

Jeremy Shaffer (PA-17) Research Report

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Jeremy Shaffer

Republican Candidate in
Pennsylvania's 17th Congressional District

Research Memo – 2022

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Significant Findings

Shaffer Supported Overturning Roe v. Wade And Favored A Constitutional Amendment To Restrict Abortion Rights Nationwide, Even In Cases Of Rape Or Incest.

- ✓ May 2022: Shaffer said “hopefully” Roe v. Wade would be overturned.
- ✓ In a questionnaire, Shaffer said he supported banning abortion outside of a “very limited” and “tightly defined” exception for the life of the mother, with no additional exception for victims of rape or incest.
- ✓ Shaffer said he supported restricting abortion nationwide via a constitutional amendment in the event Roe v. Wade was overturned.
- ✓ 2018: Shaffer said he supported defunding Planned Parenthood.

Shaffer Was A Leader At An Anti-Gay Baptist Church That Opposed Marriage Equality And Encouraged Gay Youth To Pursue Conversion Therapy.

- ✓ Shaffer served as a Deacon and an Elder at Three Rivers Grace Church for a combined 7 years.
- ✓ Three Rivers Grace Church was openly unwelcoming to the LGBTQ+ community and believed they could be “rescued” from their “lifestyle.”
 - ✓ An Elder wrote on the church’s blog “homosexuality is a sin” from which people can be “rescued” to “bring them out of that lifestyle.”
 - ✓ Three Rivers Grace Church’s official Statement of Faith included “marriage is to be between one man and one woman.”
 - ✓ Three Rivers Grace Church’s leader, Ben Reaoch, called on gay youth to pursue conversion therapy.
- ✓ Three Rivers Grace Church’s values included “the God-given roles for men, women, and children.”

NRA-Endorsed Shaffer Opposed Commonsense Gun Safety Rules And Donated Nearly \$10,000 To A Radical Gun Group.

- ✓ 2022: Shaffer received an “AQ” rating from the NRA – the highest rating available to candidates without a voting record on gun issues.
 - ✓ 2018: Shaffer was endorsed by the NRA.

- ✓ Shaffer gave nearly \$10,000 and received an endorsement from Firearm Owners Against Crime, a radical anti-gun safety group.
 - ✓ FOAC “vigorously oppose[d]” restrictions on the use of firearms, including bills to expand background checks, to establish safe storage requirements, to empower police to remove firearms from at-risk individuals, and to research firearm safety and gun violence prevention.
 - ✓ 2022: Shaffer was endorsed by FOAC.
- ✓ Shaffer said he strongly disagreed that gun control measures were needed to address public safety and promised to “never waver” in his support for the Second Amendment.

Shaffer, Who Believes The Government Has No Place Ensuring Americans Have Health Insurance Or A Livable Wage, Would Vote Against The Interests Of Working Pennsylvanians.

- ✓ In a 2018 questionnaire, Shaffer said it was not the government’s responsibility to ensure everyone had a livable income.
- ✓ In a 2018 questionnaire, Shaffer said it was not the government’s responsibility to ensure everyone had health insurance.

Shaffer Claimed To Be A Bipartisan-Oriented “Enigma Of A Candidate” In 2022, But Ousted An Independent-Leaning Republican Only Four Years Earlier By Running Far To The Incumbent’s Right

- ✓ 2022: Shaffer called himself “something of an enigma of a candidate,” bipartisan, and campaigned on crossover appeal in Pennsylvania’s 17th congressional district, though he said he would welcome Trump’s endorsement.
- ✓ 2018: Shaffer ousted Republican State Senator Randy Vulakovich in the primary election by running to his right and criticizing his vote for a Republican governor’s own infrastructure package.
 - ✓ Shaffer bested the incumbent Republican State Senator Randy Vulakovich by touting himself as a more conservative alternative.
 - ✓ Shaffer was backed in the Republican primary by the Citizens Alliance of Pennsylvania, a conservative group that seeks to oust moderate Republicans.
 - ✓ Shaffer attacked Vulakovich’s support for fellow Republican Governor Tom Corbett’s 2013 gas tax hike, which funded infrastructure improvements.
 - ✓ Shaffer criticized Vulakovich for supporting a 2017 state revenue package including tax increases that passed the Senate but not the House.

Shaffer Claimed To Be A Voice Of Reason On Infrastructure, But Primaried A Moderate Republican Over A Bipartisan Vote To Fund Infrastructure Projects In The State And Selectively Funded Local

Infrastructure Projects That Served His Self Interest

- ✓ 2022: Shaffer said he “probably” would have voted for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and framed infrastructure and transportation as opportunities to diverge from mainstream Republicans.
- ✓ 2018: Shaffer ousted an incumbent moderate over a vote for infrastructure funding in Pennsylvania.
 - ✓ After the primary, ousted Senator Randy Vulakovich said he still thought he did the right thing to fix two decades of highway neglect.
- ✓ As Ross Commissioner, Shaffer had a mixed record and opposed a road improvement project while approving of others that served his own self-interest.
 - ✓ 2019: Shaffer was the only Ross Commissioner to vote against the 2020 budget and “objected to taking money from the fund balance to improve more roads next year.”
 - ✓ 2015: Shaffer proposed requiring sidewalks outside new and renovating businesses, which was unpopular with local business owners but aligned with the lobby he founded earlier that year.
 - ✓ 2014: Shaffer said street repairs in Ross were an opportunity to use software to determine which streets to prioritize. Shaffer got rich selling software for management of transportation infrastructure.

Shaffer’s Campaign Manager, Previously Fined For Dirty Tricks, Produced Deceptive Yard Signs To Mislead Pennsylvanians

- ✓ October 2018: Campaign yard signs appearing to be for Lindsey Williams and calling her a socialist appeared in State Senate District 38 but were not created by Williams.
 - ✓ Shaffer claimed he was not to blame for the creation of the signs but used one in a television ad and maintained Williams was a socialist.
- ✓ Shaffer campaign manager Carl Fogliani hedged and played coy on whether he was culpable for the fake yard signs, but Fogliani was the “sole source of support” for North Hills Republican Club, which was the group responsible for the fake yard signs and campaign robocalls.
 - ✓ State Democrats’ Attorney Cliff Levine claimed the fake yard signs violate a state law requiring that political signs “clearly and conspicuously state” their financial sponsors.
 - ✓ Fogliani’s prior campaigns were fined and cited for campaign finance violations, including a fake disclaimer on a robocall attacking an opponent.

Shaffer Said He Would Oppose Any Effort To Defund The Police, But In 2018 Called For Pennsylvania To Cut An \$800 Million/Year Revenue Stream For Police In Small Towns

- ✓ 2022: Shaffer said he would “stand with law enforcement and stop the Democrats’ radical agenda to defund the police” and promised to “fight back against any effort to defund our police.”
- ✓ In 2018, Shaffer called for Pennsylvania to stop using gas tax funds to pay about \$800 million a year for state police services in smaller municipalities that did not have their own departments.

Shaffer Said He Would Stand Up For Election Integrity, But His Backers Worked To Overturn His 2018 State Senate Election Results

- ✓ 2022: Shaffer said he would “stand against Democrat power grabs that would undermine election integrity and voting rights.”
- ✓ 2018: Pennsylvania Republicans tried to overturn Lindsey Williams’ victory over Shaffer by challenging her eligibility to hold office due to the length of her residency in state.
 - Before the election, Shaffer’s supporters unsuccessfully filed suit to remove Williams from the ballot, claiming she had not spent the required four years in state pre-election.
 - October 2018: A Commonwealth Court Judge found “absolutely no allegation or proof with respect to the candidate’s fraud in the concealment of any of the purportedly disqualifying information upon which objectors rely.”
 - December 2018: Senate Republican leaders questioned Williams’ eligibility, asking for documentation of her residency. Williams provided more than 100 documents to Senate leaders in a sworn affidavit and was sworn into office in January 2019.

Shaffer Was A Puppet For A Conservative Billionaire Hedge Fund Manager Accused Of Buying The 2022 Pennsylvania Gubernatorial Primary

- ✓ 2018: Shaffer’s state senate campaign received \$550,000 from Commonwealth Leaders Fund PAC.
- ✓ Commonwealth Partners-affiliated groups, which frequently move money to each other, received most of their millions in funding from billionaire hedge fund manager and conservative mega-donor Jeff Yass.
- ✓ 2022: A Republican operative accused Commonwealth Partners of buying the Republican Pennsylvania gubernatorial primary with nearly \$7 million in contributions.
- ✓ 2020: Shaffer wrote an op-ed in support of one of the Commonwealth Foundation’s pet policies that would limit legislative control of the state budget.

Shaffer Supported “School Choice” And Accepted \$550,000 In 2018 From Groups Who Backed Siphoning Public School Funds To Private Schools

- ✓ Shaffer said he would “empower families to have the freedom to do what is best for their children” and “boosts different educational avenues including parochial schools, private schools and homeschooling.”
- ✓ 2018: Shaffer’s state senate campaign accepted \$550,000 from Commonwealth Leaders Fund PAC.
- ✓ Students First PAC, which funded Commonwealth Leaders Fund, spent at least \$7.1 million in the 2020 cycle on ads and mailers for candidates in Pennsylvania who backed school choice.
- ✓ Shaffer denied his opponent’s charge that he would support cuts to public education funding.

Shaffer Was A Hypocrite On Big Monopolies And Corporate Consolidation

- ✓ Shaffer called “the trend toward big company monopolies” a major threat to America’s prosperity.
- ✓ After selling his company to billion-dollar software giant Bentley Systems in 2012, Shaffer became a high-paid Bentley executive, reporting more than \$1 million in Bentley-related assets as of 2021.

Background

- **FULL LEGAL NAME:** Jeremy Kevin Shaffer
- **BORN:** 4/10/1977 (age 45)
- **FAMILY:** Married to Stacey, Geriatric Internal Medicine Doctor – Univ. Pittsburgh Residency/Fellowship; Five children [Jeremy Shaffer for US Congress, accessed [5/6/22](#)]
- **HOME:** Gibsonia, PA 15044 (Allegheny County)
- **EDUCATION:** Carnegie Mellon University (2006): Ph.D. and Master’s Degrees in Electrical and Computer Engineering; Tulane University (1999): Bachelor’s Degrees in Computer Science and Computer Engineering; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2017): MBA [Jeremy Shaffer for US Congress, accessed [5/6/22](#)]
- **PROFESSIONAL:** 2003-2012: “President and Co-Founder of InspectTech, a company dedicated to software for efficient and safe management of bridges and transportation infrastructure” [Jeremy Shaffer for US Congress, accessed [5/6/22](#)]; 2012-present: Executive at Bentley Systems, which purchased InspectTech in 2012
- **POLITICAL:** Ross Township Commissioner, 2013-2020; Ross Township Board President, 2 year term within 2013-2020 terms; Candidate for PA State Senate (SD 38), 2017-18
- **ORGANIZATIONS:** Former Elder and Deacon, Three Rivers Grace Church; Elected Committeeman of Allegheny County Republican Committee; Member of Ross Township Republican Committee; Member of Board of Directors of Pittsburgh Association for Bridge Construction and Design; Federal Highway Administration Bridge Preservation Expert Task Force; Various civic organizations, National Park Service volunteer, Youth soccer and basketball coach [Jeremy Shaffer for US Congress, accessed [5/6/22](#)]

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Shaffer Said He Was A “Pro-Life” Candidate Who Favored Restrictions On Abortion Rights

2018: Shaffer Said He Was A “Pro-Life” Candidate Favoring Restrictions On Abortion Rights. “Mr. Shaffer campaigned as a pro-business, anti-tax candidate wanting a more frugal government - including a smaller state Legislature - while backing a more modest hike in Pennsylvania’s minimum wage to \$10 an hour. Ms. Williams

maintained his budget positions would lead to cuts in education funding, among other steps backward, but Mr. Shaffer denied he would support school cuts. He considers himself a ‘pro-life’ candidate favoring restrictions on abortion rights.” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 11/7/18]

Shaffer Said He Believed “That All Life, Born And Unborn, Must Be Protected” And Promised To “Advocate For The Rights Of The Unborn.” “I believe that all life, born and unborn, must be protected. In Congress, I will advocate for the rights of the unborn and fight against legislation that allows taxpayer dollars to fund abortions.” [Jeremy Shaffer for US Congress, accessed [5/6/22](#)]

Shaffer Said He “Strongly Agree[d]” That Human Life Began At Conception And Deserved Legal Protection “At Every Stage Until Natural Death.”

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Strongly Agree

[Web Archive, iVoterGuide, Jeremy Shaffer 2018 Questionnaire, Archived [6/13/22](#)]

Shaffer Supported Banning Abortion Outside Of A “Very Limited” And “Tightly Defined” Exception To Save The Life Of The Mother

Shaffer Said He Supported Banning Abortion Without Exception For Cases Of Rape Or Incest. Q: “Under what circumstances should abortion be allowed?” A: “Since life begins at conception we must consider that abortion is terminating life. Abortion is far, far too casually considered as an option for people to not accept their responsibility. As a result of teenage pregnancy myself, I am very glad that mine own parents didn’t ‘choose’ to kill me. Given that abortion is taking a life the circumstance I could potentially see it being tolerated is in the extremely rare situation where there is actually a choice between the life of the mother and the baby. That needs to be very tightly defined so it can not be abused and very limited.” [Web Archive, iVoterGuide, Jeremy Shaffer Questionnaire, Archived [5/12/22](#)]

Shaffer Supported Restricting Abortion Nationwide Via The Passage Of A Constitutional Amendment

In A Questionnaire, Shaffer Said He Supported The Federal Government Limiting Abortion If Roe v. Wade Was Overturned. [Web Archive, PA Family Voter Questionnaire, Jeremy Shaffer, Archived [5/3/22](#)]

Shaffer Said He Believed Any Federal Action On Restricting Abortion Should Be In The Form Of A Constitutional Amendment. “Jeremy Shaffer’s answer has been the Republican default position for years: ‘I believe very strongly in our federal system of government, which means that when hopefully Roe v. Wade is overturned, it will revert back to the individual states’ to decide. Shaffer added that he believes any federal action should be in the form of a constitutional amendment. Otherwise, he warned, ‘any time the Democrats are in power, then it’s going to flip to the extreme.’” [WESA, [5/5/22](#)]

2022: Shaffer Said “Hopefully” Roe V. Wade Would Be Overturned, Reverting Abortion Law To Individual States

May 2022: Shaffer Said Were Roe V. Wade To Fall, He “Believe[d] Very Strongly In Our Federal System Of Government Which Means That When Hopefully Roe V. Wade Is Overturned, It Will Revert Back To The Individual States.” “A Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade hasn’t landed yet, but the debate about what comes next is already shaping the race among Republican candidates competing in the May 17th primary. And in Pennsylvania’s 17th Congressional District, the issue highlights differences between the three GOP candidates seeking to hold the seat now occupied by Democrat Conor Lamb. The issue arose Tuesday night at a

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2018: Shaffer Said He Supported Defunding Planned Parenthood

Shaffer Said He "Strongly Agree[d]" That Planned Parenthood Should Not Receive Funds From Federal, State, Or Local Governments.

Abortion providers, including Planned Parenthood, should not receive funds from federal, state, or local governments.

Strongly Agree

[Web Archive, iVoterGuide, Jeremy Shaffer 2018 Questionnaire, Archived [6/13/22](#)]

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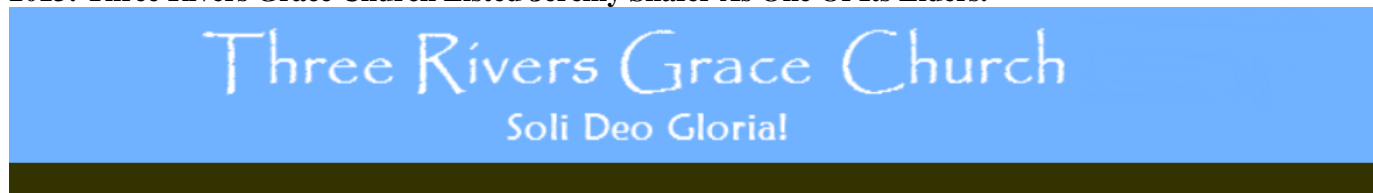
Shaffer Was A Leader At The Three Rivers Grace Church For Seven Years

Shaffer Listed 7 Years Of Service To A "Local Church" On His Campaign Website

Shaffer Listed His "Service As Deacon And Elder At Local Church (Combined 7 Years)" On His Campaign Website. "Community and Professional Organization Experience: (Past and Present) • Service as Deacon and Elder at Local Church (combined 7 years)." [JeremyShaffer.com, Accessed [6/3/22](#)]

2013: Three Rivers Grace Church Listed Jeremy Shaffer As An Elder

2013: Three Rivers Grace Church Listed Jeremy Shafer As One Of Its Elders.


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 [3RiversGrace.org, Accessed [1/8/13](#)]

2009-2012: Shaffer Gave At Least 11 Sermons At Three Rivers Grace Church

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Date	Speaker	Title	Reference
11/18/12	Jeremy Shaffer	Seek First The Kingdom of God and Put Anxiety Aside	Matthew 6:25-34
8/12/12	Jeremy Shaffer	Psalm 103	Psalm 103
8/7/11	Jeremy Shaffer	N/A	Revelation 4:1-11
5/22/11	Jeremy Shaffer	Being Members of the Body	1 Corinthians 12:12-31
3/6/11	Jeremy Shaffer	Parables of the Hidden Treasure and Pearl of Great Value	Matthew 13:44-46
12/24/09	Jeremy Shaffer	Let Us Give Glory	Luke 2:1-14
8/23/09	Jeremy Shaffer	The Privilege and Joy of Giving	2 Corinthians 8:1-10
2/22/09	Jeremy Shaffer	N/A	N/A
12/28/08	Jeremy Shaffer	The Word Became Flesh	John 1:1-18
8/17/08	Jeremy Shaffer	With man it is Impossible, but not with God	Mark 10:17-31
12/9/07	Jeremy Shaffer	Glory, Sovereignty, Unity	John 17

 [Web Archive, Three Rivers Grace Church, Sermons, Archived [1/8/13](#)]

Three Rivers Grace Church Was Unwelcoming To The LGBTQ+ Community And Believed “Homosexuality Is A Sin” And “Lifestyle” To Be “Rescued” From That Was Harmful To Society
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In A Blog Post, Church Elder Ben Reaoch Wrote Homosexuality Was A Sin Against God That Brought Harm To Those Who Practiced It And To Societies Who Accepted It. “Many are unwilling to call sin what the Bible calls sin. We have to speak the truth. We have to acknowledge that homosexuality is a sin against God, it is

against His will, and it will bring harm to those who practice it and to the society in which it becomes an accepted norm.” [Three Rivers Grace Church Blog, Ben Reaoch, [9/16/07](#)]

Church Elder Ben Reaoch Wrote “Homosexuals” Can Be “Rescued” By God To “Bring Them Out Of That Lifestyle.” “At the same time we need to show love to those who identify themselves as homosexuals. We need to believe that God can change their hearts and bring them out of that lifestyle. Is anything too hard for the Lord! He has rescued us from our sin, and He is slowly conforming us to His image, and He can do the same for others who are entangled in different sins.” [Three Rivers Grace Church Blog, Ben Reaoch, [9/16/07](#)]

Three Rivers Grace Church’s Leadership Equated Homosexuality To The “Sexual Brokenness” Of Jerry Sandusky And Called On Gay Youth To Pursue Conversion Therapy

Church Elder Ben Reaoch Equated Gay Marriage To The Sandusky Trial, Presenting Them Both As “Evidences In Our Society Of Sexual Brokenness And Sexual Perversion.” “So we meet head-on this morning the highly controversial issue of homosexuality. It’s at moments like this that we wonder how anybody Reaoch could say that the Bible is irrelevant to our lives today. Last month we heard our President go on national television and state his personal support for gay marriage. The trial of Jerry Sandusky has just reached a conclusion, with the jury finding him guilty on 45 counts of abuse. In many, many ways we can point out evidences in our society of sexual brokenness and sexual perversion. There is massive confusion in our society about gender, about marriage, about sexuality. And the Bible has something to say about it.” [SermonAudio.com, Three Rivers Grace Church, Idolatry and Homosexuality Sermon by Ben Reaoch, [6/24/12](#)] (AUDIO) 8:20

Reaoch: Gay Acceptance Was Like A Doctor “Find[ing] A Life-Threatening Disease Spreading Through Your Body,” Then “Tell[ing] You You’re All Right.” “Our aim is to speak the truth in love regarding all sin, proclaiming the hope that Jesus Christ has accomplished forgiveness for all who trust in Him. When talking about any sin, the most loving thing to do is speak the truth. Of course it’s possible to speak the truth in a harsh and unloving and unhelpful way. We don’t want to do that. But, on the other hand, it’s also possible to appear loving and kind and accepting, and yet fail to communicate the truth. And we don’t want to go down that road either. If we don’t clearly speak the truth we do everyone a grave disservice. It would be like going to your doctor, and your doctor finds a life-threatening disease spreading through your body. But since the doctor knows it would be difficult for you to hear that news, he or she just tells you you’re all right. And you go home thinking that doctor is the nicest, kindest, most gentle person you’ve ever met. Is that loving? No, it’s wicked! It’s dishonest, untrue, and destructive.” [SermonAudio.com, Three Rivers Grace Church, Idolatry and Homosexuality Sermon by Ben Reaoch, [6/24/12](#)] (AUDIO) 10:00

Reaoch Called On Gay Youth “Wrestling With Homosexual Feelings” To Seek Help From “A Professional Biblical Counselor,” Including Representatives From Exodus International. “I would recommend that anyone who is wrestling with homosexual feelings seek out help from those in this church, as well as a professional biblical counselor. Don’t struggle alone. Don’t keep this a secret. There are folks who want to pray for you, hold you accountable, and be your friend. There are many great resources and conferences and accountability groups that we can help connect you with. Exodus International is a ministry dedicated to addressing this issue. Harvest USA is another great organization, with a group right here in Pittsburgh, that addresses sexual struggles of all kinds, including same-sex attraction. Please let us help you, and let us connect you with others who can help.” [SermonAudio.com, Three Rivers Grace Church, Idolatry and Homosexuality Sermon by Ben Reaoch, [6/24/12](#)] (AUDIO) 32:30

- **2013: Exodus International, An Organization “Whose Mission Was To ‘Help’ Gay Christians Become Straight,” Shut Down.** “After 37 years, Exodus International, an organization whose mission was to ‘help’ gay Christians become straight, is shutting down. But not before issuing an apology. ‘We’re not negating the ways God used Exodus to positively affect thousands of people, but a new generation of Christians is looking for change – and they want to be heard,’ Tony Moore, an Exodus board member, said Wednesday.” [CNN, [7/8/13](#)]

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Three Rivers Grace Church's Statement Of Faith Included "Marriage Is To Be Between One Man And One Woman." "Paragraph 1. Marriage is to be between one man and one woman; neither is it lawful for any man to have more than one wife, nor for any woman to have more than one husband at the same time." [Second London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689 (revised by Three Rivers Grace Church), Accessed [6/3/22](#)]

Three Rivers Grace Church's Statement Of Faith Was A Revised Version Of The Second Long Baptist Confession of 1689. "The Statement of Faith of this church comprises two forms: a shorter form, as a concise aid to teaching and understanding, and a longer form, as a detailed statement of the doctrines of the faith. The shorter form of the Statement of Faith is a modified version of the Abstract of Principles. The Abstract of Principles was set forth in the original charter of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at its founding in 1858. Revisions have been made by Three Rivers Grace Church to Article XVII. The longer form of the Statement of Faith is a modified version of the Second London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689. Revisions have been made by Three Rivers Grace Church to Chapter 22 and Chapter 26." [3RiversGrace.org, Accessed [6/3/22](#)]

Three Rivers Grace Church's Website Did Not Include Language Indicating It Was "Welcoming" Or "Affirming" To The LGBTQ+ Community

June 2022: Three Rivers Grace Church's Website Did Not Include Language Indicating It Was "Welcoming" Or "Affirming." [3RiversGrace.org, Accessed [6/3/22](#)]

Baptist Churches That Are Inclusive To The LGBTQ+ Community Identified As "Welcoming and Affirming." "One of the questions I get asked most frequently is "how do I find a church?" So many queer and trans folks are looking for and longing for a spiritual home but are not sure how to find it. [...] Each denomination has their own language around LGBTQ issues: For Presbyterians you're looking for a 'More Light' distinction, the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America is 'Reconciling in Christ', The United Church of Christ is 'Open and Affirming', the American Baptist church is 'Welcoming and Affirming', The United Methodist Church is 'Reconciling'." [QueerTheology.com, Accessed [6/3/22](#)]

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Three Rivers Grace Church Was Not Listed In The National Affirming Church Directory™ For Gay-Friendly Christian Churches

GayChurch.org's Affirming Church Directory™ Did Not Include Three Rivers Grace Church. [GayChurch.org, Accessed [6/3/22](#)]

- **GayChurch.org's Affirming Church Directory Included Churches That Do "Not View Homosexuality In And Of Itself As A Sin."** "The intent of the Affirming Church Directory is to provide an online directory for people so they can locate and visit gay-friendly Christian churches around the world. We list congregations that meet regularly in a physical location for worship, prayer, service, and fellowship. [...] All churches in our Affirming Church Directory™ have confirmed that their congregation

is an affirming Christian church in some form or fashion. [...] We define the word ‘affirming’ as meaning the church does not view homosexuality in and of itself as a sin. [...] We also believe that a fully affirming congregation allows ALL people the ability (as much as denominational polity allows) to be involved in all aspects of the community’s life, including ordaining LGBTQ+ folks to ministry and performing same-sex marriages.” [GayChurch.org, Accessed [6/3/22](#)]

Three Rivers Grace Church “Value[d] The God-Given Roles For Men, Women, And Children”

Three Rivers Grace Church Wrote “We Value The God-Given Roles For Men, Women, And Children” As One Of Its “Core Values.” “As an outworking of our mission, the following are a few core values and distinctives of Three Rivers Grace: [...] • Family: We value the God-given roles for men, women, and children. We value ‘family’ as a Biblical expression of church life and our relationship with God as His adopted children, our lives and ministry being driven by love for one another.” [3RiversGrace.org, Accessed [6/3/22](#)]

Three Rivers Grace Church Was Affiliated With The Southern Baptist Convention, Which Cut Ties With A Georgia Church Because It Allowed Gay And Transgender Members

Three Rivers Grace Church Was An Official Affiliate Of The Southern Baptist Convention. [Three Rivers Grace Church, Accessed [6/13/22](#); Southern Baptist Convention, Accessed [6/13/22](#)]

2021: The Southern Baptist Convention Voted To Cut Ties With A Georgia Church Because It Allowed Gay And Transgender Members. “Two weeks after being kicked out of the Southern Baptist Convention, Towne View Baptist Church celebrated its 32nd anniversary by formally accepting members the SBC said they should have turned away. One by one, Pastor Jim Conrad introduced seven new members, which in the Baptist tradition have to be approved by a majority of the congregation. He didn’t mention that Brockton Bates and his partner, Skyler, were gay nor that another new member was transgender. He didn’t have to. His church knew who they were and had spent the past two years coming to terms with the fact that inclusion for Towne View had to look different from what was required to remain in the SBC, whose bylaws say, ‘Churches which act to affirm, approve, or endorse homosexual behavior would be deemed not to be in cooperation with the Convention.’ On Feb. 23, the SBC Executive Committee voted to remove Towne View for affirming LGBTQ members, the culmination of a two-year inquiry.” [USA Today, [4/4/21](#)]

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2022: Shaffer Received An AQ – The Highest Rating Available Without A Voting Record – From The NRA

2022: The NRA-PVF Gave Shaffer An “AQ” Rating.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Jason Killmeyer Candidate (R)	AQ
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[NRA-PVF, Pennsylvania, Grades, Archived [5/11/22](#)]

An “AQ” Rating Was The Highest Rating The NRA-PVF Gave To Candidates Without A Voting Record On Second Amendment Issues. “The F grade for Carl Perry of Aberdeen was published in the October issue of American Rifleman. Perry’s score was listed among the rest of South Dakota’s statewide and legislative candidates. It has since been changed to an AQ, the third-highest rating a candidate can get. The AQ grade came with an NRA endorsement. AQ is the highest NRA rating for legislative candidates who don’t have a voting record.” [Aberdeen News, [10/7/18](#)]

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2018: Shaffer Supported Universal Background Checks In Pennsylvania. “Shaffer said he has ‘consistent views in terms of firearms.’ He said Pennsylvania needs universal background checks to ensure only ‘law-abiding citizens’ have access to guns. He added that the state needs to look at laws associated with mental health.” [The Incline, [11/2/18](#)]

2022: Shaffer Said He Didn’t Believe In “Undue Restrictions” On The 2nd Amendment But Was Open To Red Flag Laws. “On the Second Amendment right to bear arms, ‘I don’t believe the government should step in and put undue restrictions on that.’ ‘If we’re looking at red flag laws, obviously, I think all of us would agree that someone who has mental issues or is physically violent, they should not be in possession of a firearm,’ says Shaffer.” [CBS News, [2/2/22](#)]

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11/1/18	Firearm Owners Against Crime	\$2,036
7/24/18	Firearm Owners Against Crime	\$300
5/12/18	Firearm Owners Against Crime	\$6,302
12/11/17	Firearm Owners Against Crime	\$150

[Pennsylvania Department of State, Campaign Finance Online Reporting, Accessed [6/6/2022](#)]

Firearm Owners Against Crime “Vigorously Oppose[d]” Gun Restrictions, Including Background Checks

Firearm Owners Against Crime “Vigorously Oppose[d]” Legislators Who Support Restrictions On Guns. “We vigorously oppose legislators who want to restrict the legitimate use of firearms, including personal and property protection as guaranteed by the Constitutions of the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We accomplish these goals by monitoring and reviewing legislative initiatives and voting records of elected officials. This information is shared with interested parties, such as County Sportsmen’s Leagues, the PA Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs, the Unified Sportsmen of PA, the Eastern Firearms Coalition, the Concerned Gun Owners of PA, PA Gun Owners Association, PA State Camp Lessees Association and other interested organizations at both the state and county level.” [FOAC-PAC.org, Accessed [6/3/22](#)]

Firearm Owners Against Crime Was Formed To Protect Rights Against “Gun Legislation” Like The “Brady Bill.” “FOAC was formed shortly after the City of Pittsburgh’s illegal gun and ammunition ban of 1993. This was an active year for gun legislation in Pennsylvania (Act 84 of 1994-HB 185 the preemption law, Casey’s gun ban) and the United States (Brady Bill, Assault Weapons Ban...). A number of those who fought the Pittsburgh gun ban realized that a more politically active role was necessary if we were to keep and protect our rights. FOAC became a formal statewide Political Action Committee in early 1994.” [FOAC-PAC.org, Accessed [6/3/22](#)]

- **The Brady Bill Required Federal Background Checks On Firearm Purchases And Included A Five-Day Waiting Period.** “Brady Handgun Control - Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act - Amends the Federal criminal code to: (1) require the Attorney General, within five years, to establish a national instant criminal

background check system (system) for firearm licensees to contact for information on whether receipt of a firearm by a prospective transferee would violate Federal or State law; and (2) establish an interim five-day waiting period for handgun purchases and procedures for checking with the chief law enforcement officer of the place of residence of the purchaser (police official) for such information.” [H.R. 1025, Report, [11/22/93](#)]

Firearm Owners Against Crime Opposed 95 Major Gun Bills Considered By The Federal Government, Including Commonsense Solutions With Bipartisan Support

Firearm Owners Against Crime Opposed The Bipartisan Background Checks Act Of 2021. [Firearm Owners Against Crime, Proposed U.S. House Firearm Legislation, Accessed [6/13/22](#)]

Firearm Owners Against Crime Opposed The Keep Americans Safe Act, Which Would Ban High-Capacity Magazines. [Firearm Owners Against Crime, Proposed U.S. House Firearm Legislation, Accessed [6/13/22](#)]

Firearm Owners Against Crime Opposed The Assault Weapons Ban Of 2021. [Firearm Owners Against Crime, Proposed U.S. House Firearm Legislation, Accessed [6/13/22](#)]

Firearm Owners Against Crime Opposed The Federal Extreme Risk Protection Order Act Of 2022. [Firearm Owners Against Crime, Proposed U.S. House Firearm Legislation, Accessed [6/13/22](#)]

Firearm Owners Against Crime Opposed Legislation To Raise The Acceptable Age For The Sale Of Semiautomatic Weapons From 18 To 21. [Firearm Owners Against Crime, Proposed U.S. House Firearm Legislation, Accessed [6/13/22](#)]

Firearm Owners Against Crime Opposed Legislation To Close The “Boyfriend Loophole” That Allowed Intimate Partners Convicted Of Domestic Violence To Own Guns. [Firearm Owners Against Crime, Proposed U.S. House Firearm Legislation, Accessed [6/13/22](#)]

Firearm Owners Against Crime Opposed Legislation Authorizing The Federal Government To Research Firearms Safety And Gun Violence Prevention. [Firearm Owners Against Crime, Proposed U.S. House Firearm Legislation, Accessed [6/13/22](#)]

2021-2022: Firearm Owners Against Crime Opposed Three Bills Cracking Down On “Ghost Guns.” [Firearm Owners Against Crime, Proposed U.S. House Firearm Legislation, Accessed [6/13/22](#)]

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[VoteSmart, Jeremy Shaffer, Accessed [6/6/22](#); Firearm Owners Against Crime, 2018 Zone 1 Pro-Gun Voters Guide, [11/6/18](#)]

2022: Firearm Owners Against Crime PAC Recommended Shaffer For Congress. [Firearm Owners Against Crime, Beaver County Federal Primary Election Pro-Gun Voters Guide, Archived [6/13/22](#)]

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[Web Archive, iVoterGuide, Jeremy Shaffer 2018 Questionnaire, Archived [6/13/22](#)]

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May 2022: Shaffer Called Himself “Something Of An Enigma Of A Candidate” And Said “I Don't Necessarily Hold To A View Because It's What My Party Says.” “His roster of endorsements includes that of former Congressman Keith Rothfus, who once represented much of the area, along with a slew of other Republican elected officials and party leaders. The National Republican Campaign Committee also has identified Shaffer as eligible for party support in the fall. And he has vastly more money to spend than his rivals, though \$500,000 of the nearly \$670,000 he has raised so far is money he loaned to his own campaign. But Shaffer said that he would not be a lockstep Republican. ‘I am something of an enigma of a candidate. I stand up for what I believe in and what is right,’ he told WESA during his interview. But while he is a conservative, ‘I don't necessarily hold to a view because it's what my party says.’ He said infrastructure is an area where he could help form a bipartisan consensus and that ‘I would have probably been one of the few Republican votes’ for Joe Biden's 2021 infrastructure law.” [WESA, [5/5/22](#)]

2022: Shaffer Said “Solving Problems And Improving Quality Of Life Should Not Be A Partisan Issue” And Claimed He Had Crossover Appeal In Pennsylvania's 17th Congressional District. “This cycle, Shaffer is again staking out conservative ground on promises like fiscal responsibility and establishing term limits, but he said he also has crossover appeal that would help him in a swing district like the 17th District. ‘Solving problems and improving quality of life should not be a partisan issue,’ said Shaffer. ‘As a congressman, I will use my skills as a problem-solver and entrepreneur to work with anyone to solve the issues that matter most to Western Pennsylvanians.’ He said he wants to advance economic reforms and empower parents and local schools. Shaffer touts his experience owning and operating InspectTech, a software company focused on management of transportation infrastructure.” [Pittsburgh Tribune Review, [2/27/22](#)]

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2018: Shaffer Ousted Incumbent State Senator Randy Vulakovich In The Republican Primary For Pennsylvania's 38th State Senate District And Then Lost In The General Election. “Jeremy Shaffer, the former Ross commissioner who ousted Randy Vulakovich from the state Senate before losing the general election in 2018, will try his hand at a federal office. [...] This isn't the first time Mr. Shaffer has labeled the Democratic Party a radical vessel. In 2018, when he ran for the 38th state Senate District, he branded Democrat Lindsey Williams a ‘socialist’ out of step with the values of Pennsylvania. He lost the election, but did beat Mr. Vulakovich — the incumbent Republican — in the primary.” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, [2/8/22](#)]

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: “Mr. Shaffer Bested The Incumbent By Touting Himself As A More Conservative Alternative.” “Although it has been a Republican-held district and Mr. Shaffer bested the incumbent by touting himself as a more conservative alternative, Democrats eyed it as a potential gain for their minority caucus in Harrisburg because the district gave more votes to Hillary Clinton than Donald Trump in 2016. The Allegheny County district includes many of the North Hills and Alle-Kiski Valley suburbs, as well as Pittsburgh neighborhoods in the eastern 11th and 12th wards.” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 11/7/18]

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AP: Williams’ Victory Over Shaffer By 793 Votes “Represented The Only Republican-Held District In Western Pennsylvania That Democrats Flipped To Their Side In The 2018 Election. “After a brutal campaign, Williams defeated Republican Jeremy Shaffer by 793 votes — 62,361 to 61,568 — or 0.64 percentage points, out of almost 124,000 votes cast. Her win helped Democrats trim the Republican advantage in the Senate to 29-21 from 34-16 and represented the only Republican-held district in western Pennsylvania that Democrats flipped to their side in the 2018 election.” [Associated Press, [12/31/18](#)]

2020: Shaffer’s Primary Opponent Jason Killmeyer Criticized Shaffer For Not Toeing A More Conservative Line And For Having Lost To “A Hard-Left Activist,” Posing An Electoral Risk. “But this year, Shaffer is the one taking fire from a conservative upstart. Killmeyer went after Shaffer repeatedly during Tuesday’s debate, criticizing him for not toeing a more conservative line and arguing that Shaffer ‘lost to a hard-left activist. ... Is that the risk we want to take again?’ Killmeyer said he sees his own bid as an ‘insurgent candidacy,’ one focused on providing ‘an at times uncomfortable antidote to the establishment candidate you typically would see run.’” [WESA, [5/5/22](#)]

2022: Shaffer Said He Would Welcome Trump's Endorsement

Headline: "Conservative Republican Jeremy Shaffer Would Welcome Trump's Endorsement In Suburban Congressional Election." [KDKA, [2/22/22](#)]

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2015: Shaffer Proposed Requiring Sidewalks Outside New And Renovating Businesses, Which Was Unpopular With Local Business Owners But Aligned With The Lobby He Founded Earlier That Year

October 2015: Shaffer Proposed Requiring Sidewalks Outside New Or Renovated Businesses, Met With Dissension From The Ross Township Business And Economic Development Corporation Over High Costs For Local Businesses. “A proposal to require sidewalks outside new or renovated Ross businesses is generating dissension in the township, as one local group lobbies for more pathways for walking and biking and a business association questions the move. Ross commissioners could adopt an ordinance later this fall to formalize sidewalk requirements. The ordinance could require developers to add sidewalks to plans for new businesses across the township, and force businesses that renovate structures to add them. Officials, meanwhile, recently asked for sidewalks to be added to two projects. ‘We've missed a lot of good opportunities in the past to add in pedestrian connections, and I don't want us to miss any more opportunities to make it a pedestrian-friendly area,’ Commissioner Jeremy Shaffer said. David Martin, who leads the Ross Township Business and Economic Development Corporation, disagrees. ‘The business community is totally against the sidewalks,’ said Martin, whose organization represents 60 businesses. ‘How am I supposed to ask businesses to come in with that?’ Businesses would incur higher costs if they have to build sidewalks, Martin said, and the result could be fewer businesses coming to the township. He said putting sidewalks on busy roads doesn't make sense because it will be dangerous to have pedestrians walking along them as cars zip by. Commissioners recently requested that two businesses add sidewalks.” [Pittsburgh Tribune Review, [10/7/15](#)]

- **Spring 2015: Shaffer Established The Ross Township Pedestrian And Bicycle Committee, Also Known As Walk Bike Ross, To Lobby Municipalities To Connect Residential Areas With Pedestrian And Bicycle Paths.** “There is great potential for a safer pedestrian and bike-friendly town, Shaffer said. He established the Ross Township Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee — also known as Walk Bike Ross — in the spring. It has about 30 members and is lobbying municipalities in the North Hills, including Shaler, Millvale and McCandless, to look into how the towns could link to each other and to Pittsburgh. ‘Our goal is to really connect the residential areas with the business areas, parks, schools and other amenities in the township through

safe pedestrian or bicycle connections,' Shaffer said. The group is cataloguing where there is a need for sidewalks throughout Ross, and intends to make a priority list for where the pathways should first be installed.” [Pittsburgh Tribune Review, [10/7/15](#)]

2014: Shaffer Said He Was Excited About Raising The Budget To Repair Streets In Ross As An Opportunity To Use Software To Determine Which Streets To Prioritize – The Kind Of Software He Got Rich Selling

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Shaffer Had Experience Owning And Operating InspectTech, A Software Company Focused On Management Of Transportation Infrastructure. “This cycle, Shaffer is again staking out conservative ground on promises like fiscal responsibility and establishing term limits, but he said he also has crossover appeal that would help him in a swing district like the 17th District. ‘Solving problems and improving quality of life should not be a partisan issue,’ said Shaffer. ‘As a congressman, I will use my skills as a problem-solver and entrepreneur to work with anyone to solve the issues that matter most to Western Pennsylvanians.’ He said he wants to advance economic reforms and empower parents and local schools. Shaffer touts his experience owning and operating InspectTech, a software company focused on management of transportation infrastructure.” [Pittsburgh Tribune Review, [2/27/22](#)]

- **2012: Shaffer Sold InspectTech To Bentley Systems Inc.** “Bentley Systems, Incorporated, the leading company dedicated to providing comprehensive software solutions for sustaining infrastructure, today announced at this gathering of infrastructure professionals from around the world that it has acquired InspectTech Systems, Inc., a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania-based provider of field inspection applications and asset management services for bridges and other transportation assets. Among current InspectTech users are federal

and state departments of transportation, major transit agencies, toll authorities, counties, cities, and national and local consultants across the United States, as well as a major roadway authority in Australia. The InspectTech software-as-a-service (SaaS) solution helps asset owners streamline the process of planning inspections, collecting and managing inspection data, and complying with government reporting requirements. Benefits include a disciplined and systematic process, automated compliance reporting, reduced cost of inspections, and the ability to make better, more-informed decisions, leading to increased transportation safety. Bentley's goal is to exploit the full potential of new capabilities for information mobility to enhance asset management by integrating information modeling with inspection processes. Bentley Systems CEO Greg Bentley said, "On behalf of my colleagues at Bentley, I welcome these young and energetic entrepreneurs from InspectTech to our company. Mike Schellhase and Jeremy Shaffer, talented computer engineering graduates of Carnegie Mellon, had the vision ten years ago, right out of school, to apply a scalable server-based IT solution to address one of the world's most pressing problems – infrastructure operational safety in general, and bridge safety in particular." [Business Wire, [5/15/12](#)]

- **April 2022: Shaffer Reported \$210,734.91 In "Value Of Exercised Stock Options In 2021" As Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 Paid By One Source.** [U.S. House Of Representatives Financial Disclosure Statement, Jeremy Shaffer, [4/17/22](#)]
- **April 2022: Shaffer Reported \$71,971.85 In Earned Income From Bentley Systems For Current Year To Filing.** [U.S. House Of Representatives Financial Disclosure Statement, Jeremy Shaffer, [4/17/22](#)]
- **2021: Shaffer Reported Earning \$296,928.13 In Earned Income From Bentley Systems.** [U.S. House Of Representatives Financial Disclosure Statement, Jeremy Shaffer, [4/17/22](#)]
- **April 2022: Shaffer Reported Assets Related To Bentley Systems Worth Between \$1,200,004 And \$5,450,000.** [U.S. House Of Representatives Financial Disclosure Statement, Jeremy Shaffer, [4/17/22](#)]

Shaffer's State Senate Campaign Manager, Previously Fined For Dirty Tricks, Used A Third-Party Group To Produce Deceptive Yard Signs That Misled Voters

Shaffer's Campaign Manager Created A Shell Organization That Paid For Deceptive Yard Signs Altering Opponent Lindsey Williams' Own Design To Include A "Socialist" Descriptor

October 2018: Campaign Yard Signs Appearing To Be For Lindsey Williams And Calling Her A Socialist Appeared In State Senate District 38, But Were Not Created By Williams

October 2018: Campaign Yard Signs Not Created By Lindsey Williams Appeared In State Senate District 38 Calling Williams A "Socialist." "Among the campaign signs lining local roads is a fake. Signs for Lindsey Williams, a state Senate candidate in the 38th district, are popping up announcing that she is a socialist. They are not signs that the Democratic candidate created, according to her campaign manager. Williams' opponent, Republican Jeremy Shaffer, claims he is not to blame, but he has targeted her views and used the fake sign in his most recent television ad. [...] Williams responded to the fake signs with this: 'I have been a registered Democrat since I turned 18. I've voted in every primary, general, and special election. I have always identified as a workers rights advocate and I always will. 'The real issue here is this is another distraction by Jeremy and his allies. Jeremy has repeatedly tried to distract voters from the very real issues facing this district, because he is wrong on the issues and wrong for the district. 'Jeremy is wrong on education. Supporting the Betsy DeVos schemes that will privatize our public schools. He's wrong on healthcare, stating that it is not the responsibility of the government to provide healthcare.'" [Pittsburgh's Action News 4, [10/15/18](#)]

- **2017: Williams Sought But Did Not Receive The Endorsement Of The Pittsburgh Democratic Socialists.** "Williams, a first-time candidate in the district, sought the endorsement of the Pittsburgh branch of the

Democratic Socialists last year, but did not receive it. Long an advocate for workers' rights, she touts her union background and her experience working for the National Whistleblowers' Center, where she was fired for trying to organize a union, as her working-class bona fides. And even though she doesn't have the DSA endorsement, she's one of a handful of Pennsylvania candidates to recently receive the endorsement of former President Barack Obama. [...] On Monday evening, the DSA released the following statement: 'While Lindsey Williams is not a Pittsburgh DSA-endorsed candidate, I think the electoral record has shown in the case of our other endorsements that red-baiting simply does not work. The message of socialism resonates with many Americans who feel cheated and harmed by capitalism.'" [Pittsburgh Current, 10/15/18, archived [3/27/19](#)]

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- **A Shaffer Television Commercial That Called Williams A Socialist Featured The Same Fake "Socialist" Yard Signs That Had Appeared In The Area.** "When asked whether the Shaffer campaign was responsible for the signs, Shaffer spokesperson Carl Fogliani avoided answering the question and instead sent a statement that called Williams a 'card carrying socialist as a member of the DSA by her own admission.' However, a TV commercial 'approved by Jeremy Shaffer' that calls Williams a socialist, features the same sign at the end of it. [...] The ones this reporter spotted in the Wexford and Shaler areas on Saturday were mostly clumped in alongside other Williams signs or other candidates' signs along public roads, none in people's yards." [Pittsburgh Current, 10/15/18, archived [3/27/19](#)]

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Shaffer Spokesperson Carl Fogliani “Avoided Answering The Question” Of Whether The Shaffer Campaign Was Behind The Fake Yard Signs, Instead Calling Williams A “Card Carrying Socialist.” “At first glance, they look like any other yard signs, very similar to the others Lindsey Williams’ campaign has scattered on lawns and by the side of roads around the North Hills communities in the 38th District, where she’s a candidate for the state Senate. But these signs, which started appearing over the weekend, are emblazoned with a red banner reading ‘socialist’ beneath her name, and the Williams campaign says it’s not responsible for them. [...] When asked whether the Shaffer campaign was responsible for the signs, Shaffer spokesperson Carl Fogliani avoided answering the question and instead sent a statement that called Williams a ‘card carrying socialist as a member of the DSA by her own admission.’” [Pittsburgh Current, 10/15/18, archived [3/27/19](#)]

... But Fogliani Was The “Sole Source Of Support” For North Hills Republican Club, A Newly Created PAC Responsible For The Fake Yard Signs And Campaign Robocalls

Shaffer’s Campaign Manager Carlton Fogliani Was Listed As The Treasurer Of The Group Paying For The Fake Yard Signs, The North Hills Republican Club. “Democrats are crying foul over lawn signs attacking state Senate candidate Lindsey Williams as a ‘Socialist,’ saying they look just like the signs used by her own campaign. And the treasurer of the group paying for those signs, the North Hills Republican Club, looks just like Carlton Fogliani, the campaign manager of her Republican rival, Jeremy Shaffer. [...] During an interview with 90.5 WESA Monday morning, Shaffer and his campaign manager, Carlton Fogliani, appeared to distance themselves from the signs. ‘There’s a lot of organizations involved in this campaign on both sides who are expressing views,’ Fogliani said when asked about them. ‘If there’s an expectation that each side is going to comment on the other side’s supporters doing their own third-party thing, then it needs to be fair on all sides.’ Asked if he knew anything about the Club’s leaders or members, Fogliani said, ‘You’ll probably see on the campaign finance filings.’ The North Hills Republican Club is not currently registered as a political action committee in Pennsylvania. But a Department of State spokeswoman said that a registration was pending. That registration identifies the Club’s treasurer as ... Carlton Fogliani. And the PAC’s address? It was the same as the campaign office where 90.5 WESA interviewed Shaffer. 90.5 WESA reached out to Fogliani after learning of his ties. In an email, Fogliani acknowledged that he was the treasurer, ‘which means I pay the bills for the NHRC. Address is easiest place to reach me to pay said bills.’” [WESA, [10/15/18](#)]

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Shaffer’s Campaign Manager Carlton Fogliani’s Prior Campaigns Faced Fines And Citations For Campaign Finance Violations, Including A Fake Disclaimer On A Series Of Robocalls Attacking An Opponent

2008: Campaigns That Fogliani Consulted For Were Cited By California’s Fair Political Practices Commission “For Violations That Included Falsely Reporting Who Paid For A Series Of Robocalls Intended To Weaken A Rival.” “The Club PAC, which apparently commenced activities in mid-September, has not yet filed financial reports describing where its money comes from. But Fogliani said the campaign would act in ‘full compliance with all campaign finance laws and regulations at the next required campaign finance filing date.’ Fogliani has reportedly been involved in disputes over financial disclosure elsewhere. California’s Fair Political Practices Commission, which administers the state’s elections laws, issued citations for a number of 2008 state and local campaigns for which Fogliani consulted. It levied a \$32,500 fine against a city council candidate in Turlock, Calif., for violations that included falsely reporting who paid for a series of robocalls intended to weaken a rival. ‘Three of the four robocalls falsely purported to be paid for by someone else, and the remaining robocall did not identify who paid for it,’ found the commission. It said Fogliani ‘aided and abetted’ the effort as a campaign consultant.” [WESA, [10/15/18](#)]

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April 2022: Shaffer Signed The Heritage Action Police Pledge And Promised To "Fight Back Against Any Effort To Defund Our Police." "I'm proud to sign the @Heritage_Action Police Pledge in support of the brave men and women in law enforcement who keep our communities safe. I will always #BackTheBlue and fight back against any effort to defund our police. #PA17" [Twitter, @JeremyShafferPA, [4/12/22](#)]

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2013, generates about \$2.3 billion per year for infrastructure improvements, drawing on the nation's highest gas tax along with other fees and fines that the act increased. [...] Jeremy Shaffer, a Ross Republican who defeated incumbent Sen. Randy Vulakovich in the party's primary race in May, criticized how high Act 89 has made the state's gasoline tax. On Tuesday, Shaffer called for Pennsylvania to stop using the fund to pay about \$800 million a year for state police services in smaller municipalities around the state that don't have their own departments. He said the state should find money for the police from other funds and reduce the tax. 'Every state has a gasoline tax. We need to have a reasonable and competitive gasoline tax,' he said." [Pittsburgh Tribune Review, [7/17/18](#)]

Shaffer Said He Would Stand Up For Election Integrity, But His Backers Worked To Overturn His 2018 State Senate Election Results

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2018: Before And After Shaffer's Election Loss, State Republicans Tried To Overturn The Result By Challenging His Opponent's Residency

Before The Election, Shaffer's Supporters Unsuccessfully Filed Suit To Remove Williams From The Ballot, Questioning Whether She Had Spent The Required Four Years In State Before Election To The Senate

October 2018: Two District Residents Who Were Not Democrats Sought To Have Williams Removed From The Ballot Over Alleged Residency Issues And Claimed She Committed Fraud By Submitting An Eligibility Affidavit. "Two residents of the district, James Barr and Nathaniel Locklin, sought to have Williams removed from the ballot because, they claimed, she would not have lived in the district for at least four years as of the Nov. 6 general election, which the state's Constitution requires for state Senate candidates. They further claimed she committed fraud by submitting a candidate's affidavit that indicated she was eligible to serve as a Pennsylvania state senator when she did not meet the residency requirement. Their complaint said Williams was a Maryland resident and was registered to vote in that state as of Nov. 6, 2014, and was not registered to vote in Pennsylvania until Dec. 25, 2014. [...] Attorneys for Williams argued that their objection came too late. It should have been made by March 13, within seven days of her filing nominating petitions for the primary. Because Barr and Locklin aren't Democrats, they would not have had standing to bring the objection at that time. Only members of a candidate's party are able to object to a candidate's nomination petitions." [Pittsburgh Tribune Review, [10/24/18](#)]

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: "Supporters" Of Shaffer "Unsuccessfully Filed Suit Trying To Remove [Williams] From The Ballot, Claiming She Did Not Meet Residency Requirements To Run In The District." "After she unsuccessfully sought endorsement in the primary election from the Democratic Socialists of America, Mr. Shaffer and his supporters tagged Ms. Williams as a socialist. His supporters also unsuccessfully filed suit trying to remove her from the ballot, claiming she did not meet residency requirements to run in the district." [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 11/7/18]

October 2018: A Commonwealth Court Judge Found "Absolutely No Allegation Or Proof With Respect To The Candidate's Fraud In The Concealment Of Any Of The Purportedly Disqualifying Information Upon Which Objectors Rely." "A Commonwealth Court judge on Wednesday threw out a lawsuit that sought to have Democratic state Senate candidate Lindsey Williams removed from the November ballot because, it claimed, she

hasn't lived in the state long enough. [...] In his order finding the objection untimely, Judge Michael Wojcik said 'there is absolutely no allegation or proof with respect to the candidate's fraud in the concealment of any of the purportedly disqualifying information upon which objectors rely.' 'In the absence of any such allegation or proof, the seven-day limitation (spelled out in the state's election code) applies, and the (objection to her candidacy) is untimely,' Wojcik wrote." [Pittsburgh Tribune Review, [10/24/18](#)]

- **November 2018: Commonwealth Court Threw Out An Effort To Have Williams Removed From The Ballot Over Alleged Residency Issues.** "Williams, 35, is mounting her first campaign for elected office. An effort in Commonwealth Court to have her removed from the ballot claiming she hasn't lived in the district for the constitutionally required four years was thrown out Wednesday." [Valley News-Dispatch, 11/5/18]

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January 2019: Williams Was Sworn Into Office Alongside All Other New Electeds After Senate President Pro Tem Joe Scarnati Said He Presumed The Residency Materials Williams Submitted Were “Truthful.” “One of those seats picked up in the Senate was the subject of some controversy as Republicans questioned whether Democrat Lindsey Williams had met the Constitutional requirement that senators must live in the state four years before their election. Williams beat Republican Jeremy Shaffer in November. Shaffer defeated incumbent Sen. Randy Vulakovich in the Republican primary. After Williams turned in packets of documents to demonstrate she'd met the residency requirement, Senate President Pro Tem Joe Scarnati announced he wouldn't seek to prevent her from being sworn-in, saying he presumed that the materials she'd submitted were ‘truthful.’ Tuesday, Williams took the oath of office with the rest of her new colleagues.” [Sharon Herald, [1/7/19](#)]

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2020: Shaffer Wrote An Op-Ed In Support Of The Taxpayer Protection Act In Pennsylvania, Which He Said Would “Limit State Spending Increases To A Level That Matches Inflation And Population Growth.” “Our state government has tripled spending in the last 50 years when adjusted for inflation, leading to one of the heaviest tax burdens in the nation. As a result, the latest Census data shows that we’ve joined New York, New Jersey and Illinois as states where far more people are leaving than moving in. In fact, we’ve lost more than 250,000 citizens to other states since 2010. They’re choosing states like Florida and Texas with lower taxes and more job opportunities. We need to make Pennsylvania more competitive. Thankfully, there’s a bill on the table that can do something about it. The Taxpayer Protection Act would limit state spending increases to a level that matches inflation and population growth. Tax hikes and risky borrowing could be a thing of the past. It’s just the prescription needed to end the lesser-known gluttony in our state government. Pennsylvanians whose neighbors, kids and friends are considering moving should be encouraged that Pennsylvania Speaker of the House Mike Turzai, R-Marshall, and past representatives like Hal English and Eli Evankovich supported the Taxpayer Protection Act. I

hope that our new representatives will all join in supporting it as well.” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Jeremy Shaffer Op-Ed, [2/4/20](#)]

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September 2018: Shaffer’s Campaign Website Said He “Boosts Different Educational Avenues Including Parochial Schools, Private Schools, And Homeschooling.” “Now, an internal poll shows Democratic state senate candidate Lindsey Williams with a nine-point advantage, forecasting the possibility of the district flipping from red

to blue. The 38th District encompasses most of Northern Allegheny County from Franklin Park eastward, and also includes Highland Park and sections of East Liberty in Pittsburgh. [...] Carl Fogliani of the Shaffer campaign disregarded the poll numbers. ‘We don’t need to talk about our numbers,’ says Fogliani. ‘[Williams] can roll out polls, but Shaffer is going to roll out leadership for the district.’ Shaffer, a Ross Township supervisor, defeated incumbent state Sen. Randy Vulakovich (R-Shaler) handily in the May primary. Fogliani is confident voters will support Shaffer for his commitment to education and free-market principles. Shaffer’s campaign website says he is a product of public schools and boosts different educational avenues including parochial schools, private schools, and homeschooling. ‘Voters are looking for people committed on district-level issues,’ says Fogliani. ‘And Jeremy understands that.’” [Pittsburgh City Paper, [9/5/18](#)]

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the fact that about a dozen Democrats are in seats that President Donald Trump won in 2016, and could lose reelection, likely dooming any chance to turn the House blue. Those lawmakers are among those who face a wave of ads and mailers financed, after at least one pit stop, by Students First. [...] In the past, Students First has backed both Democrats and Republicans. But as party lines in the debate over school choice have hardened in recent years, Students First donations have increasingly gone to Republican-aligned groups. All told, the PAC has spent \$7.1 million from 2019 until Sept. 14, according to campaign finance filings with the Pennsylvania Department of State. Democrats have received just a fraction of the campaign cash: about \$9 out of every \$100 that Students First has spent in the 2020 election cycle, a Capital-Star analysis concluded.” [Pennsylvania Capital-Star, [10/14/20](#)]

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IT managers, operators and maintenance engineers — who will work on and work with that asset over its lifetime. Comprised of integrated applications and services built on an open platform, each solution is designed to ensure that information flows between workflow processes and project team members to enable interoperability and collaboration. [...] Bentley Systems employs more than 4,500 colleagues and generates annual revenues of approximately \$1 billion in 186 countries.” [Bentley Systems, accessed [5/9/22](#)]

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April 2022: Shaffer Reported \$210,734.91 In “Value Of Exercised Stock Options In 2021” As Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 Paid By One Source. [U.S. House Of Representatives Financial Disclosure Statement, Jeremy Shaffer, [4/17/22](#)]

April 2022: Shaffer Reported \$71,971.85 In Earned Income From Bentley Systems For Current Year To Filing. [U.S. House Of Representatives Financial Disclosure Statement, Jeremy Shaffer, [4/17/22](#)]

2021: Shaffer Reported Earning \$296,928.13 In Earned Income From Bentley Systems. [U.S. House Of Representatives Financial Disclosure Statement, Jeremy Shaffer, [4/17/22](#)]

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Williams Said Shaffer’s Primary Campaign Strategy Had Been “Smearing A Well-Liked Incumbent.”

“During a campaign rally on Saturday with Gov. Wolf and Lt. Gov. candidate John Fetterman, Williams said the signs weren’t surprising to her. ‘You’ve see the negative ads, you’ve seen the negative mailers and today you saw negative yard signs,’ Williams said, to a chorus of boos. ‘We’re not surprised, because this is what my opponent has done in the primaries, smearing a well-liked incumbent, and he’s trying to do it now. The best response to that is this room, because power concedes nothing without demand and we all are going to demand it.’” [Pittsburgh Current, 10/15/18, archived [3/27/19](#)]

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Shaffer Said China “Is Still The Greatest Foreign Threat Facing America” And That The United States Needed To End Its “Dependence On China” And Move Back Manufacturing Of Essential Products. “While Russia is wreaking havoc, China is still the greatest foreign threat facing America. We need leaders willing to stand up to the Chinese Communist Party, end our dependence on China, and bring home the manufacturing of essential products. We need to stop taking a short-term view of China and develop a long-term strategy.” [Jeremy Shaffer for US Congress, accessed [5/6/22](#)]

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Shaffer Called For “Energy Independence And Security” To Reduce Dependence On “Hostile Countries” And Avoid “Directly Funding Foreign Regimes That Work Against Our National Interests.” “Energy Independence And Security: America needs to safely develop our immense natural energy resources and reduce our own and the world’s dependence on hostile countries. By purchasing foreign oil we are often directly funding foreign regimes that work against our national interests.” [Jeremy Shaffer for US Congress, accessed [5/6/22](#)]

Government Reform

2018: Shaffer Campaigned On Downsizing The Pennsylvania Legislature

October 2018: Shaffer Said “I Will Passionately Work To Pass A Constitutional Amendment To Downsize The Legislature To Both Save The Taxpayers Money And Make Our Government More Efficient.”

“Pennsylvania has the largest and most expensive full-time state legislature in the country. I will passionately work to pass a constitutional amendment to downsize the legislature to both save the taxpayers money and make our government more efficient and workable.” [Twitter, @JeremyShafferPA, [10/8/18](#)]

Shaffer Said He “Would Have No Problem Downsizing The Legislature And Losing My Job,” Would Not Accept A Free State Car For Use While In Office, And Supported Term Limits. “Shaffer describes himself as an entrepreneur and business executive, and said the Legislature needs to be downsized. He said he would not accept perks such as a free state car and he supports term limits. ‘We need to modernize our state government. We need to hold our government accountable,’ he said. ‘I would have no problem downsizing the Legislature and losing my job.’” [Valley News-Dispatch, 11/5/18]

2018: Shaffer Campaigned On Reducing The Size Of The State Legislature As Part Of Wanting A More Frugal Government. “Mr. Shaffer campaigned as a pro-business, anti-tax candidate wanting a more frugal government - including a smaller state Legislature - while backing a more modest hike in Pennsylvania's minimum wage to \$10 an hour. Ms. Williams maintained his budget positions would lead to cuts in education funding, among other steps backward, but Mr. Shaffer denied he would support school cuts. He considers himself a ‘pro-life’ candidate favoring restrictions on abortion rights.” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 11/7/18]

Shaffer Said He Would Introduce Term Limits As His First Act In Congress

2022: Shaffer Said Introducing A Constitutional Amendment For Term Limits Would Be His “First Action” In Congress And Criticized Stock Trading By Members Of Congress. “Congress is broken and controlled by career politicians and special interests. My first action will be to introduce a Constitutional amendment for Term Limits. I will tirelessly work with like-minded people from both parties to advance real reforms in Congress. It is completely unacceptable that powerful members of Congress such as Nancy Pelosi can make millions trading individual stocks when they have inside knowledge and direct influence over key policies.” [Jeremy Shaffer for US Congress, accessed [5/6/22](#)]

Local Issues

2020: Shaffer Supported Hiring A Third Party Tax Collector For Local Business Taxes

2020: Shaffer Supported Hiring A Third Party To Collect Business Privilege And Mercantile Taxes In North Hills School District. “The North Hills School District will use a third party to collect business privilege and mercantile taxes. The school board Feb. 20 approved negotiating with turnKey Taxes Inc. to collect the taxes. ‘Our way of building a taxpayer listing is pretty primitive, to be quite honest,’ Jerry Muth, district business manager, said during the Feb. 6 work session. ‘Historically, we have relied pretty much on word of mouth.’ Mark Schuster, chief executive officer of turnKey Taxes, told board members at the work session that the company finds new businesses by working with property, utility and post office records. [...] Mr. Schuster added that his clients have seen increases between 26% and 500% after one year. The estimated annual cost for turnKey Taxes' services is \$6,000. The company also keeps 25% of the revenues that it uncovers. Several Ross commissioners attended the Feb. 6 meeting to voice their support for turnKey Taxes. Commissioner Jeremy Shaffer said Ross officials talked to Mr. Schuster three times but had no authority to hire him because the school district collects the taxes for both entities. He said many Ross properties are owned by out-of-state landlords, who do not report their tenants, and some

businesses are home-based.” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, [2/27/20](#)]

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2019: Shaffer Suggested The Fill Being Brought Into A Cemetery Construction Site From A Demolished Hospital Building May Contain Lead Paint Or Asbestos. “Ross commissioners on Monday unanimously approved a subdivision and lot consolidation plan for North Side Catholic Cemetery on Cemetery Lane. The owners of the cemetery want to purchase 16 adjacent acres from Shamrock Broadcasting for more burial plots and a possible mausoleum. Residents and some commissioners questioned whether the fill that is being brought in to level the property is hazardous since it is coming from a construction project at UPMC Mercy. ‘This is a demolished hospital building that could have asbestos [or] lead paint,’ Commissioner Jeremy Shaffer said. But contractor Tony Mele and engineer Tyson Miller said the fill being brought in is mostly dirt and qualifies as ‘clean fill’ under state guidelines. ‘Clean fill’ either does not contain, or contains a small amount of, hazardous materials. The first phase consisted of 130,000 cubic yards of fill, mostly from The Block Northway. The next phase will be 300,000 cubic yards of fill, mostly from UPMC. Some residents questioned whether the testing, which is being done by firms hired by UPMC, can be trusted. ‘There is not an engineering firm in the world that is going to put their neck on the line for UPMC,’ Commissioner Rick Avon said. Commissioners President Steve Korbel said the fill falls under state Department of Environmental Protection regulations, and commissioners have no jurisdiction in the matter.” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, [4/18/19](#)]

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2015: Ross Commissioners Approved A New Public Employee Retirement Plan That Would Move New Non-Unionized Employees To A 401(K) Style System To Stabilize The Town’s Retirement Costs. “Ross commissioners Monday night approved changes to the township’s employee retirement plan, shifting new, non-unionized employees to a 401(k)-style retirement system. The approval, which the commissioners said will help stabilize the town’s retirement costs, came unanimously with no discussion. Under the changes, the township will guarantee contributions to an employee’s retirement fund, but not the fund’s benefits, as in a traditional pension plan. The changes affect new hires. The township also will offer the plan to public works employees when it renegotiates their union contracts this year. The township also is also allowing any current employees to opt into the new system if they wish. ‘I think it would be particularly beneficial for the township in the long run,’ said Commissioner Jeremy Shaffer.” [Pittsburgh Tribune Review, [10/19/15](#)]

Energy & Environment Issues

Shaffer Said He Was An Advocate For Clean Air And Clean Water And That “Vibrant Industry” And “Clean Environment” Could Co-Exist

2022: Shaffer Said He Has “Always Been A Strong Advocate For Clean Air And Clean Water” And That “We Can Have Vibrant Industry And A Clean Environment – It’s Not An Either/Or Choice.” “Q: What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change? Jeremy Shaffer: It’s important to protect our environment, preserve green space, and allow everyone to breathe clean air. We have done much to make our Pittsburgh area cleaner and greener; however, there is still more to do. As a volunteer for the National Park Service and a longtime member of Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and Friends of the Riverfront, I have always been a strong advocate for clean air and clean water, and you can expect nothing less from me as your Congressman. I do believe we can have vibrant industry and a clean environment -- it’s not an either/or choice.” [Vote411, League of Women Voters Education Fund, accessed [5/7/22](#)]

Shaffer Was An Extraordinarily Wealthy Software Executive With A PhD In Electrical And Computer Engineering

2014-Present: Shaffer Was A High-Ranking Executive At Bentley Systems, An Infrastructure Software Development Business That Made \$1 Billion Annually

2018-Present: Shaffer Was “Vice President – Mobility” At Bentley Systems. [Linkedin, Jeremy Shaffer, accessed [5/9/22](#)]

2017-2018: Shaffer Was “Vice President – OpenRail And AssetWise Transportation” At Bentley Systems. [Linkedin, Jeremy Shaffer, accessed [5/9/22](#)]

2014-2017: Shaffer Was “Senior Director Of Transportation Operations/Asset Management” At Bentley Systems. [Linkedin, Jeremy Shaffer, accessed [5/9/22](#)]

2012-2014: Shaffer Was “Director Of Product Management” At Bentley Systems. [Linkedin, Jeremy Shaffer, accessed [5/9/22](#)]

Bentley Systems Was A Software Development Company Specializing In Infrastructure Management, Generating Annual Revenues Around \$1 Billion Worldwide. “At its core, Bentley Systems is a software development company that supports the professional needs of those responsible for creating and managing the world’s infrastructure, including roadways, bridges, airports, skyscrapers, and industrial and power plants, as well as utility networks. Bentley delivers solutions for the entire lifecycle of the infrastructure asset, tailored to the needs of the various professions — the engineers, architects, geospatial professionals, planners, contractors, fabricators, IT managers, operators and maintenance engineers — who will work on and work with that asset over its lifetime. Comprised of integrated applications and services built on an open platform, each solution is designed to ensure that information flows between workflow processes and project team members to enable interoperability and collaboration. [...] Bentley Systems employs more than 4,500 colleagues and generates annual revenues of approximately \$1 billion in 186 countries.” [Bentley Systems, accessed [5/9/22](#)]

2021: Shaffer Reported Over \$1 Million In Bentley Systems-Related Assets Alone And Made Over \$500,000 In Combined Earned Income And Stock Options From Bentley

April 2022: Shaffer Reported \$210,734.91 In “Value Of Exercised Stock Options In 2021” As Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 Paid By One Source. [U.S. House Of Representatives Financial Disclosure Statement, Jeremy Shaffer, [4/17/22](#)]

April 2022: Shaffer Reported \$71,971.85 In Earned Income From Bentley Systems For Current Year To Filing. [U.S. House Of Representatives Financial Disclosure Statement, Jeremy Shaffer, [4/17/22](#)]

2021: Shaffer Reported Earning \$296,928.13 In Earned Income From Bentley Systems. [U.S. House Of Representatives Financial Disclosure Statement, Jeremy Shaffer, [4/17/22](#)]

April 2022: Shaffer Reported Assets Related To Bentley Systems Worth Between \$1,200,004 And \$5,450,000. [U.S. House Of Representatives Financial Disclosure Statement, Jeremy Shaffer, [4/17/22](#)]

2012: InspectTech Was Bought From Shaffer And Mike Schellhase By Bentley Systems Inc.

2012: InspectTech Was Acquired By Bentley Systems Inc. “Bentley Systems, Incorporated, the leading

company dedicated to providing comprehensive software solutions for sustaining infrastructure, today announced at this gathering of infrastructure professionals from around the world that it has acquired InspectTech Systems, Inc., a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania-based provider of field inspection applications and asset management services for bridges and other transportation assets. Among current InspectTech users are federal and state departments of transportation, major transit agencies, toll authorities, counties, cities, and national and local consultants across the United States, as well as a major roadway authority in Australia. The InspectTech software-as-a-service (SaaS) solution helps asset owners streamline the process of planning inspections, collecting and managing inspection data, and complying with government reporting requirements. Benefits include a disciplined and systematic process, automated compliance reporting, reduced cost of inspections, and the ability to make better, more-informed decisions, leading to increased transportation safety. Bentley's goal is to exploit the full potential of new capabilities for information mobility to enhance asset management by integrating information modeling with inspection processes. Bentley Systems CEO Greg Bentley said, 'On behalf of my colleagues at Bentley, I welcome these young and energetic entrepreneurs from InspectTech to our company. Mike Schellhase and Jeremy Shaffer, talented computer engineering graduates of Carnegie Mellon, had the vision ten years ago, right out of school, to apply a scalable server-based IT solution to address one of the world's most pressing problems – infrastructure operational safety in general, and bridge safety in particular.'" [Business Wire, [5/15/12](#)]

2003: Shaffer Founded InspectTech, A Bridge Maintenance Software

2003-2012: Shaffer Was “President / Vice President / Co-Founder” At InspectTech. [Linkedin, Jeremy Shaffer, accessed [5/9/22](#)]

InspectTech Was A “Provider Of Field Inspection Applications And Asset Management Services For Bridges And Other Transportation Assets” Started By Mike Schellhase And Jeremy Shaffer After They Graduated Carnegie Mellon. “Bentley Systems, Incorporated, the leading company dedicated to providing comprehensive software solutions for sustaining infrastructure, today announced at this gathering of infrastructure professionals from around the world that it has acquired InspectTech Systems, Inc., a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania-based provider of field inspection applications and asset management services for bridges and other transportation assets. Among current InspectTech users are federal and state departments of transportation, major transit agencies, toll authorities, counties, cities, and national and local consultants across the United States, as well as a major roadway authority in Australia. The InspectTech software-as-a-service (SaaS) solution helps asset owners streamline the process of planning inspections, collecting and managing inspection data, and complying with government reporting requirements. Benefits include a disciplined and systematic process, automated compliance reporting, reduced cost of inspections, and the ability to make better, more-informed decisions, leading to increased transportation safety. Bentley's goal is to exploit the full potential of new capabilities for information mobility to enhance asset management by integrating information modeling with inspection processes. Bentley Systems CEO Greg Bentley said, 'On behalf of my colleagues at Bentley, I welcome these young and energetic entrepreneurs from InspectTech to our company. Mike Schellhase and Jeremy Shaffer, talented computer engineering graduates of Carnegie Mellon, had the vision ten years ago, right out of school, to apply a scalable server-based IT solution to address one of the world's most pressing problems – infrastructure operational safety in general, and bridge safety in particular.'" [Business Wire, [5/15/12](#)]

Shaffer Co-Founded A Company That Made Bridge And Infrastructure Maintenance Software. “Mr. Shaffer resigned from his post as Ross commissioner in mid-2020, bookending a seven-year tenure that he said was fueled by a desire to fight for taxpayers and small government. In the private sector, he co-founded a company that made bridge and infrastructure maintenance software.” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, [2/8/22](#)]

Shaffer Had Experience Owning And Operating InspectTech, A Software Company Focused On Management Of Transportation Infrastructure. “This cycle, Shaffer is again staking out conservative ground on promises like fiscal responsibility and establishing term limits, but he said he also has crossover appeal that would help him in a swing district like the 17th District. ‘Solving problems and improving quality of life should not be a partisan issue,’ said Shaffer. ‘As a congressman, I will use my skills as a problem-solver and entrepreneur to work

with anyone to solve the issues that matter most to Western Pennsylvanians.’ He said he wants to advance economic reforms and empower parents and local schools. Shaffer touts his experience owning and operating InspectTech, a software company focused on management of transportation infrastructure.” [Pittsburgh Tribune Review, [2/27/22](#)]

Shaffer Said His Experience Co-Founding A Small Business Gave Him An Understanding Of “The Importance And Challenges Of Dealing With Government Regulations And Taxes While Growing Revenue And Managing Personnel.” “A problem-solver and entrepreneur at heart, while at Carnegie Mellon, Jeremy co-founded a company committed to improving our crumbling roads and bridges. As a small business owner, Jeremy understands the importance and challenges of dealing with government regulations and taxes while growing revenue and managing personnel.” [Jeremy Shaffer for US Congress, accessed [5/6/22](#)]

Shaffer Had A PhD And Master’s In Electrical And Computer Engineering From Carnegie Mellon University And An MBA From UNC Chapel Hill

2000-2006: Shaffer Received “MS And PhD, Electrical And Computer Engineering” From Carnegie Mellon University. [Linkedin, Jeremy Shaffer, accessed [5/9/22](#)]

Shaffer Received A Phd And Master’s In Electrical And Computer Engineering From Carnegie Mellon University, Earned With A National Science And Defense Fellowship From The US Navy. “Jeremy is passionate about working to make our community and country even better. Jeremy earned a Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Carnegie Mellon while his wife, Stacey, completed her Medical Residency and Fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh. [...] Education: Carnegie Mellon University: Ph.D. and Master’s Degrees in Electrical and Computer Engineering – National Science and Defense Fellowship (U.S. Navy) and Angel Jordan Award for Community Service; Tulane University: Bachelor’s Degrees in Computer Science and Computer Engineering – Valedictorian of Engineering School; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: Master’s of Business Administration – Beta Gamma Sigma” [Jeremy Shaffer for US Congress, accessed [5/6/22](#)]

2014-2017: Shaffer Received “Master Of Business Administration (MBA)” From UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School. [Linkedin, Jeremy Shaffer, accessed [5/9/22](#)]

Shaffer Received A Master’s Of Business Administration From UNC Chapel Hill And A Bachelor’s In Computer Science And Computer Engineering From Tulane University, Where He Was Valedictorian Of The Engineering School. “Education: Carnegie Mellon University: Ph.D. and Master’s Degrees in Electrical and Computer Engineering – National Science and Defense Fellowship (U.S. Navy) and Angel Jordan Award for Community Service; Tulane University: Bachelor’s Degrees in Computer Science and Computer Engineering – Valedictorian of Engineering School; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: Master’s of Business Administration – Beta Gamma Sigma” [Jeremy Shaffer for US Congress, accessed [5/6/22](#)]

1995-1999: Shaffer Received “BS, Computer Science And Computer Engineering” From Tulane University. [Linkedin, Jeremy Shaffer, accessed [5/9/22](#)]

Shaffer Was Married To Stacey, A Physician, And Had Five Children

Shaffer Married His High School Prom Date Stacey, Who Became A Doctor, And Had Five Children. “Jeremy is a proven leader in business and our community. He stands for small, efficient government that defends our freedoms and provides opportunities for all. Jeremy married his high school classmate and prom date Stacey. They have been blessed with five children born and raised here in Western Pennsylvania. Jeremy is passionate about working to make our community and country even better. Jeremy earned a Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Carnegie Mellon while his wife, Stacey, completed her Medical Residency and Fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh.” [Jeremy Shaffer for US Congress, accessed [5/6/22](#)]

Shaffer Was Active In His Local Church, Where He Has Served As Both An Elder And Deacon. “Jeremy also served his community as a Northland Library Foundation Board member, Northern Tier Library Board Member, founder of Walk/Bike Ross, and coach on numerous youth sports teams. Jeremy is also a man of faith and is active in his local church having served as both an elder and a deacon previously. Above all, Jeremy wants to ensure that our great country continues to provide an abundance of opportunities for future generations. In his free time, Jeremy enjoys the wonderful Western Pennsylvania outdoors with biking, running, and hiking.” [Jeremy Shaffer for US Congress, accessed [5/6/22](#)]

Political Career

2022: Shaffer Was Running For Congress In Pennsylvania’s 17th District As A “Common-Sense Conservative Voice” And Positioned Himself As A Fiscally Conservative Problem Solver

2022: Shaffer Said He Was A “Common-Sense Conservative Voice” On The Ross Township Commission, Where He “Fought For Taxpayers, Led The Fight For Reforms, And Opposed Big-Government Policies.” “As a Ross Township Commissioner and Board President, Jeremy was a common-sense conservative voice that fought for taxpayers, led the fight for reforms, and opposed big-government policies.” [Jeremy Shaffer for US Congress, accessed [5/6/22](#)]

2022: Shaffer Said He Was Running For Congress Because The American Dream Was “Under Extreme Threat” From Economic Problems And “Cancel Culture.” “Mr. Shaffer, now a resident of Pine, said Tuesday he’s running for Congress in the 17th District, which — as it’s currently drawn — stretches from the northern and western suburbs of Allegheny County to encompass all of Beaver County and the southwestern corner of Butler County. In an email blast, Mr. Shaffer said he’s running because ‘America is in trouble,’ the American dream is ‘under extreme threat’ and cancel culture is thriving. ‘Everyone that I talk to agrees that the radical left is out-of-control: from ballooning the national debt to tax-and-spend policies that are crushing the middle class,’ Mr. Shaffer wrote. ‘I am going to Congress to defend our freedoms, advance economic reforms, empower parents & local schools, and challenge the political establishment to work for you, the people.’” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, [2/8/22](#)]

2022: Shaffer Said “Solving Problems And Improving Quality Of Life Should Not Be A Partisan Issue” And Claimed He Had Crossover Appeal In Pennsylvania’s 17th Congressional District. “This cycle, Shaffer is again staking out conservative ground on promises like fiscal responsibility and establishing term limits, but he said he also has crossover appeal that would help him in a swing district like the 17th District. ‘Solving problems and improving quality of life should not be a partisan issue,’ said Shaffer. ‘As a congressman, I will use my skills as a problem-solver and entrepreneur to work with anyone to solve the issues that matter most to Western Pennsylvanians.’ He said he wants to advance economic reforms and empower parents and local schools. Shaffer touts his experience owning and operating InspectTech, a software company focused on management of transportation infrastructure.” [Pittsburgh Tribune Review, [2/27/22](#)]

2022: Shaffer Ran On Promises Of Fiscal Responsibility, Term Limits, Economic Reforms, And Parental And Local Control Of Schools. “This cycle, Shaffer is again staking out conservative ground on promises like fiscal responsibility and establishing term limits, but he said he also has crossover appeal that would help him in a swing district like the 17th District. ‘Solving problems and improving quality of life should not be a partisan issue,’ said Shaffer. ‘As a congressman, I will use my skills as a problem-solver and entrepreneur to work with anyone to solve the issues that matter most to Western Pennsylvanians.’ He said he wants to advance economic reforms and empower parents and local schools. Shaffer touts his experience owning and operating InspectTech, a software company focused on management of transportation infrastructure.” [Pittsburgh Tribune Review, [2/27/22](#)]

April 2022: Shaffer’s First Television Ad Focused On His Engineering Background And Bringing A Problem Solving Outlook To Gas Prices, Taxes, And Making Neighborhoods Safer. “Today we launch our first TV of

the Primary Election! It's called 'Engineer' — engineering requires solutions, and America desperately needs those right now. I'll work to lower the costs of gas and groceries, cut taxes on working families, and make our neighborhoods safer. #PA17" [Twitter, @JeremyShafferPA, [4/27/22](#)] (VIDEO)

Shaffer Was An NRCC On The Radar Candidate Endorsed By Elise Stefanik And Former Rep. Keith Rothfus

April 2022: Shaffer Was Added To The NRCC's On The Radar Program. "The National Republican Congressional Committee today announced an additional slate of 30 'On the Radar' candidates as part of the Young Guns program. The program, spearheaded by Leader McCarthy, helps equip Republican candidates across the country with the tools they need to run winning campaigns. 'Quality candidates from all across the country are stepping up to help Republicans make history and take back the House,' said Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy. 'With their help, we are going to fire Nancy Pelosi and hold the Biden Administration accountable for its record of failure and incompetence.' [...] The list of newly added 'On the Radar' candidates is as follows: [...] PA-17 Jeremy Shaffer" [NRCC, accessed [5/5/22](#)]

April 2022: Shaffer Was Endorsed By Elise Stefanik. "I am honored to earn the strong endorsement of House GOP Conference Chair @EliseStefanik . I look forward to working with her on halting out-of-control inflation, making America more safe, getting our country back on the right track, & recapturing the majority in November. #PA17" [Twitter, @JeremyShafferPA, [4/20/22](#)]

Shaffer Was Endorsed By Former Representative Keith Rothfus. "Endorsements: CURRENT & FORMER ELECTED OFFICIALS: Rep. Glenn 'GT' Thompson (PA-CD-15), Dean of Pennsylvania's Republican Delegation to Congress* Rep. Rob Mercuri (PA-HD-28), State Representative* Rep. Aaron Bernstine (PA-HD-10), State Representative* Keith Rothfus, former Congressman*" [Jeremy Shaffer for US Congress, accessed [5/6/22](#)]

2022: Shaffer Was Endorsed By Allegheny County Councilwoman Cindy Kirk And Former Allegheny County Executive Jim Roddey. "Shaffer, who announced his candidacy this month, has already garnered some support from local Republican officials, including endorsements from Allegheny County Councilwoman Cindy Kirk and former Allegheny County Executive Jim Roddey." [Pittsburgh Tribune Review, [2/27/22](#)]

2018: Shaffer Ran For Senate District 38, Ousting The Incumbent Republican In The Primary And Narrowly Losing To Democrat Lindsey Williams In The General Election

2018: Shaffer Ousted Incumbent State Senator Randy Vulakovich In The Republican Primary For Pennsylvania's 38th State Senate District And Then Lost In The General Election. "Jeremy Shaffer, the former Ross commissioner who ousted Randy Vulakovich from the state Senate before losing the general election in 2018, will try his hand at a federal office. [...] This isn't the first time Mr. Shaffer has labeled the Democratic Party a radical vessel. In 2018, when he ran for the 38th state Senate District, he branded Democrat Lindsey Williams a 'socialist' out of step with the values of Pennsylvania. He lost the election, but did beat Mr. Vulakovich — the incumbent Republican — in the primary." [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, [2/8/22](#)]

AP: Williams' Victory Over Shaffer By 793 Votes "Represented The Only Republican-Held District In Western Pennsylvania That Democrats Flipped To Their Side In The 2018 Election. "After a brutal campaign, Williams defeated Republican Jeremy Shaffer by 793 votes — 62,361 to 61,568 — or 0.64 percentage points, out of almost 124,000 votes cast. Her win helped Democrats trim the Republican advantage in the Senate to 29-21 from 34-16 and represented the only Republican-held district in western Pennsylvania that Democrats flipped to their side in the 2018 election." [Associated Press, [12/31/18](#)]

Shaffer Ran To The Right Of Moderate State Senator Randy Vulakovich And Called His Democratic General Election Opponent A "Socialist" In Ads And On Yard Signs. "Shaffer ran for state Senate in 2018,

where he was narrowly defeated by state Sen. Lindsey Williams, D-West View, after defeating then-state Sen. Randy Vulakovich in the Republican primary. That year, he ran to the right of the moderate Vulakovich and then, in the general election, attempted to brand his Democratic opponent Williams as a ‘socialist’ with attack ads and yard signs.” [Pittsburgh Tribune Review, [2/27/22](#)]

2018: Matt Brouillette’s Commonwealth Leaders Fund PAC Sent \$550,000 To Shaffer’s State Senate Campaign.

“Pennsylvania is on every left-wing political PAC list for engagement, so people recognize that, while we have a presidential election, the down-ballot impact on our state Legislature has the potential of reshaping Pennsylvania for the next decade,” said Matt Brouillette, a Harrisburg lobbyist and consultant who has helped raise more than \$4.5 million to defend the Republican majorities. [...] Brouillette, the consultant and lobbyist who serves as CEO at Commonwealth Partners, said the two political action committees he runs have more than \$4.5 million in the bank for state races, and he hopes to double that amount when it’s all said and done. [...] His one PAC, Commonwealth Leaders Fund, spent \$2.2 million in 2018 in the form of contributions to Republican legislative candidates. Campaigns such as now-freshmen Republican Reps. Andrew Lewis in Harrisburg and Stephanie Borowicz in Clinton County each got \$20,000. Others got a significant sum but nonetheless came up short. The PAC sent \$550,000 to Jeremy Shaffer’s losing state Senate race against now-freshman Democratic Sen. Lindsey Williams in Allegheny County.” [Lancaster Online, [2/4/20](#)]

2018: Shaffer Contributed \$801,515.50 To His State Senate Campaign. [Pennsylvania Department of State, accessed [5/9/22](#)]

2013-2017: Shaffer Was A Ross Township Commissioner, Serving As Board President For Two Years And Stepping Down When He Relocated To Pine

2020: Shaffer Resigned As Ross Commissioner After Seven Years In Office. “Mr. Shaffer resigned from his post as Ross commissioner in mid-2020, bookending a seven-year tenure that he said was fueled by a desire to fight for taxpayers and small government. In the private sector, he co-founded a company that made bridge and infrastructure maintenance software.” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, [2/8/22](#)]

May 2020: Shaffer Resigned From His Role As Ross Commissioner Because He Was Moving Out Of The Township And To Pine, Saying His Family Had Outgrown Their Home In Ross. “Ross Commissioner Jeremy Shaffer is resigning because he is moving out of the township. Mr. Shaffer, who represents the 8th Ward and is the only Republican on the board, said he is moving to Pine because his family has outgrown its home. ‘Ross is a great place to live, and I hope that in my service I have helped do my small part to leave it a little better than I found it,’ he said. ‘Looking back over the time I have served there is so much that has been done by all of the members of the various boards, past and present. I am particularly proud of those efforts we have done for preserving green space, rebuilding our infrastructure, encouraging smart development like The Block at Northway and utilizing technology to make our government more efficient and accessible.’ Mr. Shaffer said he and his wife, Stacey, moved to Ross in 2009 from Pittsburgh. He was first elected to the commission in 2013 and ran unsuccessfully for state Senate in 2017.” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, [5/28/20](#)]

- **July 2020: After Shaffer Stepped Down From His Role As Ross Commissioner Because He Moved To Pine, The Chair Of The Ross Democratic Committee Replaced Shaffer With A Democrat.** “The chair of the Ross Democratic Committee will replace the only Republican on the township’s board of commissioners. Frances Salachup was appointed by an 8-0 vote Monday to replace Jeremy Shaffer, who resigned because he moved to Pine. Four residents had applied for the position and were interviewed last month, but two dropped out, leaving Mrs. Salachup and Republican Matt Drozd. Approximately 30 members of the North Hills Republican Committee held a peaceful demonstration in front of the Ross municipal building before the commission meeting, asking commissioners to instead appoint Mr. Drozd. [...] Mr. Barkovich said the Allegheny County Council and many municipalities, such as neighboring McCandless, fill vacancies with someone from the same party as the person who resigned. Mr. Shaffer was originally elected in 2013 and was re-elected in 2017. ‘The ward voted. They wanted a Republican candidate,’ Pamela Horne said during the

meeting. ‘It’s what the people wanted. And I think it is fair to represent both sides.’ Patrick Hodge noted Mr. Drozd previously represented Ross on the Allegheny County Council. ‘He understands every aspect. I wish to have more diversity with the candidates, and I wish to add more experience with a candidate that has years and years of service in Ross Township.’ But commission President Steve Korbel said Ross residents vote for the person, not the party.” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, [7/23/20](#)]

As Ross Commissioner, Shaffer Served As Board President For Two Years Of His Six In Office. “He served as a Ross commissioner for six years, including two as board president. Shaffer ran for state Senate in 2018, where he was narrowly defeated by state Sen. Lindsey Williams, D-West View, after defeating then-state Sen. Randy Vulakovich in the Republican primary. That year, he ran to the right of the moderate Vulakovich and then, in the general election, attempted to brand his Democratic opponent Williams as a “socialist” with attack ads and yard signs. [Pittsburgh Tribune Review, [2/27/22](#)]

Ross Township Was Located 8 Miles From Downtown Pittsburgh And Had A Population Of About 31,000 And Median Household Income Of \$73,000. “Ross township, located eight miles from downtown Pittsburgh, is a great choice for families looking for an affordable neighborhood with safe streets and good schools. While the home values in neighboring towns like McCandless and Ben Avon are typically \$250,000 or more, the median property price in Ross is still under \$200,000. Ross sits on a hilly area, about 350 feet above the Ohio River, with many spots in town enjoying views of the water and the oak forests that surround it. The town is also part of a great school district. North Hills High is among the best schools in the Pittsburgh metro area, with a 95% graduation rate, and students test higher than the state average on the Pennsylvania Keystone exams. [...] Population: 31,000; Median household income: \$73,000; Median home price: \$196,000; Unemployment rate: 12.6%” [Money.com Best Places to Live 2020, accessed [5/7/22](#)]

Election Results

2018 Pennsylvania State Senate District 38 General Election Results

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Lindsey Williams (D)	62,361	50.20%
Jeremy Shaffer (R)	61,568	49.56%
Write-in	294	0.24%

[Allegheny County, Election Results, [11/6/18](#)]

2018 Pennsylvania State Senate District 38 Primary Election Results

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Randy Vulakovich (R-Incumbent)	7,356	41.23%
Jeremy Shaffer (R)	10,442	58.52%
Write-in	45	0.25%

[Allegheny County, Election Results, [5/15/18](#)]

2017 Ross Township Commissioner Ward 8 General Election Results

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Jeremy Shaffer	590	99.49%
Write-in	3	0.51%

[Allegheny County, Election Results, [11/7/17](#)]

2013 Ross Township Commissioner Ward 8 General Election Results

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Jeremy Shaffer (R)	553	68.87%
Walter Salachup (D)	249	31.01%

Write-in	1	0.12%
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[Allegheny County, Election Results, [11/5/13](#)]

Campaign Finance

Shaffer Raised \$1,568,023.00 And Spent \$1,535,791.61 In His Run For State Office

According to the Pennsylvania Department of State, Shaffer raised \$1,568,023.00 and spent \$1,535,791.61 in his run for State Senate District 38:

Shaffer State Campaign Finance History			
Year	Candidate or Committee	Raised	Spent
2018	Friends of Jeremy Shaffer (SD-38)	\$1,568,023.00	\$1,535,791.61
	Total:	\$1,568,023.00	\$1,535,791.61

[Pennsylvania Department of State, accessed [5/9/22](#)]

2018: Shaffer Contributed \$801,515.50 To His State Senate Campaign

Shaffer Contributions To His Own Campaign		
Date	Candidate or Committee	Amount
3/5/18	Friends of Jeremy Shaffer (PA Senate)	\$50,000.00
4/1/18	Friends of Jeremy Shaffer (PA Senate)	\$15,000.00
4/4/18	Friends of Jeremy Shaffer (PA Senate)	\$60,000.00
4/22/18	Friends of Jeremy Shaffer (PA Senate)	\$45,000.00
5/8/18	Friends of Jeremy Shaffer (PA Senate)	\$15,000.00
6/2/18	Friends of Jeremy Shaffer (PA Senate)	\$250,000.00
5/8/18	Friends of Jeremy Shaffer (PA Senate)	\$15,000.00
10/11/18	Friends of Jeremy Shaffer (PA Senate)	\$100,000.00
10/25/18	Friends of Jeremy Shaffer (PA Senate)	\$60,000.00
11/3/18	Friends of Jeremy Shaffer (PA Senate)	\$45,000.00
11/3/18	Friends of Jeremy Shaffer (PA Senate)	\$45,000.00
10/25/18	Friends of Jeremy Shaffer (PA Senate)	\$60,000.00
6/7/18	Friends of Jeremy Shaffer (PA Senate)	\$515.50
8/11/18	Friends of Jeremy Shaffer (PA Senate)	\$16,000.00
10/6/18	Jeremy Kevin Shaffer (PA Senate)	\$15,000.00
12/10/17	Friends of Jeremy Shaffer (PA Senate)	\$10,000.00
	Total:	\$801,515.50

[Pennsylvania Department of State, accessed [5/9/22](#)]

May 2022: Shaffer Raised A Total Of \$729,063.19 And Spent A Total Of \$202,518.04 In His Run For Federal Office

According the Federal Election Commission, Shaffer raised \$729,063.19 and spent \$202,518.04 in his run for federal elected office:

Shaffer Federal Campaign Finance History			
Year	Candidate or Committee	Raised	Spent
2022	Friends of Jeremy Shaffer (PA-17)	\$729,063.19	\$202,518.04

		Total:	\$729,063.19	\$202,518.04
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[FEC.gov, accessed [5/9/22](#)]

2022: Shaffer Loaned \$500,000 To His Congressional Campaign

May 2022: Shaffer Had Loaned \$500,000 To His Congressional Campaign. [FEC.gov, accessed [5/9/22](#)]

Personal Political History

Personal Political Donations

Shaffer Has Given \$4,874 To Federal Political Candidates

According to the Federal Election Commission, Shaffer has given \$4,874 to federal political candidates.

Shaffer Political Giving History - Federal				
Year	Candidate or Committee	# Donations	Party	Total Amount
2020	Americans for Parnell Committee (US Senate – PA)	2	R	\$359
2020	Perdue for Senate (US Senate – GA)	2	R	\$500
2020	Winred	2	R	\$350
2018	Friends of Pat Toomey (US Senate – PA)	1	R	\$250
2017	Republican Federal Committee of Pennsylvania	9	R	\$765
2017	Rothfus for Congress (US House – PA-12)	1	R	\$500
2016	Republican Federal Committee of Pennsylvania	1	R	\$300
2016	Friends of Pat Toomey (US Senate – PA)	1	R	\$250
2016	Toomey Pennsylvania Victory Fund	1	R	\$250
2014	Bentley Systems, Incorporated Federal PAC	1	-	\$250
2012	Bentley Systems, Incorporated Federal PAC	1	-	\$400
2012	Rothfus for Congress (US House – PA-12)	1	R	\$400
2010	Citizens for Rothfus Inc.	1	R	\$300
			Total:	\$4,874

[FEC, Individual Contribution Search, accessed [5/9/22](#)]

Shaffer Has Given \$19,815 To State-Level Political Candidates

According to Pennsylvania Department of State, Shaffer has given \$19,815 to state-level candidates in Pennsylvania.

Shaffer Political Giving History – State (PA Only)		
Year	Amount	# Donations
2022	\$1400	5
2021	\$7370	12
2020	\$4150	4
2019	\$2490	6
2018	\$565	3
2017	\$3225	3

2016	\$160	1
2015	\$0	0
2014	\$100	1
2013	\$225	1
2012	\$0	0
2011	\$130	1
Total:	\$19,815	37

[Pennsylvania Department of State, accessed [5/9/22](#)]

NOTE: Donations have been aggregated by year and recipient due to volume.

Voter Activity

Shaffer Was Registered To Vote In Pennsylvania’s 17th Congressional District

Shaffer Was Registered To Vote In Gibsonia, PA 15044. [VoteBuilder, accessed 5/9/22]

Shaffer’s Address Was Located In Pennsylvania’s 17th Congressional District Under 2020 District Lines.
[House.gov, accessed 5/9/22]

2003-2021: Shaffer Voting History

Shaffer Voting History (2003-2021)	
Year	Description
2021	Voted in the general and R municipal primary elections
2020	Voted in the general and R primary elections
2019	Voted in the general and R primary elections
2018	Voted in the general and R primary elections
2017	Voted in the general and R primary elections
2016	Voted in the general and R primary elections
2015	Voted in the general and R primary elections
2014	Voted in the general and R primary elections
2013	Voted in the general and R primary elections
2012	Voted in the general election
2011	Voted in the general and R primary elections
2010	Voted in the general and R primary elections
2009	Voted in the general and R primary elections
2008	Voted in the general election
2007	Voted in the general election
2006	Voted in the general and R primary elections
2005	Voted in the municipal election
2004	Voted in the general and R primary elections
2003	Voted in the municipal election
2003	Registered to vote 8/1/03

[VoteBuilder, accessed 5/9/22]

Associated Entities

As of May 2022, Shaffer was potentially associated with the following entities.

Shaffer Associated Entities		
Entity Name	Persons Associated	Years
Mill-Shaf Technologies Inc. (Inactive)	Jeremy Shaffer - Director	10/29/18-?

[Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed 5/9/22]

NOTE: Further research necessary into Shaffer's associated entities.

Criminal And Traffic Violation Record

As of May 2022, Shaffer was associated with 4 traffic violations. [Nexis Criminal Records search, accessed, 5/9/22]

Shaffer Criminal Records				
Case Number	File Date	Court	Charge	Status
TRD1502261	11/23/15	Struthers, OH Municipal Court	Minor misdemeanor - 85/70 SPEED-TP	Disposition not provided by source waived
MJ-05302-TR- 0003746-2020	10/25/20	PA Magisterial District Court	Traffic - EXCEED MAX SPEED LIM ESTB BY 5 MPH	Closed – GUILTY PLEA
MJ-05212-TR- 0000801-2020	7/30/20	PA Magisterial District Court	Traffic - OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES	Closed – GUILTY PLEA
137GT0500737100	12/6/05	Orange County, VA Combined Court	Traffic infraction - 71/55 SPEEDING	Closed - PREPAID

[Nexis Criminal Records search, accessed 5/9/22]

NOTE: Further research necessary into Shaffer's criminal and traffic record.

Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens

As of May 2022, Shaffer is not associated with any bankruptcy, judgments, or liens. [Nexis Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens search, accessed 5/9/22]

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

Important Note On This Document

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