020: Adkins said she was pleased with Trump’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - September 2020: Adkins called Trump’s executive order requiring drugs and medical supplies to be manufactured domestically during the pandemic “a very positive step.”

- Adkins blamed stay-at-home orders for economic downturn, called the extension of Johnson County’s stay-at-home order “devastating” and called for re-opening the economy.
  - Adkins expressed support for protests against Kansas’ stay-at-home order.
  - As the U.S. death toll hit 100,000, Adkins said people were “more concerned about the economy and unemployment than they are at the virus.”

- Despite touting her own vaccination status Adkins opposed the Biden administration’s vaccine and COVID-19 testing mandate.
  - May 2021: Adkins said she received vaccinated with the first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, though it was unclear if she received additional doses.
  - Adkins appeared to criticize Kansas’ vaccination efforts, saying they ranked 47th in “vaccine admin.”

- Adkins initially supported school closures in Kansas to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 but months later wrote an op-ed calling on schools to reopen.
  - March 2020: Adkins shared an article about Gov. Kelly closing K-12 schools and said the health & safety of Kansans was a top priority and that mitigating the risk of spreading COVID-19 was “paramount” in response to school closures.
  - August 2020: Adkins later wrote an op-ed calling on Kansas schools to reopen and resume in-person learning.
  - Adkins said that school reopening plans should require the use of masks and social distancing.
Adkins criticized the American Rescue Plan, saying it had little to do with “actual” pandemic relief and calling state and local funding for states like Kansas a “bailout.”

March 2021: Adkins stated that Davids was just “towing the partisan line” in response to her vote for the American Rescue Plan.

Adkins opposed the use of state and local recovery funds including those she said were requested by Kansas from the American Rescue Plan as a “bailout.”

Adkins confused the American Rescue Plan with the American Recovery Act and claimed it had little to do with “actual” pandemic relief.

2009: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was a $787 billion economic stimulus package signed by President Obama following the Great Recession.

Adkins blamed COVID-19 relief packages for incentivizing unemployment—even though Adkins herself was unemployed at the time.

January 2020: Adkins left her position at Cerner.

July 2020: Adkins opposed including additional unemployment benefits in the next COVID-19 relief packages.

May 2020: Adkins disparaged the $3 trillion HEROES Act relief bill, which would have provided nearly $1 trillion for state and local governments, another round of direct payments to individuals and families, and hazard pay for essential workers.

Adkins said the HEROES Act was “at odds with the needs of Kansans.”

May 2020: Adkins praised the CARES Act.

April 2020: Adkins claimed Rep. Sharice Davids stalled efforts to continue funding the PPP program.

Adkins exaggerated her health care experience during her campaign and throughout the COVID-19 crisis.

January 2020, the same month as the first confirmed U.S. COVID-19 case, Adkins said she had “very deep health care experience” because her employer was a global health care it company.

Adkins’ experience as a so-called “health care leader” was working for health information technology company Cerner Corp. in roles that did not appear to involve providing health care services.

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Adkins served as a lobbyist, the Director of Government and Industry, the Vice President and General Manager of Population Health, and the Vice President of Strategic Growth for Cerner, but never worked directly as a health care provider.
March 2020: Adkins Said She Was “Pleased” With Trump’s Response To The COVID-19 Pandemic. “Like all of you, I have been carefully monitoring the unfolding global situation relative to COVID-19. The President has declared a National State of Emergency, which opens the door for more federal aid to states and municipalities and removes government red tape to ensure our country is appropriately responding to the global pandemic. I am pleased to see the President encourage public-private partnerships that will accelerate needed testing, identify proper treatments, and ultimately develop a COVID-19 vaccine. As a healthcare leader, I built a career mitigating risks and fostering innovation in the healthcare sector.”

For more information, please visit
September 2020: Adkins Called Trump’s Executive Order Requiring Drugs And Medical Supplies To Be Manufactured Domestically During The Pandemic “A Very Positive Step”

September 2020: Adkins Said President Trump Made A “Very Positive Step” With His Executive Order Requiring Drugs And Medical Supplies To Be Manufactured Domestically During The COVID-19 Pandemic. [20:10] ADKINS: “The last thing though that I wanted to just say because you asked the question you know how would I rate, how would I rate everybody, so, I, and I said this in the primary too, with regard to the President, I think that the one thing that he truly can control is supply chain management, or at least have a lot of influence over it. I mean I gave him a B for that at the time, and even around the time of the primary you know he released his executive order requiring that more drugs and other medical supplies are actually manufactured here in the United States. I was a proponent of that in the primary, I’m still a proponent of it, I think that we do need to actually monitor the overall cost of that so that government procurement rates don’t go through the roof. But I think it’s smart. If you believe, as I do, that the federal government’s first role is security, I think that you know that, that was a very positive step on his part.” [4star Politics Interview, 09/30/20] (VIDEO)

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Adkins Blamed Stay-At Home Orders For Economic Downturn, Called The Extension Of Johnson County’s Stay-At-Home Order “Devastating” And Called For Re-Opening The Economy

April 2020: Adkins Advocated For Re-Opening The Economy And Expressed Concern Over Expenses Of Long-Term Financial Support. “She thought it was a good idea for the federal government to provide direct payments to individuals and small businesses as a ‘very, very near-term bridge,’ but cautioned the ‘need to be thoughtful about overall expense.’ Adkins advocated for getting the economy up and running as soon as possible, or at least ‘as soon as medical professionals say’ businesses are able.” [KCUR, 4/20/20, saved on Vantage]

May 2020: Adkins Called The Extension Of Johnson County’s Stay-At-Home Order “Devastating.” “QUESTION: We’ve seen Johnson County extend its order until May 11th, Governor Kelly allowed states to begin reopening this past week on May the 4th. For your district do you think that between Wyandotte and Johnson County that May 11th was the right move? ADKINS: I think that the extension has been, it’s been devastating to the business community. What I would say, what we need to do, and I think business is in a good position to do this, we need to inspire confidence in people. I think individuals in this community do want to get out. […] Inspiring confidence in people, re-opening the economy, I think is very important.” [KCMO Interview, 5/6/20, saved on Vantage]

She said the path forward would come with payroll tax holidays, limits on legal liability and incentivizing work.” [Kansas City Star, 10/22/20]

Adkins Expressed Support For Protests Against Kansas’ Stay-At-Home Order

Adkins “Offered Sentiments Of Support” To Protestors Disputing The Seriousness Of COVID-19 And Exhibiting “Hostility Toward Precautionary Measures Such As Masks.” “[Regarding] last month’s protest in Topeka against Gov. Laura Kelly’s stay-at-home order [which] was one of many in Kansas and across the country where attendees disputed the seriousness of the virus and exhibited hostility toward precautionary measures such as masks. […] Former Kansas Republican chair Amanda Adkins and former Roeland Park Mayor Adrienne Vallejo Foster did not attend protests, but offered sentiments of support. ‘Those protests are really spurred on because of concerns about the preservation of liberties,’ Adkins said.’ [Kansas City Star, 5/25/20]

May 2020: As The U.S. COVID-19 Death Toll Hit 100,000, Adkins Implied Energy Should Be Focused On The Economy Instead Of The Virus

May 25th, 2020: As The U.S. Death Toll Hit 100,000, Adkins Said People Were “More Concerned About The Economy And Unemployment Than They Are At The Virus.” “‘People are at the point where they are much more concerned about the economy and unemployment than they are at the virus,’ said Adkins, who said she’s been spending pandemic connecting with families and businesses about their concerns.” [Kansas City Star, 5/25/20]


Vaccines And Treatments

2021: Adkins Said She Received The First Dose Of The Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine, Though It Was Unclear If She Received Additional Doses

May 2021: Adkins Posted A Picture Of Herself Appearing To Have Just Received The First Dose Of The Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine. “#COVID19 dose 1 from @pfizer completed at a #KS03 @HyVee today!”
Adkins Opposed The Biden Administration’s Vaccine And COVID-19 Testing Mandate. “Who is going to pay for these fines & reporting costs? Business? Workers? @JoeBiden seeks to impose $14K per violation in-the-midst of a tough economic recovery. Congress is getting ready to also raise taxes on business. Enough. #BidenFailure  wsj.com/articles/biden…”

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March 2021: Adkins Appeared To Criticize Kansas’ Vaccination Efforts, Saying They Ranked 47th In “Vaccine Admin”

Adkins Tweeted That Kansas Ranked 47th In Vaccine Administration, And Criticized Rep. Davids And Governor Kelly For “Incompetence And Waste” In Other Areas Of COVID-19 Response. “Here is my answer ‘real plan’-KS is ranked 47th in vaccine admin 😞, @RepDavids voted for a $510B state bailout while @GovLauraKelly mismanaged unemployment claims to the tune of $600M+ in fraud, and many #KS03 kids are still not in school and suffering. Incompetence and waste.”
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[Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 3/1/21]

Adkins Indicated Openness To The Use Of Hydroxychloroquine, A Dangerous And Sometimes Fatal Drug, As A COVID-19 Treatment


Interesting article by Drs Colyer and Hinthorn. I appreciate the comments on both patients and ED providers noting “Instead of exposed health workers getting placed on 14-day quarantine” ... could be 5. Return to saving lives. #coronavirus #KS03

[Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 3/23/20]
NOTE: Tweet was still publicly available as of April 2022, more than two years after the FDA warned of its deadly risks.

FDA Warned Consumers Not To Take Hydroxychloroquine For Coronavirus After “Deaths And Poisonings Were Reported”

April 2020: FDA Warned Consumers Not To Take Hydroxychloroquine For Coronavirus After “Deaths And Poisonings Were Reported.” “The Food and Drug Administration warned consumers Friday against taking malaria drugs chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine to treat Covid-19 outside a hospital or formal clinical trial setting after deaths and poisonings were reported. The agency said patients taking the drugs for approved reasons, including malaria or to treat autoimmune conditions like lupus, should continue taking their medicine as prescribed. The agency also said it became aware of reports of ‘serious heart rhythm problems’ in patients with the virus who were treated with the malaria drugs, often in combination with antibiotic azithromycin, commonly known as a Z-Pak. It also warned physicians against prescribing the drugs to treat the coronavirus outside of a hospital.” [CNBC, 4/24/20]

Pandemic School Closures

Adkins Initially Supported School Closures In Kansas To Mitigate The Spread Of COVID-19 But Months Later Wrote An Op-Ed Calling On Schools To Reopen

March 2020: Adkins Said The Health & Safety Of Kansans Was A Top Priority And Mitigating The Risk Of Spreading COVID-19 Was “Paramount” In Response To School Closures


Our prayers go out to all of our wonderful educators, students, and parents during this difficult time. The health and safety of Kansans is our top priority, and mitigating the risk of spreading COVID-19 is paramount. In the days to come we will be providing helpful resources for families in #KS03 and throughout the state.

Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly orders K-12 schools closed for the rest of academic year

[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 3/17/20]

August 2020: Adkins Wrote An Op-Ed Calling On Kansas Schools To Reopen And Resume In-Person Learning

Adkins Said The Goal Should Be Getting Students Safely Back Into Classrooms And That Public Health Decisions Should Be Driven By Science. “Parents are frustrated by the prospect of an already-delayed school year beginning entirely remotely, as it will for Shawnee Mission School District students. As a mother with 15 years of experience in the health care sector, I agree with the American Academy of Pediatrics: Our goal should be getting students safely back into classrooms. Research suggests that children, particularly middle school and high school students, will contract and spread the virus. As such, we need to consider how schools reopen through a health care lens to ensure our community is safe and thriving. Community participation will be key in any successful reopening. Public health recommendations and science should drive our decisions.” [Kansas City Star, 8/21/20]

Adkins Warned Of Negative Effects Of Remote Learning Including Mental Health, Food Access, And Educational Achievements. “When you keep children at home, there are many negative effects on their education, health care and social needs. Parents and teachers worry about how far behind children might fall become without proper educational support. We recognize children learn best when they are physically present in the classroom. Community leaders should consider how decisions impact education gaps between higher- and lower-achieving students. A lack of social engagement has a negative impact on mental health. Anxiety and depression visits at primary care offices are on the rise. Nutrition and other basic needs -- access to food, exercise and support services such as the internet -- may not be met when schools are not physically open. Pediatricians worry about missing the at-risk child.” [Kansas City Star, 8/21/20]

Adkins Said The Economy Would Not Recover And Children Would Not Succeed Educationally Until Kids Were Back In The Classroom. “As a mother and businesswoman, I know the struggles families are experiencing as they try to meet the needs of their children and their careers. We cannot expect the economy to recover when parents are forced to choose between their jobs and their children's education. Similarly, we cannot expect our children to succeed educationally when they are kept away from the very environments in which they thrive. We must demand our leaders take the education of our children and the strength of our economy seriously. It is time to get our kids safely back into classrooms.” [Kansas City Star, 8/21/20]

August 2020: Adkins Supported Requiring The Use Of Masks In Order To Reopen Schools

Adkins Said That School Reopening Plans Should Require The Use Of Masks And Social Distancing. “School reopening plans should require the use of masks, set up facilities to ensure social distancing, remind students about good hygiene habits, and facilitate properly-ventilated instructional areas. With practice, even the youngest of children can be taught to wear masks, similar to any other learned behavior. Teachers, too, need the proper tools to be able to engage students in this new environment. We need to be mindful, listen to their concerns and equip them to teach safely.” [Kansas City Star, 8/21/20]

Economic Relief

| Adkins Criticized The American Rescue Plan, Saying It Had Little To Do With “Actual” Pandemic Relief And Calling State And Local Funding For States Like Kansas A “Bailout” |
| Adkins Confused The American Rescue Plan With The American Recovery Act And Claimed It Had Little To Do With “Actual” Pandemic Relief. “The Biden Administration used the pandemic recovery bill – The American Recovery Act – to pursue even greater expansion of Obamacare, which has little, if anything, to do with actual pandemic relief.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22] |

• 2009: The American Recovery And Reinvestment Act Was A $787 Billion Economic Stimulus Package Signed By President Obama Following The Great Recession. “President Barack Obama signed into law Tuesday a $787 billion economic stimulus package, a historic, multifaceted rescue plan aimed at creating
millions of jobs, sparking consumer spending and stopping the country from sliding into what he has called an economic ‘catastrophe.’ Characterizing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as the ‘most sweeping economic recovery package in our history,’ Obama said the bill’s mix of tax cuts, infrastructure projects, energy and education investments, and aid to the unemployed and poor would create or save 3.5 million jobs over the next two years, including roughly 60,000 in Colorado.” [Denver Post, 2/17/09]

Adkins Opposed The Use Of State And Local Recovery Funds—Including Those She Said Were Requested By Kansas--From The American Rescue Plan As A “Bailout.” “We cannot afford the policies of the Biden Administration that will further put the country into debt and increase dependency on the federal government. The Biden Administration used the pandemic recovery bill – The American Recovery Act – to pursue even greater expansion of Obamacare, which has little, if anything, to do with actual pandemic relief. These provisions are projected to add an additional $34.2 billion to the deficit over the next two years. Included in this spending is a bailout of state governments in the midst of waste and fraud. The State of Kansas requested a bailout all while mismanaging unemployment insurance fund payouts to the tune of more than $600 million.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22]

March 2021: Adkins Stated That Davids Was Just “Towing The Partisan Line” In Response To Her Vote For The American Rescue Plan.

True so true #KS03 deserves real experience in healthcare and business. @RepDavids is just towing the partisan line.

March 2021: Adkins Claimed Rep. Sharice Davids Voted For An Incompetent And Wasteful “Bailout” For Kansas, Following Davids’ Vote For The American Rescue Plan. “Here is my answer ‘real plan’-KS is ranked 47th in vaccine admin 😳, @RepDavids voted for a $510B state bailout while @GovLauraKelly mismanaged unemployment claims to the tune of $600M+ in fraud, and many #KS03 kids are still not in school and suffering. Incompetence and waste.”
February 2021: Davids Voted For Passage Of The American Rescue Plan Act. In February 2021, Davids voted for: “Passage of the fiscal 2021 budget reconciliation bill, as amended, comprising a coronavirus relief package that would provide roughly $1.9 trillion in funding to further address the health and economic effects of COVID-19, including approximately $350 billion in direct aid to state and local governments; $47.8 billion for testing and contact tracing; $168 billion to assist educational institutions; and $50 billion to assist small businesses. It would extend and increase federal unemployment compensation benefits for 24 weeks and increase the weekly amount to $400; provide tax rebates of $1,400 for individuals with incomes of $75,000 or less; extend or expand a number of employer and individual tax credits, including credits to subsidize health insurance premiums; and gradually increase the federal minimum wage to $15 per hour. Among other provisions, the bill would provide $195.3 billion for direct assistance to states and $130.2 billion for local governments; $128.6 billion through fiscal 2023 for an Education Department elementary and secondary school emergency relief fund and $39.6 billion for grants to higher education institutions, including to provide emergency financial aid; and continue the 15% increase in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits through September 2021. It would provide $47.8 billion for COVID-19 testing and contact tracing; $7.5 billion for vaccine administration and distribution; and $6.1 billion for vaccine and therapeutic development, manufacturing and procurement. It would require Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program to fully cover the cost of COVID-19 vaccines. It would expand eligibility in 2021 and 2022 for federal tax subsidies toward Affordable Care Act marketplace insurance premiums, including to fully cover premium costs for individuals earning up to 150% of the federal poverty level and cap premiums at 8.5% of household income. It would provide $50 billion for small business assistance, including $25 billion for restaurants. It would provide $30.5 billion for transit, $18 billion for airline and aviation manufacturing industry payroll support; and $4 billion for Agriculture Department pandemic-related assistance. It would incrementally increase the federal minimum wage annually to reach $15 per hour in 2025, including for tipped workers, teens and workers with disabilities. It would create a program to provide financial assistance to multiemployer pension plans.” The bill passed by a vote of 219-212. [HR 1319, Vote #49, 2/27/21; CQ, 2/27/21]
American Rescue Plan provides $1,400 direct payments to individuals making up to $75,000 annually, $350 billion in aid to state and local governments and $14 billion for vaccine distribution. The bill also provides $130 billion to elementary, middle and high schools to assist with safe reopening. [...] It includes an additional $300 billion in weekly jobless benefits through September and an expanded tax credit of up to $3,600 per child, initially distributed in monthly installments. The child tax credit could raise 4 million children out of poverty, according to an analysis by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. More than $50 billion will be distributed to small businesses, including $7 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program. The bill also provides $25 billion for relief for small and mid-sized restaurants, which have suffered significantly during the pandemic.” [CBS News, 3/12/21]

**Economic Impact Payments**

**Individuals In Kansas Received $3.5 Billion In Third Round Economic Impact Payments Of Up To $1,400 Through The American Rescue Plan.** Kansas received $3.5 million in Third Round Economic Impact Payments through The American Rescue Plan Act: “The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) released state-by-state data through early June for the 163.5 million Economic Impact Payments (EIPs) totaling nearly $390 billion received by individuals through the American Rescue Plan Act. With this round of payments, the IRS and the Bureau of the Fiscal Service (BFS) have delivered more EIPs and more total direct relief than in any previous round of direct relief. All 50 states saw more total relief with this round of payments than in previous rounds. [...] The EIPs under the American Rescue Plan included payments of up to $1,400 per qualifying dependent, a significant increase over the $500 and $600 per qualifying child from the first and second rounds of payments, respectively.” [Department of the Treasury, Press Release, 6/29/21]

**Child Tax Credit**

**According To Estimates From The Joint Economic Committee Made Using State-Level Data From The Treasury, Kansas’ 3rd Congressional District Had Received $37.9 Million In Child Tax Credit Payments As Of November 2021.** According to estimates from the Joint Economic Committee, Kansas’ 3rd Congressional District had received $37.2 million in Child Tax Credit payments as of August 2021: “Using state-level data from the Treasury Department on advance Child Tax Credit (CTC) payments, the Joint Economic Committee estimated the number of qualifying children, total number of payments, and total payment amount by congressional district in August 2021, when the second round of CTC payments was distributed.” [Joint Economic Committee, 11/18/21; Joint Economic Committee, Estimates of Advance Child Tax Credit Distribution by Congressional District, 11/18/21]

**JEC Analysis Showed The CTC Had Dramatically Reduced Food Insecurity And Financial Hardship, And Was Expected To Inject Nearly $19.3 Billion Into Local Economies Each Month.** “JEC analysis of data from the Census Bureau show the expanded CTC is already having a major impact on family budgets, with dramatic declines in food insufficiency and financial hardship, and the JEC estimates that monthly CTC payments will inject nearly $19.3 billion into local economies each month. The expanded CTC will generate nearly $19.3 billion in spending in local economies across the U.S. each month. Family finances improved significantly following the first monthly expanded CTC payments in July. Data from the Census Bureau show that following the July payments, there were significant declines in the share of households with children reporting financial hardship and food insufficiency. Families are using the expanded CTC payments to meet the needs of their household. Among those who responded to the Census Bureau’s survey: 47% spent their CTC payment on food, 28% spent it on internet and other utilities, 26% spent it on school expenses, and 17% of those with at least one child under age 5 spent it on child care.” [Joint Economic Committee, 9/9/21]

**As Of December 2021, Kansas Had Received $888 Million In Child Tax Credit Payments As Part Of The American Rescue Plan.** As of August 2021, Kansas had received $147.2 million in Child Tax Credit payments: “The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service announced today that more than $15 billion were paid to families that include roughly 61 million eligible children in the second monthly payment of the expanded and newly-advanceable Child Tax Credit from the American Rescue Plan passed in March. [...] Eligible families received a payment of up to $300 per month for each child under age 6 and up to $250 per month for each
Parents reported having less trouble covering the costs of food and other household expenses after receiving their first Child Tax Credit (CTC) payment. According to the Census Bureau’s Household Pulse Survey data released earlier this week, parents reported having less trouble covering the costs of food and other household expenses after receiving their first CTC payment. The share of families reporting that they sometimes or often did not have enough to eat in the past week dropped to the lowest percentage since the pandemic began. Parents are using their CTC payments to pay for basics for their kids.” [Department of the Treasury, Press Release, 12/15/21]

Small Business Support – Restaurant Revitalization Funding

As of August 2021, Kansas’ 3rd Congressional District had received $43.5 million in Restaurant Revitalization Funding to Help Restaurants Keep Their Doors Open as Part of The American Rescue Plan. As of August 2021, Kansas’ 3rd Congressional District had received $43.5 million in Restaurant Revitalization Funding as part of The American Rescue Plan: “The American Rescue Plan Act established the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) to provide funding to help restaurants and other eligible businesses keep their doors open. This program will provide restaurants with funding equal to their pandemic-related revenue loss up to $10 million per business and no more than $5 million per physical location. Recipients are not required to repay the funding as long as funds are used for eligible uses no later than March 11, 2023.” [U.S. Small Business Administration, RRF FOIA, 8/18/21; U.S. Small Business Administration, accessed 3/30/22]

- As of June 2021, Kansas had received $108.6 million in Restaurant Revitalization Funding as Part of The American Rescue Plan. [U.S. Small Business Administration, RRF Report, 6/30/21]

Small Business Support – Shuttered Venue Operators Grants

As of April 2022, Kansas had received $100.2 million in Shuttered Venues Operators Grants to Help Live Venues, Museums, and Theaters Stay Open as Part of The American Rescue Plan. As of September 2021, Kansas had received $99.9 million in Shuttered Venues Operators Grants as part of the American Rescue Plan Act: “The Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) program was established by the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act, and amended by the American Rescue Plan Act. The program includes over $16 billion in grants to shuttered venues, to be administered by SBA’s Office of Disaster Assistance. Eligible applicants may qualify for grants equal to 45% of their gross earned revenue, with the maximum amount available for a single grant award of $10 million. $2 billion is reserved for eligible applications with up to 50 full-time employees. […] Eligible entities include: live venue operators or promoters, theatrical producers, live performing arts organization operators, museum operators, motion picture theater operators (including owners), talent representatives.” [SBA Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program Reports, 4/11/22; SBA accessed 4/13/22]

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief

Kansas received $831.1 million in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief through The American Rescue Plan to Help Safely Reopen Schools. Kansas received $831.1 million in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief through the American Rescue Plan: “This document outlines the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, enacted on March 11, 2021. ARP ESSER provides a total of nearly $122 billion to States and school districts to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the nation’s students. In addition to ARP ESSER, the ARP Act includes
$3 billion for special education, $850 million for the Outlying Areas, $2.75 billion to support non-public schools, and additional funding for homeless children and youth, Tribal educational agencies, Native Hawaiians, and Alaska Natives.” [ARP ESSER Methodology and Allocation Table Revised, 6/25/21; Department of Education, Fact Sheet, 3/17/21]

Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Kansas Received $1.5 Billion In Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds As Part Of The American Rescue Plan To Help Governments Respond To The Pandemic And Bring Back Jobs. Kansas received $1.5 billion in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as part of the American Rescue Plan: “The American Rescue Plan will deliver $350 billion for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency and bring back jobs. […] Recipients may use these funds to: support public health expenditures, by, for example, funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff, address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector, replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic, provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors, invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet, within these overall categories, recipients have broad flexibility to decide how best to use this funding to meet the needs of their communities.” [Department of the Treasury, Allocation for States, accessed 3/30/22; Department of the Treasury, accessed 3/30/22]

Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Law Enforcement

The American Rescue Plan Provided $350 Billion In State And Local Funding To Hire Law Enforcement Officials, Pay Overtime For Community Policing, And Restore Law Enforcement To Pre-Pandemic Levels. “Today, the Treasury Department is highlighting that communities experiencing a surge in gun violence as a result of the pandemic may use the American Rescue Plan’s $350 billion in state and local funding for purposes such as: Hiring law enforcement officials – even above pre-pandemic levels – or paying overtime where the funds are directly focused on advancing community policing strategies in those communities experiencing an increase in gun violence associated with the pandemic. […] In addition, the Treasury Department is clarifying that any community may use ARP state and local aid for the above strategies and any other public safety programs, up to the level of revenue loss the jurisdiction experienced during the pandemic. And any community may use ARP funds to rehire police officers and other public servants to restore law enforcement and courts to their pre-pandemic levels.” [White House, Press Release, 6/23/21]

Department Of The Treasury: “There Are Many Ways In Which The State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds […] Can Support Communities Working To Reduce And Respond To Increased Violence.” “Under Treasury’s Interim Final Rule, there are many ways in which the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“Funds”) under the American Rescue Plan Act can support communities working to reduce and respond to increased violence due to the pandemic. […] In all communities, recipients may use resources to rehire police officers and other public servants to restore law enforcement and courts to their pre-pandemic levels, […] In communities where an increase in violence or increased difficulty in accessing or providing services to respond to or mitigate the effects of violence, is a result of the pandemic they may use funds to address that harm. This spending may include: Hiring law enforcement officials – even above pre-pandemic levels – or paying overtime where the funds are directly focused on advancing community policing strategies in those communities experiencing an increase in gun violence associated with the pandemic o Community Violence Intervention (CVI) programs, including capacity building efforts at CVI programs like funding and training additional intervention workers.” [Department of the Treasury, 7/19/21]
Biden: “The American Rescue Plan, Which We Passed In The First 100 Days Of My Administration, Is Providing Much-Needed, Historic Relief To Bring Back Those Law Enforcement Jobs.” President Biden: “The American Rescue Plan, which we passed in the first 100 days of my administration, is providing much-needed, historic relief to bring back those law enforcement jobs and social service jobs. Much of this relief has already arrived. The rest is on its way. And we’re now providing more guidance on how they can use the $350 billion nationally that the American Rescue Plan has available to help reduce crime and address the root causes. For example, cities experiencing an increase in gun violence were able to use the American Rescue Plan dollars to hire police officers needed for community policing and to pay their overtime. Mayors will also be able to buy crime-fighting technologies, like gunshot detection systems, to better see and stop gun violence in their communities. They can use the funding to scale up wraparound services for the residents as well, including substance abuse and mental health services that we know will make a difference in prevention of crime.” [White House, 6/23/21]

Adkins Blamed COVID-19 Relief Packages For Incentivizing Unemployment—Even Though Adkins Herself Was Unemployed At The Time

Adkins Claimed That “Some Of” The COVID-19 Relief Packages “Focused Heavily On Incentivizing Unemployment.” “Some of the COVID-19 packages have focused heavily on incentivizing unemployment, that is a very distinct difference between Miss Davids and myself,” Adkins said.” [Kansas City Star, 10/22/20]

- Adkins Left Her Job At Cerner In January 2020.

[LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 4/18/22]

July 2020: Adkins Opposed Including Additional Unemployment Benefits In The Next COVID-19 Relief Packages. “Republican voters in the 3rd Congressional District have a tough choice to make in the Aug. 4 primary, especially between former Roeland Park Mayor Adrienne Vallejo Foster and Cerner executive Amanda Adkins. Both are articulate and passionate defenders of fiscal restraint and ‘health care freedom.’ Neither believes that the next COVID-19 stimulus package should include additional unemployment benefits, and both would vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act.” [Kansas City Star, 7/30/20]

- December 2020: The $900 Billion Stimulus Package Enhanced Federal Jobless Benefits For 11 Weeks And Extended Pandemic Unemployment Assistance. “The agreement would revive enhanced federal jobless benefits for 11 weeks, providing a lifeline for hard-hit workers until March 14. The new benefit, up to $300 per week, is half the amount provided by the original stimulus bill in the spring. The legislation also extends Pandemic Unemployment Assistance — a program aimed at a broad set of freelancers and independent contractors — for the same period, providing an additional $100 per week.” [New York Times, 12/28/20]
• March 2021: The American Rescue Plan Extended Unemployment Insurance At A Level Of $300/Month, Lower Than The CARES Act’s $600/Month, Until September 6th. “The American Rescue Plan extended unemployment benefits until September 6 with a weekly supplemental benefit of $300 on top of the regular $400 benefit.” [Whitehouse.gov, American Rescue Plan, accessed 12/15/21]

May 2020: Adkins Disparaged The $3 Trillion HEROES Act Relief Bill, Which Would Have Provided Nearly $1 Trillion For State And Local Governments, Another Round Of Direct Payments To Individuals And Families, And Hazard Pay For Essential Workers

Adkins Called The $3 Trillion HEROES Act Relief Bill An Attempt To Hide A “Radical Liberal Agenda” As Pandemic Relief. “Nancy Pelosi and House Democrats again attempted to hide their radical liberal agenda in a “relief” package. Democrats voted to increase our debt with funding for partisan special interests that have nothing to do with the virus or pandemic. This bill even provides illegal immigrants with taxpayer-funded benefits. Nancy Pelosi, who Sharice Davids voted for as Speaker of the House, has once again funneled through legislation that is at odds with the needs of Kansans. Although this will not pass the Senate, it is further evidence that the time to take back the House is now. The people of #KS03 deserve a leader who will stand up to Pelosi and work to regain a majority. I am ready to be that leader.”

[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 5/16/20]

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Adkins Criticized $3 Trillion The HEROES Act, Echoing Statements That It Would Be A “Recipe For A Prolonged Recession.”
May 20: The House of Representatives passed the HEROES Act which proposed $3 trillion to address the economic impacts of the coronavirus. “House Democrats on Friday passed a $3 trillion tax cut and spending bill aimed at addressing the devastating economic fallout from the coronavirus outbreak by directing huge sums of money into all corners of the economy. But the White House and Senate Republicans have decried the measure’s design and said they will cast it aside, leaving uncertain what steps policymakers might take as the economy continues to face severe strains. The sweeping legislation, dubbed the ‘Heroes Act’, passed 208-199.” [Washington Post, 5/15/20]

The HEROES Act provided nearly $1 trillion for state and local governments, another round of direct payments to individuals and families, and hazard pay for essential workers. “The 1,800-page legislation contains a large number of provisions: nearly $1 trillion for state, local and tribal governments; another round of direct payments to individuals, up to $6,000 per family, including to unauthorized immigrants; $200 billion for hazard pay for essential workers; $75 billion for coronavirus testing and tracing; increased spending on food stamps; $175 billion in housing support; student loan forgiveness; and a new employee retention tax credit and extension of unemployment benefits.” [Washington Post, 5/15/20]

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business (up to $2 million per business).[2] While these steps are warranted in the near term, I caution that such practices need to focus on maintaining the relationship of the worker to the employer – as opposed to worker dependency on government. Proper oversight must be in place to ensure responsibility and accountability to results in these instances.” [Amanda Adkins 2020, accessed 5/12/20]

- **The Families First Coronavirus Response Act Improved Access To COVID-19 Testing And Provided Expanded Emergency Paid Sick Leave For Workers.** “The bipartisan Families First Coronavirus Response Act, H.R. 6201, provides comprehensive and immediate support to students, workers, employers, and families as we confront the COVID-19 pandemic. This bipartisan agreement takes important steps to improve access to COVID-19 testing, prevent child hunger during school closures, and provide millions of workers and employers urgent relief.” [U.S. House Committee On Education & Labor, accessed 4/13/22]

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| Adkins Praised The March 2020 CARES Act |

May 2020: Adkins Praised The CARES Act. “While all of the Republicans blasted Pelosi’s bill, Weir, Adkins and Vallejo Foster praised the bipartisan CARES Act, which passed in March and enacted the Paycheck Protection Program to provide loans to keep small businesses afloat during the pandemic.” [Kansas City Star, 5/25/20]

| Adkins Criticized Rep. Sharice Davids Claiming She Stalled Efforts To Fund The PPP Program |

April 2020: Adkins Claimed Davids Stalled Efforts To Continue Funding The PPP Program.

Speaker Pelosi claimed there’s “no data as to why we need” to keep funding #PPP for business & @RepDavids joined Dems to stall efforts in order to push their radical agenda. #KS03 deserves a Rep who will work for the people to get our economy back on track - not a partisan agenda

[Rep. Sharice Davids © @RepDavids · Apr 16

This is unacceptable. Leaders in both parties need to stop the partisan bickering and get more funding to this critical program - our workers and small businesses depend on it. twitter.com/NPR/status/125...]

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[Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 4/16/20]
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Adkins Exaggerated Her Health Care Experience During The COVID-19 Pandemic

January 2020, The Same Month As The First Confirmed U.S. COVID-19 Case, Adkins Said She Had “Very Deep Health Care Experience” Because Her Employer Was A Global Health Care IT Company

Adkins Said She Had “Very Deep Health Care Experience” Through Cerner

Jan. 2020: Adkins Said She Had “Very Deep Health Care Experience” Because Her Employer, Cerner, Is A Global Health Care Company. “The other thing about Cerner, just for perspective, Cerner is a global health care company, so I come into this race with very, very deep health care experience,” [Kansas GOP Olathe Pizza Shop Event, 1/13/20, saved on Vantage]

January 2020: The First Confirmed COVID-19 Case Was Identified In The United States


As The COVID-19 Crisis Evolved Into A Full-Blown Pandemic, Adkins Continued To Tout Her Experience Working As A “Healthcare Leader”

Adkins Regularly Proclaimed That She Was An Experienced “Healthcare Leader” When Discussing The COVID-19 Pandemic
March 2020: Adkins Claimed She Was A “Healthcare Leader” With Over 15 Years Of Health Management Experience When Discussing Her Coronavirus Response Plan. “As a healthcare leader with more than 15 years experience working health management in the United States, I believe we need a three-point Coronavirus response plan that focuses on: Improved Detection; Risk Mitigation; and Supply Chain Management.”

As a healthcare leader with more than 15 years experience working health management in the United States, I believe we need a three-point Coronavirus response plan that focuses on: Improved Detection; Risk Mitigation; and Supply Chain Management. Please click on the link below to read my latest policy on COVID-19 and what I believe the Federal Government should be doing to protect the health, safety and security of the United States.


March 2020: Adkins Said She Was A “Healthcare Leader” Who Built A Career Mitigating Risks In The Healthcare Sector During The Early Stages Of The Pandemic. “Like all of you, I have been carefully monitoring the unfolding global situation relative to COVID-19. The President has declared a National State of Emergency, which opens the door for more federal aid to states and municipalities and removes government red tape to ensure our country is appropriately responding to the global pandemic. I am pleased to see the President encourage public-private partnerships that will accelerate needed testing, identify proper treatments, and ultimately develop a COVID-19 vaccine. As a healthcare leader, I built a career mitigating risks and fostering innovation in the healthcare sector.”
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For more information, please visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

March 2020: Adkins Said That She Was The Only Candidate In KS-03 With Healthcare Experience.

March 2021: Adkins Said KS-03 Deserved “Real Experience In Healthcare And Business.”
Adkins Suggested Her Experience In “Health Management” Would Benefit Kansans During The Coronavirus Crisis

Adkins Said Her 15 Years Of Experience In Health Management Would Benefit Kansans During The Coronavirus Crisis. “I am running for Congress to support citizens like you and healthcare providers responsible for managing your health and that of your family. As the number of COVID-19 cases in the United States continues to rise, now more than ever the American people don’t want politics they want leadership and clear direction. I have spent more than 15 years working on health management in the United States, and believe the nation needs a COVID-19 response plan that continues to improve upon disease detection, risk mitigation, and medical supply chain management.” [Adkins Campaign Website, accessed 5/18/20]

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Adkins’ Experience As A So-Called “Health Care Leader” Was Working For Health Information Technology Company Cerner Corp. In Roles That Did Not Appear To Involve Providing Health Care Services

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Adkins Worked For Cerner Corp. In Several Different Roles Between 2005 And 2020. “Adkins has worked for the company for more than a decade in a variety of high-level roles. After managing Sam Brownback’s successful Senate re-election campaign in 2004, Adkins took a position as Cerner’s director of government affairs. She recently slammed her GOP rival Sara Hart Weir’s career as a lobbyist, but records show that Adkins registered
as a lobbyist with the Kansas Legislature in 2005 and with the U.S. House in 2006. In 2008, Adkins was promoted to the company’s vice president and general manager of population health. […] Adkins moved to another job in July when she became vice president of strategic growth. The change occurred after she had already met with the National Republican Congressional Committee about the 3rd District race. Adkins’ new role is to seek out new opportunities for growth beyond the hospital and health care areas that the company has traditionally focused on, according to a Cerner spokeswoman.” [Kansas City Star, 11/17/19]

Cerner Corporation Was A Supplier Of Health Information Technologies Based Out Of Kansas City

Cerner Corporation Provided Health Information Technologies Including Medical Devices And Electronic Health Records. “Cerner Corp. is a public company in North Kansas City, Mo., that provides various health information technologies, ranging from medical devices to electronic health records (EHR) to hardware. The company is most well-known for its EHR offerings, though it is currently expanding its investments in population health management.” [SearchHealthIT, accessed 2/22/22]


Cerner Corporation Provides Services Including Implementation, Training, And Operational Management Services. “The company also provides value-added services, including implementation and training, remote hosting, operational management services, revenue cycle services, support and maintenance, health care data analysis, clinical process optimization, transaction processing, employee wellness programs and third party administrator services for employer-based health plans.” [Wall Street Journal, accessed 4/13/22]

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2006: Adkins Closely Monitored Proposals For A Nationwide Health Information Technology Network So Cerner Could Provide The Software. “Cerner Corp. is closely monitoring proposals in Washington to establish a nationwide health information technology network. Cerner, based in North Kansas City, is a leading provider of health-care information technology. Amanda Adkins, the company’s director of government affairs, said Cerner stands ready to provide software and services to the record banks if they take off. ‘It could be a very positive outcome for Cerner,’ Adkins said. ‘But better still, we expect that it will be a good outcome for health care in the United States.’” [Kansas City Star, 6/20/06]

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Consumer Issues & Regulations

Significant Findings

✓ Adkins attacked President Biden’s and Rep. Sharice Davids’ policies for increased inflation and rising prices.

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✓ Adkins claimed Biden and Davids would “crush the middle class” through spending and inflation.

✓ Adkins said that the Biden administration would essentially raise taxes on families and businesses through “out of control” spending and rising inflation.

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Simply put, KS deserves better. #DavidsGotToGo
[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 3/11/22]

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Amanda Adkins Responds to Biden’s State of the Union Address

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. – Amanda Adkins, Republican candidate for U.S. Congress in Kansas’ Third District, released the following statement in response to Joe Biden’s first State of the Union address:

“The Biden Administration has been riddled with crises, both at home and abroad. Poor energy policies have caused Kansas gas prices to increase by $1.20/gallon since Biden took office and record inflation will cost the average Kansas family nearly $4,500 this year,” said Adkins. “Joe Biden also continues to ignore the border crisis despite record breaking illegal immigration and record overdose deaths, including a 51% surge in Kansas, fueled by fentanyl that comes primarily through Mexico.”

“The increased cost of goods and services impacting Kansas families is due in large part to reckless government spending supported by Sharice Davids. Joe Biden also tried to resell his Build Back Better mess which, according to the Congressional Budget Office, would contribute another almost $3 trillion to the federal deficit over ten years. Last night, Biden promised that the state of our union is strong. Unfortunately, it is clear that the state of our union is much weaker after a year of leadership from Democrats in Congress and the White House,” Adkins stated.

[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 3/2/22]

Adkins Claimed Biden And Davids Would “Crush The Middle Class” Through Spending And Inflation. “Joe Biden and Sharice Davids will crush the middle class through spending, related inflation, and new taxation. Let’s look at the progression…Families are impacted. Inflation is at 5+% growth in total. People are also experiencing a 24.5% increase in average gasoline prices impacting their household income.”
Adkins Said That Community Business Leaders Were Concerned About Inflation. “The panel came hours after the United States reported a surge in consumer prices pushed inflation up 5.4% in September from a year ago. Inflation has risen in recent months as the economy recovers from the pandemic and global supply chains are snarled. ‘As I’ve been out in the community talking with business leaders, the number one issue I hear first and foremost is inflation,’ Adkins said. ‘There’s a lot of concern about inflation.’” [Kansas City Star, 10/14/21]

Adkins Tweeted A Video Attacking Davids For Supporting Policies Including “Irresponsible Spending” And “Increased Inflation.” “Irresponsible spending and increased inflation puts Americans at risk. #KS03 seniors and working families will be impacted the most. @sharicedavids and #BidenFailure … check out my latest response.”
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Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 10/20/21

Adkins Criticized Davids For Supporting Increasing Government Spending And Causing Inflation With Democratic Policies. “Not a good time for workers. Some have received pay raises yet for many it doesn’t feel that way, because inflation is at its highest in over a decade (5.3% in August).’ All @sharicedavids wants to do is spend more money and further drive up #KS03 prices.”

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What’s Your Raise Really Worth? Inflation Has Something to Say About It. For the lowest-paid Americans, real wages—adjusted for rising prices—fell 0.5% in August from a year earlier. “I’m just kind of scraping by.”
Adkins Criticized Davids For Supporting Democratic Policies That Increased Government Spending And Inflation. “The former Kansas Republican Party chair noted that Davids, while in Congress, has voted with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and Biden 100 percent of the time, which has ultimately allowed the Democrats to enact partisan policies and has increased government spending, which has resulted in increased inflation. Discussing the increase in government spending, Adkins told Breibart News’s Washington Bureau Chief Matthew Boyle that ‘people are mad’ because the increased spending has caused an inflation surge. ‘People are mad… really mad… about all of the government spending. They are mad about the significant surge and inflation. It’s having a direct impact on their daily lives. They’re frustrated by the lack of strategy and planning and results related to Joe Biden’s agenda,’ she explained. ‘And that’s definitely true as it relates to the economy. But it is also true as it relates to national security and border security.’” [News AKMI, 1/17/22]

Adkins Claimed The Biden Administration Would Essentially Raise Taxes On Families And Businesses Through “Out Of Control” Spending And Rising Inflation

Adkins Claimed That Inflation Was A Tax On Families And Said Davids Was “Responsible Because She Supported Out Of Control Spending.” “Inflation IS a tax on hardworking families and seniors. @RepDavids is responsible because she has supported out of control spending.”

Adkins Said The Biden Administration And Davids Would Continue “Record Spending” Leading To Inflation And Increased Business Taxes. “Ask yourself a simple question - are you better off today? Left unchecked Biden & Davids will continue record spending, inflation will rise hurting families and seniors, and business will be taxed more. #KS03 deserves a different future. Go #builderbeliever Team Adkins !!”
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Education Issues

**Significant Findings**

✓ Adkins repeatedly praised and supported former Governor Brownback’s tax cuts that threatened the viability of Kansas schools after severe funding cuts to K-12 education and the closure of several school districts.

  ✓ Adkins tweeted support for tax cuts implemented By Brownback.

  ✓ Brownback’s tax cuts created a $900 million two-year budget gap in Kansas that threatened the viability of its schools.

  ✓ The failure of Brownback’s tax cuts was seen “almost instantly” when state revenue plummeted by 10% in one year, causing the state to cut school funding and closed several school districts.

  ✓ Brownback’s tax cuts caused a deficit explosion, even with spending cuts to K-12 education.

✓ Adkins advocated for the rejection of federal aid, even when federal aid was available and called for “continuing auditing” school districts to address “efficiency in funding.”

  ✓ Adkins defended Kansas’ decision not to apply for President Obama’s race to the top program, saying “we want our path to be our own.”

  ✓ 2010: Under Adkins’ chairmanship, the Kansas Republican Party state platform called for the “continuing auditing” of school districts to address efficiency in funding.

✓ Adkins opposed the American Rescue Plan even as it provided $831.1 million in elementary and secondary school emergency relief funds for Kansas schools.

  ✓ Adkins claimed the American Rescue Plan had little to do with “actual pandemic relief.”

  ✓ Adkins opposed the use of state and local recovery funds—including those she said were requested by Kansas—from the American Rescue Plan as a “bailout.”

  ✓ Kansas received $831.1 million in elementary and secondary school emergency relief through the American Rescue Plan to help safely reopen schools.

✓ Adkins attacked Rep. Sharice Davids for promoting books that Adkins claimed were resources for critical race theory and claimed Davids would “infuse” critical race theory into the education system.

  ✓ 2021: Davids promoted a list of books that included writings from left-wing academics Howard Zinn and Angela Davis.

  ✓ Adkins claimed that Davids would “infuse” critical race theory into every area of government including the education system.

  ✓ Adkins claimed that rejecting “radical ideas” like critical race theory would be a critical issue for voters.
✓ Adkins initially supported school closures in Kansas to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 but months later wrote an op-ed calling on schools to reopen.

✓ March 2020: Adkins shared an article about Gov. Kelly closing K-12 schools and said the health & safety of Kansans was a top priority and mitigating the risk of spreading COVID-19 was.

✓ August 2020: Adkins wrote an op-ed calling on Kansas schools to reopen and resume in-person learning.

✓ Adkins said that school reopening plans should require the use of masks and social distancing.

✓ While Adkins was chair, the Kansas Republican Party embraced public education policy that encouraged independent charter schools and “accredited and non-accredited” schools as “academic choices” for parents.

✓ 2010: Under Adkins’ chairmanship, the Kansas GOP state platform encouraged students to critique all “science-based theories” for the origin of life.

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✓ 2010: Under Adkins’ chairmanship, the Kansas Republican Party encouraged independent charter schools to promote innovation and competition in education.

✓ 2018: Adkins co-founded a non-profit intended to improve school readiness of young children where she worked an average of 2 hours per week and received no compensation.

✓ Adkins said she founded the Systems of Care Initiative to help “young children be healthy and ready for kindergarten and later success in life.”

✓ According to SOCI’s 990 forms filed with the IRS, Adkins worked at the non-profit for an average of 2 hours per week and received no compensation.

✓ 2020: SOCI listed $155,577 in revenue and spent $152,273 on grants and $140,365 in salaries for employees.

✓ Adkins stated that she was “a leader for consideration of social determinants of health in communities.”

✓ Adkins advocated for investments in early education and health care intervention and praised Governor Brownback for his early education policies.

✓ Adkins praised Brownback for his “road map” that promoted early learning through “public-private partnerships” which was criticized by Kansas advocacy groups and superintendents.

✓ Brownback’s plan was described as “counterintuitive” by the head of the advocacy group, Kansas Action For Children.

✓ A Republican school superintendent in Neosho County “adamantly opposed” Brownback’s plan citing concerns that it would harm students living in poverty.
Adkins Repeatedly Praised And Supported Former Governor Brownback’s Tax And Economic Plans That Lead To Devastating Cuts To Kansas Schools

Adkins Supported Tax Cuts Implemented By Brownback

Adkins Tweeted Support For Tax Cuts Implemented By Brownback.

[Image of Twitter post: Amanda Landes Adkins @amanda_adkins · Oct 24, 2015
Still more work to do, but post KS tax cuts ... seeing solid increases in personal income. See Forbes - forbes.com/sites/rexshultz... #brownback

Average Adjusted Gross Income per Tax Return
Kansas Outflow and Inflow Migration with Missouri

$486 Million In Growth Later, Kansas’ Historic Tax Cut Should Set Examp... While naysayers continue to refute the existence of the (very real) good news from Kansas, more positive evidence just keeps coming. Recently ... forbes.com

[Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 10/24/15]

Adkins Tweeted Support For Brownback’s “Pro-Business Agenda.”

[Tweet: Amanda Landes Adkins @amanda_adkins

10:38 AM · Aug 11, 2009 · Twitter Web Client

[Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 8/11/09]
Brownback’s Tax Cuts Threatened The Viability Of Kansas Schools After Severe Funding Cuts To K-12 Education Led To “Clos[ure] And Consolidat[i]on Of Several School Districts”

Brownback’s Tax Cuts Created A $900 Million Two-Year Budget Gap In Kansas That Threatened The Viability Of Its Schools. “The nation’s most aggressive experiment in conservative economic policy is dead. Republican majorities in the Kansas legislature on Tuesday night voted to reverse the deep tax cuts engineered by Governor Sam Brownback five years ago, blaming them for blowing a hole in the state’s budget that threatened the viability of its schools and infrastructure. […] Lawmakers in the GOP-controlled House and Senate came within a few votes of undoing the tax cuts in February as lawmakers searched for revenue to plug a nearly $900 million two-year budget gap and meet a court order demanding more funding for education.” [The Atlantic, 6/7/17]

Brownback Is “Notorious” For His “Kansas Experiment” Of Dramatic Tax Cuts That Lead To The State Cutting Education Funding. “Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback is notorious for what is known as the Kansas experiment, a bold effort to assert the power of limited government. In 2012, the Republican governor pushed reforms through the state Legislature that dramatically cut income taxes across the board. Brownback boasted the plan would deliver a ‘shot of adrenaline’ to the Kansas economy. But the opposite happened. Revenues shrank, and the economy grew more slowly than in neighboring states and the country as a whole. Kansas’ bond rating plummeted, and the state cut funding to education and infrastructure.” [NPR, 10/25/17]

The Failure Of Brownback’s Tax Cuts Was Seen “Almost Instantly” When State Revenue Plummeted By 10% In One Year, Causing The State To Cut School Funding And “Closed And Consolidated Several School Districts.” “[W]hen the tax cuts went into effect in 2014, their failure was seen almost instantly. State revenues plummeted by almost $700 million, Kriz says. ‘To put it in context, the state general fund budget is about $6 billion, and so that’s 10 percent revenue loss in one year,’ he says. ‘That’s a lot for any government to have to make [up].’ State lawmakers tried to balance the budget by tapping into reserves and the highway fund. They put construction projects on hold; pension contributions dropped; and Medicaid was cut. The state also refashioned the school funding formula and closed and consolidated several school districts. School funding consumes about half of Kansas’ budget.” [NPR, 10/25/17]

Brownback’s Tax Cuts Caused A Deficit Explosion, Even With Spending Cuts To K-12 Education. “The tax cuts did produce one explosion, however. The state’s budget deficit was expected to hit $280 million this year, despite major spending reductions. Kansas falls well below national averages in a wide range of public services from K-12 education to housing to police and fire protection, according to an analysis by the Urban Institute’s State and Local Finance Initiative.” [Forbes, 6/7/17]

Adkins Advocated For The Rejection Of Federal Education Aid, And Called For “Continuing Auditing” School Districts To Address “Efficiency In Funding”

Adkins Defended Kansas’ Decision Not To Apply For President Obama’s Race To The Top Program, Saying “We Want Our Path To Be Our Own.” “There has been some criticism that Kansas made a decision to not apply for President Obama’s Race to the Top program (‘Missed opportunity for Kansas kids,’ Oct. 5 Opinion). Though Kansas does meet the requirement for ‘trail-blazing effective reforms’ in early childhood education, we want our path to be our own, not determined by the federal government. In addition, I applaud our governor for recognizing that pursuing this program, absent a discussion with the Legislature, would violate the state constitution in committing us to a state funding match should we be selected. Kansas should continue to make these investments in children. Brownback has made this a priority as reflected in his road map. Our state’s future is dependent on solutions being found in our own communities, as driven by our own leaders, not the federal government.” [Amanda Adkins For Wichita Eagle, 10/13/14]

Adkins Said K-12 Education Should Be A State-Level Issue. “Building a successful path for children […] K-12 is really more of a state issue. I really focus on early childhood, I’ve spent 8 years overseeing high quality high opportunity childhood investments. […] I’m really passionate about making changes to higher education as well.
I’ve also hired a lot of young people at Cerner and I’ve had plenty of conversations about the significant burden of debt coming out of higher ed, and then on the flip side, are they actually ready for the workforce?”  
[Starlight Republican Women At Minsky’s Pizza, 11/21/19, saved on Vantage]

2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas Republican State Platform Called For The “Continuing Auditing” Of School Districts To Address Efficiency In Funding. “Public education is an essential service provided by local government and is key to our children’s success. We support the Kansas legislature’s continued commitment to fund Kansas public schools. We encourage the continuing auditing of school districts to find more efficiencies. Kansas schools must address efficiency in funding by adopting uniform accounting practices.”  
[Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]

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• 2009: The American Recovery And Reinvestment Act Was A $787 Billion Economic Stimulus Package Signed By President Obama Following The Great Recession. “President Barack Obama signed into law Tuesday a $787 billion economic stimulus package, a historic, multifaceted rescue plan aimed at creating millions of jobs, sparking consumer spending and stopping the country from sliding into what he has called an economic ‘catastrophe.’ Characterizing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as the ‘most sweeping economic recovery package in our history,’ Obama said the bill’s mix of tax cuts, infrastructure projects, energy and education investments, and aid to the unemployed and poor would create or save 3.5 million jobs over the next two years, including roughly 60,000 in Colorado.”  
[Denver Post, 2/17/09] |

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[Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22] |
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March 2021: Adkins Stated That Davids Was Just “Towing The Partisan Line” In Response To Her Vote For The American Rescue Plan.
True so true #KS03 deserves real experience in healthcare and business. @RepDavids is just towing the partisan line.

March 2021: Adkins Claimed Rep. Sharice Davids Voted For An Incompetent And Wasteful “Bailout” For Kansas, Following Davids’ Vote For The American Rescue Plan. “Here is my answer ‘real plan’-KS is ranked 47th in vaccine admin 😒, @RepDavids voted for a $510B state bailout while @GovLauraKelly mismanaged unemployment claims to the tune of $600M+ in fraud, and many #KS03 kids are still not in school and suffering. Incompetence and waste.”

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February 2021: Davids Voted For Passage Of The American Rescue Plan Act. In February 2021, Davids voted for: “Passage of the fiscal 2021 budget reconciliation bill, as amended, comprising a coronavirus relief package that would provide roughly $1.9 trillion in funding to further address the health and economic effects of COVID-19, including approximately $350 billion in direct aid to state and local governments; $47.8 billion for testing and contact tracing; $168 billion to assist educational institutions; and $50 billion to assist small businesses. It would extend and increase federal unemployment compensation benefits for 24 weeks and increase the weekly amount to $400; provide tax rebates of $1,400 for individuals with incomes of $75,000 or less; extend or expand a number of employer and individual tax credits, including credits to subsidize health
insurance premiums; and gradually increase the federal minimum wage to $15 per hour. Among other provisions, the bill would provide $195.3 billion for direct assistance to states and $130.2 billion for local governments; $128.6 billion through fiscal 2023 for an Education Department elementary and secondary school emergency relief fund and $39.6 billion for grants to higher education institutions, including to provide emergency financial aid; and continue the 15% increase in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits through September 2021. It would provide $47.8 billion for COVID-19 testing and contact tracing; $7.5 billion for vaccine administration and distribution; and $6.1 billion for vaccine and therapeutic development, manufacturing and procurement. It would require Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program to fully cover the cost of COVID-19 vaccines. It would expand eligibility in 2021 and 2022 for federal tax subsidies toward Affordable Care Act marketplace insurance premiums, including to fully cover premium costs for individuals earning up to 150% of the federal poverty level and cap premiums at 8.5% of household income. It would provide $50 billion for small business assistance, including $25 billion for restaurants. It would provide $30.5 billion for transit, $18 billion for airline and aviation manufacturing industry payroll support; and $4 billion for Agriculture Department pandemic-related assistance. It would incrementally increase the federal minimum wage annually to reach $15 per hour in 2025, including for tipped workers, teens and workers with disabilities. It would create a program to provide financial assistance to multiemployer pension plans.” The bill passed by a vote of 219-212. [HR 1319, Vote #49, 2/27/21; CQ, 2/27/21]

### Kansas Received $831.1 Million In Elementary And Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds From The American Rescue Plan

**Kansas Received $831.1 Million In Elementary And Secondary School Emergency Relief Through The American Rescue Plan To Help Safely Reopen Schools.** “Today, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) announced the approval of Kansas’ American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) plan and distributed remaining ARP ESSER funds to them. Kansas’ plan details how the state is using and plans to use ARP ESSER funds to safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and equitably expand opportunity for students who need it most, particularly those most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Earlier this year, the Department distributed two thirds of the ARP ESSER funds, totaling $81 billion, to 50 states and the District of Columbia. The remaining third of the funding to states will be made available once state plans are approved. Kansas is receiving $831 million total in ARP ESSER funds, and today’s approval of their plan will result in the release of the final $277 million.” [Department of Education, Press Office, 7/22/21]

- **Funds From The American Rescue Plan Went Towards Mitigating The Academic Impact Of Lost Instructional Time In Kansas Schools.** “Addressing the Academic Impact of Lost Instructional Time: The Kansas Department of Education (KSDE) has identified several evidence-based interventions to mitigate the academic impact of lost instructional time, including focusing on the science of teaching language and literacy skills, standards-based mathematics instruction, social-emotional learning, screening and progress monitoring, and evaluation of learning progress toward achievement of state curricular standards.” [Department of Education, Press Office, 7/22/21]

- **American Rescue Plan Elementary And Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds Invested In Summer Learning And Expanded Afterschool Programs In Kansas.** “Investing in Summer Learning and Expanded Afterschool Programs: KSDE will use ARP ESSER funds this summer (2021) to partner with youth-focused community organizations, such as the Boys & Girls Club, 4-H, and YMCA, to help recover lost instructional time in skill development due to the pandemic by using evidence-based summer learning and enrichment programs and afterschool programs. KSDE also plans to offset the cost of admission for students to visit museums, zoos, historical sites, state parks, and the Kansas state fair to promote experiential learning opportunities during the summer.” [Department of Education, Press Office, 7/22/21]

- **American Rescue Plan Elementary And Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds Helped Address Social-Emotional Needs Of Students Coming Out Of The Pandemic.** “Staffing to Support Students’ and Educators’ Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs: ARP ESSER funding will allow KSDE to address a state-wide shortage in licensed professionals trained to address the documented social-emotional needs of
students coming out of the pandemic. This will include a Grow Your Own Counselor model that encourages districts to identify candidates and employ them as student services coordinators while they develop their skills in an approved school counseling graduate program.” [Department of Education, Press Office, 7/22/21]

### Critical Race Theory

**Adkins Criticized Rep. Sharice Davids For Promoting Books That Adkins Claimed Were Resources For Critical Race Theory And Claimed Davids Would “Infuse” Critical Race Theory Into The Education System**

Adkins Criticized Sharice Davids For Promoting A List Of Books That Adkins Said Were Considered To Be Resources For Critical Race Theory. “This is unacceptable behavior. ‘Sharice Davids is promoting a list of books… that are considered to be resources for critical race theory.’ #KS03 deserves a Representative who will unite and serve.” [Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 8/5/21]

- 2021: Davids Promoted A List Of Books That Included Writings From Left-Wing Academics Howard Zinn And Angela Davis. “Democratic Kansas congresswoman Sharice Davids is promoting a list of books from left-wing figures, including writings that are considered to be resources for critical race theory (CRT). Davids' private Instagram links to a list of readings posted by Haymarket Books, which describes itself as ‘a radical, independent, nonprofit book publisher based in Chicago.’ Its name honors what it describes as ‘martyrs’ at the infamous Haymarket riot in 1886. […] The books Davids promoted were listed under ‘Books on the Struggle for Black Liberation’ and included readings by left-wing leaders, like Howard Zinn and Angela Davis. Some of the books listed are ‘Black Lives Matter at School,’ ‘The Anti-Racist Writing Workshop: How to Decolonize the Creative Classroom’ and ‘How Capitalism Underdeveloped Black America.’” [Fox News, 8/5/21]

Adkins Claimed That Davids Would “Infuse” Critical Race Theory Into Every Area Of Government Including The Education System. “Amanda Adkins, Davids' Republican challenger, argued that left 'unchecked Sharice Davids will infuse Critical Race Theory into nearly every area of government including our education system.' CRT, she said, 'teaches group identity politics versus focusing on universal shared traits and values that bring us together as a community. Division is not what we want taught in our public schools.'” [Fox News, 8/5/21]

Adkins Claimed That Rejecting “Radical Ideas” Like Critical Race Theory Would Be A Critical Issue For Voters. “Thank you for having me on the show @PeteMundo … reducing inflation, keeping spending in check, and rejecting radical ideas like Critical Race Theory are all important issues for #KS03 voters.” [Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 8/9/21]

### Pandemic School Closures

**Adkins Initially Supported School Closures In Kansas To Mitigate The Spread Of COVID-19 But Months Later Wrote An Op-Ed Calling On Schools To Reopen**

March 2020: Adkins Said The Health & Safety Of Kansans Was A Top Priority And Mitigating The Risk Of Spreading COVID-19 Was “Paramount” In Response To School Closures

August 2020: Adkins Wrote An Op-Ed Calling On Kansas Schools To Reopen And Resume In-Person Learning

Adkins Wrote An Op-Ed Titled “Our Children Need To Return To School And Attend Classes In Person.” [Kansas City Star, 8/21/20]

Adkins Said The Goal Should Be Getting Students Safely Back Into Classrooms And That Public Health Decisions Should Be Driven By Science. “Parents are frustrated by the prospect of an already-delayed school year beginning entirely remotely, as it will for Shawnee Mission School District students. As a mother with 15 years of experience in the health care sector, I agree with the American Academy of Pediatrics: Our goal should be getting students safely back into classrooms. Research suggests that children, particularly middle school and high school students, will contract and spread the virus. As such, we need to consider how schools reopen through a health care lens to ensure our community is safe and thriving. Community participation will be key in any successful reopening. Public health recommendations and science should drive our decisions.” [Kansas City Star, 8/21/20]

Adkins Warned Of Negative Effects Of Remote Learning Including Mental Health, Food Access, And Educational Achievements. “When you keep children at home, there are many negative effects on their education, health care and social needs. Parents and teachers worry about how far behind children might fall become without proper educational support. We recognize children learn best when they are physically present in the classroom. Community leaders should consider how decisions impact education gaps between higher- and lower-achieving students. A lack of social engagement has a negative impact on mental health. Anxiety and depression visits at primary care offices are on the rise. Nutrition and other basic needs -- access to food, exercise and support services such as the internet -- may not be met when schools are not physically open. Pediatricians worry about missing the at-risk child.” [Kansas City Star, 8/21/20]

Adkins Said The Economy Would Not Recover And Children Would Not Succeed Educationally Until Kids Were Back In The Classroom. “As a mother and businesswoman, I know the struggles families are experiencing as they try to meet the needs of their children and their careers. We cannot expect the economy to recover when parents are forced to choose between their jobs and their children's education. Similarly, we cannot expect our children to succeed educationally when they are kept away from the very environments in which they thrive. We
must demand our leaders take the education of our children and the strength of our economy seriously. It is time to get our kids safely back into classrooms.” [Kansas City Star, 8/21/20]

August 2020: Adkins Supported Requiring The Use Of Masks In Order To Reopen Schools

Adkins Said That School Reopening Plans Should Require The Use Of Masks And Social Distancing. “School reopening plans should require the use of masks, set up facilities to ensure social distancing, remind students about good hygiene habits, and facilitate properly-ventilated instructional areas. With practice, even the youngest of children can be taught to wear masks, similar to any other learned behavior. Teachers, too, need the proper tools to be able to engage students in this new environment. We need to be mindful, listen to their concerns and equip them to teach safely.” [Kansas City Star, 8/21/20]

School Choice

While Adkins Was Chair, The Kansas Republican Party Encouraged Charter Schools And “Accredited And Non-Accredited” Schools As “Academic Choices” For Parents

2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas Republican Party Embraced Public Education Policy That Supported “Parental Choice.” “Public schools, while serving the diverse communities of our state, must recognize and be responsive to the input of school children’s parents, and to the standards of character and values prevalent in the communities they serve. The role of parents as the primary decision makers in the lives of their children should be embraced. Parents should have academic choices through options such as public schools, charter schools, and private schools, both accredited and non-accredited, including home schools. Public policy should support parental choice. The base state aid for each pupil should follow the child, regardless of the school the child ultimately attends.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]

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2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas Republican Party Encouraged Independent Charter Schools To Promote Innovation And Competition In Education. “We encourage innovation and competition in education. Toward that end, we should encourage independent charter schools. We also would like to see the exploration of the idea of rewarding early graduation with state aid toward post-secondary education.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]

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2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas Republican Party Encouraged Students To Critique All “Science-Based Theories” For The Origin Of Life. “The Republican Party believes that the primary focus of education should be on expanding academic knowledge from a core education. Students must first learn core curriculum and cannot be passed along without proving proficiency in these areas. Our students must have a thorough understanding of history, civics and the philosophical concepts upon which our society is based. Kansas students should be allowed and encouraged to fully discuss and critique all science-based theories for the origin of life in science curricula.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]

Early Childhood Education
2018: Adkins Co-Founded A Non-Profit Intended To Improve School Readiness Of Young Children Where She Worked An Average Of 2 Hours Per Week And Received No Compensation

According To The Kansas Secretary Of State, Systems Of Care Initiative (SOCI) Was Formed On August 30, 2018. [Kansas Secretary of State, Articles of Incorporation, 8/30/18]

According To The IRS, Systems Of Care Initiative (SOCI) Was Granted Tax Exempt Status Effective August 30, 2018.

As Of April 2022, SOCI Is Active And In Good Standing With The Kansas Secretary Of State.
According to SOCI’s 990 FormsFiled With The IRS, Adkins Worked At The Non-Profit For An Average Of 2 Hours Per Week And Received No Compensation.

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[2020 IRS 990, Systems of Care Initiative, filed 5/17/21; 2019 IRS 990, Systems of Care Initiative, filed 5/11/20]

2020: SOCI Listed $155,577 In Revenue And Spent A Total Of $307,126, Leaving The Organization With A $151,549 Loss For 2020.
• 2020: SOCI Spent $152,273 On Grants And $140,365 In Salaries For Employees. [2020 IRS 990, Systems of Care Initiative, filed 5/17/21]

• 2020: SOCI Saw A $151,549 Drop In Assets And A $344,423 Drop In Revenue From 2019. [2020 IRS 990, Systems of Care Initiative, filed 5/17/21]

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2020: The Grants Provided By SOCI Included A $147,273 Grant To The Family Conservancy In Kansas City And $5,000 Towards Walmart E-Cards For 100 Recipients.

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

1. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? [ ] Yes [ ] No

2. Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than $5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

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2019: SOCI Listed $500,000 In Revenue And Spent A Total $268,271, Leaving The Organization With $231,729 In Assets At The End Of The Year. [2019 IRS 990, Systems of Care Initiative, filed 5/11/20]

- **2019: SOCI Spent $102,500 On Grants And $129,600 In Salaries For Employees.** [2019 IRS 990, Systems of Care Initiative, filed 5/11/20]

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2019: SOCI Provided A $102,500 Grant To The Family Conservancy.

**Schedule I**

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(1) The Family Conservancy 444 Minnesota Ave Suite 200 Kansas City, KS 66101 44-04545400 501(c)(3) 102,500

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As Of 2022, Adkins Was Listed As A Founding Member And The President Of The Board Of Directors Of SOCI.

[SOCI, accessed 2/22/22]

Adkins Said SOCI Would Make Early Childhood Investments In Kansas City, Kansas.

Meet SOCI (pronounced so-she). socicommunities.org. Proud founder! Parents have dreams for their children to have a high quality life incl. work they love. SOCI will make early childhood investments (starting in KCK) when we see workforce vision, but significant early risk.
August 2021: Adkins stressed the importance of early learning while having lunch with kids at a learning center that was a SOCI scholarship partner.

Great day having lunch with kids at #KS03 KidZone in Wyandotte County. Early learning is so important. Proud to be part of business leaders doing work for @of_soci communities!

May 2020: Adkins announced that SOCI was issuing 100 Walmart gift cards to help parents in Wyandotte County during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Adkins Claimed That Children’s Health Was A “Topic Close To My Heart.”

Adkins Stated That She “Worked As An Advocate For Children For Years” Including Founding SOCI And Would Continue Her Advocacy If Elected To Congress.
Adkins Embraced The Concept Of Social Determinants Of Health

Adkins Stated That She Was “A Leader For Consideration Of Social Determinants Of Health In Communities.” “In the course of this work, she has been a leader for consideration of social determinants of health in communities (SDOH). A belief in the importance of SDOH was a major consideration when she founded Systems of Care Initiative (SOCI), a philanthropic organization dedicated to helping young children be healthy and ready for kindergarten and later success in life.” [Adkins Campaign Website, accessed 2/22/22]

- WHO: The Social Determinants Of Health Are Non-Medical Factors Including Economic Policies And Political Systems That Influence Health Outcomes. “The social determinants of health (SDH) are the non-medical factors that influence health outcomes. They are the conditions in which people are born, grow, work, live, and age, and the wider set of forces and systems shaping the conditions of daily life. These forces and systems include economic policies and systems, development agendas, social norms, social policies and political systems. The SDH have an important influence on health inequities - the unfair and avoidable differences in health status seen within and between countries. In countries at all levels of income, health and illness follow a social gradient: the lower the socioeconomic position, the worse the health.” [World Health Organization, accessed 4/14/22]

Adkins Advocated For Investments In Early Education And Health Care Intervention And Praised Governor Brownback For His Early Education Policies

Adkins Said It Was Of “Critical Importance” To Focus On Early Education Interventions.

“Research well-documents that 90 percent of a child’s brain is developed before the age of 5. Therefore, it is of critical importance to focus on and invest in early education and health care interventions and outcomes for kids.
The Institute for a Competitive Workforce, an affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, found in a 2010 report that ‘for every dollar invested today, savings range from $2.50 to as much as $17 in the years ahead.’” [Amanda Adkins For Wichita Eagle, 10/13/14]

Adkins Praised Brownback For His Early Childhood “Road Map” That Promoted “Public-Private Partnerships” And Which Was Criticized By Kansas Advocacy Groups And Superintendents

Adkins Praised Brownback For His “Road Map” That Promoted Early Learning Through “Public-Private Partnerships.” “Understanding that Kansas children are critical to our future, Gov. Sam Brownback made improving kindergarten readiness a key measure of his economic ‘road map.’ Future economic growth will be encouraged if business takes a role. Business leaders need to understand early childhood goals and programs. More important, they need to become a partner. Brownback’s road map promotes high-quality early learning experiences through public-private partnerships. He has made the commitment to take part in recruiting businesses to play a role, and to join them in review of the results that business and government are getting for early childhood investments.” [Amanda Adkins For Wichita Eagle, 10/13/14]

- Brownback’s Plan Was Described As “Counterintuitive” By The Head Of The Advocacy Group, Kansas Action For Children. “The head of the advocacy group Kansas Action for Children, based in Topeka, described the plan as counter-intuitive. ‘The best use of TANF funds is helping meet the basic needs of families in Kansas — cash assistance to families so they can purchase housing, utilities, food, clothing,’ said Shannon Cotsoradis, president and CEO, in a phone interview Tuesday. ‘I am concerned about the impact on our very poorest families who live on considerably less than the federal poverty level.” [Joplin Globe, 7/22/14]

- A Republican School Superintendent In Neosho County “Adamantly Opposed” Brownback’s Plan Citing Concerns That It Would Harm Students Living In Poverty. “In Neosho County, where the poverty level also is at 26.5 percent, Erie-Galesburg Superintendent Steve Woolf said he is adamantly opposed to the program. His district was not invited to participate. ‘This whole project has been a governor-driven program,’ Woolf said in a phone interview. ‘He didn’t talk to anybody in education. He didn’t talk to me as a superintendent, and we have some great programs making a difference in lives of kids, dealing with kids learning to read.’ He said 68 percent of his students are economically disadvantaged, and he’s concerned about taking money from a program that assists those living in poverty. ‘I think it’s ridiculous. It is very frustrating to take that many millions of dollars out of the mouths of the those in poverty,’ said Woolf, who noted that he is a Republican but is infuriated by Brownback’s approach and plan. ‘It made zero sense when we have programs that are working in the state that are doing the job.” [Joplin Globe, 7/22/14]
Significant Findings

✓ Adkins efforts to make congressional maps fairer, and was even subpoenaed in a trial about whether the 2022 congressional map was unconstitutionally gerrymandered.

  ✓ 2022: Adkins was subpoenaed in a trial about whether the Kansas congressional map was politically and racially gerrymandered in a way that violated the Kansas constitution.

    ✓ The Kansas congressional map passed by the Republican-controlled legislature showed “clear efforts to favor the Republican Party.”

    ✓ The Kansas congressional map divided Wyandotte county between two congressional districts effectively splitting minority communities in KS-03.

✓ Adkins opposed attempts to pass a nonpartisan congressional map in Kansas.

  ✓ 2012: Adkins opposed a bipartisan effort to pass a nonpartisan congressional map, even condemning members of her own party who voted for it.

  ✓ 2009: Adkins submitted written testimony against a senate bill that would require the state to draw districts in a non-partisan way.

✓ Adkins opposed the For The People Act, a bill to make elections fairer and more secure.

  ✓ Adkins criticized Davids’ support for HR 1’s publicly funded campaigns proposal because of Adkins’ concern about “out of control” federal government debt.

  ✓ Adkins attacked Davids’ support for HR 1 by falsely claiming that taxpayer funds would be used for congressional campaigns and would allow campaign funds for personal expenses.

    ✓ The For The People Act would make it easier to vote, ban partisan gerrymandering and crack down on super PACs & dark money in politics.

✓ Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas Republican Party supported restrictive voter ID laws and the purging of Kansas’ voter rolls.

  ✓ 2010: Under Adkins’ chairmanship, the Kansas Republican state platform called for a law requiring Kansans to show a government-issued photo ID to vote.

  ✓ 2010: While Adkins was chair, the Kansas Republican state platform encouraged the purging of Kansas voter rolls of ineligible voters to ensure the “integrity” of elections.
2022: Adkins Was Subpoenaed In A Trial About Whether The Kansas Congressional Map Was Politically And Racially Gerrymandered In A Way That Violated The Kansas Constitution To “Favor The Republican Party”

Adkins Was Subpoenaed In A Trial About Whether The 2022 Kansas Congressional Maps Were Politically And Racially Gerrymandered And Violated The Kansas Constitution. “A trial over the map approved by the Republican-controlled Legislature is set to begin Monday in Wyandotte County, where attorneys for a group of voters will attempt to prove that lawmakers produced politically and racially gerrymandered district lines that violate the Kansas Constitution. […] Republican political consultants and lobbyists Mark Dugan and David Kensinger have both been subpoenaed, as well as Amanda Adkins, the likely Republican nominee to challenge Davids. Several Republican senators have also been subpoenaed, including some who made comments indicating they had or had considered seeking concessions to support the map.” [Kansas City Star, 3/30/22]

- The Kansas Congressional Map Passed By the Republican-Controlled Legislature Showed “Clear Efforts To Favor The Republican Party.” “Jowei Chen, a political science professor at the University of Michigan, had a computer draw 1,000 versions of Kansas congressional maps, using non-partisan and traditional guidelines. The results? The map Kansas lawmakers passed this year had more Republican districts than 98.8% of Chen's simulations. ‘This extreme, additional level of partisan bias ... can be directly attributed to the map-drawer's clear efforts to favor the Republican Party,’ Chen said in a written report filed in Wyandotte County District Court. A trial over the map approved by the Republican-controlled Legislature is set to begin Monday in Wyandotte County, where attorneys for a group of voters will attempt to prove that lawmakers produced politically and racially gerrymandered district lines that violate the Kansas Constitution. Republicans say the lines are constitutional and fair.” [Kansas City Star, 3/30/22]

- The Kansas Congressional Map Divided Wyandotte County Between Two Congressional Districts Effectively Splitting Minority Communities In KS-03. “The map - called Ad Astra, after the state's motto - divides Wyandotte County between two congressional districts for the first time in 40 years, cleaving apart minority communities that traditionally vote for Democrats. The new boundaries come as 3rd District Democratic U.S. Rep. Sharice Davids heads into what is expected to be a tough election cycle for congressional Democrats. The map also places Lawrence, a Democratic-leaning city, into the solidly Republican 1st District, which encompasses the western and northcentral areas of the state. GOP lawmakers overrode Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly's veto in February to approve the map.” [Kansas City Star, 3/30/22]

Adkins Opposed Efforts To Pass Nonpartisan Congressional Maps In Kansas

2012: Adkins Opposed A Bipartisan Effort To Pass A Nonpartisan Congressional Map, Even Condemning Members Of Her Own Party Who Voted For It

2012: Adkins Called A Kansas Legislative Attempt To Pass A Nonpartisan Congressional District Map A “Coldly Calculated Attempt To Create A Democrat 2nd Congressional District To The Detriment Of The Dean Of Our Congressional Delegation.” “Senate takes stab at logical districts, but partisans cry foul, reveal agendas Give credit to the Senate half of the Statehouse building in Topeka. Despite the expectation that redistricting would be a wholly partisan exercise, the Senate Reapportionment Committee has passed to its full chamber a nonpartisan map of new congressional district boundaries. It is a good map - as good as any possible, that is. It puts Manhattan and Riley County into the Big First that already consumes two-thirds of the state’s geography. But it gets all of Lawrence into a single district. And overall it makes sense, keeping areas of common interest together. But to hear some partisans describe it, the map is an abomination. Kansas Republican Party Chairwoman Amanda Adkins said the proposal ‘appears to be a coldly calculated attempt to create a Democrat 2nd Congressional District to the detriment of the dean of our congressional delegation.’ Oh, yeah, the map does make the 2nd District 30 percent Democrat compared to 29 percent today. Calculating indeed.” [Associated Press State & Local Wire, 2/7/12]
2012: Adkins Implied Republicans Who Were Part Of The Bipartisan Coalition Supporting The Congressional Redistricting Bill Should Be “Seriously Questioned.” “A bipartisan coalition in the Kansas Senate passed a congressional redistricting bill that has drawn criticism from some Republicans and leaves the senior member of the state’s all-GOP delegation in the U.S. House with a slightly more Democratic district. [...] ‘It makes sense that Democrats in the Senate would support it, but rank and file Republicans in the state should seriously question Republican members who joined them,’ state GOP chairwoman Amanda Adkins said in a statement.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 2/9/12]

2009: Adkins Submitted Written Testimony Against A Senate Bill That Would Require The State To Draw Districts In A Non-Partisan Way

Adkins Submitted Written Testimony Against Senate Bill 291, Saying It Could Be “Damaging To Various Constituencies.” “Senate Bill 291, backed by the Senate’s top Republican and Democratic leaders, would require the state's legislative research staff to use census data to redraw districts that equalize population while being "reasonably compact" and "composed of convenient contiguous territory." A five-member bipartisan commission would hold public hearings, advise the researchers and send recommended maps to the Legislature, where only nonsubstantive amendments would be allowed before an up-or-down vote. If the maps were rejected, they'd be revised until they won legislative approval. [...] Amanda Adkins, chairwoman of the Kansas Republican Party, submitted written testimony against the bill, suggesting it could be ‘damaging to various constituencies’ to reduce incumbent legislators’ influence on redistricting.” [Wichita Eagle, 3/27/09]

- Senate Bill 291 Would Require The State's Legislative Research Staff To Redraw Districts In A Non-Partisan Way. “Senate Bill 291, backed by the Senate’s top Republican and Democratic leaders, would require the state’s legislative research staff to use census data to redraw districts that equalize population while being ‘reasonably compact’ and ‘composed of convenient contiguous territory.’ A five-member bipartisan commission would hold public hearings, advise the researchers and send recommended maps to the Legislature, where only nonsubstantive amendments would be allowed before an up-or-down vote. If the maps were rejected, they’d be revised until they won legislative approval. The point is: Kansans would see the end of a process in which legislators get to draw their own districts to safeguard their re-election rather than serve the best interests of a community or neighborhood.” [Wichita Eagle, 3/27/09]

Adkins Opposed The For The People Act, A Bill To Make Elections Fairer And More Secure


Adkins Claimed That HR 1 “Would Be Devastating” To Our Country. “@RepHerrell is right. The impact of HR 1 ‘For the Politicians Act’ would be devastating to our country. People should ask @sharicedavids why she wants publicly funded campaigns when the federal government debt is already out of control. #KS03 voters need responsible leadership.”
Adkins Criticized Davids’ Support For HR 1’s Publicly Funded Campaigns Proposal Because Of Adkins’ Concern About “Out Of Control” Federal Government Debt. “@RepHerrell is right. The impact of HR 1 ‘For the Politicians Act’ would be devastating to our country. People should ask @sharicedavids why she wants publicly funded campaigns when the federal government debt is already out of control. #KS03 voters need responsible leadership.”
Adkins Attacked Davids’ Support For HR 1 By Claiming That Taxpayer Funds Would Be Used For Congressional Campaigns And Would Allow Campaign Funds For Personal Expenses. “The Adkins campaign also attacked Davids for her co-sponsorship of H.R. 1, a Democratic proposal that would establish an array of election reforms. The campaign contended the bill would provide ‘up to $5 million in taxpayer funds for congressional campaigns and allowing campaign funds to be used for personal expenses.’” [Kansas City Star, 9/17/20]

- HR 1 Would Not Use Taxpayer Funds For Campaigns But Would Create A Public Financing Program Funded By Fees On Fines And Penalties Against Corporations. “Fischer said this claim was false. He said that the bill creates a public financing program for campaigns, ‘but the money does not come from 'taxpayer funds.’ The program is funded by a 2.75 percent fee assessed on fines and penalties levied against corporations and CEOs. Clothing purchases would still be an unlawful use of campaign funds under H.R. 1.” [Kansas City Star, 9/17/20]

Adkins Opposed The For The People Act And Criticized Davids For Taking Money From PACs And “Coastal Wealthy Liberals.” “John Headrick this question is hilarious as Sharice Davids takes a bunch of money from PACs and coastal wealthy liberals (as evidenced by the most recent fundraising trip). No, I absolutely do not support campaigns being paid for by taxpayers. The American people can bear no more … Sharice Davids spend, spend and spend some more = inflation (hits the household), next they want to raise taxes on business = loss of jobs (again will hit the household). You want to stack on that taxpayers paying for campaigns? A big NO for me.”
The For The People Act Would Make It Easier To Vote, Ban Partisan Gerrymandering And Crack Down On Super PACs & Dark Money In Politics

The For The People Act Established A Set Of National Voter Registration And Mail-In Voting Standards Including An Automatic Voter-Registration. “A set of national voter registration and mail-in voting standards: H.R. 1 requires the chief election official in each state — the secretary of state in most — to establish an automatic voter-registration system that gathers individuals’ information from government databases and registers them unless they intentionally opt out.” [Washington Post, 6/2/21]

The For The People Act Guaranteed Voters Same-Day Registration On Election Day And 15 Days Of Early Voting. “The law also would guarantee voters same-day registration either at early-voting sites or at precincts on Election Day. Each state would be required to allow at least 15 days of early voting for federal elections, for at least 10 hours a day with at least some time before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m. The law would limit how states can purge voter rolls.” [Washington Post, 6/2/21]

The For The People Act Required Each State To Use Independent, Nonpartisan Redistricting Commissions To Get Rid Of Gerrymandering. “Nonpartisan redistricting commissions: In an attempt to get rid of gerrymandering, the law would require each state to use independent commissions (not made up of lawmakers) to approve newly drawn congressional districts. The commissions would each include five Democrats, five Republicans and five independents, requiring bipartisan approval for districts to be allowed.” [Washington Post, 6/2/21]

The For The People Act Forced Super PACs And “Dark Money” Groups To Disclose Their Donors And Established Publicly Funded Elections. “Big changes in campaign finance law: H.R. 1 would require super PACs and ‘dark money’ groups to disclose their donors publicly, a step Democrats say would eliminate one of the most opaque parts of the U.S. election process. It would establish a public funding match for small-dollar donations, financed by a fee on corporations and banks paying civil or criminal penalties. It would also require Facebook and Twitter to publicly report the source and amount of money spent on political ads.” [Washington Post, 6/2/21]
Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas Republican Party Called For Restrictive Voting Policies

While Adkins Was Chair, The Kansas Republican State Platform Encouraged The Purging Of Voter Rolls Of Ineligible Voters To Ensure The “Integrity” Of Elections

2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas Republican State Platform Encouraged The Purging Of Kansas Voter Rolls Of Ineligible Voters To Ensure The “Integrity” Of Elections. “We support a law requiring Kansans to show a government-issued photo ID to vote in any election in our state. We encourage the purging of the Kansas voter rolls of ineligible voters to ensure the integrity of our elections.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]

While Adkins Was Chair, The Kansas Republican State Platform Called For A State Voter ID Law

2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas Republican State Platform Called For A Law Requiring Kansans To Show A Government-Issued Photo ID To Vote. “We support a law requiring Kansans to show a government-issued photo ID to vote in any election in our state. We encourage the purging of the Kansas voter rolls of ineligible voters to ensure the integrity of our elections.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]
## Significant Findings

- Adkins blamed President Biden and Rep. Sharice Davids for “skyrocketing” gas prices that were caused by their support of “anti-energy” policies.
  - Adkins said you can “thank” Biden and Davids for “detrimental” energy policies that caused high gas prices.
- Adkins opposed suspending the federal gas tax calling the proposal a “gimmick” that would not do “nearly enough” to alleviate the surge in gas prices.
  - Adkins criticized Rep. Sharice Davids for supporting a plan to suspend the federal gas tax through the end of 2022.
  - Adkins criticized Davids’ gas tax proposal saying it would only save a “mere $0.18” a gallon.
  - University of Pennsylvania Wharton School: suspending the federal gas tax would lower average gasoline spending per capita by an estimated $16 and $47.
- Adkins claimed that Biden and Davids made America “more dependent” on foreign oil from Russia and Iran.
  - Adkins called on the Biden administration to end U.S. reliance on Russian oil and increase domestic energy production.
  - The U.S. has been buying oil from Russia for years including record energy imports from Russia under the Trump administration.
- Adkins acknowledged that “climate change is real” and that “global industrial activity” was a contributing factor.
  - Adkins falsely claimed Rep. Sharice Davids thought the green new deal didn’t go far enough.
  - 2020: Davids favored more incremental steps and has not embraced the green new deal.
- While Adkins was chair, the Kansas Republican state platform opposed efforts to combat climate change like cap and trade legislation—which is considered a “market-based” policy and declaring carbon dioxide a pollutant.
  - 2009: Adkins spoke out against Democratic attempts to pass cap and trade legislation as an environmental protection measure, which Adkins called a “national energy tax.”
  - 2010: While Adkins was chair, the Kansas Republican State platform opposed declaring carbon dioxide a pollutant.
- Adkins said she supported “market-based” clean energy investments and technologies to deal with climate change.
2010: Under Adkins’ chairmanship, the Kansas Republican state platform claimed new developments in renewable energy “showed real promise” while continuing to support the oil and gas industry.

Adkins Blamed President Biden And Rep. Sharice Davids’ Policies For Rising Gas Prices While Dismissing Proposals To Suspend The Federal Gas Tax As A “Gimmick”

Adkins Blamed President Biden And Rep. Sharice Davids For “Skyrocketing” Gas Prices That Were Caused By Their Support Of “Anti-Energy” Policies

Adkins Blamed Biden And Davids’ Policies For Causing Rising Gas Prices. “In 2021, gas prices 38%, grocery prices 8.6%, & housing costs 4.7%. In February alone, gas prices 6.6%, grocery costs 1.4%, & produce costs 2.3%. Biden & Sharice Davids' policies caused these statistics. As inflation continues surging, it breaks my heart knowing that behind every statistic is a KS family going without & struggling to make ends meet because they're footing the bill for Biden & Davids' agenda.”

[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 3/11/22]

Adkins Criticized The Biden Administration’s Energy Policies For Causing Gas Prices To Increase. “The Biden Administration has been riddled with crises, both at home and abroad. Poor energy policies have caused Kansas gas prices to increase by $1.20/gallon since Biden took office and record inflation will cost the average Kansas family nearly $4,500 this year,” said Adkins.”
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Amanda Adkins Responds to Biden’s State of the Union Address

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. – Amanda Adkins, Republican candidate for U.S. Congress in Kansas’ Third District, released the following statement in response to Joe Biden’s first State of the Union address:

“The Biden Administration has been riddled with crises, both at home and abroad. Poor energy policies have caused Kansas gas prices to increase by $1.20/gallon since Biden took office and record inflation will cost the average Kansas family nearly $4,500 this year,” said Adkins. “Joe Biden also continues to ignore the border crisis despite record breaking illegal immigration and record overdose deaths, including a 51% surge in Kansas, fueled by fentanyl that comes primarily through Mexico.”

[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 3/2/22]


“Sharice Davids has backed countless anti-energy policies causing gas prices to skyrocket. Time for new representation”

[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 3/23/22]

Adkins Said You Can “Thank” Biden And Davids For “Detrimental” Energy Policies That Caused High Gas Prices. “Gas prices in #KS03 are up 45% compared to this time last year - and they’re going to continue to rise. Next time you’re at the pump, you can thank Joe Biden and Sharice Davids for their detrimental energy policies that have caused gas prices to skyrocket.”
Amanda Adkins (KS-03) Research Book

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Gas prices in #KS03 are up 45% compared to this time last year - and they're going to continue to rise.

Next time you're at the pump, you can thank Joe Biden and Sharice Davids for their detrimental energy policies that have caused gas prices to skyrocket.

[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 2/7/22]

Adkins Claimed Davids Would “Ruin The Future” Of The U.S. With Rising Energy Prices. “#KS03 … energy prices are sky rocketing and #BidenFailure ‘I did that.’ Sharice Davids is part of that team and will ruin the future of #USA We can do better. No more #DavidsFailure”

[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 11/13/21]
Adkins Opposed A Proposal Supported By To Combat Surging Gas Prices By Suspending The Federal Gas Tax, Calling It A “Gimmick” That Would Save Kansans “A Mere 0.18 [cents per gallon]”

2022: Adkins Opposed Proposals To Suspend The Federal Gas Tax Due To Surges In Fuel Prices, Calling The Proposal “A Gimmick.” “Democratic U.S. Rep. Sharice Davids and Republican congressional candidate Amanda Adkins disagree about proposals before Congress to temporarily suspend the federal tax on gasoline for the remainder of the year due to surges in fuel prices at the pump. Davids, the 3rd District representative seeking re-election, said the 18-cent-per-gallon tax should be suspended through legislation that would shield the highway trust fund from a decline in revenue. The proposal emerged as consumers dealt with sticker shock worsened by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. ‘Here at home, folks are already feeling the effects of this uncertainty, mainly in the form of rising prices at the gas pump,’ Davids said. ‘This comes as hard-working Kansans are also dealing with increased prices on groceries and medicine, further squeezing what was already a tight budget for many families.’ Adkins, who is seeking the GOP nomination in the 3rd District after losing to Davids in 2020, denounced the idea with posts to social media. She said suspension of the U.S. tax on gas wouldn’t ‘do nearly enough to help’ families wrestling with higher costs of goods and services. She also criticized Democratic President Joe Biden’s energy policies. ‘This ‘plan’ from Davids is a gimmick that won’t even make a dent in the extra $4,000 families in KS03 are paying due to inflation,’ Adkins said. ‘As inflation continues surging, it breaks my heart knowing that behind every statistic is a Kansas family going without and struggling to make ends meet.’” [Kansas Reflector, 3/14/22]

- University Of Pennsylvania Wharton School: Suspending The Federal Gas Tax Would Lower Average Gasoline Spending Per Capita By An Estimated $16 And $47. “We estimate that suspending the federal gas tax from March to December 2022 would lower average gasoline spending per capita between $16 and $47, depending on geographic location and assumptions, but lower federal tax revenue by about $20 billion over that period.” [University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School Budget Model, 3/11/22]

Adkins Claimed That Suspending The Federal Gas Tax Would Not Do “Nearly Enough” To Alleviate Rising Gas Prices. “Suspending the federal gas tax won’t do nearly enough to help KS families who are losing over $4,000 per year to the rising cost of goods & services. #BidenFailure #DavidsGotToGo”
Adkins Criticized Davids’ Gas Tax Proposal Saying It Would Only Save A “Mere $0.18” A Gallon. “When it comes to gas prices, Kansans are not better off with Sharice Davids representing them. Her proposed gas tax holiday would save us a mere $0.18/gal as prices rise $0.55/gal per week. Kansans deserve permanent solutions, stronger economic growth, & strategic partnerships.”

Adkins Criticized Davids For Supporting A Plan To Suspend The Federal Gas Tax Through The End Of 2022. “Democratic 3rd District Congresswoman Sharice Davids appeared on FOX4 Tuesday morning saying she’s supporting a plan that would temporarily suspend the federal gas tax through the end of the year. […] ‘A federal gas tax holiday is not enough to help Kansans who are struggling with an increased cost of living,’ Republican Amanda Adkins, Davids’ potential challenger, said Tuesday. ‘Kansans are paying almost 30% more for gas today than they were a year ago. Some of this is due to increased demand for oil and natural gas at a rate faster than production. Sharice Davids has been part of Joe Biden’s failed energy policies that have caused this problem including cutting domestic production, and now she is proposing gimmicky approaches that would not make a dent in the extra $4,000 families in the third Congressional district are paying due to inflation.’” [FOX4, 2/22/22]

Adkins Responded To A Davids Ad Criticizing Her For Opposing A Federal Gas Tax Holiday: “A Federal Gas Tax Holiday Is Not Enough To Help Kansans Who Are Struggling.” “The radio advert from Davids
highlights her calls to suspend the 18-cent per gallon federal gas tax in Kansas. ‘It's March. We haven’t even had
the primaries yet,’ Park University political science professor Matt Harris said. The teacher says it's surprising to
hear an ad this early, but it shows how big this issue will be in the campaign. He believes the ad indicates how close
the race for the newly-redrawn Kansas district will be. ‘It's interesting and probably good political strategy for
Sharice Davids to go on the offensive,’ Harris said. Whether or not it will sway voters remains to be seen. The
November race will likely be a rematch between the incumbent Davids and Republican Amanda Adkins. The rest
of the ad criticizes Adkins for not supporting the gas tax holiday. Her campaign responded to that ad about an hour
ago. ‘A federal gas tax holiday is not enough to help Kansans who are struggling,’ The Adkins campaign said in a
statement to KMBC. ‘Sharice Davids has been a part of Joe Biden's failed energy policies that have caused this
problem.’” [KMBC, 3/15/22]

**Adkins Criticized President Biden And Rep. Sharice Davids For Making The U.S. “More Dependent” On Russian & Iranian Oil And Called For An Increase In Domestic Energy Production**

*Adkins Claimed That Biden And Davids Made America “More Dependent” On Foreign Oil From Russia And Iran.* “Joe Biden and Sharice Davids are part of the problem. The United States has long been a superpower when it comes to energy. We have enough resources for our own people but also for our allies. Sharice Davids and Joe Biden have made us more dependent on foreign sources of oil including countries like Russia and Iran.”

[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 3/18/22] (VIDEO)

- **The U.S. Has Been Buying Oil From Russia For Years Including Record Energy Imports From Russia Under The Trump Administration.** “Trump added, ‘We should not be buying Russian energy, but rather allow the people of our country to start producing like they did just one year ago.’ But, if Trump was talking about oil, the U.S. has been buying oil from Russia for years. And increasing production to 2020 levels does not mean that the U.S. would no longer need to rely on imports from Russia. That year, the U.S. imported about 198 million barrels of crude oil and petroleum products from Russia. At the time, that was the highest annual total of imports of those products from Russia since 2011. Russia accounted for 7% of total U.S. imports of crude oil and petroleum in 2020, according to the EIA. In 2021, the U.S. imported roughly 245 million barrels of crude oil and petroleum products from Russia — a one-year increase of 24%. About 7.9% of U.S. imports of crude oil and petroleum products that year came from Russia, based on EIA data.” [FactCheck.org, 2/28/22]

**Adkins Criticized Biden And Davids For Failing To Sanction Russia Before The 2022 Russian Invasion Of Ukraine And For The United States’ Reliance On Russia For Energy.** “#BidenFailure has shown weakness again in the midst of a mess in Ukraine. Economic sanctions against Russia should have moved faster, and America should not be relying on Russia for our energy. #Davidsgottogo #KS03”

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Amanda Adkins Called On The Biden Administration To End U.S. Reliance On Russian Oil And Increase Domestic Energy Production.

“America also needs to make a turn and protect the interests of our people. The cost of goods and services, including energy, is crippling individuals, families, and businesses in the third Congressional district. The United States currently imports a significant amount of oil from Russia. The Biden Administration must change their trajectory and end our reliance on Russian oil. We need domestic energy production and lower prices at the pump.”
Adkins Acknowledged That “Climate Change Is Real” And That “Global Industrial Activity” Was A Contributing Factor

Adkins said “Climate Change Is Real” and believed that “Global Industrial Activity” was a contributing factor. “Adkins acknowledged the reality of climate change and said solutions should capitalize on American innovation. ‘Climate change is real and global industrial activity is a contributing factor,’ Adkins said. ‘I support market-based legislation that incentivizes clean energy investments and promotes clean energy technologies.’” [Kansas City Star, 7/13/20]

Adkins Falsely Claimed Rep. Sharice Davids Thought The Green New Deal Didn’t Go Far Enough

Adkins attacked Rep. Sharice Davids falsely claiming that Davids thought the Green New Deal didn’t go far enough. “The Green New Deal would decimate our economy and harm Kansas City families, but Sharice Davids thinks it doesn’t go far enough.” [Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 9/2/20]

- 2020: Davids Favored More Incremental Steps And Has Not Embraced The Green New Deal. “In national media coverage of the diverse House freshman class, Davids was often featured alongside Squad members Ocasio-Cortez and Omar. But she hasn’t joined them in pushing for the ambitious progressive policy goals of Medicare-for-All and the Green New Deal. Davids has favored more incremental steps, sponsoring legislation to prevent surprise medical billing and to increase transparency on pharmaceutical costs. This approach has occasionally drawn criticism from the left.” [Kansas City Star, 10/19/20]
2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas GOP State Platform Opposed Any “So-Called Cap And Trade” Legislation. “Kansas leaders should not be allowed to arbitrarily deny permits to build new power and energy-producing plants. Carbon dioxide, one of the most common gases on earth, should not be declared a pollutant nor used as an excuse to deny the construction of new power plants in Kansas. We oppose any so-called Cap and Trade legislation.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]

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2009: Adkins Spoke Out Against Democratic Attempts To Pass Cap And Trade Legislation As An Environmental Protection Measure, Which Adkins Called A “National Energy Tax.” “Kansas, Republican Party Chairperson Amanda Adkins issued the following statement today concerning the Democrats’ massive job-killing energy tax: ‘I am extremely troubled by the Democrats’ national energy tax, which is set to come to a vote in the U.S. House of Representatives on Friday. ‘Cap and trade’ is a job-killing bill that will increase the average American household energy cost by more than $1200 a year and endanger American jobs. During a time of economic uncertainty, Democrats should not increase taxes on hard-working Kansas families. ‘Kansas voters deserve to know if Congressman Dennis Moore will bow to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Democrat House leaders to pass this multi-billion dollar national energy tax. The American people want energy independence and a cleaner environment without a job-killing energy tax. I ask the concerned citizens of Kansas to join me in taking action by calling Congressman Moore and ask him what they are going to do to stop Speaker Pelosi from taxing our lights out.’” [Targeted News Service, 6/26/09]

Renewable Energy

Adkins Said She Supported “Market-Based Legislation That Incentivizes” Clean Energy Investments And Technologies To Deal With Climate Change

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2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas Republican State Platform Said That New Developments In Wind, Solar, Nuclear And Geothermal Energy Showed “Real Promise For Clean, Inexpensive, Renewable Energy For Future Generations.” “Ever increasing energy prices are creating new avenues for entrepreneurs and existing companies to develop new sources of energy. Every day brings new developments in wind, solar, nuclear, or geothermal energy. All of these energy sources show real promise for clean, inexpensive, renewable energy for future generations.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]
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2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas Republican State Platform Encouraged The Development Of Alternative Energy Supplies While Continuing To Support The Oil And Gas Industry. “Kansas must establish its role as an energy producer and exporter. We must encourage the development of alternative energy supplies, while continuing to support the oil and gas industry within the state. Increasing energy sources will inevitably create a more market-based system which ultimately lowers utility prices for consumers.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]
### Foreign Policy Issues

#### Significant Findings

- Adkins attacked Biden for showing “weakness” amidst the Russian invasion of Ukraine.
  - Adkins blamed President Biden for not implementing sanctions fast enough against Russia.
  - Adkins called on the Biden administration to end U.S. reliance on Russian oil.
- Adkins praised Mike Pompeo for attacking Biden’s response to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine Despite Pompeo’s repeated praises of Vladimir Putin.
  - Pompeo called Putin “talented,” “savvy,” and a “capable statesman.”
  - Pompeo claimed he had “enormous respect” for Putin and that Biden had “enormous weakness.”
- Adkins warned that American dependence on China and reliance on Chinese technology & supplies was a threat to national security and said Congress had not done enough to hold them accountable.
  - Adkins warned of America’s interdependence on Chinese medical supplies and semiconductors and wanted Congress and the Department of Defense to address this threat while she Opposed The American Rescue Plan that provided funding for medical supplies.
  - 2021: The American Rescue Plan provided funding for the purchase, production, and distribution of medical supplies.
- Adkins warned that Americans should be worried about China collecting healthcare information from U.S. citizens.
- Adkins supported defense spending to counter the threat from China to Taiwan.
  - Adkins said national defense spending was a top priority to “help Taiwan maintain their democracy and independence.”
- Adkins said she would be a strong voice for Israel in Congress and supported strengthening the U.S.-Israel relationship.
  - Adkins praised Trump’s decision to relocate the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem.
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**Adkins Attacked Biden For Showing “Weakness” Amidst The Russian Invasion Of Ukraine**

Adkins Attacked Biden For Showing “Weakness” Amidst The Russian Invasion Of Ukraine. “Russia’s invasion of Ukraine began last night. The world must unite to stop Putin not only to protect the Ukrainian people, but to preserve and advance the economic and national security interests of the United States and our strategic partners in Europe. Once again the Biden administration has shown weakness in the midst of difficulty.”

[Amanda Adkins for Congress, Facebook, 2/24/22]

**Adkins Blamed President Biden For Not Implementing Sanctions Fast Enough Against Russia.**

“#BidenFailure has shown weakness again in the midst of a mess in Ukraine. Economic sanctions against Russia should have moved faster, and America should not be relying on Russia for our energy. #Davidsgottogo #KS03”
Adkins Called For Massive And Targeted Economic Sanctions Against Russia. “Economic sanctions against Russia should have moved faster and need to be massive and targeted impacting their ability to modernize and advance.”

Adkins Called On The Biden Administration To End U.S. Reliance On Russian Oil. “America also needs to make a turn and protect the interests of our people. The cost of goods and services, including energy, is crippling individuals, families, and businesses in the third Congressional district. The United States currently imports a significant amount of oil from Russia. The Biden Administration must change their trajectory and end our reliance on Russian oil. We need domestic energy production and lower prices at the pump.”
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• **Pompeo Called Putin “Talented,” “Savvy,” And A “Capable Statesman.”** “Of all the former secretaries of state under Democratic and Republican presidents, only one is taking to cable news and social media during a moment of peril in Europe to praise Russian President Vladimir Putin and chastise the Biden administration. Mike Pompeo has lauded the Russian strongman over the past month as a ‘talented,’ ‘savvy,’ ‘capable statesman,’ offering his praise during a slew of interviews after his political action committee spent $30,000 on improving his performance in media appearances. ‘He is a very talented statesman. He has lots of gifts,’ Pompeo told Fox News in January. ‘He was a KGB agent, for goodness sakes. He knows how to use power. We should respect that.” [Kansas City Star, 2/24/22]

• **Pompeo Claimed He Had “Enormous Respect” For Putin And That Biden Had “Enormous Weakness.”** “To the contrary, Pompeo has targeted Biden as exemplifying ‘enormous weakness,’ leading ‘an America on its back, an America that apologizes.’ He asserts that Biden’s withdrawal from Afghanistan and response to a ransomware hack of the Colonial pipeline last year contributed to Putin’s confidence. Putin is ‘very shrewd. Very capable,’ Pompeo said in another recent interview with the Center for the National Interest. ‘I have enormous respect for him – I’ve been criticized for saying that.” [Kansas City Star, 2/24/22]

• **Pompeo Previously Claimed In 2020 That Ukraine Was Insignificant And That Americans Didn’t Care About Ukraine.** “In the past, former President Donald Trump’s secretary of state has privately dismissed Ukraine as insignificant in U.S. domestic politics. After an interview with an NPR reporter in 2020, Pompeo, then still secretary, pulled the reporter aside to curse at her for her questions, and demanded she identify
Ukraine on an unmarked map. ‘Do you think Americans care about Ukraine?’ he asked her.” [Kansas City Star, 2/24/22]

China

Adkins Warned That U.S. Reliance On China Was A Threat To National Security And Said Congress Had Not Done Enough To Hold Them Accountable

Adkins Claimed That The U.S. Is Too Reliant On China And That Congress Has Not Done Enough To Hold Them Accountable. “The United States has been in a multi-decade power struggle with the People’s Republic of China and Congress has not done enough to hold them accountable. The pandemic made clear that we are too reliant on China. The U.S. must rethink how we build our plan for economic and national security and the types of partners we will prioritize to advance our shared interests.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

Adkins Said That America Must Address Its Dependence On China. “China has made enormous investments to spur their own economic growth, increase military capabilities, and influence their position globally. As we most recently experienced in the COVID-19 crisis, and healthcare more broadly, America’s dependence on China is a threat Congress must address. There are a range of things the United States can do to secure our position as a global power and decrease dependency on China, but we must recognize this will be a long-term endeavor that will require strategic moves and domestic investments.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

Adkins Called On Congress To Consider Defense Spending Commitments To Counter And Compete With China. “Congress should consider commitments to defense spending to counter China (5% growth YOY). As a budget hawk, we are going to have to identify where in the world American interests are prioritized – it must include the Indo-Pacific if the U.S. is going to compete with China. Part of this commitment includes helping Taiwan maintain their democracy and independence.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

Adkins Warned Of America’s Interdependence On Chinese Medical Supplies And Semiconductors And Wanted Congress And The Department Of Defense To Address This Threat While She Opposed The American Rescue Plan That Provided Funding For Medical Supplies

Adkins Claimed America’s Interdependence On Chinese Medical Supplies And Semiconductors Was A National Security Risk. “America’s interdependence on China for medical supplies and other essential items gave China leverage during the pandemic and is a national security risk. Beyond the need for medical supplies, there are also dependencies on many components important to America’s defense industrial base. According to the U.S. House of Representatives China Task Force Report, ‘90 percent of the world’s semiconductors (chips) are produced outside of the U.S.’ and China has a goal to produce 70 percent by 2025.’” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

Adkins Confused The American Rescue Plan With The American Recovery Act And Claimed It Had Little To Do With “Actual” Pandemic Relief. “The Biden Administration used the pandemic recovery bill – The American Recovery Act – to pursue even greater expansion of Obamacare, which has little, if anything, to do with actual pandemic relief.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22]

- 2009: The American Recovery And Reinvestment Act Was A $787 Billion Economic Stimulus Package Signed By President Obama Following The Great Recession. “President Barack Obama signed into law Tuesday a $787 billion economic stimulus package, a historic, multifaceted rescue plan aimed at creating millions of jobs, sparking consumer spending and stopping the country from sliding into what he has called an economic ‘catastrophe.’ Characterizing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as the ‘most sweeping economic recovery package in our history,’ Obama said the bill’s mix of tax cuts, infrastructure projects, energy and education investments, and aid to the unemployed and poor would create or save 3.5 million jobs over the next two years, including roughly 60,000 in Colorado.” [Denver Post, 2/17/09]
2021: The American Rescue Plan Provided Funding For The Purchase, Production, And Distribution Of Medical Supplies. “Medical Countermeasures and Supply Chain. ARPA builds on previous COVID-19 relief acts by providing funding to HHS for the research and development, manufacture, and purchase of medical countermeasures related to COVID-19 (or any disease with pandemic potential). It also provides funding for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to support medical countermeasures and other activities. ARPA additionally provides funding for activities under the Defense Production Act of 1950 related to the purchase, production, and distribution of medical supplies related to addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as public health needs for infectious disease emergencies more broadly.” [Congressional Research Service, 7/2/21]

2022: Rep. Sharice Davids Voted To Pass The America COMPETES Act That Addressed Supply Chain Issues, Promoted American Competitiveness With China And Included Incentives For Domestic Semiconductor Manufacturing. “Today, Representative Sharice Davids voted to pass major economic legislation aimed at addressing current supply chain issues and promoting long-term American competitiveness. The America COMPETES Act contains several of Davids’ priorities, including incentives for domestic semiconductor manufacturing, resources to strengthen supply chains and reduce inflation, and policies that will promote American global leadership amongst countries like China. Davids’ amendment also passed the House, ensuring that small and mid-sized manufacturers are given opportunities to participate in federal supply chain upgrades.” [Rep. Sharice Davids, Press Releases, 2/4/22]

Adkins Wanted Congress To Require The Department Of Defense To Develop A Strategy To Assess Vulnerabilities Related To Reliance On Chinese Technological Needs. “Congress has taken steps to decrease over reliance on China by advancing medical research and development (R&D) and manufacturing more medical supplies in the U.S. Congress now needs to turn and require that the Department of Defense develop a national strategy to assess gaps and vulnerabilities related to technological and other needs in our defense industrial base.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

Adkins Proposed Targeted Tax Incentives To Ensure U.S. Tax Dollars Are Not Used To Support Chinese Enterprises. “The U.S. must take seriously the threat posed by Made in China 2025. We need more targeted tax incentives to accelerate our own R&D and track percentage of product made in the U.S., and we need to ensure U.S. tax dollars are not used to support Chinese enterprises.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

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Adkins Stated That She Was “Fully Committed To Advancing U.S. Economic Interests With Partners Who Share Our American Values” To Combat The Threat From China

Adkins Claimed She Was Committing To Advancing U.S. Economic Interests To Protect Democracy And Combat The Threat From China. “There are a range of things the United States can do to secure our position as a global power and combat the threat from Communist China. It will take strong leaders who recognize this is a long-term endeavor that will require strategic moves and domestic investments. I am fully committed to advancing U.S. economic interests with partners who share our American values and protecting Democracy and national sovereignty through military coordination.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]
Adkins Supported Defense Spending To Counter The Threat From China To Taiwan

Adkins Called China’s Military Presence In Disputed Spaces Near Taiwan Unlawful. “China’s goal to be the world’s superpower assumes regional dominance in the Indo-Pacific and relies upon advancements of the People’s Liberation Army. This has included unlawful military presence in disputed spaces including aggressive operations near Taiwan.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

Adkins Supported Defending The U.S.-Taiwan Relationship To Assure Other Partners In The Indo-Pacific Region. “Since the mid 1940s and Chiang Kai-Shek’s move to Taiwan following the Chinese Communist Revolution, Taiwan has been in the middle of an unresolved power conflict. Taiwan has been an important partner to the U.S. since the late 1970s. Their transition to a stable democratic society based on the rule of law represents American values. In addition, the U.S. maintains significant economic interests as Taiwan is our ninth largest trading partner. Defending our relationship with Taiwan says to other partners in the Indo-Pacific region that we stand by our commitments.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

Adkins Said National Defense Spending Was A Top Priority To “Help Taiwan Maintain Their Democracy And Independence.” “National defense is the top priority of the Federal government. Congress should consider commitments to defense spending to counter China (5% growth YOY). As a budget hawk, we are going to have to identify where in the world American interests are prioritized – it must include the Indo-Pacific if the U.S. is going to compete with China. Part of this commitment includes helping Taiwan maintain their democracy and independence.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

Israel

Adkins Said She Would Be A Strong Voice For Israel In Congress And Supported Trump Moving U.S. Embassy To Jerusalem

Adkins Said She Intended To Be A Strong Voice For Israel In Congress. “I was fortunate to grow up with a strong Catholic faith and am instilling those same beliefs in my own children. Because of its importance to many faiths, including my own, it is important the Holy Land of Israel remain a safe and welcoming environment for people of all faiths. Given the respect I have for Israel as a Holy Land, and as a strategic partner of the United States, I intend to be a strong voice for Israel when elected to Congress.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

Adkins Called Israel The Only Democracy In The Middle East And The Strongest Ally In The Region. “The strategic partnership between the United States and Israel is one I respect and intend to uphold when elected to office. The Holy Land of Israel holds significance, not only as a revered location for many faiths, but also as the only Democracy in the Middle East and the strongest ally of the United States in the region.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

Adkins Said She Was Committed To Protecting And Strengthening The U.S. – Israel Relationship. “As the main ally of the United States in the Middle East, the importance and relevancy of Israel cannot be overstated. Protecting and strengthening the relationship between our two countries is something I am committed to on multiple levels.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

Adkins Praised Trump’s Decision To Relocate The U.S. Embassy In Israel To Jerusalem

Adkins Praised Trump’s Decision To Relocate The U.S. Embassy To Jerusalem. “First, I applaud President Trump’s decision to relocate the US Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem. After many years of leaders advocating for such a move, I was pleased to see the action finalized, cementing the integrity of Jerusalem as the undivided capital of Israel.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]
Adkins Supported Providing Military Aid To Israel And Sanctions Against Hezbollah & Hamas

Adkins Said That The U.S. Should Continue To Provide Military Aid To Israel In Order To Give It A Military Advantage. “Secondly, Israel is a key component of America’s Middle East security framework. The U.S. and Israel must pursue cooperative agreements that address the security needs of both countries. As a part of that, the United States must remain committed to giving Israel a fair military advantage to defend itself, including fulfilling military aid commitments the U.S. made to Israel. It is imperative Israel remain the most state-of-the-art entity in the region and the U.S. continue to support such efforts.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

Adkins Called For Tough Sanctions On Hezbollah And Hamas For Posing A Direct Threat To The U.S. And Israel. “Terrorist organizations such as, Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in Gaza, pose a direct threat to American interests and Israeli security. Congress must make clear that Israel is in position to defend itself against all terrorist organizations. Furthermore, the U.S. must ensure tough enforcement of necessary sanctions to counter known terrorist threats and their inhuman practices.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

Adkins Claimed America Was Obligated To Stand With Israel And Support Their Ability To Defend Itself. “America has an obligation to stand strong with our partner, Israel. Congress should promote policies that protect and strengthen the U.S. relationship with Israel. We must support Israel’s ability to defend itself and encourage peace and stability in the region. I am committed to policies that will help stabilize the Western Hemisphere and protect the relationship between the United States and Israel. When elected, I intend to be a voice for Israel and further the friendship between our two nations.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

Adkins Said Israel Was Under Constant Attack From The Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement. “From terrorist organizations to global movements like Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS), Israel is under constant attack. Despite these attacks, Israel consistently demonstrates its desire to find resolution and lasting peace with the Palestinian people.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

Adkins Encouraged Talks Between Israel And Palestine Without “The Pressure Of Outside Intervention” And Appeared To Support A Two-State Solution

Adkins Encouraged Direct Talks Between Israel And Palestine Without “The Pressure Of Outside Intervention” That Can Lead To A Two-State Solution. “The United States can play a role in this by encouraging direct talks between the Israeli and Palestinian people. Cooperative, productive talks that lead to a two-state solution can only be achieved through nonviolent actions and direct bilateral talks – without the pressure of outside intervention.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

Adkins Called For Cooperation With Israel’s Medical Research And Healthcare Fields

Adkins Claimed She Was Committed To Non-Military Cooperation Between The U.S. And Israel Including In Scientific And Healthcare Advancements. “And finally, I am committed to and encouraged by non-military cooperation between the U.S. and Israel. As a former healthcare executive, I am particularly interested in scientific and healthcare advancements that result from the partnership between our countries.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

Adkins Praised Israel For Being A Leader In Medical Research And Development. “The recent events and reactions to the global COVID-19 pandemic show just how important it is for nations to come together to fight the world’s problems. Israeli innovation is making a unique contribution to improve the health and welfare of citizens around the world, including Americans. From pharmaceutical advancements, to biotech and therapeutic innovation, to digitizing healthcare, Israel is a leader in medical research and development.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]
Adkins Claimed She Was Committed To Cooperative Healthcare Programs And Open Trade Agreements Between The U.S. And Israel. “As an elected official, I will be committed to cooperative programs in healthcare that utilize the U.S. – Israel relationship to improve the health and wellbeing of both countries. I am committed to reducing barriers to innovation and to promoting open trade agreements that allow for the exchange of intellectual capital, including scientific, agricultural and industrial advancements of all kinds.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

**Iran**

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<td><strong>Adkins Supported Imposing Sanctions Against Iran.</strong> “Sanctions imposed against Iran in recent years have been effective in reducing threat. According to former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, sanctions resulted in slashing “Iran’s revenue by hundreds of billions of dollars since the U.S. pullout in 2018.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]</td>
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**Thread**

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America and the world are undeniably better off without the terrorist Qassem Soleimani. I support President Trump. Secretary Pompeo and our armed forces for taking decisive action in response to Iran's provocations of our national security.

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Afghanistan

Adkins Blamed Biden And Rep. Sharice Davids For A “Destructive” And “Botched” Withdrawal From Afghanistan

Adkins Criticized The Biden Administration And Davids For A Failed Withdrawal In Afghanistan And Called For Secretary Of State Antony Blinken To Resign. “I agree @RepLeeZeldin with your comments today on Afghanistan. #BidenFailure ‘fatally flawed, poorly executed, & loss of service members.’ Held to an arbitrary date & showed @JoeBiden cannot confront an adversary. @sharicedavids #KS03 says nothing as usual. Blinken should resign.”

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[Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 1/3/20]

Adkins Criticized Davids For Biden’s “Destructive” Withdrawal From Afghanistan. “@RepDavids comments ‘we lacked accurate intelligence and proper planning …’ what you mean is @JoeBiden had no strategy or plan = mess, destructive for women. Back to the 70s under you - high inflation and poor foreign policy for #KS03”

[Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 9/13/21]

Adkins On Davids’ Response To The 2021 Afghanistan Crisis: “KS-03 Voters Deserve Better Than To Listen To Sharice Davids Make Excuses For Failed Foreign Policy.” “Is it the new policy that the United States should negotiate with terrorists? While the Biden Administration continues to ‘negotiate’ with the Taliban from a point of weakness, don’t be surprised if other countries – like China – take advantage of this situation and call into
question the value of American partnership. KS-03 voters deserve better than to listen to Sharice Davids make excuses for failed foreign policy.” [4state, Amanda Adkins, 8/29/21]

**Adkins Blamed The “Botched Withdrawal” For The Taliban’s Crackdown On Women’s Rights.** “Botched withdrawal from Afghanistan with devastating implications for women (we care) ‘The Taliban has imposed limits on girls' education & the workplace ... stripping away rights they had fought tirelessly for over the last two decades”

[Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 1/20/22]
Gun Issues

**Significant Findings**

- Adkins said she was a “staunch supporter” of the Second Amendment.
- Adkins was endorsed by the NRA and received an “AQ” rating, which was awarded to candidates who stated pro-gun stances but lacked voting records on gun issues.
  - Adkins said she came from a family of NRA members and supporters.
- Adkins said she wanted to “fully enforce existing gun laws but not add to them.”
  - Adkins opposed universal background checks.
  - Adkins opposed “government bans and confiscation” on semi-automatic firearms.
  - Adkins supported concealed carry reciprocity legislation.

**Second Amendment**

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Adkins Said She Was A “Staunch Supporter” Of The Second Amendment. “I am a staunch supporter of our constitutional rights, and I will work to protect freedom at every turn. This includes strong support for the Second Amendment.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/9/22]

**National Rifle Association**

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2020: Adkins Was Endorsed By The NRA And Received An “AQ” Rating. “The NRA Political Victory Fund (NRA-PVF) has endorsed Amanda Adkins for the U.S. House of Representatives in the 3rd Congressional District of Kansas. Amanda is a strong defender of the Second Amendment and will protect your fundamental right to self-defense from those who attempt to eradicate it! […] NRA Endorsed with NRA-PVF Rating: AQ” [NRA Political Victory Fund, accessed 3/9/22]

- An “AQ” Rating Was Awarded To Pro-Gun Candidates With No Voting Record On Second Amendment Issues. “AQ: A pro-gun candidate whose rating is based solely on the candidate's responses to the NRA-PVF Candidate Questionnaire and who does not have a voting record on Second Amendment issues.” [Daily Kos, 5/27/14]

**Adkins Said She Came From A Family Of NRA Members And Supporters**
Adkins Claimed That She Came From A Family Of NRA Members And Supporters. I come from a family of National Rifle Association (NRA) members and supporters. I believe there is a responsible way to protect our Constitutional rights while ensuring the safety of our community. [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/9/22]

Gun Safety

Adkins Said She Wanted To “Fully Enforce Existing Gun Laws But Not Add To Them”

Adkins Said She Wanted To “Fully Enforce Existing Gun Laws But Not Add To Them.” As a mother, I am also committed to creating a safe community for our children. Violence is often the result of many factors including a lack of economic opportunity, broken families, and various behavioral and mental health problems. I am committed to working with law enforcement to decrease violence in our communities. At the same time, we need to fully enforce existing gun laws but not add to them. [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/9/22]

And Opposed Universal Background Checks And “Government Bans And Confiscation” Of Semi-Automatic Firearms

Adkins Opposed “Government Bans And Confiscation” On Semi-Automatic Firearms. “For the following reasons, Amanda Adkins has received our endorsement: […] Opposes Government Bans and Confiscation – Opposes the Pelosi/Biden/Bloomberg plan to ban lawfully-owned semi-automatic firearms, magazines and ammunition commonly used for self-defense.” [NRA Political Victory Fund, accessed 3/9/22]

Adkins Opposed Universal Background Checks. “For the following reasons, Amanda Adkins has received our endorsement: Opposes Criminalizing Private Transfers – Opposes a so-called “universal” background check system that would criminalize the private transfer of firearms, which is only enforceable through federal firearms registration.” [NRA Political Victory Fund, accessed 3/9/22]

Adkins Supported Concealed Carry Reciprocity Legislation

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### Health Care Issues

#### Significant Findings

- Adkins advocated repeatedly against The Affordable Care Act.
  - Adkins called the Affordable Care Act an “ineffective experiment” yet offered no comprehensive healthcare alternative.
  - Adkins said she wanted “a better plan” than the Affordable Care Act to deal with the healthcare crisis.
  - Adkins referred to the Affordable Care Act as a “band-aid” solution.
  - Adkins supported the repeal of the Affordable Care Act.
  - Adkins criticized The Affordable Care Act for focusing on “low-cost provider services” instead of “market-driven, high performance services.”
- Adkins said she wanted to give states and local communities the decision-making authority for healthcare programs, rather than the federal government.
  - Adkins called the Affordable Care Act “Washington centric” and wanted to give states the decision-making authority for healthcare programs.
  - Adkins said that states would be better positioned to deal with healthcare than the federal government if the Affordable Care Act were to be ruled unconstitutional.
  - Adkins said that healthcare must center on “the individual and the family” and not be dictated by the government.
- Adkins said instead of the Affordable Care Act, the U.S. should have direct primary care, provider-sponsored health plans, and health savings accounts.
  - Adkins said health savings accounts were the best way for Americans to control their healthcare costs.
    - Health savings accounts primarily benefited upper-income households and served mostly as a tax break for the wealthy.
    - Health savings accounts served no replacement value for cost-sharing reduction subsidies provided in the affordable care act and provide little to no tax benefit.
  - Direct primary care would exacerbate a shortage of physicians and lead to an “erosion” of medical benefits while leaving patients with higher costs.
- Adkins attacked Rep. Sharice Davids for her previous support for “Medicare for all.”
  - Adkins claimed that Davids wanted to put “bureaucrats” in charge of healthcare.
  - Adkins claimed that Rep. Sharice Davids wanted to eliminate employer-based insurance and impose healthcare taxes on families.
✓ Adkins exaggerated her health care experience during her campaign and throughout the COVID-19 crisis.

✓ Adkins claimed she had “very deep health care experience” because her

✓ Adkins’ experience as a so-called “health care leader” was working for health information technology company Cerner Corp. in roles that did not appear to involve providing health care services.

✓ Cerner Corporation provided health information technologies including medical devices and electronic health records.

✓ As the COVID-19 crisis evolved into a full-blown pandemic, Adkins continued to tout her experience working as a “healthcare leader.”

✓ March 2020: Adkins claimed she was a “healthcare leader” with over 15 years of health management experience when discussing her Coronavirus response plan.

✓ The experience as a “health care leader” Adkins appeared to reference was working for health IT company Cerner Corp. in roles that did not appear to involve providing health care services.

✓ 2004-2008: Adkins worked as the Director of Government and Industry at Cerner.

✓ 2008-2019: Adkins worked as the Vice President and General Manager of Population Health at Cerner

✓ 2019 – 2020: Adkins worked as the vice president of strategic growth at Cerner.

✓ Adkins stated that Medicare and Medicaid spending should be part of an “annual budget debate process” and expressed openness to cutting and privatizing government programs.

✓ Adkins said “entitlement spending—social Security, Medicare, Medicaid—we should be having that as an annual budget debate process.”

✓ Adkins claimed that during her career in healthcare she was “committed to eliminating waste, fraud and abuse, and to ensuring programs achieve measurable outcomes.”

✓ Adkins supported privatizing government programs that “can be done by the private sector.”

✓ Adkins called for government programs to be cut altogether if they “are no longer serving needed and intended purposes.”

✓ Privatizing Medicare would weaken financial safeguards and cost seniors thousands in healthcare costs.

✓ Adkins opposed expanding Medicare and said she wanted to focus on “shoring up” the program.

✓ Adkins opposed Democrats’ proposed $3.5 trillion reconciliation bill, saying that while Democrats claimed it would expand Medicare, it would cause Medicare would be insolvent within 2 years and that benefits would be cut by up to a thousand dollars.
Adkins Advocated Repeatedly Against The Affordable Care Act

Adkins Called The Affordable Care Act An “Ineffective Experiment” Yet Offered No Comprehensive Healthcare Alternative. “After 15 years of working in the healthcare industry, Amanda Adkins said she’s concluded that ‘healthcare costs too much and is not making us healthier.’ The former Kansas Republican Party chairwoman took a leave of absence from her executive position at healthcare IT giant Cerner in January. Adkins characterized the Affordable Care Act, which Republicans have so far failed to repeal and replace under President Trump, as an ineffective ‘experiment.’ However, she offered no comprehensive healthcare alternative.” [Kansas City Star, 7/13/20]

Adkins Said She Wanted “A Better Plan” Than The Affordable Care Act To Deal With The Healthcare Crisis. “We are weeks away from the Supreme Court making a decision about the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). This is a turning-point and we must decide as a country what kind of healthcare system we want today and for future generations. I believe we need a better plan than Obamacare for how we deal with crisis in the healthcare system.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22]

Adkins Referred To The Affordable Care Act As A “Band-Aid” Solution. “Healthcare reform must address coverage issues and continue to protect individuals with pre-existing conditions. The American people should expect more than ‘band-aid’ solutions that do not reduce the cost of healthcare. Real change will only come when there is direct alignment between the individual and providers, better coordination of care, and transparency on total cost of care.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22]

Adkins Supported Repealing The Affordable Care Act. “Republican voters in the 3rd Congressional District have a tough choice to make in the Aug. 4 primary, especially between former Roeland Park Mayor Adrienne Vallejo Foster and Cerner executive Amanda Adkins. Both are articulate and passionate defenders of fiscal restraint and ‘health care freedom.’ Neither believes that the next COVID-19 stimulus package should include additional unemployment benefits, and both would vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act.” [Kansas City Star, 7/30/20]

Adkins Blamed The Affordable Care Act For Rising Healthcare Costs. “The ACA ‘Obamacare’ mandate dictating what healthcare coverage individuals must purchase, without taking into consideration their needs, only served to increase cost. As a result, Kansans were on average, paying monthly fees that were 106% higher in 2017 than in 2013. This is an unacceptable increase in the cost of care when families could be using that money for needs that would otherwise be stimulating the economy.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22]

Adkins Criticized The Affordable Care Act For Focusing On “Low-Cost Provider Services” Instead Of “Market-Driven, High Performance Services.” “Most important – I hope state governments will view healthcare reform as an opportunity to put individuals and families in charge. Obamacare focused on low-cost provider services to limit utilization as opposed to market-driven, high performance services. An insurance card does not

- The Democrats’ 2021 reconciliation bill proposed adding dental, vision and hearing benefits to Medicare, as well as lowering the eligibility age to 60.
- Adkins opposed the American Rescue Plan which included a 100% COBRA premium subsidy for workers who lost their job.
- March 2021: The American Rescue Plan provided a 100% COBRA premium subsidy for employees or dependents.
equate to access to high-quality care. True healthcare reform will enable healthcare at a reasonable cost; respects the decision-making authority of the individual and the family; aligns families with their chosen physicians; and focuses on actual health improvement.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22]

**Adkins Criticized President Obama’s Health Care Policy Proposals**

2010: **Adkins Wrote An Op-Ed Criticizing President Obama For His Commitment To “Mirror European Nations Spending, Health Care And Other Environmental Policies.”** “Much has been said about President Barack Obama’s commitment to mirror European nations spending, health care and other environmental policies. One only needs a quick review of history to be reminded of how well this does not work. […] The question is simple: Do you want an America that rewards individual promise, entrepreneurship and centers on family or do you want European-style socialism that penalizes hard work, stifles prosperity and celebrates government? Kansas Republicans are presenting a united front with sound plans to meet the challenges of a 21st Century economy. Our philosophy centers on liberating the promise of the individual and family as the answer, not more government growth, on a path to prosperity. The choice is yours.” [Amanda Adkins For Hays Daily News, 5/12/10]

**Adkins Criticized Obama’s Health Care Proposals, Saying “We Do Not Support The Democrats’ Public Option” And Insisting Americans Wanted To Choose Their Own Insurance Coverage.** “Over the summer, hundreds of Kansans attended town halls to commend our Republican Congressional delegation for their efforts against government-run health care and to tell Dennis Moore that we do not support the Democrats’ public option. In every state across the country, the sentiment was the same - let us choose our own doctors and insurance coverage. Yet the day after Congress returns to Washington, President Obama addresses a joint session and continues to push for the same plan that Americans already rejected. ‘President Obama claims if you like your current health care plan you can keep it, that you and your doctor alone will choose what care you receive, there will be no cuts to Medicare and quality of care for Seniors will remain the same. The truth is that the Democrats’ plan could force 80 million Americans from their current health care coverage, government boards will help decide what treatment you receive and Medicare reimbursements will be cut which drastically impacts low income Seniors. Kansans want a healthcare system that is centered on empowering the person, not the government.’” [Targeted News Service, 9/9/09]

**Adkins Wanted To Give States And Local Communities The Decision-Making Authority For Healthcare Programs, Rather Than The Federal Government**

**Adkins Called The ACA “Washington Centric” And Wanted To Give States The Decision-Making Authority For Healthcare Programs.** “While Democrats continue to pursue expanded federal control of healthcare, I am committed to moving healthcare dollars and decisions closer to the people affected. We must move away from the Obamacare “Washington-centric” approach and give states the decision-making authority for public programs and insurance design.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22]

**Adkins Said That States Would Be Better Positioned To Deal With Healthcare Than The Federal Government If The ACA Were To Be Ruled Unconstitutional.** “It is possible that the Supreme Court will rule ACA “Obamacare” unconstitutional. Regardless, we need to determine the best path for individuals and families to keep health insurance that best meets their needs. As I have long said, healthcare is local and states are best positioned to design coverage, taking into consideration the risks and needs of their populations – not the federal government.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22]

**Adkins Supported Taking Funds Committed For The Affordable Care Act And Using Them For State Grants Towards Medical Costs For Low-Income And High-Risk Individuals.** “I support using funds, previously committed for Obamacare, to support grants that assist states with low-income individuals and supplement medical costs of eligible high-risk individuals. The goal is to bring decision-making closer to the people while also providing for the needs of vulnerable populations as best determined by state governments. It is imperative that healthcare funding is tied to decision-making.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22]
Adkins Said That Healthcare Must Center On “The Individual And The Family” And Not Be Dictated By The Government. “Healthcare decisions must center on the individual and the family, not be dictated by the government. These decisions should assume that healthcare dollars are directly managed by the individual, based on their healthcare risks and needs. When that is not possible these decisions should be managed at the state or community level.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22]

Adkins Said Her Health Care Priorities Were Affordability And Choice, So She Was Anti-Government Run Health Care. “I’m gonna be centered on affordability. I’m a mother, and the most important thing to me, first and foremost, is to be able to make decisions about how my family is spending our money and obviously health care is a significant expense for all of us. So affordability is a pretty big deal. I think the other thing is […] the health of our country, so a system that is actually improving health, is really. really important to me. […] So we’re going to be focused on choice, of course, I will be anti-government run health care, I think that decisions need to be made by the individual and the family and their needs relative to health. […] There has to be transparency in cost […] there has to be a more efficient use of resources.” [Pete Mundo/Amanda Adkins Interview, 11/14/10, saved on Vantage]

Adkins Said Instead Of The Affordable Care Act, The U.S. Should Have Direct Primary Care, Provider-Sponsored Health Plans, And Health Savings Accounts

Adkins Said Health Savings Accounts Were The Best Way For Americans To Control Their Healthcare Costs. “The best way for Americans to control their own healthcare starts with financing costs through Health Savings Accounts (HSAs). Health Savings Accounts are pre-tax dollars set aside by an individual or family to help cover healthcare costs not covered by insurance. Current law limits the amount an individual and family can contribute to an HSA and prohibits HSAs from being the primary source of healthcare funds.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22]

Adkins Wanted To Increase Health Savings Account Contribution Limits. “In contrast, I support Americans using funds as they see fit. If a person does not want to purchase traditional healthcare insurance, he or she should be able to utilize an HSA account for any medical or health needs. If someone does choose to purchase health insurance, it should be portable and he or she should be able to use HSA funds to pay premiums. Furthermore, HSA contribution limits should be increased to match the annual healthcare expense needs of an average individual ($9,000) and family ($18,000).” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22]

Adkins Said The Answer To Health Care Coverage Was “Individual And Family” Control And Suggested Direct Primary Care Or Provider-Sponsored Health Plans. “We’re spending too much money and we need to be getting more value, which I know that that’s a different statement on the part of a Republican, but there are a lot of ways that we can start to turn and change and we can definitely do it by not having a federal Medicare For All system. […] The answer really needs to be centered on solutions for the individual and family and decision-making and control in communities. […] Direct primary care would be an example […] provider-sponsored health plans would be another one.” [Kansas GOP Olathe Pizza Shop Event, 1/13/20, saved on Vantage]

Adkins Said Health Savings Accounts Were The Answer To Financing Health Care. “Adkins said one of the main weaknesses in the nation’s health care system is ‘how we finance care,’ and she would like to put that into the hands of ‘the individual and the family directly.’ She would do that with account-based plans, like health savings accounts.” [KCUR, 4/20/20, saved on Vantage]

Health Savings Accounts Serve Little Substitute For The Affordable Care Act And Primarily Serve As A Tax Break For The Wealthy

Health Savings Accounts Primarily Benefited Upper-Income Households And Served Mostly As A Tax Break For The Wealthy. “Research and tax data demonstrate that HSAs primarily benefit upper-income households, since they are more likely to use the accounts, have more money available to invest in them , and
receive a greater tax benefit by using them. U.S. Department of Treasury data show that at the end of 2014, just 5 percent of tax filers with adjusted gross income less than $100,000 held money in an HSA, while 20 percent of filers with incomes of more than $500,000 did.” [Center For American Progress, 7/14/17]

Health Savings Accounts Served No Replacement Value For Cost-Sharing Reduction Subsidies Provided In The Affordable Care Act And Provide Little To No Tax Benefit. “One often-overlooked but essential component of the ACA is the cost-sharing reduction subsidies, which go to enrollees earning between 100 percent and 250 percent of the federal poverty level—which, in 2017, is $12,060 to $30,150 for an individual in most states—who select certain plans on the marketplace. CSRs are a crucial support to help low-income enrollees afford their cost-sharing, such as deductibles and co-pays. CSRs work by directly upgrading the insurance plan’s actuarial value, or the percent of costs that the insurance company will cover rather than the enrollee. In contrast, HSAs are currently tied to high-deductible health plans. Thus, rather than serving as a replacement for the CSRs, low-income enrollees would be required to take on increased cost-sharing in order to even qualify for an HSA, with the HSAs providing little or no tax benefit.” [Center For American Progress, 7/14/17]

Direct Primary Care Would Exacerbate A Shortage Of Physicians And Would Create An “Erosion” Of Medical Benefits As Well As Higher Costs For Patients

Direct Primary Care Exacerbated Physician Shortages By Reducing Physician Panel Size, And Would Mean The U.S. Would Need To Triple The Physician Workforce To Break Even. “Direct primary care (DPC), a reformulation of concierge medicine, has intrinsic appeal to overburdened physicians. Its advocates promise a competitive income at a fraction of the volume of patient responsibilities, and they claim it as a patient-friendly, consumer-driven strategy that can meet the needs of patients across the economic spectrum. […] DPCs exacerbate the growing physician shortage. DPC promises physicians more time with each patient, which it accomplishes by reducing physician panel size. Retainer practices such as DPC practices commonly close their panels when they reach about 900 patients, which is much lower than the typical practice panel size of around 2,300 patients. This means the United States would need to nearly triple the physician workforce just to break even. Were the nation committed to the DPC strategy, it would take decades to ‘grow’ enough new physicians.” [AAFP, accessed 4/25/22]

Direct Primary Care Eroded Medical Benefits By Encouraging High-Deductible Health Plans That Exposed Patients To Full Retail Pricing For Services Beyond Primary Care. “DPC relies on an erosion of medical benefits. One of the key selling points of DPC is that it reduces health insurance premiums for employers. This encourages further adoption of high-deductible health plans, which have been shown in some studies to produce blanket reductions in utilization, of both needed and unnecessary care. Much of a patient's health care requires services beyond primary care. High-deductible health plans can expose patients to full retail pricing for these additional services and medications unless their plans have negotiated discounted rates. These health care costs can quickly become a hardship for many patients.” [AAFP, accessed 4/25/22]

Adkins Criticized Rep. Sharice Davids For Supporting “Medicare For All” And A “Government Takeover” Of Health Care

Adkins Condemned Davids For Being Supportive Of “Medicare For All”

Adkins Attacked Davids For Her Previous Support For “Medicare For All.” “At last night's debate, my opponent told voters, ‘I have not been a proponent of Medicare for All.’ That's a blatant lie, so we decided to refresh her memory.”
Adkins Criticized Davids For Lying About Supporting A “Government Takeover” Of Health Care. “Tonight, Sharice Davids struggled to distance herself from her far-left record and her rubber-stamping of Nancy Pelosi’s agenda (voting with her 97% of the time). She even lied about her support for a government takeover of health care.”

Adkins Claimed That Rep. Sharice Davids Wanted To Eliminate Employer-Based Insurance And Impose Healthcare Taxes On Families. “Our healthcare system was broken long before COVID-19, but the pandemic created an urgent need for common sense reforms. We need to reduce cost, cut red tape, and make it easier for individuals and families to gain access to the healthcare services they need. My opponent, Sharice Davids, wants to do just the opposite – put bureaucrats in charge of healthcare, eliminate or make more expensive employer-based insurance, and impose massive healthcare taxes on families.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22]
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Adkins Exaggerated Her Health Care Experience

Adkins Claimed She Had “Very Deep Health Care Experience” Because Her Employer Was Cerner, A Global Health Care IT Company

Adkins Said She Had “Very Deep Health Care Experience” Through Her Work Experience With Cerner Corporation, A Global Health Information Technology Company

Adkins Said She Had “Very Deep Health Care Experience” Because Her Employer, Cerner, Is A “Global Health Care Company.” “The other thing about Cerner, just for perspective, Cerner is a global health care company, so I come into this race with very, very deep health care experience.” [Kansas GOP Olathe Pizza Shop Event, 1/13/20, saved on Vantage]

- Cerner Corporation Provided Health Information Technologies Including Medical Devices And Electronic Health Records. “Cerner Corp. is a public company in North Kansas City, Mo., that provides various health information technologies, ranging from medical devices to electronic health records (EHR) to hardware. The company is most well-known for its EHR offerings, though it is currently expanding its investments in population health management.” [SearchHealthIT, accessed 2/22/22]

As The COVID-19 Crisis Evolved Into A Full-Blown Pandemic, Adkins Continued To Tout Her Experience Working As A “Healthcare Leader”

Adkins Regularly Proclaimed That She Was An Experienced “Healthcare Leader” When Discussing The COVID-19 Pandemic

March 2020: Adkins Claimed She Was A “Healthcare Leader” With Over 15 Years Of Health Management Experience When Discussing Her Coronavirus Response Plan. “As a healthcare leader with more than 15 years experience working health management in the United States, I believe we need a three-point Coronavirus response plan that focuses on: Improved Detection; Risk Mitigation; and Supply Chain Management.”
March 2020: Adkins Said She Was A “Healthcare Leader” Who Built A Career Mitigating Risks In The Healthcare Sector During The Early Stages Of The Pandemic. “Like all of you, I have been carefully monitoring the unfolding global situation relative to COVID-19. The President has declared a National State of Emergency, which opens the door for more federal aid to states and municipalities and removes government red tape to ensure our country is appropriately responding to the global pandemic. I am pleased to see the President encourage public-private partnerships that will accelerate needed testing, identify proper treatments, and ultimately develop a COVID-19 vaccine. As a healthcare leader, I built a career mitigating risks and fostering innovation in the healthcare sector.”
March 2021: Adkins Said KS-03 Deserved “Real Experience In Healthcare And Business.”

True so true #KS03 deserves real experience in healthcare and business. @RepDavids is just towing the partisan line.

March 2020: Adkins Said That She Was The Only Candidate In KS-03 With Healthcare Experience.
Adkins Suggested Her Experience In “Health Management” Would Benefit Kansans During The Coronavirus Crisis

Adkins Said Her 15 Years Of Experience In Health Management Would Benefit Kansans During The Coronavirus Crisis. “I am running for Congress to support citizens like you and healthcare providers responsible for managing your health and that of your family. As the number of COVID-19 cases in the United States continues to rise, now more than ever the American people don’t want politics they want leadership and clear direction. I have spent more than 15 years working on health management in the United States, and believe the nation needs a COVID-19 response plan that continues to improve upon disease detection, risk mitigation, and medical supply chain management.” [Adkins Campaign Website, accessed 5/18/20]

Adkins Said Her Relationships With Community Leaders Were “Stronger” Than Davids’ So She Would Be Better Suited To Handle The Federal Coronavirus Response

Adkins Said Her Depth Of Relationships With Community Leaders Were “Stronger” Than Davids’ So She Would Be Better Suited To Handle The Federal Coronavirus Response. “Meanwhile, Adkins, an executive on leave from health care and IT company Cerner Corporation, has posted her thinking on the federal coronavirus response—slow start, quick progress, much more to do—and has been in very wonky discussions with area business owners and health care leaders as the crisis has unfolded. Davids, says Adkins, ‘may be talking with business leaders and people in health care. But I’ve worked in business and health care for 15 years. So, the people that I’m calling are people I have known and worked with. They’re deep relationships, they’re trusted. We’re having fairly in-depth conversations about what’s working versus what’s not. ‘So the biggest difference between the two of us, regardless of what her activity is, is that my depth of relationships is, I’m sure, stronger and the conversations that I have are a lot more detailed in terms of how we solve the problems.’” [Kansas City Star, 3/29/20]

Adkins’ Experience As A So-Called “Health Care Leader” Was Working For Health Information Technology Company Cerner Corp. In Roles That Did Not Appear To Involve Providing Health Care Services

Adkins Worked For Cerner Corporation In Several Different Roles
Adkins Worked For Cerner Corp. In Several Different Roles Between 2005 And 2020. “Adkins has worked for the company for more than a decade in a variety of high-level roles. After managing Sam Brownback’s successful Senate re-election campaign in 2004, Adkins took a position as Cerner’s director of government affairs. She recently slammed her GOP rival Sara Hart Weir’s career as a lobbyist, but records show that Adkins registered as a lobbyist with the Kansas Legislature in 2005 and with the U.S. House in 2006. In 2008, Adkins was promoted to the company’s vice president and general manager of population health. […] Adkins moved to a another job in July when she became vice president of strategic growth. The change occurred after she had already met with the National Republican Congressional Committee about the 3rd District race. Adkins’ new role is to seek out new opportunities for growth beyond the hospital and health care areas that the company has traditionally focused on, according to a Cerner spokeswoman.” [Kansas City Star, 11/17/19]

Cerner Corporation Was A Supplier Of Health Information Technologies Based Out Of Kansas City

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Cerner Corporation Provides Services Including Implementation, Training, And Operational Management Services. “The company also provides value-added services, including implementation and training, remote hosting, operational management services, revenue cycle services, support and maintenance, health care data analysis, clinical process optimization, transaction processing, employee wellness programs and third party administrator services for employer-based health plans.” [Wall Street Journal, accessed 4/13/22].

2004-2008: Adkins Worked As The Director Of Government And Industry At Cerner

2004: Adkins Started Her Career At Cerner As Director Of Government And Industry. “Amanda started her career at Cerner in 2004 focused on thought leadership in healthcare. In the midst of increasing federal focus on healthcare innovation investment, Amanda worked with two Washington, D.C.-based think tanks to author the Independent Health Record Bank Act which outlined a framework for how health information would be used in a future state when personal health intelligence systems were a reality.”

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[LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 2/22/22]

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2006: Adkins Closely Monitored Proposals For A Nationwide Health Information Technology Network So Cerner Could Provide The Software. “Cerner Corp. is closely monitoring proposals in Washington to establish a nationwide health information technology network. Cerner, based in North Kansas City, is a leading provider of health-care information technology. Amanda Adkins, the company’s director of government affairs, said Cerner stands ready to provide software and services to the record banks if they take off. ‘It could be a very positive outcome for Cerner,’ Adkins said. ‘But better still, we expect that it will be a good outcome for health care in the United States.’” [Kansas City Star, 6/20/06]

2005 – 2006: Adkins Was Registered As A Lobbyist For Cerner

2005 – 2006: Adkins Was A Registered Lobbyist For Cerner. According to Legistorm and the Kansas Secretary of State, Adkins was a registered lobbyist for the Cerner Corporation in 2005 and 2006. [Kansas Secretary of State, accessed 2/22/22; Legistorm, accessed 2/22/22]

2008-2019: Adkins Worked As The Vice President And General Manager Of Population Health At Cerner

2008 – 2019: As Cerner’s Vice President & General Manager of Population Health, Adkins “Was Responsible For Advancing Experiential, Clinical, And Financial Results” For Clients That Included Employers, Health Plans, Health Systems And Governments. “As vice president in population health, Amanda Adkins was responsible for advancing experiential, clinical, and financial results for 200+ clients that span employers, health plans, health systems and governments. With her children and the future in mind, growth and systemic change are the themes of Amanda’s work. Her Cerner career has centered on aligning person-payer-provider via new payment methodologies, intelligence derived from data, and measured expectations connected to personalized health plans. Her work to advance population results has included start-up businesses such as Primary Health, which is a risk-reduction program that leverages a bundle of technology, services, and consulting. Program bundles create partnerships that align health retailers, physicians, and sponsors working together to change how the healthcare system works for the benefit of the consumer.”
Vice President & General Manager, Population Health  
May 2008 - Jun 2019 · 11 yrs 2 mos

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[LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 2/22/22]

2019 – 2020: Adkins Worked As The Vice President Of Strategic Growth At Cerner

2019 – 2020: As Cerner’s Vice President Of Strategic Growth, Adkins Had “Senior Executive Responsibility For A Health Economy Team.” “Amanda has senior executive responsibility for a Health Economy team focused on demonstrating Cerner’s experience and population level results related to financial efficiency and clinical effectiveness for the individual and family. The Health Economy team manages strategy and results review related to Cerner exemplar clients at the country, state and city level. This includes continued work with employers, health systems and other public entities.”

Cerner Corporation  
11 yrs 9 mos  
Kansas City, Missouri Area

Vice President, Strategic Growth  
Jul 2019 - Jan 2020 · 7 mos

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Adkins Said “Entitlement Spending—Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid—We Should Be Having That As An Annual Budget Debate Process.” [18:30] ADKINS: I think that it’s a partnership not just with LEOs but with business/families/communities. One of the topics we should be talking about tonight is the debt. I’m looking at my kids right now, there’s one point in the congressional budget office that’s startling: by 2049 if we don’t take steps to reduce the national debt, it will equate to 144% of GDP. I hope that that frightens everyone in this room. When I
look at my kids and the kids in my youth program, their future will not be as bright as it is today if we don’t do something. There are two things we can do, and it really has to do with discretionary and entitlement spending. First, on the discretionary, the Budget Control Act, we do need to reauthorize it, and we actually need to enforce it, folks. I also think that, entitlement spending—Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid—we should be having that as an annual budget debate process, we should be discussing what we’re taking in and what we’re actually spending so there’s transparent discussion on it.” [Kansas GOP Candidate Forum, 1/31/20, saved on Vantage] (VIDEO)

Adkins Claimed That During Her Career In Healthcare She Was “Committed To Eliminating Waste, Fraud and Abuse, And To Ensuring Programs Achieve Measurable Outcomes.” “Just as I have done in my career in healthcare, I am committed to eliminating waste, fraud and abuse, and to ensuring programs achieve measurable outcomes. My goal is to ensure Americans keep more of the money they earn, not increase dependency on the federal government.” [Adkins Campaign Website, accessed 5/18/20]

Adkins Warned That Social Security And Medicare Were At Risk Due To The National Debt. “The deficit and debt amounts are huge. Perhaps so daunting that many Americans – including elected officials – are choosing to ignore other commitments including those made to our seniors. The pandemic has accelerated the rate at which major trust fund programs, including Medicare and Social Security, will run out of reserves. We risk not being about to meet our Social Security and Medicare commitment with so much federal debt. I am committed to America’s seniors and will fight to protect Social Security and the commitments made to retiring Americans.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/28/22]

Adkins Claimed President Biden And Rep. Sharice Davids Would Increase Taxes And Cut Defense Spending In Order To Keep Paying For Social Security & Medicare. “Let’s look at Federal spending by category. Two of the highest areas of mandatory spending are important to our seniors – Social Security and Medicare. Today, both are funded by Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) tax rates paid by and employers and you the employee. Historically, Social Security has run a surplus allowing the federal government to reinvest funds. However, with an aging population and increasing healthcare costs, it is projected that by the early-2030’s there will not be enough money to pay full Social Security benefits. Additionally, the Congressional Budget Office predicts the Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, which finances Medicare Part A, to become insolvent by 2024, meaning benefits to seniors would be cut by up to $1,000. Stated again, we will not have money in the trust fund to meet current Social Security commitments. In addition, rising spending on Medicare and Medicaid will contribute to an already large deficit, as both largely depend on federal revenue. Where will this money come from? Left unchecked Sharice Davids and Joe Biden will choose to increase taxes on current and future generations, cut federal priorities including defense and national security spending, and they will not be accountable in reviewing other federal programs not achieving outcomes. Individuals and families in KS-03 deserve better.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/28/22]

Adkins Supported Privatizing And Cutting Government Programs In Order To Reign In Government Spending

Adkins Called For A “Thorough Analysis” Of All Government Programs To Hold Government Spending Accountable. “Elected officials should be accountable for every dollar the government spends. A thorough analysis of all government programs is needed. We must analyze what is working and what is not.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/28/22]

Adkins Supported Privatizing Government Programs That “Can Be Done By The Private Sector.” “What can be done by the private sector should be privatized. What is better handled at local levels should become a state and local responsibility.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/28/22]

Adkins Called For Government Programs To Be Cut Altogether If They “Are No Longer Serving Needed And Intended Purposes.” “Programs that are no longer serving needed and intended purposes should be cut altogether. We must course correct now, slowly bringing much needed change to the spending policies that contributed to this national debt crisis.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/28/22]
2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas GOP State Platform Called For Government Programs To Be Eliminated At “Every Opportunity” To Reduce Government Spending. “We believe that government at every level has grown too large and is now a threat to the very rights it was designed to protect. We call on every elected official to eliminate government programs and reduce government spending at every opportunity.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]

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Privatizing Medicare Would Weaken Financial Safeguards From Surprise Billing For Seniors. “Today, Medicare protects beneficiaries from surprise medical bills by limiting the amount that doctors who see Medicare beneficiaries can charge these patients. Physicians may opt out of the Medicare program and enter into private contracts that set higher prices than Medicare will pay; in these cases, the patient is responsible for the entire billed amount. However, less than 1 percent of doctors have chosen to opt out of the program, in large part because Medicare’s rules protect consumers from these arrangements.” [Center For American Progress, 10/11/19]

Privatized Medicare Would Restrict Seniors’ Choice Of Doctors. “During his Florida speech, Trump asked the crowd, “You want to keep your doctors, right?” Yet his order calls for changes that could restrict Medicare beneficiaries’ choice of doctors by favoring Medicare Advantage plans and by tinkering with the CMS network adequacy standards for those plans. From a beneficiary perspective, a distinguishing feature of Medicare Advantage is that plans typically have restrictive provider networks. Under the Trump proposal, the network adequacy standards would take into account state laws affecting provider competition and the availability of telehealth services. If these changes lower the bar for Medicare Advantage plans and allow plans to include even fewer doctors in a particular area, a position the Trump administration has previously supported, they could make it harder for seniors to schedule in-person visits or see the provider of their choice. They could also increase costs for beneficiaries who need to see out-of-network specialists.” [Center For American Progress, 10/11/19]

Privatized Medicare Costed An Estimated Tens Of Billions Of Taxpayer Dollars To Fund. “The privatization of Medicare has been lucrative for the industry. Medicare Advantage plans are more expensive but have not been shown to provide better health outcomes. That disparity grows wider every year. The added costs born by the public to fund the program are believed to add up to tens of billions of dollars. At a time when Medicare is facing insolvency in the near future, the more expensive Medicare Advantage plans are projected to soon overtake traditional Medicare.” [Buzzfeed News, 1/28/22]

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Democrats’ 2021 Reconciliation Bill Proposed Adding Dental, Vision And Hearing Benefits To Medicare. “The blueprint recommends adding dental, vision and hearing benefits to Medicare, as well as lowering the eligibility age -- both longstanding goals of Budget Committee Chairman Bernie Sanders, an independent from Vermont who caucuses with the Democrats.” [CNN, 8/9/21]

Nearly 24 Million People Would Receive Dental Coverage As Part Of Medicaid Expansion. “Nearly half of Medicare beneficiaries, or 24 million people, did not have dental coverage, as of 2019, according to a recent Kaiser Family Foundation report.” [CNN, 8/9/21]

The Proposed Medicare Expansion Would Also Lower The Eligibility Age To 60. “Medicare, which is relied on by most Americans once they reach the eligibility age of 65, would provide coverage for dental, vision and hearing under the budget resolution. In addition, the age when people can sign up would be lowered, most likely to age 60 as President Joe Biden has said he supports.” [CNBC, 8/25/21]

Adkins Opposed The American Rescue Plan Which Included A 100% COBRA Premium Subsidy For Workers Who Lost Their Job

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Tuesday a $787 billion economic stimulus package, a historic, multifaceted rescue plan aimed at creating millions of jobs, sparking consumer spending and stopping the country from sliding into what he has called an economic ‘catastrophe.’ Characterizing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as the ‘most sweeping economic recovery package in our history,’ Obama said the bill’s mix of tax cuts, infrastructure projects, energy and education investments, and aid to the unemployed and poor would create or save 3.5 million jobs over the next two years, including roughly 60,000 in Colorado.” [Denver Post, 2/17/09]

Adkins Opposed The Use Of State And Local Recovery Funds—Including Those She Said Were Requested By Kansas--From The American Rescue Plan As A “Bailout.” “We cannot afford the policies of the Biden Administration that will further put the country into debt and increase dependency on the federal government. The Biden Administration used the pandemic recovery bill – The American Recovery Act – to pursue even greater expansion of Obamacare, which has little, if anything, to do with actual pandemic relief. These provisions are projected to add an additional $34.2 billion to the deficit over the next two years. Included in this spending is a bailout of state governments in the midst of waste and fraud. The State of Kansas requested a bailout all while mismanaging unemployment insurance fund payouts to the tune of more than $600 million.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/29/22]

March 2021: Adkins Stated That Davids Was Just “Towing The Partisan Line” In Response To Her Vote For The American Rescue Plan.

True so true #KS03 deserves real experience in healthcare and business. @RepDavids is just towing the partisan line.

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February 2021: Davids Voted For Passage Of The American Rescue Plan Act. In February 2021, Davids voted for: “Passage of the fiscal 2021 budget reconciliation bill, as amended, comprising a coronavirus relief package that would provide roughly $1.9 trillion in funding to further address the health and economic effects of COVID-19, including approximately $350 billion in direct aid to state and local governments; $47.8 billion for testing and contact tracing; $168 billion to assist educational institutions; and $50 billion to assist small businesses. It would extend and increase federal unemployment compensation benefits for 24 weeks and increase the weekly amount to $400; provide tax rebates of $1,400 for individuals with incomes of $75,000 or less; extend or expand a number of employer and individual tax credits, including credits to subsidize health insurance premiums; and gradually increase the federal minimum wage to $15 per hour. Among other provisions, the bill would provide $195.3 billion for direct assistance to states and $130.2 billion for local governments; $128.6 billion through fiscal 2023 for an Education Department elementary and secondary school emergency relief fund and $39.6 billion for grants to higher education institutions, including to provide emergency financial aid; and continue the 15% increase in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits through September 2021. It would provide $47.8 billion for COVID-19 testing and contact tracing; $7.5 billion for vaccine administration and distribution; and $6.1 billion for vaccine and therapeutic development, manufacturing and procurement. It would require Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program to fully cover the cost of COVID-19 vaccines. It would expand eligibility in 2021 and 2022 for federal tax subsidies toward Affordable Care Act marketplace insurance premiums, including to fully cover premium costs for individuals earning up to 150% of the federal poverty level and cap premiums at 8.5% of household income. It would provide $50 billion for small business assistance, including $25 billion for restaurants. It would provide $30.5 billion for transit, $18 billion for airline and aviation manufacturing industry payroll support; and $4 billion for Agriculture Department pandemic-related assistance. It would incrementally increase the federal minimum wage annually to reach $15 per hour in 2025, including for tipped workers, teens and workers with disabilities. It would create a program to provide financial assistance to multiemployer pension plans.” The bill passed by a vote of 219-212. [HR 1319, Vote #49, 2/27/21; CQ, 2/27/21]

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A reduction of hours (referred to as an Eligible Individual). Employees who voluntarily terminate employment and dependents who lose coverage under the plan for any other reason are not eligible for the COBRA premium subsidy. The COBRA premium subsidy is effective on April 1, 2021, and ends on September 30, 2021.” [Morgan Lewis, 3/15/21]

The COBRA Premium Subsidy Provided By The American Rescue Plan Was Available From April to September 2021. “Specifically, the COBRA premium subsidy will be available to any Eligible Individual who is enrolled in COBRA (or will enroll in COBRA) on or after April 1, 2021, and before the subsidy ends on September 30, 2021. In addition, any former employee (who is otherwise an Eligible Individual) who did not elect COBRA coverage or dropped COBRA coverage prior to April 1 but would otherwise be within his/her 18-month COBRA coverage period between April 1 and September 30, 2021, is eligible for the COBRA premium subsidy.” [Morgan Lewis, 3/15/21]

- COBRA Provided Workers And Their Families Who Lose Their Health Benefits The Right To Choose To Continue Group Health Benefits During Job Loss. “The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) gives workers and their families who lose their health benefits the right to choose to continue group health benefits provided by their group health plan for limited periods of time under certain circumstances such as voluntary or involuntary job loss, reduction in the hours worked, transition between jobs, death, divorce, and other life events. Qualified individuals may be required to pay the entire premium for coverage up to 102% of the cost to the plan.” [Department of Labor, accessed 4/19/22]
Immigration & Border Issues

**Significant Findings**

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### Border Security

**Adkins Repeatedly Criticized President Biden For Ignoring The Border Crisis That She Claimed Was Fueling A Surge In Drug Overdose Deaths In Kansas**

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![Amanda Adkins for Congress](https://example.com/adkins.png)

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Amanda Adkins Responds to Biden’s State of the Union Address

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. – Amanda Adkins, Republican candidate for U.S. Congress in Kansas’ Third District, released the following statement in response to Joe Biden’s first State of the Union address:

“The Biden Administration has been riddled with crises, both at home and abroad. Poor energy policies have caused Kansas gas prices to increase by $1.20/gallon since Biden took office and record inflation will cost the average Kansas family nearly $4,500 this year,” said Adkins. “Joe Biden also continues to ignore the border crisis despite record breaking illegal immigration and record overdose deaths, including a 51% surge in Kansas, fueled by fentanyl that comes primarily through Mexico.”

“The increased cost of goods and services impacting Kansas families is due in large part to reckless government spending supported by Sharice Davids. Joe Biden also tried to resell his Build Back Better mess which, according to the Congressional Budget Office, would contribute another almost $3 trillion to the federal deficit over ten years. Last night, Biden promised that the state of our union is strong. Unfortunately, it is clear that the state of our union is much weaker after a year of leadership from Democrats in Congress and the White House,’ Adkins stated.

[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 3/22]

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Adkins Criticized Biden For The “Lack Of Border Security” That Allowed Fentanyl To Be Smuggled Into The U.S. “Fentanyl is primarily smuggled into our country through one place: Mexico. Securing our southern border is the only way to stop the flow of these lethal drugs. There is a direct connection between drugs coming into our country and lack of border security. New reports now indicate that border patrol is lucky to seize 5% of the fentanyl that comes across the border. Securing our border is the only way to stop this #BidenFailure.”
Adkins Blamed Democrats For Ignoring The “Crisis” Amid Record Apprehensions Of “Illegal Immigrants” At The Border. “The US apprehended 178,840 illegal immigrants at the border last month - the most ever for the month of December. As drugs continue to flow into the country at a higher rate than ever, Democrats need to stop ignoring this crisis and secure our southern border.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 1/25/22]

Adkins Supported Building A Wall On The U.S.-Mexico Border. “Adkins supports building a wall on the Mexican border and said elected officials have a moral obligation to create an immigration system that protects American lives and jobs. She said Congress should work with businesses to develop a "long-term workforce plan" that would shape future immigration policy.” [Kansas City Star, 7/13/20]

Adkins Called For Physical Barriers On The US-Mexico Border. “She wants to see physical barriers in rural and urban areas where it’s easy for someone to cross the Mexico border in the United States, as well as the use of surveillance so that ‘border control agents have an opportunity to have a much more expansive view of what’s going on.’ Adkins also emphasizes looking at what skills the United States needs from its workers and how the country might be able to train immigrants in those skills.” [KCUR, 4/20/20]

Adkins Wanted To Increase Investments In Technology And Surveillance In Addition To Building A Border Wall. “I support building a border wall, increasing investments in technology and surveillance to help border
agents, and de-funding sanctuary cities. In Congress, I will work to pass immigration reform that puts American security and prosperity first.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/23/22]

**Immigration**

| Adkins Criticized Rep. Sharice Davids For Wanting To Defund Immigration And Customs Enforcement |

Adkins Attacked Rep. Sharice Davids For Wanting To Defund Immigration And Customs Enforcement. “My opponent has publicly stated her support for defunding U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Will she pledge to oppose efforts to defund other law enforcement agencies?”

[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 9/9/20]

- **2018: Sharice Davids Voiced Support For Defunding And Abolishing ICE In An Interview.** “THE FACTS: Republicans aren’t twisting her words but citing what she said during a July 21 podcast. When she was asked directly whether she supported abolishing ICE, Davids responded: ‘I do. I would, I would.’ […]Nearly 33 minutes into the interview, Allen asked: ‘And just to clarify, you do support abolishing ICE?’ Davids answered: ‘I do. I would, I would.’ The Washington Post later reported that Davids said she had never endorsed abolishing ICE and had ‘stammered briefly’ in answering the question. But in the podcast, Davids then mentioned defunding ICE, which she says is ‘essentially the same thing’ as abolishing the agency.” [Associated Press, 9/6/18]

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- **A 2017 Study From The National Academies Of Sciences, Engineering, And Medicine Found That Immigrants Contribute More In Tax Revenue Than They Take In Government Benefits.** “Myth #1: Immigrants take more from the U.S. government than they contribute. Fact: Immigrants contribute more in tax revenue than they take in government benefits. A 2017 report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine found immigration “has an overall positive impact on the long-run economic growth in the U.S.” […] In general, more people working means more taxes — and that’s true overall with undocumented immigrants as well. Undocumented immigrants pay an estimated $11.6 billion a year in taxes, according to the Institute on Taxation & Economic Policy. Undocumented immigrants pay an estimated $11.6 billion a year in taxes. Immigrants are also less likely to take public benefits than the native-born population for two reasons.” [PBS Newshour, 11/2/18]

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**2020:** Adkins Said We “Need To Think About Who We Want To Come Into This Country.” “Accountability to results in public programs. I absolutely believe in freedom and prosperity for all people. Our governance and immigration is broken right now and there are three areas we need to focus on: border security, long-term plan in terms of workforce, transparent of the cost when the system fails. Big fan of supporting building a wall especially in urban areas, needs to be coupled with high tech surveillance. We need to think about who we want to come to this country, to assimilate them, we need a market-driven pilot program approach. Illegal immigrants do pay $19 billion in taxes to this country but we’re paying out $116 billion for healthcare, education, and social services.” [Kansas GOP Candidate Forum, 1/31/20, saved on Vantage]

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Adkins Retweeted A Post Criticizing Democrats For Blocking A Motion That Would Stop Stimulus Checks From Going To Undocumented People.
2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas Republican State Platform Opposed The Issuing Of Driver’s Licenses And Granting In-State Tuition To Undocumented Immigrants. “Incentive programs to entice illegal immigrants to Kansas must be terminated. These programs include issuing of Driver’s Licenses to illegal aliens and the granting of in-state tuition to colleges and universities to illegal immigrants.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]

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Adkins Called For De-Funding Sanctuary Cities. “I support building a border wall, increasing investments in technology and surveillance to help border agents, and de-funding sanctuary cities. In Congress, I will work to pass immigration reform that puts American security and prosperity first.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/23/22]

2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas Republican State Platform Called For The Deportation Of All Undocumented Immigrants “Involved In Crimes.” “Law enforcement agencies must use all available resources to deport from the state all illegal aliens involved in crimes in the most expeditious manner. Maximum cooperation should be the norm between all law enforcement agencies within the state when dealing with enforcement of laws affecting illegal immigrants.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]

Adkins Supported Verification Policies Requiring Employers To Verify Immigration Status

Adkins Said She Supported Requiring Employers To Verify Immigration Status. “Question about requiring employers to verify immigration status: ‘What I do want is a legal system that […] is more easy and efficient,
generally speaking I would say yes.”’” [Starlight Republican Women At Minsky’s Pizza, 11/21/19, saved on Vantage]

2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas Republican State Platform Supported The Use Of E-Verify To Prevent The Use Of Undocumented Immigrants As Employees. “Unchecked illegal immigration is unacceptable within the State of Kansas. Employers hoping to take advantage of cheap labor resources using illegal aliens in their work force will not be tolerated. Every effort must be used to ensure that all employees working within the state of Kansas are legal. E-Verify, an internet–based system that verifies the employment authorization and identity of employees must be used throughout the state for all employees when hired to work within Kansas.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]
## Infrastructure & Transportation Issues

### Significant Findings

- Adkins said she was committed to comprehensive infrastructure legislation, but opposed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill that provided billions in infrastructure investments and improvements to Kansas.
  - May 2020: Adkins said that if she was elected to Congress, she would be committed to “passing comprehensive legislation that provides long-term sustainability of the nation’s infrastructure.”
  - Adkins also said infrastructure was one of America’s greatest assets and was critical to national & economic security.
  - Adkins criticized Rep. Sharice Davids for voting for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill which she called “massive spending.”
    - Adkins said that the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill would add $400 billion to the deficit.
    - Adkins tweeted in support of the proposed $400 Billion House Republican STARTER Act infrastructure plan.
  - The Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal will bring $3.8 to Kansas for infrastructure projects.
    - Kansas was slated to receive $225 million from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill for bridge repairs over five years.
      - According to the Department of Transportation, 21 of those bridges were considered to be in poor condition.
    - The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill brought in over $1.1 million to improve transit reliability including for seniors and the disabled in the Kansas City area.

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### Adkins Stated That If Elected To Congress She Would Be Committed To Passing Comprehensive Infrastructure Legislation And Called It Critical To National & Economic Security

May 2020: Adkins said that If She Was Elected To Congress, She Would Committed To “Passing Comprehensive Legislation That Provides Long-Term Sustainability Of The Nation’s Infrastructure.” “When elected to Congress I will be committed to: Passing comprehensive legislation that provides long-term sustainability of the nation’s infrastructure. Empowering State and Local governments to address their infrastructure needs.” [Adkins Campaign Website, accessed 5/18/20]
May 2020: Adkins Said She Would Be Committed To “Infrastructure Legislation That Enables The Construction And Infrastructure Industries To Thrive.” “The nation’s infrastructure – aviation, bridges, roads, dams, drinking water, energy, levees, rail and stormwater – needs significant investment to ensure long-term viability. In Congress, I will be committed to infrastructure legislation that enables the construction and infrastructure industries to thrive.” [Adkins Campaign Website, accessed 5/18/20]

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KCUR: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Will Bring $3.8 Million To Kansas For Infrastructure Projects. “The new legislation will bring $3.8 billion to Kansas for infrastructure projects and create two million jobs per year for the next decade.” [KCUR, 12/14/21]

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The Kansas City Area Received Over $1.1 Million From The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill To Improve Transit Reliability And Transit For Seniors And The Disabled

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**Significant Findings**

- 2011: Adkins called Kansas union members “agitators” who were conducting “street tactics” at the state capitol for protesting against anti-union legislation.
  - Adkins claimed union members who were protesting anti-union legislation carried out “bullying” tactics.”
  - Adkins spoke negatively about nationwide union protests, saying “this conduct has no place in Kansas.”
  - 2011: Kansas union members protested at the state capitol against legislation that restricted unions’ political power, including banning voluntary deductions from union members paychecks for political activities.
  - Kansas union leaders called the legislation a “move to silence groups who fight for fair wages.”

- Adkins claimed the COVID-19 relief packages incentivized unemployment and in July 2020 opposed including additional unemployment benefits in future relief packages—even though Adkins herself was unemployed at the time.
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- The December 2020 $900 billion stimulus package enhanced federal jobless benefits for 11 weeks and extended pandemic unemployment assistance.

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Unions

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- February 2011: “Loud” Protests Were Held At The Kansas State Capitol Following An Anti-Union Bill Passed By The Republican Legislature. “Across the state line in Topeka, though, loud protests rocked the Kansas House on Thursday, followed by a rally on Friday at the capitol. The reason: The Republican-dominated Kansas House passed a bill to curtail the ability of union members to designate political action committee contributions through payroll deductions. It awaits Senate action. ‘This is a nice attempt to stick it to the unions,’ said Rep. Mike Slattery, a Mission Democrat. He argued that the measure was aimed at diluting contributions from workers who traditionally supported Democrats.” [Kansas City Star, 2/26/11]

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2011: Kansas Union Members Protested Against Legislation That Restricted Unions’ Political Power, Including Banning Voluntary Deductions From Union Members Paychecks For Political Activities
backed bill on February 24 that would ban voluntary deductions from union members’ paychecks for political activities. The bill also bans public employee unions from endorsing political candidates. […] Kansas union members filled the hall of the House on February 24 in an unsuccessful attempt to urge lawmakers to oppose the bill.” [National Journal, 3/7/11]

**Kansas Union Leaders Called The Legislation A “Move To Silence Groups Who Fight For Fair Wages.”** “A group of union members protested as elected officials in the Kansas house voted in favor of a bill that would ban unions from taking a voluntary donation from their union member members paycheck for political activity. ‘Vote no, vote no,’ the group shouted as legislators took final action on the bill. Protesters were removed from the House gallery by capital police as Republican House speaker Mike O’Neal told protesters to leave the chamber. ‘I don't believe I’ve ever seen a more dismal display of disrespect for the House in my 27 years as was just displayed. Please exit the gallery,’ said O'Neal. Supporters of the bill say it will give union members more choice on where their donations are spent but union leaders say the bill is a move to silence groups who fight for fair wages. The House voted 75 in favor and 46 against and the bill will now move to the Kansas Senate. Unions are planning additional protests on Saturday at the State house in Topeka.” [McPherson Sentinel, 2/25/11]

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### Unemployment Insurance

**Adkins Claimed The COVID-19 Relief Packages Incentivized Unemployment And Opposed Including Additional Unemployment Benefits In Future Relief Packages—Even Though Adkins Herself Was Unemployed At The Time**

Adkins Claimed The COVID-19 Relief Packages Were Incentivizing Unemployment. “In a discussion of response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Adkins blamed early stay at home orders for the recent economic downturn. She said the path forward would come with payroll tax holidays, limits on legal liability and incentivizing work. ‘Some of the COVID-19 packages have focused heavily on incentivizing unemployment, that is a very distinct difference between Miss Davids and myself,’ Adkins said.” [Kansas City Star, 10/22/20]

- Adkins Left Her Job At Cerner In January 2020.
July 2020: Adkins Opposed Including Additional Unemployment Benefits In Future Relief Packages.
“Republican voters in the 3rd Congressional District have a tough choice to make in the Aug. 4 primary, especially between former Roeland Park Mayor Adrienne Vallejo Foster and Cerner executive Amanda Adkins. Both are articulate and passionate defenders of fiscal restraint and "health care freedom." Neither believes that the next COVID-19 stimulus package should include additional unemployment benefits, and both would vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act.” [Kansas City Star, 7/30/20]

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[LinkedIn, Amanda Adkins, accessed 4/18/22]

December 2020: The $900 Billion Stimulus Package Enhanced Federal Jobless Benefits For 11 Weeks And Extended Pandemic Unemployment Assistance. “The agreement would revive enhanced federal jobless benefits for 11 weeks, providing a lifeline for hard-hit workers until March 14. The new benefit, up to $300 per week, is half the amount provided by the original stimulus bill in the spring. The legislation also extends Pandemic Unemployment Assistance — a program aimed at a broad set of freelancers and independent contractors — for the same period, providing an additional $100 per week.” [New York Times, 12/28/20]
March 2021: The American Rescue Plan Extended Unemployment Insurance At A Level Of $300/Month, Lower Than The CARES Act’s $600/Month, Until September 6th. “The American Rescue Plan extended unemployment benefits until September 6 with a weekly supplemental benefit of $300 on top of the regular $400 benefit.” [Whitehouse.gov, American Rescue Plan, accessed 12/15/21]

Adkins Supported Governor Sam Brownback’s Tax And “Pro-Business” Agenda That Left Behind An Outdated Unemployment Claims System That Was Particularly Vulnerable To Strain Once The COVID-19 Pandemic Hit

Adkins Supported Tax Cuts And The “Pro-Business” Agenda Implemented By Brownback

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May 2020: Over 200,000 Kansans Filed Initial Unemployment Claims In Seven Weeks Due To COVID-19. “More than 200,000 Kansans filed initial unemployment claims in seven weeks as the COVID-19 pandemic brought everyday life to a halt and crippled the state’s economy.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 5/3/20]

May 2020: The Kansas Department Of Labor’s Small Staff And Antiquated System Was Unprepared For The Volume Of Claims And Kansans Were Met With “Website Crashes, System Failures, Delays In Payments And Unanswered Questions.” “The Kansas Department of Labor struggled to handle the unprecedented volume of calls and claims with its small staff and antiquated system, leaving the agency vulnerable to outrage and political crossfire. There were website crashes, system failures, delays in payments and unanswered questions. […] The most recent unemployment numbers, for the week ending April 25, include 111,128 continued claims and 27,663 new ones. Before the pandemic, with the state’s unemployment rate at a 40-year low, the agency typically fielded 1,800 claims per week. To handle those claims, the labor department had a staff of 20 individuals capable of working their way through a computer system developed in the late 1970s.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 5/3/20]

December 2020: Some Kansans Waited As Long As Ten Weeks Amid Skyrocketing Unemployment Claims During The COVID-19 Pandemic. When Karyn Martinez of Wichita was furloughed from her job at the end of March, she immediately applied for unemployment. Receiving unemployment aid, including the extra $600 in pandemic unemployment insurance authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, helped pay her monthly bills. Then the payments stopped. ‘I had to wait 10 weeks just to get it,’ Martinez, 40, said. ‘I almost lost everything. I’m at the point (where) I’m about to leave my car. I have no car insurance on it because of this.’ Since the coronavirus pandemic triggered mass layoffs across the country in the spring, Martinez is one of more than 80,000 Kansans who were unemployed as of October this year. Without a job, they’ve relied on state and federal support to get by — to pay rent, bills, utilities and food. But nine months since unemployment claims began skyrocketing in the spring, Martinez and other Kansans are experiencing delays in receiving their payments and a lack of clarity from the Kansas Department of Labor.” [Kansas City Beacon, 12/17/20]

Kansas’ Failure To Adequately Administer Unemployment Benefits Even In Comparison To Other States “Highlights How Years Of State Government Austerity Measures Have Left Cash-Strapped Agencies […] Bereft Of Investments Needed To Handle Emergencies.” “Kansas, in particular, where the Department of Labor website for filing claims has been buggy or offline for extended periods and getting someone on the phone is rare, highlights how years of state government austerity measures have left cash-strapped agencies like those that administer unemployment bereft of investments needed to handle emergencies.” [Kansas City Star, 4/16/20]

Kansas’ Failure To Process Unemployment Claims Was A Result Of “Government Austerity Measures” And An “Inherited” Unemployment System

2020: Kansas Labor Secretary Attempted To Overhaul The System A Decade Earlier, But The Project Was Shuttered After Brownback Took Office. “[Labor Secretary] Garcia said she was preparing to solicit bids to develop a new system, which could cost $35 million on the low end, before the pandemic hit. The state began a similar process to overhaul the system a decade ago, but the project was spiked after former Gov. Sam Brownback took office.” [Topeka Capital-Journal, 5/3/20]

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The “Inherited” Unemployment System Was “Held Together With What Seems Like Band-Aids.” “Secretary of Labor, Delia Garcia, said the unemployment system was not only overloaded, but also outdated. ‘This inherited
system is held together with what seems like band-aids,’ she said, ‘Our fellow Kansans deserve better than a 40-
year-old system.’” [WIBW, 4/16/20]
### LGBT Issues

#### Significant Findings

- Under Adkins’ chairmanship, the 2010 Kansas Republican Party state platform called for preserving “traditional marriage” and a federal constitutional amendment that “fully protects marriage as a union of a man and a woman.”

- Adkins supported a Trump administration policy that allowed faith-based adoption services receiving federal funds to refuse to place children with same-sex couples.

  - 2019: Adkins criticized Davids for opposing a Trump administration policy that allowed faith-based adoption services receiving federal funding to turn away same-sex couples, and praised Republicans supportive of the policy for “standing firm for, in my view, freedom of religion.”

- Adkins retweeted a post from Nikki Haley criticizing the Olympics for “letting biological males compete against female athletes.”

#### Marriage Equality

**While Adkins Was Chair, The 2010 Kansas Republican Party State Platform Called For Preserving “Traditional Marriage” And A Federal Constitutional Amendment That “Fully Protects Marriage As A Union Of A Man And A Woman”**

2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas Republican State Platform Called For Preserving Traditional Marriage “Between One Man And One Woman.” “Preserving Traditional Marriage. As Republicans, we believe that strong societies rest on strong, stable families. Families provide important value in attainment of leadership skills, moral fiber, work ethic and other traits necessary to be successful in society. As defined by the Kansas Constitution, the benefits and privileges of marriage exist only between one man and one woman. Happy and healthy marriages are the foundation of our society, and we must support the institution of marriage if our society is to survive.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]

2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas Republican State Platform Called For A Federal Constitutional Amendment That “Fully Protects Marriage As A Union Of A Man And A Woman.” “Because our children’s future is best preserved within the traditional understanding of marriage, we call for a federal constitutional amendment that fully protects marriage as a union of a man and a woman, so that judges and legislatures cannot make other arrangements equivalent to it.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]

- **2010: Adkins Was Chair of The Kansas State Republican Party.** “Adkins was state GOP chair when Brownback was first elected governor in 2010, and he appointed her to head the Children’s Cabinet.” [Associated Press, 4/5/21]

#### Adoption

**Adkins Supported A Trump Administration Policy That Allowed Faith-Based Adoption Services Receiving Federal Funds To Refuse To Place Children With Same-Sex Couples**
Adkins Applauded Republicans For “Standing Firm For, In My View, Freedom Of Religion” In Regard To Allowing Faith-Based Foster Care And Adoption Agencies To Not Allow LGBTQ Families To Adopt.

“Question: Sharice Davids recently asked Republican members of the Kansas delegation to join her in renouncing the new rule that would allow Catholic Church members and other faith-based groups to facilitate adoptions and she asked that the Kansas delegation criticize that because they don’t allow same-sex couples to adopt yet they can adopt through many other organizations. What are your thoughts on that? ADKINS: I did immediately react to it. First of all I applaud the Republican members of the Kansas delegation for standing firm for, in my view, freedom of religion. I think that that’s really important in this case and It’s a mistake for Sharice Davids to be in opposition. The other thing that I would say is that I, what is this really about? We want more kids in homes. I’ve spent a lot of time doing work for at-risk kids and families and I want to see more kids in homes and adopted, so by not allowing faith-based providers to help with foster care and adoption placement, you’re minimizing the pool of providers who can be helping place kids. So for me it’s about freedom of religion, and it’s about kids, we want to see more kids in loving homes as quickly as possible. […] I don’t think it matches the values of the 3rd district at all, I think it was a mistake for [Davids] for sure.” [This Could Be Big Podcast, Amanda Adkins Interview, 11/18/19, saved on Vantage]

Adkins Tweeted That She Applauded Kansas Republicans For “Being In Opposition To Sharice Davids,” And Shared An Article On Davids Opposing A Trump Administration Policy That Allowed Faith-Based Adoption Services To Turn Away Same-Sex Couples. .

[Amanda Adkins Personal Twitter Page, 11/5/19]

- **November 2019:** Davids Urged Republican Members Of Kansas’ Congressional Delegation To Join Her In Opposing A Trump Administration Rule That Enabled Faith-Based Adoption Services To Turn Away Same-Sex Couples. To “Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids urged her Kansas GOP colleagues Tuesday to speak out against a Trump administration policy that will enable faith-based adoption services to turn away same-sex couples. They won’t be heeding her advice. Davids, the only Democrat in the Kansas delegation and one of nine
LGBTQ members of Congress, sent a letter Tuesday asking Republican colleagues to use their relationships with President Donald Trump to help reverse the policy.” [Kansas City Star 11/5/19]

- **November 2019: The Trump Administration Adopted A Policy That Rolled Back Discrimination Protections On The Basis Of Sexual Orientation And Allowed Faith-Based Adoption Services Receiving Federal Funds To Refuse To Place Children With Same-Sex Couples.** “The Department of Health and Human Services released a proposed rule Friday that would roll back an Obama-era regulation barring discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. Four of the five Republican members of the state’s congressional delegation voiced support for the policy Tuesday within hours of the release of Davids’ letter. The new rule will enable groups receiving federal dollars through HHS, such as faith-based adoption services, to refuse to place children with same-sex couples without an impact on their federal funding. Kansas adopted a similar policy under former Gov. Jeff Colyer.” [Kansas City Star 11/5/19]

### Transgender Athletes

**Adkins Retweeted A Post From Nikki Haley Criticizing The Olympics For “Letting Biological Males Compete Against Female Athletes.”**

Letting biological males compete against females is unfair to female athletes who train so hard for their sport. And now, it’s going to happen at the Olympics.

Stop rigging the game against women.

3:55 PM · Jun 21, 2021 · Twitter Web App

815 Retweets 64 Quote Tweets 5,670 Likes

[Nikki Haley, Twitter, 6/21/21]
Policing & Public Safety Issues

**Significant Findings**

✓ Adkins repeatedly criticized Rep. Sharice Davids over calls to defund the police and signed a pledge to oppose any efforts to defund the police.

✓ Adkins claimed Davids said she wanted to defund Immigration and Customs Enforcement and questioned her support for defunding other law enforcement agencies.

✓ 2018: Sharice Davids voiced support for defunding and abolishing ICE in an interview.

✓ Adkins questioned why Davids would not promise to oppose efforts to defund the police.

✓ Adkins repeatedly praised and supported Governor Sam Brownback’s tax cuts even though, according to Forbes, they pushed Kansas “well below” the national average of public services including “police and fire protection.”

✓ Adkins said she would pursue policies that respect, honor and empower law enforcement.

✓ 2020: Adkins attended multiple “back the blue” rallies in Kansas.

✓ Adkins was “honored” to be endorsed by Johnson County Sheriff Calvin Hayden, who used taxpayer money to investigate baseless claims of irregularities in the 2020 election.

✓ Sheriff Hayden used taxpayer money to investigate baseless claims of irregularities in the 2020 election fraud claims.

✓ Sheriff Hayden defied Johnson County’s vaccine mandate and said his office was a “safe haven” for unvaccinated officers.

**Police Funding**

Adkins Repeatedly Attacked Rep. Sharice Davids Over Calls To Defund The Police And Signed A Pledge To Oppose Any Efforts To Defund The Police

Adkins claimed Rep. Sharice Davids said she wanted to defund Immigration and Customs Enforcement and questioned her support for defunding other law enforcement agencies. “My opponent has publicly stated her support for defunding U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Will she pledge to oppose efforts to defund other law enforcement agencies?”
2018: Sharice Davids Voiced Support For Defunding And Abolishing ICE In An Interview. “THE FACTS: Republicans aren’t twisting her words but citing what she said during a July 21 podcast. When she was asked directly whether she supported abolishing ICE, Davids responded: ‘I do. I would, I would.’ […] Nearly 33 minutes into the interview, Allen asked: ‘And just to clarify, you do support abolishing ICE?’ Davids answered: ‘I do. I would, I would.’ The Washington Post later reported that Davids said she had never endorsed abolishing ICE and had ‘stammered briefly’ in answering the question. But in the podcast, Davids then mentioned defunding ICE, which she says is ‘essentially the same thing’ as abolishing the agency.’” [Associated Press, 9/6/18]

Adkins Signed A Pledge Opposing Any Effort To Defund The Police And Called On Davids To Join Her. “Defunding law enforcement is dangerous and counterproductive, and I will always oppose it. I’ve signed the Police Pledge, standing with the brave men and women of Kansas City law enforcement. Will my opponent join me?”
Adkins Questioned Davids For Not Promising To Oppose Efforts To Defund The Police. “It's been more than a week since I signed the Police Pledge. Why won't my opponent promise to oppose efforts to defund the police?”
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Adkins Supported Tax Cuts Implemented By Brownback

Adkins Tweeted Support For Tax Cuts Implemented By Brownback.

Adkins Tweeted Support For Brownback’s “Pro-Business Agenda.”

Brownback’s Tax Cuts Left Kansas “Well Below” The National Average Of Public Services Including “Police And Fire Protection”

Forbes: Brownback’s Tax Cuts Caused A Deficit Explosion That Left Kansas “Well Below National Averages” Of Public Services Including “Police And Fire Protection.” “After four years of below-average growth, deepening budget deficits, and steep spending reductions, the GOP-dominated Kansas legislature has repealed many of the tax cuts at the heart of Governor Sam Brownback fiscal agenda. It is a lesson unlikely to be missed by congressional Republicans—or Democrats.
Brownback vetoed the legislature’s first attempt to reverse his tax cuts, but two-thirds majorities in both the House and Senate overrode his veto. […] The tax cuts did produce one explosion, however. The state’s budget deficit was expected to hit $280 million this year, despite major spending reductions. Kansas falls well below national averages in a wide range of public services from K-12 education to housing to police and fire protection, according to an analysis by the Urban Institute’s State and Local Finance Initiative.” [Forbes, 6/7/17]

**Law Enforcement Support**

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Adkins Said She Would Support Policies That Respect And Honor The Law Enforcement Community. “When elected, I will support policies that respect and honor the law enforcement community.”

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[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 9/13/20]

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2020: Adkins Attended Multiple “Back The Blue” Rallies In Kansas

**August 2020: Adkins Attended A “Back The Blue” Rally.** “After spending most of the afternoon talking to #KS03 voters, I headed over to the #backtheblue rally! It was so great to head out with my son to see people supporting our local police departments! The foundation of our district is in our families. Thank you to everyone who came out to support!”

[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 8/1/20]
September 2020: Adkins A “Back The Blue” Rally In Johnson County And Spoke Out Against Calls To Defund The Police. “Today, National #ThankAPoliceOfficerDay, I had the opportunity to attend a #BackTheBlue rally in Johnson County. In the face of dangerous calls to defund the police, it’s never been more important that we show our appreciation and support for those who keep us safe.”

Adkins Was “Honored” To Be Endorsed By Johnson County Sheriff Calvin Hayden, Who Used Taxpayer Money To Investigate Baseless Claims Of Irregularities In The 2020 Election

October 2021: Adkins Was Endorsed By Johnson County Sheriff Calvin Hayden.
October 2020: Hayden Endorsed Adkins Saying He Knew Her For “Many Years.” “I’ve known Amanda Adkins for many years, and I know her support for law enforcement is genuine and steadfast,’ said Hayden in a press release. ‘Now more than ever, we need leaders who aren’t afraid to support the brave men and women who protect us. Amanda understands what it takes to keep our communities safe, and she’ll have the backs of our police officers.” [Shawnee Mission Post, 10/5/20]

Adkins Said She Was “Honored” To Have Sheriff Hayden’s Support. Adkins said she was ‘honored’ that Hayden supports her campaign. ‘In Congress, I’ll work closely with local law enforcement agencies to ensure they have the resources they need, and I’ll always oppose any attempt to defund the police,’ Adkins said. ‘Nothing is more important to me than keeping our district a safe place to live and work.” [Shawnee Mission Post, 10/5/20]

Sheriff Hayden Used Taxpayer Money To Investigate Baseless Claims Of Irregularities In The 2020 Election

Sheriff Hayden “Joined The Ranks Of Others Casting Doubt On the Legitimacy” Of 2020 Election Results In Johnson County, Assigning An Officer Investigate Alleged Election Irregularities Despite No Evidence Of Fraud. “Saying he’s not convinced the numbers from the voter registration rolls add up, Sheriff Calvin Hayden has joined the ranks of others casting doubt on the legitimacy of recent election results in Johnson County. There has been no evidence of widespread voter fraud anywhere in the state. Kansas Secretary of State Scott Schwab, who has addressed concerns about the integrity of the 2020 elections from fellow Republicans for months now, has repeatedly affirmed that voter fraud did not sway the results. Still, some Republicans have continued to invoke the specter of stolen elections in public. Hayden told the Post Monday he has assigned an officer to investigate voting data in the most recent elections to try to answer questions that have been coming in from people concerned that the elections might have irregularities. The investigator will be working on county time to conduct the investigation.” [KCUR, 3/1/22]

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Hayden Couldn’t Estimate How Much Of The Johnson County Sheriff’s Office Budget Was Used On The Investigation. “The officer has been tasked with looking at a huge amount of data, he said. But it is not, so far, a criminal investigation. ‘What we’ve found is it’s very difficult to find a person we can charge,’ he said. The investigator is not working full time on the election questions but is working on the county clock, Hayden confirmed. However he couldn’t estimate how much of his office’s budget has been spent on the project, since the hours have not been separated from the employee’s other duties.” [KCUR, 3/1/22]

Sheriff Hayden Defied Johnson County’s Vaccine Mandate And Said His Office Was A “Safe Haven” For Unvaccinated Officers

Sheriff Hayden Said His Office Was A “Safe Haven” For Unvaccinated Officers. “In a news release, Sheriff Calvin Hayden said Thursday his office is a safe haven for law enforcement officers in other states who do not want to be required to get a COVID-19 vaccine. ‘True to our Midwestern values, Johnson County is a place where freedom is valued, and law enforcement is respected. The support our citizens have shown over the last several years has been overwhelming,’ Hayden said.” [KSN, 10/29/21]

Hayden Said He Would Not Follow Johnson County’s Vaccine Mandate. “In August, Johnson County implemented a policy requiring employees to be fully vaccinated or get a weekly COVID-19 test. A day after the county made that announcement, Hayden said he would not follow the mandate. Hayden said this issue is more than just about vaccinations. He said officers in cities across the U.S. no longer feel supported by the departments where they work. He said that will not happen to his employees at the Johnson County Sheriff’s Office.” [KSN, 10/29/21]
Seniors’ Issues

Significant Findings

✓ Adkins said she was “committed to America’s seniors” and would “fight to protect social security,” and warned that Social Security and Medicare were at risk due to the national debt.

✓ But Adkins also indicated openness to privatizing or cutting Social Security and Medicare.
  ✓ Adkins said entitlement spending, including Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, should be part of an “annual budget debate process.”
  ✓ Adkins supported privatizing government programs that “can be done by the private sector.”
  ✓ Adkins called for government programs to be “cut altogether” if they “are no longer serving needed and intended purposes.”
  ✓ 2010: Under Adkins’ chairmanship, the Kansas GOP state platform called for government programs to be eliminated at “every opportunity” to reduce government spending.

✓ Privatizing Social Security would cost seniors thousands in retirement savings and healthcare costs.

✓ As of December 2020, 127,647 people in Kansas’s 3rd Congressional District received Social Security benefits and received a total of $207.8 million in monthly payments.

✓ As of 2019, over 421,000 Kansans relied on Medicare.

✓ Adkins opposed expanding Medicare and said she wanted to focus on “shoring up” the program.
  ✓ Adkins opposed Democrats’ proposed $3.5 trillion reconciliation bill, saying that while Democrats claimed it would expand Medicare, it would cause Medicare would be insolvent within 2 years and that benefits would be cut by up to a thousand dollars.
  ✓ The Democrats’ 2021 reconciliation bill proposed adding dental, vision and hearing benefits to Medicare, as well as lowering the eligibility age to 60.

Adkins Claimed To Support Seniors But In Reality, Was Open To Privatizing Or Cutting Medicare And Social Security

Adkins Claimed She Would Fight To Protect Social Security And Warned That Social Security And Medicare Were At Risk Due To The Debt…

Adkins Warned That Social Security And Medicare Were At Risk Due To The National Debt. “The deficit and debt amounts are huge. Perhaps so daunting that many Americans – including elected officials – are choosing to ignore other commitments including those made to our seniors. The pandemic has accelerated the rate at which major trust fund programs, including Medicare and Social Security, will run out of reserves. We risk not being about to meet our Social Security and Medicare commitment with so much federal debt. I am committed to America’s seniors and will fight to protect Social Security and the commitments made to retiring Americans.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/28/22]
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Adkins Also Said Social Security And Medicare Spending Should Be Part Of An “Annual Budget Process” In Order To Reduce The National Debt

Adkins Was Concerned About The National Debt And Said Entitlement Spending, Including Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid, Should Be Part Of An “Annual Budget Debate Process.” “One of the topics we should be talking about tonight is the debt. I’m looking at my kids right now, there’s one point in the congressional budget office that’s startling: by 2049 if we don’t take steps to reduce the national debt, it will equate to 144% of GDP. I hope that that frightens everyone in this room. When I look at my kids and the kids in my youth program, their future will not be as bright as it is today if we don’t do something. There are two things we can do, and it really has to do with discretionary and entitlement spending. First, on the discretionary, the Budget Control Act, we do need to reauthorize it, and we actually need to enforce it, folks. I also think that, entitlement spending—Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid—we should be having that as an annual budget debate process, we should be discussing what we’re taking in and what we’re actually spending so there’s transparent discussion on it.” [Kansas GOP Candidate Forum, 1/31/20, saved on Vantage]

Adkins Called For A “Thorough Analysis Of All Government Programs” To Account For “Every Dollar”

Adkins Called For A “Thorough Analysis” Of All Government Programs To Hold Government Spending Accountable. “Elected officials should be accountable for every dollar the government spends. A thorough analysis of all government programs is needed. We must analyze what is working and what is not.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/28/22]

Adkins Said That Programs Which “Can Be Done By The Private Sector Should Be Privatized”

Adkins Supported Privatizing Government Programs That “Can Be Done By The Private Sector.” “What can be done by the private sector should be privatized. What is better handled at local levels should become a state and local responsibility.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/28/22]

Adkins Called For Government Programs To Be “Cut Altogether” If They Were “No Longer Serving Needed And Intended Purposes,” Including “Spending Policies That Contributed To This National Debt Crisis”

Adkins Called For Government Programs To Be Cut Altogether If They “Are No Longer Serving Needed And Intended Purposes.” “Programs that are no longer serving needed and intended purposes should be cut altogether. We must course correct now, slowly bringing much needed change to the spending policies that contributed to this national debt crisis.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/28/22]

Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas GOP State Platform Called For Government Programs To Be Eliminated At “Every Opportunity” To Reduce Government Spending

2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas GOP State Platform Called For Government Programs To Be Eliminated At “Every Opportunity” To Reduce Government Spending. “We believe that government at every level has grown too large and is now a threat to the very rights it was designed to protect. We call on every elected official to eliminate government programs and reduce government spending at every opportunity.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]
Privatizing Social Security And Medicare Would Cost Seniors Thousands In Retirement Savings And Healthcare Costs

CAP: Under Bush Proposal For Private Social Security Accounts, A Person Who Worked For 35 years And Retired In 2008 Would Have Had A Negative Return And Lost $26,000 In Retirement Savings. “These would have made private accounts a terrible deal. Bush-style private accounts for a 2008 retiree would have yielded negative returns in the U.S. market. A person with a private Social Security account similar to what President George W. Bush proposed in 2005 that was invested in stocks retiring on October 1, 2008 after saving for 35 years (since 1973), would have seen a negative return on their account—an effective -0.6 percent net annual real rate of return—and lost $26,000 on the market.” [Center for American Progress Action Fund, 10/08]

NIRS: 40 Percent Of Older Americans Rely On Social Security Income In Retirement. “A new report also finds that a large portion (40 percent) of older Americans rely only on Social Security income in retirement. Social Security alone is not considered sufficient for a secure retirement, and it was not intended to stand alone. Typically, benefits from Social Security replace approximately 40 percent of pre-retirement income. Most financial planners recommend at least a 70 percent income replacement rate for retirees, while others say this should be even higher given longer lifespans and rising health costs. In fact, the analysis indicates that if Social Security income had been ten percent greater in 2013, there would have been about 500,000 fewer older households in poverty.” [National Institute On Retirement Security, 1/13/20]

The Securities Industry Association Estimated Privatized Social Security Would Generate Between $39 And $279 Billion In Fees To Wall Street Over 75 Years. “President Bush’s plan to partly privatize Social Security could be a windfall for Wall Street, generating billions of dollars in management fees for brokerages and mutual fund companies […] ‘In other words, it is hardly likely to be a bonanza for Wall Street,’ said Rob Mills, vice president of the brokerage industry trade group Securities Industry Association, in a report published this month. Still, because of the massive size of Social Security, with its 154 million covered employees, Mills estimated that even a simple program of individual accounts comparable to the TSP might generate $39 billion in fees, in present-value terms, over 75 years. That would be just 1.2 percent of the financial sector’s projected total revenue of $3.3 trillion over that timeframe. But a more complex menu of options, which might be offered to participants whose accounts grow beyond, say, $5,000, might generate $279 billion in fees over 75 years, boosting projected industry revenues by about 8.5 percent.” [NBC News, 12/22/04]

Privatizing Medicare Would Weaken Financial Safeguards From Surprise Billing For Seniors. “Today, Medicare protects beneficiaries from surprise medical bills by limiting the amount that doctors who see Medicare beneficiaries can charge these patients. Physicians may opt out of the Medicare program and enter into private contracts that set higher prices than Medicare will pay; in these cases, the patient is responsible for the entire billed amount. However, less than 1 percent of doctors have chosen to opt out of the program, in large part because Medicare’s rules protect consumers from these arrangements.” [Center For American Progress, 10/11/19]

Privatizing Medicare Would Restrict Seniors’ Choice Of Doctors. “During his Florida speech, Trump asked the crowd, “You want to keep your doctors, right?” Yet his order calls for changes that could restrict Medicare beneficiaries’ choice of doctors by favoring Medicare Advantage plans and by tinkering with the CMS network adequacy standards for those plans. From a beneficiary perspective, a distinguishing feature of Medicare Advantage is that plans typically have restrictive provider networks. Under the Trump proposal, the network adequacy standards would take into account state laws affecting provider competition and the availability of telehealth services. If these changes lower the bar for Medicare Advantage plans and allow plans to include even fewer doctors in a particular area, a position the Trump administration has previously supported, they could make it harder for seniors to schedule in-person visits or see the provider of their choice. They could also increase costs for beneficiaries who need to see out-of-network specialists.” [Center For American Progress, 10/11/19]

Privatized Medicare Costed An Estimated Tens Of Billions Of Taxpayer Dollars To Fund. “The privatization of Medicare has been lucrative for the industry. Medicare Advantage plans are more expensive but have not been
shown to provide better health outcomes. That disparity grows wider every year. The added costs born by the public to fund the program are believed to add up to tens of billions of dollars. At a time when Medicare is facing insolvency in the near future, the more expensive Medicare Advantage plans are projected to soon overtake traditional Medicare.” [Buzzfeed News, 1/28/22]

As Of December 2020 Over 127,000 People In Kansas’s 3rd Congressional District Received Social Security Benefits

As Of December 2020, 127,647 People In Kansas’s 3rd Congressional District Received Social Security Benefits And Received A Total Of $207.8 Million In Monthly Payments.

Table 1. Number of OASDI beneficiaries in current-payment status and total monthly benefits, December 2020

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Social Security Provided Monthly Benefits To Eligible Workers And Family Members After The Worker Retires, Passes Away, Or Becomes Disabled. “Old-Age (retirement), Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI)—popularly referred to as Social Security—provides monthly benefits to an eligible worker and family members when the worker elects to start receiving retirement benefits or when the worker dies or becomes disabled. A worker’s lifetime covered earnings largely determine the amount of benefits received.” [Social Security Administration, Kansas Congressional Statistics, 12/2020]

As Of December 2020, 8,889 People In Kansas’s 3rd Congressional District Received Supplemental Security Income And Received A Total Of $5.2 Million In Monthly Payments.

Table 2. Number of recipients of federally administered SSI payments and total monthly payments, December 2020

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Supplemental Security Income Was A Federal Cash Assistance Program That Provided Monthly Payments To Low-Income Aged, Blind, Or Disabled People. “Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal cash assistance program that provides monthly payments to low-income aged, blind, or disabled persons in the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands.” [Social Security Administration, Kansas Congressional Statistics, 12/2020]
As Of 2019, Over 421,000 Kansans Relyed On Medicare

According To The Kaiser Family Foundation, As Of 2019, 421,300 Kansans Relyed On Medicare.

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[Kaiser Family Foundation, 2019 Data, accessed 4/19/22]

2021: Adkins Opposed Expanding Medicare To Include Dental, Vision And Hearing Benefits

Adkins Opposed Expanding Medicare And Said She Wanted To Focus On “Shoring Up” The Program.

ADKINS: “For seniors did you know that the 3.5 trillion dollar spending bill that’s being pushed through by liberals in congress, it seeks to expand Medicare but what they’re not telling you is that Medicare will be insolvent within 2 years. Which means that benefits could be cut by up to a thousand dollars for beneficiaries. We need to focus on shoring up the program.”

Irresponsible spending and increased inflation puts Americans at risk. #KS03 seniors and working families will be impacted the most. @sharicedavids and #BidenFailure ... check out my latest response.

[12:57 PM · Oct 20, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone]

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Democrats’ 2021 Reconciliation Bill Proposed Adding Dental, Vision And Hearing Benefits To Medicare. “The blueprint recommends adding dental, vision and hearing benefits to Medicare, as well as lowering the eligibility age -- both longstanding goals of Budget Committee Chairman Bernie Sanders, an independent from Vermont who caucuses with the Democrats.” [CNN, 8/9/21]

Nearly 24 Million People Would Receive Dental Coverage As Part Of Medicaid Expansion. “Nearly half of Medicare beneficiaries, or 24 million people, did not have dental coverage, as of 2019, according to a recent Kaiser Family Foundation report.” [CNN, 8/9/21]

The Proposed Medicare Expansion Would Also Lower The Eligibility Age To 60. “Medicare, which is relied on by most Americans once they reach the eligibility age of 65, would provide coverage for dental, vision and hearing under the budget resolution. In addition, the age when people can sign up would be lowered, most likely to age 60 as President Joe Biden has said he supports.” [CNBC, 8/25/21]
Tax Issues

**Significant Findings**

- Adkins supported the 2017 Republican Tax bill, claimed it delivered “really fantastic results,” and called for even more tax cuts for corporations.
  - Adkins praised Trump for the tax bill and stated that while it delivered “really fantastic results,” “I think we can do even more.”
    - Adkins said “we can do better on corporate income taxes,” calling for a “very low” rate like Ireland’s 12.5% corporate tax.
    - Adkins wanted to “extend or make permanent” the individual income tax rate set by the Trump tax cuts.
  - CBO estimated the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act would increase the debt by $1.9 trillion over 10 years.
  - Washington Post: Final tax bill included a “significant tax break for the very wealthy” and “a massive tax cut for corporations.”
  - The top 1% of earners got “more than 20% of the total value of the tax cut, roughly the same amount as Americans in the bottom 60% of the income distribution.”

- Adkins blamed the Biden administration and Rep. Sharice Davids for essentially raising taxes on businesses through increased government spending & inflation.
  - Adkins condemned the “destructive policies” of the Biden administration claiming they resulted in tax increases.
  - Adkins claimed that inflation was a tax on families and said Davids was responsible for supporting “out of control” spending.

- Adkins opposed the Build Back Better Act, a plan to cut taxes for the middle class while raising taxes on the richest Americans and closing tax loopholes for large corporations.
  - Adkins falsely claimed the Build Back Better Act as the “largest tax increase in 40 years.”
    - The Build Back Better Act would not increase taxes for households making less than $400,000.
  - The Build Back Better Act would raise $1.85 trillion over ten years to pay for health care, child care and address child poverty.
  - The Build Back Better Act would raise revenue by increasing taxes for the richest Americans, reduce tax advantages for large corporations and improve enforcement of tax laws.
  - Adkins repeatedly backed Governor Sam Brownback’s tax experiment that financially ruined Kansas.
| Adkins called Brownback an “incredible governor” and praised him for leading the state to be “no-income-tax.” |
| 2012: The Kansas GOP, led by Gov. Brownback, pushed through a tax plan that created a $900 million budget gap and led to cuts to education, Medicaid and public safety. |
| Brownback’s tax plan had “little if any positive impact” and Kansas’ growth and job creation underperformed neighboring states and the national average. |
| Just years after the cuts passed, the Kansas Legislature reversed course and rolled back the tax cuts. |
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[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 10/28/20]

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Adkins Praised Trump’s Tax Cut Package And Stated That “I Think We Can Do Even More.” “I’m an absolute believer in reducing the tax burden, so I applaud President Trump for the tax cut package that he passed, but I think we can do even more. I do hope we can extend or make permanent the individual income tax rate, in addition to that, we can do better on corporate income taxes. Again, I applaud the president for making us more competitive globally by reducing corporate income tax rates, but you folks probably know that countries like Ireland, their corporate tax rate is very low. 12.5%. If we continue to lower it, businesses will invest more and they’ll invest in their people which means wages will be higher. I’m focused on KC, I’m focused on all of you here.” [Kansas GOP Candidate Forum, 1/31/20, saved on Vantage]

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- **The 2017 Republican Tax Bill Lowered The U.S. Corporate Tax Rate From 35% To 21%**. “The Tax Cut
and Jobs Act (TCJA) reduced the top corporate income tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent, bringing the US
rate below the average for most other Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development countries, and
eliminated the graduated corporate rate schedule (table 1). TCJA also repealed the corporate alternative
minimum tax.” [Tax Policy Center, accessed 4/19/22]

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**Republican Tax Cuts Added $1.9 Trillion To The National Debt**

CBO Estimated The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Increase The Debt 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]

April 2018: CBO: The Republican Tax Law “Increases The Total Projected Deficit Over The 2018–
2028 Period By About $1.9 Trillion.” “What Are the Act’s Projected Budgetary Effects? To construct its baseline
budget projections, CBO incorporated the effects of the tax act, taking into account economic feedback—that is, the
ways in which the act is likely to affect the economy and in turn affect the budget. Doing so raised the 11-year
projection of the cumulative primary deficit (that is, the deficit excluding the costs of servicing the debt) by
$1.3 trillion and raised projected debt-service costs by roughly $600 billion. The act therefore increases the total
projected deficit over the 2018–2028 period by about $1.9 trillion.” [CBO Budget & Economic Outlook 2018 to
2028, Appendix B: The Effects of the 2017 Tax Act on CBO’s Economic and Budget Projects, p.105, April 2018]

**Big Corporations Got The Majority Of The Benefit From The Republican Tax Bill**

S&P 500 Companies Could See $1.64 Trillion in Tax Cuts. “In other words, you can thank tax cuts for nearly
half the growth in big-company earnings in the first quarter. For many companies – including a favorite target of
Trump’s ire, Amazon.com Inc. – the boost was even more substantial, representing all, or nearly all, the quarter’s growth. It gets better: At the rate they’re going, S&P 500 companies could save $1.64 trillion in taxes over the next decade, Steve estimates – $300 billion more than lawmakers expected. Now we’re talking real money.” [Bloomberg News, 5/25/18]

**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: 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]

**Corporate Tax Cuts In The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Cost Roughly $1 Trillion.** “It still amounts to roughly a $1 trillion tax cut for businesses over the next decade. Republicans argue this will make the economy surge in the coming years, but most independent economists and Wall Street banks predict only a modest and short-lived boost to growth.” [Washington Post, 12/15/17]

**Major Corporations Received Bulk of Tax Cuts.** “Widespread publicity about corporations sharing a big slice of their huge Trump tax cuts with their workers through bonuses and wage hikes is mostly hype, this Americans for Tax Fairness analysis reveals. Even though America’s biggest corporations are poised to reap hundreds of billions in tax cuts, only 18 corporations in the Fortune 100 have announced any sort of employee benefits tied to those cuts, as of today. Only 46 of the Fortune 500—just 9%—have announced any plans to share the tax-cut wealth.” [Americans For Tax Fairness, 1/29/18]

**The GOP Tax Bill Gave Significant Tax Cuts To The Very Wealthy**

**The Atlantic: “The Richer The Family, The Bigger The Cut, Both In Absolute Terms And In Proportional Income” From The GOP Tax Bill.** “The GOP tax bill operates by two simple principles. First, families at every income level can expect a tax cut—but the richer the family, the bigger the cut, both in absolute terms and in proportional income. Households making between $500,000 and $1 million would get a $21,000 tax cut in 2019 and their after-tax income would rise by 4.3 percent. That proportional gain is four times larger than the average after-tax benefit for a family making $40,000. Second, as time goes by, most families’ tax benefits would shrink—with the major exception being the most affluent. Most of the plan’s individual tax cuts end after 2025. This provision is necessary (because of the procedure congressional Republicans chose for the bill) to pay for a permanent corporate tax cut whose benefits flow mostly through capital gains and dividends to shareholders. The bars below illustrate this effect: The tax cuts shrink between 2018 and 2025 before disappearing for all levels in 2027—except for the richest households, the ones with the most money invested in stocks, who will still be reaping the benefits of lower corporate taxes.” [The Atlantic, 12/19/17]

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**The Tax Cut Benefitted The Top 1% Of Earners And “Will Reap More Than 20% Of The Total Value Of The Tax Cut, Roughly The Same Amount As Americans In The Bottom 60% Of The Income Distribution.”**
“No one in the middle class is going to turn up their nose at an extra thousand bucks. But critics have been pointing out that the tax bill could have done much more for middle earners. That $900 pales in comparison to the average $51,000 tax cut that Americans in the top 1% of earners — those taking home $733,000 and up — will reap. Overall, the 1% will reap more than 20% of the total value of the tax cut, roughly the same amount as Americans in the bottom 60% of the income distribution, the Tax Policy Center found.” [Time, 12/20/17]
Ask yourself a simple question - are you better off today? Left unchecked Biden & Davids will continue record spending, inflation will rise hurting families and seniors, and business will be taxed more. #KS03 deserves a different future. Go #builderbeliever Team Adkins !!

Adkins Criticized Davids For Supporting “Failed Leftist Policies” Including A “Multi-Trillion-Dollar” Tax Hike. “In the past month, we’ve seen the disastrous results of Joe Biden and Sharice Davids’ failed leftist policies come into full view. - President Biden’s botched withdrawal from Afghanistan is the most humiliating foreign policy disaster in living memory. - Skyrocketing inflation is impacting Kansas families at the check-out line and the gas pump. - The House Democrats’ irresponsible $3.5 trillion spending spree will leave future generations $90,000 in debt the second they’re born. - And the left’s call for a multi-trillion-dollar tax hike will hurt businesses and cost Americans countless jobs. It couldn’t be clearer – the Democrats’ one-party control of Washington is an unmitigated disaster for our country. It’s time for a change in Kansas District 3 and America. Please help me defeat Davids, retire Pelosi, and hold President Biden accountable by RUSHING your best gift right now.” [Tony’s Kansas City, 9/2/21]

Adkins Condemned The “Destructive Policies” Of The Biden Administration Claiming They Resulted In Tax Increases. “@KansasGOP convention speaking on the destructive policies of the Biden administration and @sharicedavids ... growth of government, tax increases ... will result in loss of jobs and loss of family income in #KS03. We need smarter programs, simpler government, and stronger growth.”
Adkins Claimed That Inflation Was A Tax On Families And Said Davids Was Responsible For Supporting “Out Of Control” Spending. “Inflation IS a tax on hardworking families and seniors. @RepDavids is responsible because she has supported out of control spending.”
Adkins Opposed The Build Back Better Act, Which Cut Taxes For Middle Class While Raising Taxes On The Richest Americans And Closing Tax Loopholes For Large Corporations

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✓ The Build Back Better Act Would Not Increase Taxes For Households Making Less Than $400,000.

“Senate Democrats aim to fund a $3.5 trillion budget measure partly on the backs of higher taxes for corporations and the wealthy, according to a budget framework issued Wednesday. Democrats would ‘prohibit’ tax increases for households earning less than $400,000, as well as other groups like small businesses and family farms, as they seek to raise revenue for clean-energy initiatives and an expansion of the social safety net, according to the outline.” [CNBC, 7/15/21]

Build Back Better Would Cut Taxes For Middle Class And Working Families

Build Back Better Would Cut Taxes For Middle Class And Working Families By Extending Increases In The Child Tax Credit And The Earned Income Tax Credit. “Cut taxes for families and workers. Prior to the pandemic, 8% of children under the age of 18 in Kansas lived in poverty. The Build Back Better framework will bolster financial security and spur economic growth in Kansas by reducing taxes on the middle class and those striving to break into it. The framework will extend Child Tax Credit (CTC) increases of $300/month per child under 6 or $250/month per child ages 6 to 17. This will continue the largest one-year reduction in child poverty in history. And critically, the agreement includes permanent refundability for the Child Tax Credit, meaning that the neediest families will continue to receive the full Child Tax Credit over the long-run. The framework will also provide a tax cut of up to $1,500 in tax cuts for 163,700 low-wage workers in Kansas by extending the American Rescue Plan’s Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) expansion.” [White House, accessed 4/22/22]

• The Build Back Better Deal Lowered Drug Prices For Seniors By Reducing Co-Pays And Establishing A $2,000 Out-Of-Pocket Limit in Medicare Part D. “Pelosi celebrated the drug-pricing agreement: ‘For a generation, House Democrats have been fighting to deliver real drug price negotiations that will lower costs. With today’s agreement on strong lower drug price provisions for the Build Back Better Act, Democrats have a path forward to make good on this transformational agenda for our seniors.’ She said the deal will lower drug prices for seniors, reduce their out-of-pocket co-pays and establish a $2,000 out-of-pocket limit for seniors’ expenses in Medicare Part D. The bill would also halt price hikes above inflation, which would affect all Americans, she said.” [NBC News, 1/12/21]

[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 12/9/21]
FactCheck.Org: “In The First Year Of Biden’s Proposed Budget, 2022, Nearly Nine Out Of 10 Households Would See A Tax Cut.” “In the first year of Biden’s proposed budget, 2022, nearly nine out of 10 households would see a tax cut, according to the Tax Policy Center.” [FactCheck.org, 9/24/21]

Build Back Better Would Make The Wealthiest Americans And Biggest Corporations Begin To Pay Their Fair Share In Federal Taxes

Build Back Better Would Make Sure That Wealthiest Americans And The Biggest Corporations Begin To Pay Their Fair Share In Federal Taxes, And Would Not Raise Taxes On Anyone Making Less Than $400,000 A Year. “The Build Back Better Act is fiscally responsible. It reduces the deficit over the long-term. It’s fully paid for by making sure that the wealthiest Americans and biggest corporations begin to pay their fair share in federal taxes. It keeps my commitment that no one earning less than $400,000 a year will pay a penny more in federal taxes.” [The White House, Press Release, 11/19/21]

The Build Back Better Act Would Raise $1.85 Trillion Over Ten Years To Pay For Health Care, Child Care And Address Child Poverty. “The Build Back Better (BBB) legislation before the House would raise a reported $1.85 trillion over ten years to pay for critical investments to reduce child poverty; make health care, child care, and housing more affordable; and address climate change.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 11/2/21]

The Build Back Better Act Would Raise Revenue By Increasing Taxes For The Richest Americans, Reduce Tax Advantages For Large Corporations And Improve Enforcement Of Tax Laws. “Moreover, while many of the BBB investments are temporary, the bulk of the tax provisions are permanent and so would continue raising revenue after ten years. The legislation would raise revenue in three main ways: requiring people with high incomes to pay a fairer amount of tax, reducing unwarranted tax advantages for profitable corporations (particularly large multinationals), and improving enforcement of the nation’s tax laws to close the roughly $600 billion annual gap between taxes legally owed and taxes paid — a gap disproportionately due to high-income filers’ noncompliance with the law. Together, these measures would make the tax code more equitable and adequate.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 11/2/21]

✓ The Build Back Better Act Would Raise $650 Billion Over Ten Years By Imposing A 5% Surtax On Multimillionaires, Closing The Net Investment Income Loophole And Limiting Excess Business Loans. “BBB imposes a new 5 percent surtax on households with adjusted gross income (AGI) above $10 million and an additional 3 percent tax (for a combined 8 percent) on those with AGI above $25 million. This would raise $230 billion over ten years, according to the Biden Administration. […] High-income people pay a 3.8 percent Medicare tax on their wages and self-employment income. In 2010, Congress enacted a parallel 3.8 percent tax on high-income people’s net investment income. The tax, however, was designed with a large loophole: some income of high-income people who own pass-through businesses — including partnerships and S corporations — doesn’t face either 3.8 percent tax. This gives high-income professionals, such as lawyers or investment fund managers, a significant incentive to recharacterize their income, or rearrange their business operations, to avoid the tax. BBB closes this loophole, raising $250 billion over ten years. […] BBB makes permanent a provision of the 2017 tax law that limits the amount of business losses that high-income owners of pass-through businesses can deduct from their non-business income, such as capital gains. […] Making the provision permanent will raise $170 billion over ten years. […] The high-income components of BBB described above represent sound policy and will raise $650 billion over ten years.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 11/2/21]
Adkins Supported Tax Cuts Implemented By Brownback And His “Pro-Business Agenda”

Adkins Tweeted Support For Tax Cuts Implemented By Brownback.

[Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 10/24/15]

Adkins Tweeted Support For Brownback’s “Pro-Business Agenda.”

[Amanda Adkins, Twitter, 8/11/09]

2010: Adkins Claimed That The Kansas Republicans Had “Sound Plans” For The State’s Economy

ADKINS OP-ED: Adkins Believed “Kansas Republicans Are Presenting A United Front With Sound Plans To Meet The Challenges Of A 21st Century Economy.” “Much has been said about President Barack Obama's commitment to mirror European nations spending, health care and other environmental policies. For people who thought Democrats could sell European-style socialism to Americans, the April 30th Daily Presidential Tracking Poll by Rasmussen Reports should prove alarming. Fifty-three percent of voters disapprove of Obama's performance as president. Kansans, being a people who look to community and family before government for answers, will take a hard look at leadership on the ballot in November. The question is simple: Do you want an America that rewards
individual promise, entrepreneurship and centers on family or do you want European-style socialism that penalizes hard work, stifles prosperity and celebrates government? Kansas Republicans are presenting a united front with sound plans to meet the challenges of a 21st Century economy. Our philosophy centers on liberating the promise of the individual and family as the answer, not more government growth, on a path to prosperity. The choice is yours. Amanda Adkins, Overland Park, is the chairwoman of the Kansas Republican Party and a business executive in the health care industry.” [Hays Daily News, Amanda Adkins, 5/12/10]


Adkins Noted Support For Brownback Economic Policies That Encouraged People From Out Of State To Move To Declining Kansas Counties With Income Tax Breaks. “Dozens of people marched Saturday to the Kansas Statehouse to protest potential budget cuts and other policies pursued by Gov. Sam Brownback and fellow Republicans who dominate state government. […] State GOP Chairwoman Amanda Adkins said Kansans’ top priority is creating jobs for more than 100,000 state residents who are without work, then noted strong bipartisan support behind legislative approval of a plan from Brownback to lure people from other states to declining Kansas counties with income tax breaks. ‘Kansans of all backgrounds and viewpoints are coming together behind ideas to grow our state,’ Adkins said. ‘That’s the top priority.’” [Kan. Statehouse Rally Protests GOP-Run State Govt, Associated Press State & Local Wire, 3/20/11]

Adkins Said Governor Brownback Was Taking A “Long View” In Reference To Damaging Economic Policies. “Kansas Republican Party Chairwoman Amanda Adkins said disagreement over policy decisions was a healthy part of the democratic process, and she encouraged residents regardless of political party to be passionate about issues they hold dear. Adkins, who was appointed by Brownback to be head of the Kansas Children’s Cabinet, said the governor was taking a ‘long view’ of where Kansas needs to be to have a growing economy while providing services in the most efficient manner.” [Newly Formed Kan. Group Plans Rally, Associated Press State & Local Wire, 8/27/11]

In An RNC Press Release About President Obama’s Visit To Kansas, Adkins Praised Brownback And Criticized Obama. “As a member of the Kansas City business community, a mother of two small children, and a civic activist in the state of Kansas, I have spent a lot of time talking with entrepreneurs, businesses of all sizes, families and individuals across the state and right now the sentiment in Kansas is people are very much focused on and desire clarity on a path towards job creation, competitiveness and effectiveness for the state of Kansas and for the country[.] I have to say, odd that he selected the state of Kansas in the sense that a compare contrast of his executive management at the federal level versus that of our own Governor Sam Brownback is not in his favor[.] Since President Obama has taken office, the national debt has risen 41%. I don’t [sic] that Kansans are going to be overly excited or enthusiastic about his message today. In fact, I think it is going to backfire.” [RNC Press Release, 12/6/11]

Adkins Wrote An Op-Ed Praising Brownback’s Economic “Road Map” And Its Impact On Children. “Research well-documents that 90 percent of a child’s brain is developed before the age of 5. Therefore, it is of critical importance to focus on and invest in early education and health care interventions and outcomes for kids. The Institute for a Competitive Workforce, an affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, found in a 2010 report that ‘for every dollar invested today, savings range from $2.50 to as much as $17 in the years ahead.’ Understanding that Kansas children are critical to our future, Gov. Sam Brownback made improving kindergarten readiness a key measure of his economic ‘road map.’” [Amanda Adkins Op-Ed, Wichita Eagle, 10/13/14]

Adkins Praised Brownback’s “Pro-Growth” Strategy

Adkins Tweeted Her Support For Brownback’s “Pro-Growth” Strategy.
Adkins Called Brownback An “Incredible Governor” And Praised Him For Leading Kansas To Have No Income Tax

Brownback’s Tax Plan Led To A $900 Million State Budget Gap, Job Losses, And Cuts To Vital Services


Brownback’s Tax Cuts Created A $900 Million Two-Year Budget Gap In Kansas. “The nation’s most aggressive experiment in conservative economic policy is dead. Republican majorities in the Kansas legislature on Tuesday night voted to reverse the deep tax cuts engineered by Governor Sam Brownback five years ago, blaming them for blowing a hole in the state’s budget that threatened the viability of its schools and infrastructure. […] Lawmakers in the GOP-controlled House and Senate came within a few votes of undoing the tax cuts in February as lawmakers searched for revenue to plug a nearly $900 million two-year budget gap and meet a court order demanding more funding for education. [The Atlantic, 6/7/17]

Brownback Is “Notorious” For His “Kansas Experiment” Of Dramatic Tax Cuts That Hurt The State Badly. “Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback is notorious for what is known as the Kansas experiment, a bold effort to assert the power of limited government. In 2012, the Republican governor pushed reforms through the state Legislature that dramatically cut income taxes across the board. Brownback boasted the plan would deliver a ‘shot of adrenaline’ to the Kansas economy. But the opposite happened. Revenues shrank, and the economy grew more slowly than in neighboring states and the country as a whole. Kansas’ bond rating plummeted, and the state cut funding to education and infrastructure.” [NPR, 10/25/17]
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Brownback’s Plan Cut The “Pass-Through” Tax Rate To Zero, Allowing Big Companies To Exploit Tax Exemptions. “A key part of the plan slashed to zero the tax rate pass-through businesses pay. Small businesses — such as sole proprietorships, partnerships and S corporations — pay taxes through the individual income tax code, not the corporate one. Under the Kansas plan, the pass-through tax rate was reduced from 7 percent to zero. Kriz says big companies exploited this tax exemption. ‘There were a lot of really big companies that were actually [limited liability] like big law firms in this state, oil exploration companies then,’ he says. Others supposedly lied on their tax forms. ‘Most famously, a couple of basketball coaches allegedly — although nobody can ever prove this — were alleged to have retitled themselves as independent contractors in order to be able to take advantage of it for their multimillion-dollar incomes,’ Kriz says.” [NPR, 10/25/17]

Brownback’s Tax Plan Had “Little If Any Positive Impact” And Kansas’ Growth And Job Creation Underperformed Neighboring States And The National Average

Failure Was Almost Instantaneous: State Revenue Plummeted By 10% In One Year, Causing The State To Cut Medicaid, K-12 Funding, And Pension Contributions And Halt Construction Projects. “[W]hen the tax cuts went into effect in 2014, their failure was seen almost instantly. State revenues plummeted by almost $700 million, Kriz says. ‘To put it in context, the state general fund budget is about $6 billion, and so that’s 10 percent revenue loss in one year,’ he says. ‘That’s a lot for any government to have to make [up].’ State lawmakers tried to balance the budget by tapping into reserves and the highway fund. They put construction projects on hold; pension contributions dropped; and Medicaid was cut. The state also refashioned the school funding formula and closed and consolidated several school districts. School funding consumes about half of Kansas’ budget.” [NPR, 10/25/17]

Brownback’s Tax Cuts Caused A Deficit Explosion, Even With Spending Cuts To K-12 Education, Housing, And Police And Fire Protection. “The tax cuts did produce one explosion, however. The state’s budget deficit was expected to hit $280 million this year, despite major spending reductions. Kansas falls well below national averages in a wide range of public services from K-12 education to housing to police and fire protection, according to an analysis by the Urban Institute’s State and Local Finance Initiative.” [Forbes, 6/7/17]

Kansas’ Private-Sector Job Growth From 2012 To 2017 Was Lower Than Almost All Neighboring States And Less Than Half Of The Country’s Average. “Kansas’ 4.2 percent private-sector job growth from December 2012 (the month before the tax cuts took effect) to May 2017 (the month before they were repealed) was lower than all of its neighbors except Oklahoma and less than half of the 9.4 percent job growth in the United States.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 1/22/18]

Forbes: “Growth And Job Creation In Kansas Underperformed Both The National Economy And Neighboring States.” “Since Kansas enacted tax and spending cuts in 2012 and 2013, Brownback and his allies have argued that this fiscal potion would generate an explosion of economic growth. It didn’t. Overall growth and job creation in Kansas underperformed both the national economy and neighboring states.” [Forbes, 6/7/17]

Brownback Was Re-Elected In 2014 But His Approval Rating In 2017 Was A Measly 25% And Republicans Lost Seats In The Kansas Legislature As A Result. “While Brownback was reelected in 2014, his popularity has since plummeted and his approval rating now hovers at around 25 percent, second lowest among all sitting governors. And while the GOP enjoyed tremendous national electoral success in 2016, the party lost seats in the Kansas legislature. At least in one deep red state, the Trump formula of big tax and spending cuts is no longer the path to political success. In 2012, Brownback called his tax plan a ‘real live experiment.’ It appears to have failed.” [Forbes, 6/7/17]

CNBC: “The State Was Still Dealing With A Residual $351 Million Revenue Shortfall For Fiscal Year 2018.” “One year ago Kansas was still nursing a hangover from a disastrous tax-cutting experiment by former Republican Gov. Sam Brownback, who slashed individual income-tax rates and eliminated taxes on ‘pass-through’ income
from certain businesses. Even though a bipartisan super-majority of the state legislature had repealed the Brownback program over his veto in 2017, the state was still dealing with a residual $351 million revenue shortfall for fiscal 2018, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. In addition to its No. 35 overall ranking last year, Kansas finished a dismal No. 45 in the Economy category.” [CNBC, 7/10/19]

Three Groups Of Economics Concluded Brownback’s Tax Cuts Had “Little If Any Positive Impact.” “Three different groups of economists have conducted research using sophisticated statistical techniques to isolate the effects of the Kansas tax cuts on the state’s relative economic performance. All three studies have concluded that the tax cuts have had little if any positive impact.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 1/22/18]

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A “Flat” Or “Fair” Tax Would Cut Taxes Significantly For The Wealthiest Americans, While Increasing Taxes On The Middle Class

The “Fair Tax” Would Raise Taxes On The Middle Class, While The Wealthiest Households Would See The Biggest Tax Reductions. “Eliminating income taxes would, in most states, mean the wealthiest households would see the biggest tax reductions. The net result would be an overall tax increase for everyone else. ‘FairTax’ proposals would include a rebate to shield low-income taxpayers from this tax increase, but the rebate would not be large enough to shield middle-income families from bearing the brunt.” [Office on Budget and Policy Priorities, 9/7/10]
Flat Tax Would Increase Taxes On The Middle Class While Reducing Them For The Wealthy. “The regressivity of the flat tax is another big problem. Our current federal income tax code is progressive (rates rise with income), and every distributional analysis I’ve ever seen of a flat tax shows a transfer of the tax burden from the wealthy to the middle class. According to the Tax Policy Center’s score of the Perry tax plan, the tax bill of families with incomes between $30,000 and 40,000 would go up by about $450, while that of millionaires would fall by about half a million bucks.” [Washington Post, 5/26/15]

Citizens For Tax Justice: Flat Tax Means That The Rich “Will Pay Far, Far Less In Taxes.” According to a report from Citizens for Tax Justice: “The first part of that claim is largely true. Since Armey’s plan does not tax income from interest, dividends, or capital gains, those taxpayers who live completely off of investment income would be taken off the rolls entirely. The second part of the claim is, by any serious accounting, wrong. Armey’s plan has two parts: It replaces the progressive income tax with a flat tax, and it replaces business taxes with a consumption tax. Both elements would dramatically shift the tax burden from the wealthy toward the middle class and the poor. If not for stunning misrepresentations, this would be obvious to everyone. Our personal income tax now starts with a zero effective rate on lower-income families (families of four currently earning up to about $23,200 pay no income taxes) rising to a 39.6 percent top marginal rate on the incomes of the richest 1 percent. Replace that with a flat rate of, say, 20 percent and clearly the rich will pay far, far less in taxes. That has to be made up somewhere.” [Citizens for Tax Justice, accessed 5/12/16]

EPI: Flat Tax Would Benefit High-Income Earners; “Top 1 Percent Would See An Average Tax Cut Of Over $200,000.” “The flat tax is certainly a good deal for high-income individuals. Although they might not get to deduct mortgage interest payments on their vacation homes, those with high incomes more than make up for it in the lower, ‘flatter’ rate. For example, under a 20 percent flat tax (similar to the one proposed by Perry), the top 1 percent would see an average tax cut of over $200,000.” [EPI: Cutting Taxes for the Rich Never Ends Well, 11/02/11]
### Significant Findings

✓ Adkins referenced intellectual property issues and said China’s behavior made it difficult for people to do business with them.

✓ 2020: Adkins praised Trump for signing a trade deal with China that forced China to buy $200 billion worth of American goods and services.

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✓ Adkins warned that U.S. reliance on China was a threat to national security.

✓ Adkins Warned of America’s interdependence on Chinese medical supplies and semiconductors and wanted Congress and the Department of Defense to address this threat.

   ✓ Adkins proposed targeted tax incentives to ensure U.S. tax dollars are not used to support Chinese enterprises.

      ✓ 2022: Rep. Sharice Davids voted to pass the America COMPETES Act that addressed supply chain issues, promoted American competitiveness with China and included incentives for domestic semiconductor manufacturing.

✓ Adkins said she supported the passage of USMCA.

   ✓ Adkins said she was pleased that the USMCA passed and called it a win for the American economy and the American worker.

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China

Adkins Referenced Intellectual Property Issues And Said China’s Behavior Made It Difficult For People To Do Business With Them

Adkins Said “Past Behavior On The Part Of China” Made It Difficult For People To Want To Do Business With Them. “Question: The China deal, phase one of that deal that came into place yesterday also USMCA here getting done so specifically for what it means here locally but also for just the entire Midwest how big of a win do you see this being? Adkins: This is a really big deal. For those who don’t know, I’ll start with China, the state of Kansas in terms of exports was worth maybe $650 million+, many probably also know that the president was able to negotiate that China would purchase an additional $200 billion over two years. Exports in a state like Kansas, that equates to jobs and livelihood of families, that’s a really big deal. The other thing I also wanted to call out, as somebody who’s worked for an innovation company for a long time is that some of the negotiation they’ve done on piracy of intellectual property and technology, I really hope there’s some positive changes there as well because certainly, past behavior on the part of China and Chinese Companies has made it difficult for people to want to do business over there.” [KCMO, 1/16/20, saved on Vantage]

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Adkins Said Trump “Has Done A Great Job In Terms Of Economic Policy” Including The US-China Trade Agreement He Signed In Early 2020. “The thing about that is, here in Kansas City, when I talk to people, they typically are concerned most by national security or the economy. The president has done a great job in terms of economic policy and the most recent example is the US-China trade agreement that has been signed here just recently.” [KCMO, 1/16/20, saved on Vantage]

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- The U.S.-China Trade Deal Forced China To Buy $200 Billion Worth Of American Products Within Two Years. “The agreement is a significant turning point in American trade policy and the types of free-trade
agreements that the United States has typically supported. Rather than lowering tariffs to allow for the flow
of goods and services to meet market demand, this deal leaves a record level of tariffs in place and forces China
to buy $200 billion worth of specific products within two years. [...] While other presidents have tried to change
China’s economic approach, Mr. Trump has leaned into it. The agreement stipulates that “China shall ensure”
that its purchases meet the $200 billion figure by 2021, all but guaranteeing an export boom as Mr. Trump
heads into the 2020 election.” [New York Times, 1/15/20]

Adkins Warned That U.S. Reliance On China Was A Threat To National Security

Adkins Claimed That The U.S. Is Too Reliant On China And Has Not Done Enough To Hold Them Accountable. “The United States has been in a multi-decade power struggle with the People’s Republic of China and Congress has not done enough to hold them accountable. The pandemic made clear that we are too reliant on China. The U.S. must rethink how we build our plan for economic and national security and the types of partners we will prioritize to advance our shared interests.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

Adkins Said That America Must Address Its Dependence On China. “China has made enormous investments to spur their own economic growth, increase military capabilities, and influence their position globally. As we most recently experienced in the COVID-19 crisis, and healthcare more broadly, America’s dependence on China is a threat Congress must address. There are a range of things the United States can do to secure our position as a global power and decrease dependency on China, but we must recognize this will be a long-term endeavor that will require strategic moves and domestic investments.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

Adkins Warned Of America’s Interdependence On Chinese Medical Supplies And Semiconductors And Wanted Congress And The Department Of Defense To Address This Threat

Adkins Claimed America’s Interdependence On Chinese Medical Supplies And Semiconductors Was A National Security Risk. “America’s interdependence on China for medical supplies and other essential items gave China leverage during the pandemic and is a national security risk. Beyond the need for medical supplies, there are also dependencies on many components important to America’s defense industrial base. According to the U.S. House of Representatives China Task Force Report, ‘90 percent of the world’s semiconductors (chips) are produced outside of the U.S.’ and China has a goal to produce 70 percent by 2025.’” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

Adkins Wanted Congress To Require The Department Of Defense To Develop A Strategy To Assess Vulnerabilities Related To Reliance On Chinese Technological Needs. “Congress has taken steps to decrease over reliance on China by advancing medical research and development (R&D) and manufacturing more medical supplies in the U.S. Congress now needs to turn and require that the Department of Defense develop a national strategy to assess gaps and vulnerabilities related to technological and other needs in our defense industrial base.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

Adkins Proposed Targeted Tax Incentives To Ensure U.S. Tax Dollars Are Not Used To Support Chinese Enterprises. “The U.S. must take seriously the threat posed by Made in China 2025. We need more targeted tax incentives to accelerate our own R&D and track percentage of product made in the U.S., and we need to ensure U.S. tax dollars are not used to support Chinese enterprises.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/16/22]

Rep. Davids Voted To Pass A Bill To Increase Competition With China And Boost Domestic Semiconductor Manufacturing

COMPETES Act contains several of Davids’ priorities, including incentives for domestic semiconductor manufacturing, resources to strengthen supply chains and reduce inflation, and policies that will promote American global leadership amongst countries like China. Davids’ amendment also passed the House, ensuring that small and mid-sized manufacturers are given opportunities to participate in federal supply chain upgrades.” [Rep. Sharice Davids, Press Releases, 2/4/22]

**USMCA**

**Adkins Supported The USMCA Trade Agreement**

**Adkins Said She Supported The Passage Of The USMCA.** “I applaud the passage of the USMCA and the first phase of the China agreement. My guess is there are a lot of people who will benefit from the passage of those agreements, our trade to China, Mexico, and Canada accounts for about $4000 per person in the state of KS. I do want to reflect that we need to be cognizant about what we dictate to business. Within USMCA there’s a provision that specifies the wage requirement which is targeted at Mexico so that we can improve life for auto workers—short term, great, long term, it may impact our competitiveness in the automobile industry. In terms of previous tariffs on steel and aluminum, in 2019 one KC company’s total costs went up 4%, so we need to be thoughtful.” [Kansas GOP Candidate Forum, 1/31/20, saved on Vantage]

- **December 2019: Rep. Sharice Davids Advocated And Supported The USMCA.** “The Third District is a major trade hub and our community, along with the entire state of Kansas, benefits most when our country has a strong, fair trade policy. I’m pleased that we’ve reached a bipartisan compromise on the USMCA that will bolster Kansas’ economy. This improvement on our previous trade agreement will support workers, protect the environment, and increase access to affordable prescription drugs. I’m particularly glad that labor had a seat at the table throughout the negotiation process, and that this agreement includes many of our shared priorities. Importantly, we’ve secured strong enforcement measures to ensure that our trading partners live up to their commitments to protect workers. I’ll continue to stand with our working men and women of the Third District. While we are still waiting for the final text of the agreement to be released, I’m very encouraged by the information we’ve seen so far. I’ve urged Democratic leadership to bring the USMCA to a bipartisan vote by the end of the year, and I will continue to advocate for that. We must continue to ensure that all our trade agreements protect workers, provide opportunities, and benefit our economy as a whole, and I’m hopeful that the final text of the USMCA will do that.” [Rep. Sharice Davids, Press Releases, 12/10/19]

**Adkins Said She Was Pleased That The USMCA Passed And Called It A Win For The American Economy And The American Worker.** “The Democrats’ partisan politics should not keep Congress from doing the work they are elected to do. I am pleased to see the USMCA trade deal move forward. USMCA provides new export opportunities for Kansas’ agriculture products and lowers material costs in manufacturing, ultimately leading to more goods at lower costs in Kansas and beyond. This is a win for the American economy and the American worker.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, 12/10/19]

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[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 12/10/19]

Adkins Supported The 2017 Republican Tax Bill That Incentivized Corporations To Move Jobs Overseas

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Adkins Applauded Trump For His Tax Cuts Saying It Delivered “Really Fantastic Results.” “I do want to applaud President Trump for the regulatory rollback work he did early on, certainly for the tax cuts, and then I think most important, the results that have been achieved based on that work. We’ve seen the results in unemployment being low, a super stock market, one of the highest wages on record in history. Really, really fantastic results.” [Kansas GOP Olathe Pizza Shop Event, 1/13/20, saved on Vantage]

Adkins Praised Trump’s Tax Cut Package And Stated That “I Think We Can Do Even More.” “I’m an absolute believer in reducing the tax burden, so I applaud President Trump for the tax cut package that he passed, but I think we can do even more. I do hope we can extend or make permanent the individual income tax rate, in addition to that, we can do better on corporate income taxes. Again, I applaud the president for making us more competitive globally by reducing corporate income tax rates, but you folks probably know that countries like Ireland, their corporate tax rate is very low, 12.5%. If we continue to lower it, businesses will invest more and they’ll invest in their people which means wages will be higher. I’m focused on KC, I’m focused on all of you here.” [Kansas GOP Candidate Forum, 1/31/20, saved on Vantage]

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13 Times Kamala Harris Says She Wants To Repeal The Trump Tax Cuts

[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 10/28/20]
[Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 11/2/20]
The 2017 Republican Tax Bill Increased Incentives And Made It Attractive For Corporations To Move Jobs Overseas By Effectively Creating A Tax Break For Manufacturers With Foreign Operations

New York Times: 2017 Republican Tax Bill “Could Actually Make It Attractive For Companies To Put More Assembly Lines On Foreign Soil.” “The bill that Mr. Trump signed, however, could actually make it attractive for companies to put more assembly lines on foreign soil. Under the new law, income made by American companies’ overseas subsidiaries will face United States taxes that are half the rate applied to their domestic income, 10.5 percent compared with the new top corporate rate of 21 percent. ‘It’s sort of an America-last tax policy,’ said Kimberly Clausing, an economist at Reed College in Portland, Ore., who studies tax policy. ‘We are basically saying that if you earn in the U.S., you pay X, and if you earn abroad, you pay X divided by two.’” [New York Times, 1/8/18]

- Economists Found “The Bill Ends Up Creating A Tax Break For Manufacturers With Foreign Operations.” “What could be more dangerous for American workers, economists said, is that the bill ends up creating a tax break for manufacturers with foreign operations. Under the new rules, beyond the lower rate, companies will not have to pay United States taxes on the money they earn from plants or equipment located abroad, if those earnings amount to 10 percent or less of the total investment.” [New York Times, 1/8/18]

- HEADLINE: Tax Law May Send Factories and Jobs Abroad, Critics Say. [New York Times, 1/8/18]

Washington Post: “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]


- Because Of The Way The Tax Bill Taxed Foreign Income, Corporations Would Increase Tax Free Income The More Equipment It Had Abroad. “In the future, corporations would be required to pay about a 10 percent minimum tax on overseas income above a certain level. The provision is billed as a way to discourage the movement of jobs and profit overseas. But the fine print of the new global minimum tax would make the problem worse, several tax specialists said. […] First, a corporation would pay that global minimum tax only on profit above a ‘routine’ rate of return on the tangible assets — such as factories — it has overseas. So the more equipment a corporation has in other countries, the more tax-free income it can earn. The legislation thus offers corporations ‘a perverse incentive’ to shift assembly lines abroad, said Steve Rosenthal of the Tax Policy Center.” [Washington Post, 12/15/17]

Under Tax Bill, A Corporation That Built A Plant In A Foreign Country Would Pay Substantially Less In Taxes On Foreign Profit Than Profits Earned In The United States. “Second, the bill sets the ‘routine’ return at 10 percent — far more generous than would typically be the case. Such allowances are normally fixed a couple of percentage points above risk-free Treasury yields, which are currently around 2.4 percent. As a result, a U.S. corporation that builds a $100 million plant in another country and makes a foreign profit of $20 million would pay roughly $1 million in tax versus $4 million on the same profit if earned in the United States, said Rosenthal, who has been a tax lawyer for 25 years and drafted tax legislation as a staffer for the Joint Committee on Taxation.” [Washington Post, 12/15/17]
Veterans & Military Family Issues

Significant Findings

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  ✓ Adkins claimed she would work to ensure the Department of Veterans Affairs improves access to healthcare for veterans.
  ✓ Adkins’ campaign met with veterans and asked veterans to join her campaign to advise on mental health issues and support for military families.

✓ …But Adkins indicated openness to privatizing government programs—which could include the Veterans Administration.
  ✓ Adkins supported privatizing government programs that “can be done by the private sector.”
  ✓ Adkins called for government programs to be cut altogether if they “are no longer serving needed and intended purposes.”

✓ Privatizing the Veterans Administration would cost over $100 billion each year and lead to a weakened veterans’ hospital system and longer wait times for appointments.
  ✓ Veterans groups opposed large-scale changes that would “cannibalize” the veterans’ hospital system.
  ✓ Veterans receiving private care experienced longer wait times for appointments.

✓ 2020: Adkins was endorsed by Robert O’Neill, a veteran Navy SEAL who participated in the raid that killed Osama Bin Laden.
  ✓ August 2020: O’Neill was banned by Delta Airlines for not wearing a mask on a flight.
  ✓ August 2021: O’Neill appeared to suggest he’d support taking “back the country” similar to the Taliban’s takeover of Afghanistan.

Veterans’ Administration

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Adkins Campaign’ Website Listed A Link For Veteran Supporters To Join The “Veterans For Amanda Coalition” That Would Advise On Veterans and Military Family Issues. “Amanda understands and appreciates the sacrifices veterans and their families make for our freedom. As a member of the Veterans for Amanda Coalition, you will join active duty and veteran servicemembers in support of Amanda Adkins for Congress. Members of the Coalition advise Amanda on important issues such as veteran mental health, military to civilian transitions and military spousal support. Opportunities to be involved include hosting virtual and in-person meet-and-greets, inviting Amanda to speak at veteran groups and social media engagement.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/14/22]

Adkins Met With Three Veterans On Veterans Day To Discuss Mental Health Issues. “We honor the contributions of our #Veterans. Check out the discussion I hosted with 3 Army Veterans - Justin, Adam and Vinnie. All three served in Iraq and now do work to make #KS03 great when it comes to warrior health.”

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[Amanda Adkins for Congress, Twitter, 11/11/21]

…But Adkins Indicated Openness To Privatizing Government Programs—Which Could Include The Veterans Administration

Adkins Supported Privatizing And Cutting Government Programs “At Every Level” In Order To Rein In Government Spending

Adkins Called For A “Thorough Analysis Of All Government Programs” To Hold Government Spending Accountable “For Every Dollar.” “Elected officials should be accountable for every dollar the government spends. A thorough analysis of all government programs is needed. We must analyze what is working and what is not.” [Amanda Adkins for Congress, accessed 3/28/22]

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2010: Under Adkins’ Chairmanship, The Kansas Republican State Platform Called For Government Programs “At Every Level” To Be Eliminated At “Every Opportunity” To Reduce Government Spending. “We believe that government at every level has grown too large and is now a threat to the very rights it was designed to protect. We call on every elected official to eliminate government programs and reduce government spending at every opportunity.” [Kansas GOP, 2010 State Platform, accessed 3/15/22]

Privatizing The Veterans Administration Would Cost Over $100 Billion Each Year And Lead To A Weakened Veterans’ Hospital System And Longer Wait Times For Appointments

Unfettered Access To Private Care For Veterans Would Cost Over $100 Billion Each Year. “Health care experts say that, whatever the larger effects, allowing more access to private care will prove costly. A 2016 report ordered by Congress, from a panel called the Commission on Care, analyzed the cost of sending more veterans into the community for treatment and warned that unfettered access could cost well over $100 billion each year.” [New York Times, 1/12/19]

A Tricare-Style System For Veterans Would Cost About $60 Billion Each Year. “Tricare costs have climbed steadily, and the Tricare population is younger and healthier than the general population, while Veterans Affairs patients are generally older and sicker. Though the rules would place some restrictions on veterans, early estimates by the Office of Management and Budget found that a Tricare-style system would cost about $60 billion each year, according to a former Veterans Affairs official who worked on the project. Congress is unlikely to approve more funding, so the costs are likely to be carved out of existing funds for veterans’ hospitals.” [New York Times, 1/12/19]

Veterans Groups Opposed Large-Scale Changes That Would “Cannibalize” The Veterans’ Hospital System. “Veterans’ services organizations have largely opposed large-scale changes to the health program, concerned that the growing costs of outside doctors’ bills would cannibalize the veterans’ hospital system.” [New York Times, 1/12/19]

Veterans Receiving Private Care Experienced Longer Wait Times For Appointments. “Here’s what has actually happened in the four years since the government began sending more veterans to private care: longer waits for appointments and, a new analysis of VA claims data by ProPublica and PolitiFact shows, higher costs for taxpayers. Since 2014, 1.9 million former service members have received private medical care through a program called Veterans Choice. It was supposed to give veterans a way around long wait times in the VA. But their average waits using the Choice Program were still longer than allowed by law, according to examinations by the VA inspector general and the Government Accountability Office.” [ProPublica, 12/18/18]

Headline: “Veterans Continue to Suffer After Trump's VA Privatization Becomes 'Unmitigated Disaster.’” [Newsweek, 1/19/22]
Veterans’ Support


June 2020: Adkins Was Endorsed By Robert O’Neill, A Veteran Navy SEAL Who Participated In The Raid That Killed Osama Bin Laden. “Very excited to announce that today combat veteran Robert J O’Neill, of the elite United States Navy SEALs best known for his participation in the raid of Osama bin Laden’s compound that lead to the death of the al-Qaeda leader, has endorsed my campaign for #KS03!”

[Amanda Adkins for Congress, Facebook, 6/29/20]

• August 2020: O’Neill Was Banned By Delta Airlines For Not Wearing A Mask On A Flight. “The former Navy SEAL who claims he’s the one who killed Osama bin Laden during a 2011 raid tweeted on Thursday that he was banned from Delta Air Lines for not wearing a mask. Robert O’Neill took a maskless selfie of himself on Delta flight on Wednesday, posting it on Twitter with a vulgar caption. In the background of the now-deleted photo can be seen another passenger and a flight attendant who are both wearing masks — which are mandatory on commercial flights to help protect everyone on board from the coronavirus. "I'm not a p****," O'Neil captioned the selfie.” [CBS News, 8/21/20]

• August 2021: O’Neill Appeared To Suggest He’d Support Taking “Back The Country” Similar To The Taliban’s Takeover Of Afghanistan. “Back in May 2011, Robert O’Neill was one of the Navy SEALs responsible for hunting down Osama bin Laden in Abbottabad, Pakistan. O’Neill later claimed to be the man who actually killed the terrorist leader. But on Thursday, the former SEAL commented on the Biden
administration’s withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan with a tweet suggesting he is envious of how the Taliban was able to quickly take back the country. He then shockingly suggested he wouldn’t mind doing the same in the U.S. ‘Did you see how the Taliban rolled through the streets and took back their county? I know a few dudes who would do the same with me right now. — Robert J. O'Neill (@mchooyah) August 19, 2021’ The tweet was one of several O’Neill posted criticizing President Joe Biden and the way his administration has handled the withdrawal.” [HuffPost, 8/19/21]
Appendix I – Campaign Finance

Items of Interest

✓ As of the end of Q1 2022, Adkins’s campaign committee had raised $3,838,467.58 and spent $2,555,487.97 during the 2020 and 2022 cycles.

✓ Adkins’ campaign committee received 83.6% of her contributions from individual contributors and 10.1% from PACs.

✓ Adkins’ campaign committee received $33,800 from Corporate PACs during the 2020 cycle.

✓ Adkins’ campaign committee received about 20% of her PAC contributions from business PACs and about 80% of her PAC contributions from ideological PACs.

✓ Adkins had deep ties to two of her top contributors, Herzog and Cerner.
  ✓ Adkins’ father, Alan Landes, was director and former president of Herzog Contracting Corp.
  ✓ Adkins’ brother, Nathan Landes, was a “manager – technical R&D” at Herzog Railroad Services.
  ✓ 2005 – 2020: Adkins worked for Cerner in several different executive roles and as a lobbyist.

✓ Adkins’ top contributor industries were retired, general contractors, and leadership PACs.

✓ Adkins’ top contributor sectors were finance, construction, and ideological groups.

✓ 2019-2021: Adkins’ family directly contributed a total of $56,750 to her campaign.
  ✓ 2019-2021: Adkins’ father, Alan Landes, contributed a total of $11,400 to Adkins’ campaign.
  ✓ 2019-2021: Adkins’ mother, Grace Landes, contributed a total of $11,350 to Adkins’ campaign.
  ✓ 2019-2021: Adkins’ brother, Nathan Landes, contributed a total of $11,400.20 to Adkins’ campaign.
  ✓ 2019-2021: Adkins’ sister-in-law, Christina Landes, contributed a total of $11,400 to Adkins’ campaign.
  ✓ 2019-2021: Adkins’ sister, Anna Landes Wigh, contributed a total of $11,200 to Adkins’ campaign.

✓ During her 2020 campaign, Adkins and her husband contributed almost $7,000 to Adkins’ campaign.

✓ Adkins’ first run for Congress was propped up by a super PAC that was bankrolled by her family fortune.
  ✓ 2020: Heartland USA PAC spent $382,484.90 on advertising in support of Amanda Adkins.
✓ 2019–2020: Alan Landes overwhelmingly funded Heartland USA PAC, contributing a total of $408,046 of the PAC’s total contributions of $564,546.

✓ There was no additional raising or spending for Heartland USA PAC for the 2022 cycle as of May 2022.

# Campaign Committee

As Of The End Of Q1 2022, Adkins’ Campaign Committee Had Raised $3,838,467.58 And Spent $2,555,487.97 During The 2020 And 2022 Cycles

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[OpenSecrets, accessed 5/3/22]

As Of The End Of Q1 2022, Adkins’ Campaign Committee Received 83.6% Of Her 2020 And 2022 Cycle Contributions From Individual Contributors And 10.1% From PACs

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[OpenSecrets, accessed 5/3/22]

2020 Cycle: Adkins’ Campaign Committee Received $33,800 From Corporate PACs

According To Maplight, Adkins Received $33,800 From Corporate PACs During The 2020 Cycle.

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### As Of The End Of Q1 2022, Adkins’ Campaign Committee Received 20% Of Her PAC Contributions From Business PACs During The 2020 And 2022 Cycles

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Adkins’ Family Had Deep Ties To Herzog Including Her Father Who Was The Former President Of Herzog

Adkins’ Father, Alan Landes, Was Director And Former President Of Herzog Contracting Corp. “During Al’s 45-year career, he rose up through the Herzog ranks, providing management and operations for numerous areas of the company – most recently the President of Herzog Contracting Corp. (HCC). Under his supervision, HCC developed an impressive portfolio of major rail construction projects across North America. He currently serves as one of three directors for all the Herzog companies. Within the industry, Al has served as the past president of Associated General Contractors (AGC) of America and AGC of California. He has also served as past president of both the National Railroad Construction and Maintenance Association (NRC) as well as The Beavers and their Charitable Trust.” [Herzog, accessed 5/26/20]

Adkins’ Brother, Nathan Landes, Was A “Manager – Technical R&D” At Herzog Railroad Services. According to Facebook, Nathan Landes was a “Manager – Technical R&D” at Herzog Railroad Services, the same company his father was Director and former President of. [Nathan Landes Facebook Profile, accessed 2/16/22]
2005 – 2020: Adkins Worked For Cerner In Several Different Executive Roles And As A Lobbyist

Adkins Worked For Cerner In Several Different Roles Between 2005 And 2020. “Adkins has worked for the company for more than a decade in a variety of high-level roles. After managing Sam Brownback’s successful Senate re-election campaign in 2004, Adkins took a position as Cerner’s director of government affairs. She recently slammed her GOP rival Sara Hart Weir’s career as a lobbyist, but records show that Adkins registered as a lobbyist with the Kansas Legislature in 2005 and with the U.S. House in 2006. In 2008, Adkins was promoted to the company’s vice president and general manager of population health. [...] Adkins moved to another job in July when she became vice president of strategic growth. The change occurred after she had already met with the National Republican Congressional Committee about the 3rd District race. Adkins’ new role is to seek out new opportunities for growth beyond the hospital and health care areas that the company has traditionally focused on, according to a Cerner spokeswoman.” [Kansas City Star, 11/17/19]

2005 – 2006: Adkins Was A Registered Lobbyist For Cerner In Kansas And Washington, D.C. According to Legistorm and the Kansas Secretary of State, Adkins was a registered lobbyist for the Cerner Corporation in 2005 and 2006. [Kansas Secretary of State, accessed 2/22/22; Legistorm, accessed 2/22/22]

Top Overall Industries

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### Top Overall Sectors

#### 2022 Cycle Adkins Top Contributors By Sector, As Of End Of Q1 2022

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[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 5/3/22]

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**Family Contributions**

**2019-2021: Adkins’ Family Directly Contributed A Total Of $56,750.20 To Her Campaign**

As Of April 2022, Adkins’ Family Directly Contributed A Total Of $56,750.20 To Her Campaign Between 2019 And 2021. [FEC, accessed 5/3/22]

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- **Alan Landes Was Amanda Adkins’ Father.** “The father of a former Kansas Republican Party chairwoman who is seeking to unseat freshman Democratic Rep. Sharice Davids from her seat representing a Kansas City area swing district has contributed more than $100,000 to a super PAC airing ads attacking one of his daughter’s top rivals. Federal Election Commission records show that Amanda Adkins’ father, Alan Landes, was the sole donor to the Heartland USA PAC as of March 31 after making two donations totaling $113,146, The Kansas City Star reports.” [Associated Press, 7/8/20]


- **Landes’ First Donation To Adkins’ Campaign Committee Took Place On 5/10/19, 112 Days Before She Filed Her Candidacy With The FEC.** [FEC Individual Contribution Search, accessed 2/15/22]
• **Candidates Are Required To Register And File Financial Reports With The FEC After Raising $5,000.** According to the FEC, candidates for federal office are required to register and file financial reports with the FEC once they raise $5,000. [FEC Registering For A Candidate, accessed 2/15/22]

• **Grace Landes Was Adkins’ Mother.** “Today is also the day my parents, Al and Grace Landes, were married 50 years ago. Interestingly enough, they started their marriage in Germany as my father was serving in the United States Army during the Vietnam era. My parents represent the best of America – hard work, accountability, a belief in God, the family, and our great country.” [Cosmic Food Adventure Blog-By Amanda Adkins, Facebook, 6/6/20]


• **Nathan Landes Was Amanda Adkins’ Brother.** “Surviving family includes three children, Brenda (Rick) Ebersold, Al (Gracie) Landes, both of St. Joseph, Mo., and Tony Landes, Stewartsville, Mo.; seven grandchildren, Craig (Jennifer) Ebersold, Natasha (Damion) Moore, Amanda (Jason) Adkins, Anna (Jeff) Wigh, Nathan (Christi) Landes, Amber Hoyle, Christina (George) Fought; 15 greatgrandchildren; brothers, Eldon Landes Jr. and Glen Landes; sister Margaret Landes; sister-in-laws, Barb Landes and Lois Blessing, and special friend Ethel Thom.” [Bethany Republican-Clipper, 6/24/15]

• **2019-2021: Christina Landes Contributed A Total Of $11,400 To Adkins’ Campaign.** [FEC Individual Contribution Search, accessed 5/4/22]

• **Christina Landes Was Married To Nathan Landes.**

• **Anna Landes Wigh Contributed A Total Of $11,200 To Adkins’ Campaign.** [FEC Individual Contribution Search, accessed 5/4/22]

• **Anna Landes Wigh Is Amanda Adkins’ Sister.**
During Her 2020 Campaign, Adkins And Her Husband Contributed Almost $7,000 To Adkins’ Campaign

2019-2020: Adkins Contributed $3303.82 To Her Own Congressional Campaign, In The Form Of In-Kind Contributions.

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[FEC, accessed 4/20/22]

2019: Adkins’s Husband Jason Adkins Contributed $3500 To Adkins’s Campaign.
Adkins’ First Run For Congress Was Propped Up By A Super PAC That Was Bankrolled By Her Family Fortune

August 2020: Adkins Won The Crowded Kansas 3rd Republican Primary

August 2020: Adkins Won The Five-Way Kansas 3rd GOP Primary With 31% Of The Vote. “Cerner executive Amanda Adkins emerged from a five-way Republican primary battle Tuesday to take on first-term Rep. Sharice Davids in Kansas’ 3rd Congressional District, the only district in the state represented by a Democrat. With 98% of precincts reporting, Adkins held a commanding 8-point lead over disability rights activist Sara Hart Weir. Adkins, who at 10:30 p.m. held 31% of the vote, benefited from a crowded field behind her. Weir sat at 23%, former Roeland Park Mayor Adrienne Vallejo Foster had 20% of the vote and former Burns & McConnell executive Mike Beehler had 19%. Former state Rep. Tom Love had just 7%.” [Kansas City Star, 8/4/20]

2020: A Single-Candidate Super PAC Supporting Adkins—Heartland USA PAC--Spent Nearly $400,000 On Advertising In Support Of Her Campaign And Attacking Opponents

2020: Heartland USA PAC Spent $382,484.90 In The Primary And General Election On Advertising In Support Of Amanda Adkins.

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The Heartland USA PAC Was Funded Almost Exclusively By Adkins’ Father, Alan Landes. “Adkins also sparred frequently with Weir, former president of the National Down Syndrome Society. Last month, a super PAC funded almost exclusively by Adkins’ father, Alan Landes, launched an ad portraying Weir as a child playing dress-up. The PAC, Heartland USA PAC, received $373,046 this cycle -- $313,046 of which came from Adkins' father. Campaign finance reform advocates say family-funded PACs undermine the requirement that super PACs be independent from a campaign.” [Kansas City Star, 8/4/20]
Adkins’ Father’s PAC Spent Over $200,000 On Attack Ads Against GOP Primary Rival Sara Hart Weir. “During the primary election, the PAC spent more than $200,000 on ads attacking Adkins’ GOP primary rival Sara Hart Weir.” [Kansas City Star, 10/21/20]

Adkins’ Father’s PAC Paid For Ads That Touted Adkins As An “Independent” Woman

Adkins’ Father’s PAC Bought Ads That Touted Adkins As An “Independent” Woman. “A political action committee funded by Amanda Adkins' father is releasing an ad touting the 3rd District Republican congressional candidate as an independent woman. According to Federal Communications Commission records, Heartland USA PAC has spent $62,800 to purchase time on KSHB and KMBC between Friday and November 2nd. The PAC has also bought time on WDAF though FCC documents did not disclose the cost. Adkins’ father, retired construction executive Alan Landes, has donated $313,046 to the PAC, or more than 81 % of its total funding as of September 30, according to filings with the Federal Election Commission. The Heartland USA PAC did not immediately respond to The Star's request to comment on the ad buy. The spot, titled ‘Her Own Woman’ mentions Adkins' accomplishments in business and politics before claiming successful women are often torn down, or defined by the men they work with. Adkins, the ad says, is ‘her own woman.’ ‘Her whole life Amanda has stood up for Kansas, especially for our kids, and she did it standing on her own two feet,’ the ad says.” [Kansas City Star, 10/21/20]

Adkins Defended Her Father, Calling Him Her “Conservative Inspiration.” “Adkins' campaign did not respond to multiple phone calls and emails about the ad, but Adkins personally posted a response on Weir's Facebook page Tuesday evening after Weir and her supporters had criticized the ad in a thread. ‘MY FATHER was my conservative inspiration. A boy from the farm, married 50 years, GOP family, built a successful local company into a national success. What say you?’ Adkins wrote on Weir's page in response to critics.” [Kansas City Star, 7/7/20]

Heartland USA PAC Was Overwhelmingly Funded By Adkins’ Father, Alan Landes

2019-2020: Alan Landes Overwhelmingly Funded Heartland USA PAC, Contributing A Total Of $408,046 Of The PAC’s Total Contributions Of $564,546.

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[FEC, accessed 4/26/22]

Note: As of May 2022, it appeared the PAC had not yet raised any money during the 2022 cycle.