

Paul Junge (MI-08) Red Box Backup

OVERVIEW

The people of mid-Michigan just can't trust Paul Junge to be for them.

SUMMARY

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- *Paul Junge supports the US Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade -- Junge is for outlawing abortions in Michigan.*
- *Junge even wants to ban abortion in the cases of rape or incest. He would force pregnancies on teenagers and women who are raped.*
- *If elected, Junge's allies in Congress support passing a federal ban on all abortions.*

When it comes to Social Security and Medicare, voters in the Flint media market should see TV, OTT and digital ads and mail about:

- *Paul Junge would join those who tried over 70 times to cut health care coverage for 720,000 Michiganders, allow insurance companies to charge seniors five times more for their healthcare, as well as raise health insurance premiums and taxes on middle-class families.*
- *Junge would also team up with those whose agenda threatened funding for Social Security and Medicare while raising taxes on middle class families.*
- *Junge's agenda would hurt mid-Michigan.*

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Voters should see real people in TV ads.

Paul Junge Supports The US Supreme Court Decision To Overturn Roe V. Wade -- Junge Is For Outlawing Abortions In Michigan

Junge Said The Overturning Of Roe V. Wade Was Appropriate And “Allows That Matter To Be Decided By The People.” “The Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade was appropriate, Junge said.. ‘This allows that matter to be decided by the people by voters in every state,’ he said. ‘As someone who is pro-life, I celebrate the opportunity to save human life.’” [Midland Daily News, [7/18/22](#)]

Junge Said Roe V. Wade Created “Made-Up Rights.” JUNGE: “And let me say one other thing, because of course one of our biggest obstacles is that federal court decision which makes the reelection of President Trump, so that he can continue to appoint federal judges that will adhere to the Constitution instead of made-up rights like we see in Roe versus Wade.” [Paul Junge, Howell Debate, [2/20/20](#)] (VIDEO)

Junge Said He Was Pro-Life “At All Times.” JUNGE: “I am pro-life. I support life at all times.” [Paul Junge, Howell Debate, [2/20/20](#)] (VIDEO)

Detroit Free Press: With Roe Overturned, “Michigan’s Law Criminalizing Most Abortions Is Again Enforceable” If “A Temporary Injunction Blocking The Enforcement Of A State Ban Is Lifted Or Otherwise Removed.” “Millions of Michiganders lost the national right to legal abortions Friday after the U.S. Supreme Court overruled Roe v. Wade, upending nearly 50 years of judicial precedent and changing the dynamics of reproductive health in the country for years to come. While abortions are still legal in Michigan, that could change at any moment if a temporary injunction blocking the enforcement of a state ban is lifted or otherwise removed. [...] In theory, that would mean Michigan’s law criminalizing most abortions is again enforceable: A 1931 statute only allows abortions ‘necessary to preserve the life of such woman,’ a vague standard left untested by doctors and the courts for decades. The law on Michigan’s books does not allow exceptions for cases of rape or incest.” [Detroit Free Press, [6/24/22](#)]

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Junge Did Not Support Exceptions For Abortion In Cases Of Rape Or Incest. “Junge said he does not support exceptions for rape or incest but ‘there’s always an exception for the life of the mother,’ he said. If Roe is struck down, he favors leaving the issue to states rather than enacting federal restrictions on abortion, he said.” [Detroit News, [5/25/22](#)]

If Elected, Junge’s Allies In Congress Support Passing A Federal Ban On All Abortions

In Anticipation Of Roe V. Wade Being Overturned, Congressional Republicans Were Working On A “Push For A Strict Nationwide Ban On The Procedure If Republicans Retake Power In Washington.” “Leading antiabortion groups and their allies in Congress have been meeting behind the scenes to plan a national strategy that would kick in if the Supreme Court rolls back abortion rights this summer, including a push for a strict nationwide ban on the procedure if Republicans retake power in Washington. The effort, activists say, is designed to bring a fight that has been playing out largely in the courts and state legislatures to the national political stage — rallying conservatives around the issue in the midterms and pressuring potential 2024 GOP presidential candidates to take a stand. The discussions reflect what activists describe as an emerging consensus in some corners of the antiabortion movement to push for hard-line measures that will truly end a practice they see as murder while rejecting any proposals seen as half-measures.” [Washington Post, [5/2/22](#)]

6/24/22: Los Angeles Times Headline: “With Roe Dead, Republicans Call For Abortion Bans In All States” [Los Angeles Times, [6/24/22](#)]

- **After Roe Was Overturned, McCarthy And Pence Called For Abortion Bans Nationally.** “Former Vice President Mike Pence said Friday that social conservatives in the post-Roe era ‘must not rest and must not relent until the sanctity of life is restored to the center of American law in every state in the land.’ ‘We will continue to look wherever we can go to save as many lives as possible,’ said House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Bakersfield), without getting into specifics about what kind of legislation Republicans would put forward if they take control of the House in the midterm elections.” [Los Angeles Times, [6/24/22](#)]
- **More Than 100 House Republicans Co-Sponsored The “Life At Conception Act” To Federally Ban Abortion At Six Weeks, “Signaling That Many Would Like To See A Total Ban On Abortion.”** “Several abortion bans have already been introduced in Congress. A six-week abortion ban has been introduced in the House, by Rep. Mike Kelly (R-Pa.), and the Life at Conception Act, which would recognize a fetus as a person with equal protections under the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, has been introduced in both chambers. Nineteen Republican senators and well over 100 Republicans in the House have co-sponsored the measure, signaling that many would like to see a total ban on abortion. [...] Kelly, who introduced the six-week ban in the House, said he doesn’t understand why antiabortion Republicans would settle for a 15-week ban if Roe is overturned. ‘I’m not willing to compromise that,’ he said. ‘I think it’s morally unacceptable.’” [Washington Post, [5/2/22](#)]
- **The “Life At Conception” Act Would Grant Equal Protection Under The 14th Amendment To Fetuses, Effectively Banning Abortion With No Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or To Save A Woman’s Life.** “H.R. 616 would grant equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and ‘preborn’ human person. ‘Human person’ is defined as: [...] each and every

member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being. The bill would grant constitutional rights to fertilized eggs, embryos, fetuses, and clones. It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate certain medical choices for women, including some cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization. The bill would not allow for prosecution of any pregnant person for the ‘death’ of their ‘unborn child.’” [Rewire News, Accessed [6/30/22](#)]

- **The House Republican Who Introduced A Six-Week Abortion Ban Viewed The Overturning Of Roe As A Precondition To The Six-Week Ban.** “Several abortion bans have already been introduced in Congress. A six-week abortion ban has been introduced in the House, by Rep. Mike Kelly (R-Pa.), and the Life at Conception Act, which would recognize a fetus as a person with equal protections under the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, has been introduced in both chambers. Nineteen Republican senators and well over 100 Republicans in the House have co-sponsored the measure, signaling that many would like to see a total ban on abortion. [...] Kelly, who introduced the six-week ban in the House, said he doesn’t understand why antiabortion Republicans would settle for a 15-week ban if Roe is overturned. ‘I’m not willing to compromise that,’ he said. ‘I think it’s morally unacceptable.’” [Washington Post, [5/2/22](#)]

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Junge Said It Was A False Choice To Say The Affordable Care Act Was The Best Option To Protect People With Preexisting Conditions. “‘This is another partisan false choice offered by the Congresswoman,’ Junge replied. Junge has said he will support parts of the Affordable Care Act if it’s the best option to protect people with preexisting conditions, but he says the Affordable Care Act as the best option is a false choice.” [Michigan Radio, [10/7/21](#)]

Junge Said He Was “Putting Up Policies That Are Consistent With Republican Leadership.” “‘I’m putting up policies that are consistent with Republican leadership,’ Junge said, of his own loyalties to his party. ‘The key difference here is that Congresswoman Slotkin presented herself as somehow uniquely independent or bipartisan and she just simply isn’t.’” [Detroit News, [9/27/20](#)]

As Of July 2017, There Were At Least 70 Republican-Led Attempts To Repeal, Modify, Or Otherwise Curb The Affordable Care Act. “After last week’s latest attempt to remove provisions of Obamacare ended with Sen. John McCain’s dramatic ‘no’ vote effectively keeping it alive along with two other senators, Newsweek has found at least 70 Republican-led attempts to repeal, modify or otherwise curb the Affordable Care Act since its inception as law on March 23, 2010.” [Newsweek, [7/29/17](#)]

Center For American Progress: 23.3 Million People Stood To Lose Health Coverage And Become Uninsured If The ACA Were Repealed. “In total, 23.3 million people stand to lose coverage and become uninsured if the ACA is repealed during the pandemic.” [Center For American Progress, [6/24/20](#)]

Center For American Progress: 720,000 People In Michigan Would Lose Coverage If The ACA Were Eliminated. “A ruling that invalidates the ACA or eliminates core features of the law would have a devastating effect on American families. Select your state from the drop-down list below to see some of the harms that would result from ACA repeal. [...] 720,000 people in Michigan would lose coverage, raising the state’s uninsured rate among the nonelderly population from 7.7 percent to 16.6 percent.” [Center For American Progress, [3/2/20](#)]

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If The Affordable Care Act Were Fully Repealed, The Health Care Market Would Return To “Insurance Companies Routinely Charged Older People Much Higher Amounts Than Younger People For The Same Coverage.” “Prior to enactment of the ACA, many older adults ages 50–64 who were not old enough to be eligible for Medicare but who did not have coverage through an employer had difficulty obtaining health insurance coverage on their own in the individual market. If coverage was available, older adults were often charged much higher premiums due to their age or a preexisting condition, making it unaffordable and out of reach. [...] Consequently, insurance companies routinely charged older people much higher amounts than younger people for the same coverage in the individual health insurance market.” [AARP, [1/2017](#)]

Brookings: “Nearly Every ACA Replacement Plan Involves Widening The Age Rating Bands... Proposals Suggest Changing The Current 3:1 Ratio To 5:1 Or 6:1 Or Eliminating It Altogether.” “Loosen age rating restrictions in the individual market. Nearly every ACA replacement plan involves widening the age rating bands that currently restrict insurers from setting premiums for the oldest adults in the individual market (64 year olds) that are more than three times the premium they charge a 21-year old for the same coverage. Proposals suggest changing the current 3:1 ratio to 5:1 or 6:1 or eliminating it altogether.” [Brookings, [12/13/16](#)]

- **Senate’s Better Care Reconciliation Act Included A 5:1 Age Rating Limit.** “This summary describes key provisions of H.R. 1628, the Better Care Reconciliation Act of 2017, an amendment in the nature of a substitute proposed in the Senate on June 22, 2017 and revised most recently on July 20, 2017, as a plan to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and make fundamental changes to Medicaid financing through the Fiscal Year 2017 budget reconciliation process. [...] Modify age rating limit to permit variation of 5:1, unless states adopt different ratios, effective 2019.” [KFF, [7/20/17](#)]
- **House-Passed American Health Care Act Included A 5:1 Age Rating Limit.** “This summary describes key provisions of H.R. 1628, the American Health Care Act, as approved by the House of Representatives on May 4, 2017, as a plan to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA) through the Fiscal Year 2017 budget reconciliation process. [...] Modify age rating limit to permit variation of 5:1, unless states adopt different ratios, effective 2018.” [AARP, [5/2017](#)]

As Well As Raise Health Insurance Premiums

Repealing The Affordable Care Act Would Increase Insurance Premiums; According To The Washington Post, “Many Would Find They Could No Longer Afford Coverage.” “The ACA, also known as Obamacare, provides subsidies to help subscribers afford the cost of individual policies. The law also required all Americans, with a few exceptions, to have insurance. Without the subsidies or the requirement that all Americans have coverage, experts say the healthiest customers would cease buying insurance if they do not have policies through their employers or through the government. As a result, insurers would be forced to increase premiums to cover the cost of treating those sicker patients who remain. Many would find they could no longer afford coverage.” [Washington Post, [12/7/16](#)]

And Taxes On Middle-Class Families

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

Trump Administration Estimates Predicted Tax Bill Would Cost \$2.3 Trillion. "Between new cost estimates and the White House's own budget numbers, the wheels are coming off Republican claims that President Donald Trump's tax cuts will pay for themselves by generating increased growth and government revenues over the next decade. 'Not only will this tax plan pay for itself but it will pay down debt,' Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin famously boasted in September. But his own department's analysts now peg the 10-year cost at \$2.3 trillion given the administration's assumption that tax breaks for individuals and large estates will be extended past 2025." [Politico, [2/28/18](#)]

May 2020: The U.S. National Debt Had Increased To Nearly \$25 Trillion Due To The Coronavirus Recovery. "Now, the national debt is exploding because Washington is being forced to rescue the US economy from its greatest shock ever. The Treasury Department said this week it will borrow \$3 trillion this quarter alone. That's nearly six times the previous record, which was set in 2008. Still, while the national debt is scary—it now stands at nearly \$25 trillion—now is not the time to cut back on the borrowing." [CNN Business, [5/6/20](#)]

HEADLINE: A leading Republican urges reform for Medicare and Social Security as deficits balloon after the GOP's tax cut [CNBC, [8/20/18](#)]

HEADLINE: After Tax Overhaul, GOP Sets Sights On Medicare, Social Security. [US News, [12/7/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Ryan Says Republicans To Target Welfare, Medicare, Medicaid Spending In 2018. [Washington Post, [12/6/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “Tax Bill Could Fuel Push For Medicare, Social Security Cuts” [The Hill, [12/3/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Paul Ryan Pushes To Keep Overhaul Of Safety-Net Programs On GOP Agenda. [Wall Street Journal, [2/4/18](#)]

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

Ryan: “We Have To Address Entitlements. Otherwise, We Can’t Really Get Our Handle On Our Future Debt.” “NORAH O’DONNELL: --will Congress take up entitlement spending next year? REPRESENTATIVE PAUL RYAN: Yes. We will. And Bob and I actually see a lot of these things very similarly. We have to address entitlements. Otherwise, we can’t really get our handle on our future debt. There’s two things you need to do to get the debt under control so that our kids and grandkids get a debt-free nation. Number one, grow the economy. This tax cut bill will help do that. Number two, reform entitlement programs. We’re-- it’s unfortunate that our health care bill which passed the House last May didn’t get through the Senate, but we need to revisit that issue because that’s key entitlement reform. And then back to the welfare issue.” [CBS This Morning, [12/20/17](#)]

June 2018: House Budget Chairman: “The Time Is Now For Our Congress To Step Up And Confront... Debt And Deficits.” “Nonetheless the budget serves as an expression of Republicans’ priorities at a time of rapidly rising deficits and debt. Although the nation’s growing indebtedness has been exacerbated by the GOP’s own policy decisions — including the new tax law, which most analyses say will add at least \$1 trillion to the debt — Republicans on the Budget Committee said they felt a responsibility to put the nation on a sounder fiscal trajectory. ‘The time is now for our Congress to step up and confront the biggest challenge to our society,’ said House Budget Chairman Steve Womack (R-Ark.). ‘There is not a bigger enemy on the domestic side than the debt and deficits.’” [Washington Post, [6/19/18](#)]

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

US News: “The Most Likely Targets For Cuts And Restructuring In The Coming Months Are Likely To Be Medicare And Social Security Benefits.” “Instead, the most likely targets for cuts and restructuring in the coming months are likely to be Medicare and Social Security benefits. Rubio last week indicated ‘the driver of our debt is the structure of Social Security and Medicare for future beneficiaries.’ Ryan issued a similar assessment just a few days later, noting that ‘health care entitlements ... are the big drivers of our debt.’” [US News, [12/7/17](#)]

The Hill: “The Tax Bill... Could Result In Cuts To Entitlement Spending If It Significantly Increases The National Debt, Budget Experts Say.” “The tax bill that Republicans are muscling through Congress could result in cuts to entitlement spending if it significantly increases the national debt, budget experts say. Republicans say the tax-cut package will lead to economic growth and greater tax revenues, but there are doubts even within their party about whether that growth will come to pass. The Joint Committee on Taxation, Congress’s official budget scorekeeper, estimated the bill would cost \$1 trillion over a decade even with economic growth taken into account. Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) opposed the bill for that reason. As the population ages and health-care costs continue to rise, the fiscal demands on entitlements like Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security are projected to grow. The projected increase in the debt from the tax package could make the situation worse, budget experts say.” [The Hill, [12/3/17](#)]

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ITEP: The TCJA Would Raise Taxes On Low-And Middle-Income Michiganders In 2027.

Final GOP-Trump Tax Bill Gives Larger Tax Cuts to Upper-Income Michigan Residents in 2019, Raises Taxes on Low- and Middle-Income Residents in 2027

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