

Tyler Kistner (MN-02) Red Box Backup

OVERVIEW

Tyler Kistner is too extreme for voters in the MN-02 congressional district.

SUMMARY

When it comes to choice, voters in the Minneapolis media market need to see TV ads as well as read in the mail and on OTT and digital, the following:

- *Supreme Court has overturned 50 years of law and declared that a woman no longer has the right to an abortion.*
- *Tyler Kistner calls himself “100% pro-life” and supports allowing states to ban abortion with no exceptions for rape, incest, or danger to the life of the mother. He wants to “cut off all federal funding to Planned Parenthood” and he was endorsed by National Right to Life, a group that wants abortions to be against the law, with no exceptions for rape or incest.*

When it comes to healthcare, voters in the Minneapolis media market need to see TV ads as well as read in the mail and on OTT and digital, the following:

- *Tyler Kistner sides with the drug companies. Special interests -- including drug companies -- are spending millions to help him get elected. No wonder Kistner opposes letting Medicare negotiate for lower drug prices or cap the co-pay of insulin. Worse, Kistner said he’s willing to “look at” raising the retirement age for Medicare and Social Security.*

When it comes to the environment, voters in the Minneapolis media market need to see TV ads as well as read in the mail and on OTT and digital, the following:

- *Environment-minded voters need to know that at a time of rising gas prices, Tyler Kistner sides with the big oil and gas companies gouging us at the pump. Kistner’s taken over \$35,000 from oil and gas interests. No wonder he pledged to keep giving oil and gas companies billions in special tax breaks and will do nothing to hold price-gouging corporations accountable.*

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- *Regarding abortion, tone is important — it’s not scary or angry or over the top. It should be clear-eyed, matter-of-fact, and non-sensationalized that Tyler Kistner does not share our values.*
- *Voters need to see real people from the district who would be affected by this decision and understand the consequences of outlawing abortion — whether it is a victim or a doctor or nurse who has worked in sexual assault response and treatment.*
- *And on prescription drugs -- the tone should acknowledge people suffering through the high cost of prescriptions and medication -- like insulin.*

Tyler Kistner Calls Himself “100% Pro-Life” And Supports Allowing States To Ban Abortion With No Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or Danger To The Life Of The Mother

Kistner Said He Was “100% Pro-Life.”

ABORTION

As a father and person of faith, I'm 100% pro-life. Life is a sacred gift. Today we are even seeing politicians and legislatures approve abortion up to birth - now is the time to fight and be an advocate. I support prohibiting federal funding of abortion by cutting off Title X funding to Planned Parenthood, and I would vote to cut off all federal funding to the organization.



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[Tyler Kistner For Congress, Archived [4/30/20](#)]

Kistner Said The Decision Of Abortion Restrictions “Should Be Left At The States To Decide.” “The U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade gave finality to activists on both sides of the abortion debate in Minnesota — and set in motion the next big fight. [...] Craig's opponent, Republican Tyler Kistner, did not respond Friday to a request for comment. When Kistner was asked about the potential Supreme Court decision a day earlier, he said he is ‘pro-life,’ adding, ‘I think that decision should be left at the states to decide.’” [Star Tribune, [6/25/22](#)]

He Wants To “Cut Off All Federal Funding To Planned Parenthood” And He Was Endorsed By National Right To Life, A Group That Wants Abortions To Be Against The Law, With No Exceptions For Rape Or Incest

Kistner Said He Would “Vote To Cut Off All Federal Funding” To Planned Parenthood.

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Aug. 2020: National Right To Life Endorsed Kistner's Campaign. "The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) has endorsed Republican candidates Jason Lewis and Tyler Kistner in their campaigns to represent Minnesota in the U.S. Senate and Congress." [Alpha News, [8/26/20](#)]

National Right To Life Proposed Model Anti-Abortion Legislation For States Which Did Not Include Exceptions For Cases Of Rape Or Incest. "CHANG: I do notice that your group's legislation proposal, it doesn't call for any exceptions in cases of rape or incest, but it would not seek to ban abortions in the case where a mother's life is in jeopardy. That's correct, right? I've characterized that correctly? BELL: That is correct. CHANG: OK, so... BELL: So what National Right to Life has is model - they call this our model legislation." [NPR, [6/24/22](#)]

Tyler Kistner Sides With The Drug Companies

Special Interests -- Including Drug Companies -- Are Spending Millions To Help Him Get Elected

Apr. 2022: Congressional Leadership Fund Announced A \$4.9 Million Television Ad Reservation In The Minneapolis-St. Paul Market For The 2022 Election Cycle. "Congressional Leadership Fund, the super PAC endorsed by Leader Kevin McCarthy and all of House Republican leadership, today announced its first wave of ad reservations for the 2022 election cycle. CLF's initial reserves total \$125 million in ad time for television and streaming platforms. The buy spans 48 media markets for ads potentially in as many as 46 Congressional Districts from coast to coast. CLF's first reserves are overwhelmingly on offense: \$111 million of the total is booked in Democrat-held seats and just \$14 million in Republican-held ones. [...] \$4.9 million in Minneapolis-St. Paul" [Congressional Leadership Fund, Press Release, [4/28/22](#)]

May 2021: American Action Network Launched Millions Of Dollars In Ads Attacking House Democrats. "The American Action Network is pouring millions of dollars into a TV, digital advertising and phone campaign attacking House Democrats' proposal to lower prescription drug costs. H.R. 3, the legislation championed by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), would let Medicare negotiate lower prices for prescription drugs and set a \$2,000 maximum for out-of-pocket spending. Only two Republicans voted in favor of the bill when it passed the House in 2019. The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, the largest U.S. pharmaceutical trade

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Center For Responsive Politics: AAN Was A 501(c)(4) “Dark Money” Group “Aligned With Republican House Leadership” And Donated Over \$26 Million To Congressional Leadership Fund. “AAN, a 501(c)(4) nonprofit aligned with Republican House leadership that does not disclose its donors, did not disclose any of its spending to the FEC during the 2020 election cycle. The nonprofit funneled more than \$9 million into political advertising boosting Republican congressional candidates and donated over \$26 million to the Congressional Leadership Fund, a super PAC supporting the House GOP. The two groups share staff members and resources. With nearly \$39 million in expenditures, AAN ranked sixth among top ‘dark money’ groups in 2020.” [Center for Responsive Politics, [5/13/21](#)]

May 2021: American Action Network Launched An Ad Targeting Rep. Craig. [YouTube, American Action Network, [5/6/21](#)] (VIDEO)

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No Wonder Kistner Opposes Letting Medicare Negotiate For Lower Drug Prices Or Cap The Co-Pay Of Insulin

After Craig Proposed Letting The Government Negotiate Lower Drug Prices, Kistner Said The Most Effective Way To Lower Health Care Costs Was Through More Competition In The Private Sector. "Calling affordable health care her top priority, Craig said Congress should give more people the option to buy into Medicare, allow insurance companies to share policy risks, let the government negotiate lower drug prices for Medicare recipients and stop pharmaceutical manufacturers from blocking generic drugs from the market. Kistner asserted the most effective way to lower health care costs is through more competition in the private sector. He said the government should allow more foreign drug makers to compete in U.S. markets and 'bring pharmaceutical companies back to this country.'" [Pioneer Press, [10/8/20](#)]

Minnesota Public Radio: Kistner "Did Not Dispute" That He Opposed Capping The Cost Of Insulin At \$35. "Craig sharpened her criticism of Kistner during a brief interview following her remarks. 'My Republican opponent here in the 2nd would have voted against the infrastructure bill. My Republican opponent would have voted against capping the cost of insulin at \$35. He would never have supported allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices. He would never support any changes to our gun laws,' Craig said. 'He wouldn't stand up and say, 'No, Roe v. Wade is actual precedent, 50 years, it's not going to get changed.'" Asked for his response during an interview before his Lakeville appearance, Kistner did not dispute any of Craig's claims. 'When you get desperate, you get stupid,' Kistner said, 'and Angie Craig is doing everything she can to fight for her political future.'" [Minnesota Public Radio, [6/13/22](#)]

Worse, Kistner Said He's Willing To "Look At" Raising The Retirement Age For Medicare And Social Security.

Kistner Said He Would "Like To Look At" Raising The Eligibility Age For Social Security And Medicare To 70. AUDIENCE MEMBER: "Would you support raising the eligibility age of Social Security and Medicare to 70?"

KISTNER: “I’d like to look at how much we’d actually save if we did, what I’d like to look at first is, trying to talk to the states to stop having them double tax people on their Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid already. Why are the states now taxing that when the government’s already giving [INAUDIBLE] and yeah I’d like to look at the facts of how much we’d actually be able to save from that before I could give an honest answer of ‘oh yeah, we’ll raise it.’” [Tyler Kistner Meet and Greet, [3/6/20](#)] (AUDIO)

Environment-Minded Voters Need To Know That At A Time Of Rising Gas Prices, Tyler Kistner Sides With The Big Oil And Gas Companies Gouging Us At The Pump

Kistner’s Taken Over \$35,000 From Oil And Gas Interests

In The 2020 Cycle, Kistner’s Campaign Received At Least \$27,812 From The Oil & Gas Industry. [Center For Responsive Politics, [3/22/21](#)]

In The 2022 Cycle, Kistner’s Campaign Received At Least \$8,800 From The Oil & Gas Industry. [Center For Responsive Politics, [7/16/22](#)]

No Wonder He Pledged To Keep Giving Oil And Gas Companies Billions In Special Tax Breaks And Will Do Nothing To Hold Price-Gouging Corporations Accountable

January 2020: Kistner Supported The 2017 Republican Tax Bill. “Kistner opposes a bigger government role in health care and supports policies allowing private coverage across state lines, foreign pharmaceutical competition and more health care price transparency to push down costs. He also supports the 2017 tax cuts.” [SW News Media, [1/9/20](#)]

Prior Lake American: “Kistner Supported The 2017 Tax Cuts And Largely Agrees With Trump, Though Kistner Said He Was More Fiscally Conservative.” “Kistner supported the 2017 tax cuts and largely agrees with Trump, though Kistner said he was more fiscally conservative.” [Prior Lake American, [5/1/20](#)]

Kistner Signed The Americans For Tax Reform Pledge. [Americans For Tax Reform, Accessed [5/20/22](#)]

- Americans For Tax Reform: “By Signing The Taxpayer Protection Pledge, Candidates And Incumbents Make A Written Commitment To Oppose Any And All Tax Increases.” “By signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, candidates and incumbents make a written commitment to oppose any and all tax increases. While ATR has the role of promoting and monitoring the Pledge, the Taxpayer Protection Pledge is made to a candidate’s constituents, who deserve to know where candidates stand on the tax issue. Since the Pledge is a prerequisite for many voters, it is considered binding as long as an individual holds the office for which he or she signed the Pledge.” [Americans For Tax Reform, Accessed [5/20/22](#)]

HEADLINE: “Inside the Tax Bill’s \$25 Billion Oil Company Bonanza” [Pacific Standard, [3/27/18](#)]

Pacific Standard: “The Oil And Gas Industry... Are Among The Tax Bill’s Largest And Most Long-Lasting Financial Beneficiaries.” “Pacific Standard’s original analysis finds that it is the oil and gas industry, including companies that backed the presidency of Trump and whose former executives and current boosters now populate it, that are among the tax bill’s largest and most long-lasting financial beneficiaries. Just 17 American oil and gas companies reported a combined total of \$25 billion in direct one-time benefits from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Many of the companies will also receive millions of dollars in income tax refunds this year.” [Pacific Standard, [3/27/18](#)]

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then reduces all corporate annual tax bills by a minimum of 40 percent every year in perpetuity, while adding new benefits that function as government subsidies for the oil and gas industry.” [Pacific Standard, [3/27/18](#)]

After Passing Tax Bill, Congressional Republicans Allowed A Tax On Oil Companies To Expire That Generated Hundreds Of Millions For Oil Spill Response Efforts Annually. “Congressional Republicans allowed a tax on oil companies that generated hundreds of millions of dollars annually for federal oil-spill response efforts to expire this week — a move that amounts to another corporate break in the wake of lawmakers’ sweeping tax overhaul late last month.” [Washington Post, [1/5/18](#)]

When Asked If He Supported A Bill To Fight Oil And Gas Price Gouging, Kistner Refused To Take A Position. “.@JoeBiden, @AngieCraigMN, and @TheDemocrats have total control of the federal government. As a result of your party’s ‘leadership’ Minnesotans are paying record high gas prices and are struggling to put food on the table due to inflation. Take ownership, and do better. #MN02” QUOTE TWEET @AngieCraigMN: “Your daily reminder that every single Republican in Congress voted AGAINST lowering gas prices for the American people. How would you vote, @KistnerCongress?”



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- **HEADLINE: “U.S. House Passes Bill To Fight Oil And Gas Price Gouging”** [Reuters, [5/19/22](#)]