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# LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN



**MATT SCHLAPP**  
CHAIRMAN, CPAC

The CPAC Foundation's Center for Legislative Accountability is proud to present our Ratings of the States. Like our Ratings of Congress, CPAC's Foundation's Ratings of the States are meant to reflect how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. We begin with our philosophy (conservatism is the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person) and then apply the proper role of government (its essential role is to defend Life, Liberty and Property).

The Left has stormed our nation's corridors of power to take control over the lives of every American. Now, they have set their sights on the states, freedom's last line of defense.

President Lincoln once said, "America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." The Left's agenda dismantles the vision of our founders when they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

We hope these Ratings will empower each and every American to hold their officials accountable and to rally behind the conservative champions who defend our freedoms in statehouses around the country.

Sincerely,

Matt Schlapp  
Chairman, CPAC

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The Center for Legislative Accountability (CLA), an initiative of the CPAC Foundation, is the premier organization for holding lawmakers accountable. The CLA produces the longest-running conservative congressional scorecard and our state program is the only one in the nation that scores all 8,000 lawmakers in the 50 states across every policy area.

In 1971, ACUF launched its Ratings of Congress to provide a comprehensive evaluation of the voting records of every Member of Congress. The Ratings quickly became considered the “gold standard” and over the following decades have been utilized by activists, voters, academics and elected officials to determine which lawmakers best adhere to conservative principles.

In 2011, these Ratings were expanded into state legislatures as part of a five-state pilot program. By 2015, Ratings of the States grew to include all 50 states and all 99 legislative chambers. Today, the CLA annually analyzes over 105,000 pieces of legislation to issue scores for all of America’s federal and state lawmakers and presents awards to lawmakers who score 80% or better in recognition of their conservative voting records.

In order to depict how closely a lawmaker adheres to conservative principles, the CLA selects from the full spectrum of issues relating to the economy, culture, national security and government integrity. Some key areas include taxation, spending, education, labor, licensure, regulation, environment, life, free speech, Second Amendment rights, foreign aid, defense priorities and global organizations, including the United Nations. All congressional and state analyses are conducted after the adjournment of a legislative session to ensure that no issue is neglected.

To determine legislative rankings, the CLA annually evaluates over 105,000 bills that were introduced in Congress and every convening state legislature running from January 1 to December 31.

Of those bills, the CLA ultimately selects roughly 2,000 pieces of legislation that best illustrate how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. The CLA calculates individual scores for a total of nearly 8,000 federal and state lawmakers based on over 157,000 votes cast on the 2,000 bills selected.

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Senate

Dan Bartel      Steve Hinebauch  
 Becky Beard      Dennis R. Lenz  
 Bob Brown      Forrest Mandeville  
 Daniel Emrich      Theresa Manzella  
 Jason Ellsworth      Tom McGillvray  
 John Esp      Mark Noland  
 Steve Fitzpatrick      Keith Regier  
 John Fuller      Barry Usher  
 Carl Glimm      Shelley Vance  
 Greg Hertz

House

\*Perfect 100%

James Bergstrom      Caleb Hinkle      Bob Phalen  
 Jennifer Carlson      Jedediah Hinkle      Joe Read  
 Sherry Essmann\*      Bob Keenan      Matt Regier  
 Jodee Etchart      Scot Kerns      Amy Regier  
 Terry Falk      Greg Kmetz      Linda Reksten  
 Paul Fielder      Rhonda Knudsen      Jerry Schillinger  
 Steven Galloway      Brandon Ler      Kerri Seekins-Crowe  
 Steve Gist      Braxton Mitchell      Lola Sheldon-Galloway  
 Steve Gunderson      Terry Moore      Tanner Smith  
 Naarah Hastings      Fiona Nave      Zack Wirth  
 Lyn Hellegaard      Nelly Nicol      Mike Yakawich





## Senate

Kenneth Bogner

**Mike Cuffe**

Chris Friedel

**Bruce Gillespie**

Mike Lang

**Brad Molnar**

Walt Sales

**Jeremy Trebas**

Daniel Zolnikov

## House

Fred Anderson

**David Bedey**

Michele Binkley

**Larry Brewster**

Tony Brockman

**Ed Butcher**

Edward Buttrey

**Lee Deming**

Julie Dooling

**Neil Duram**

Jane Gillette

**Paul Green**

Llew Jones

**Joshua Kassmier**

Denley Loge

**Marty Malone**

Ron Marshall

**Bill Mercer**

Russ Miner

**George Nikolakakos**

Greg Oblander

**Gary Parry**

Wayne Rusk

**Courtenay Sprunger**

Sue Vinton

**Katie Zolnikov**



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# MONTANA SENATE STATISTICS

OVERALL AVERAGE  
**63%**

REPUBLICAN AVERAGE

**87%**



DEMOCRAT AVERAGE

**12%**



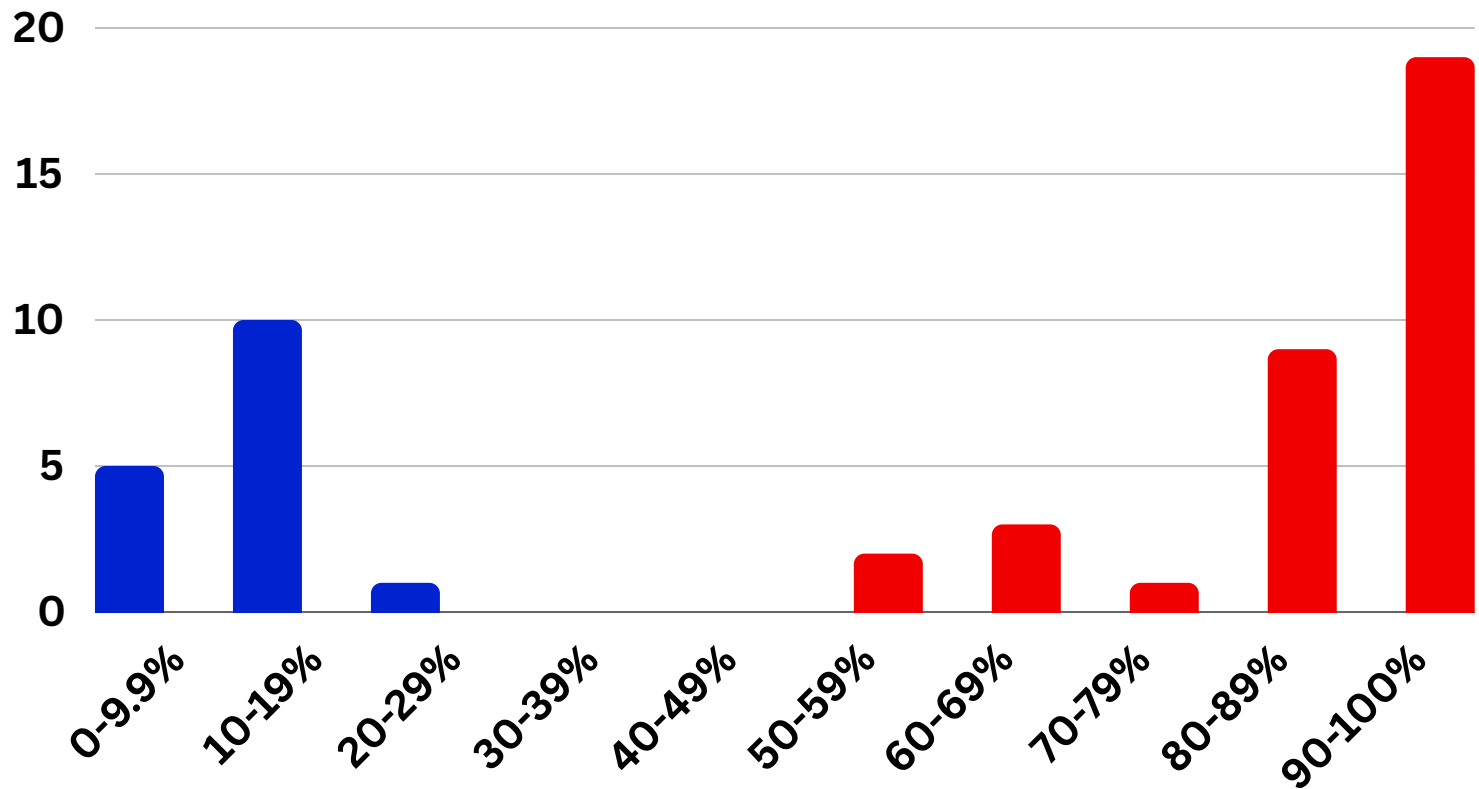
LOWEST REPUBLICAN  
**JEFFREY WELBORN**  
**50%**



HIGHEST DEMOCRAT  
**SHANE MORIGEAU**  
**22%**



■ Democrat (16 Members)    ■ Republican (34 Members)





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# MONTANA HOUSE STATISTICS

OVERALL AVERAGE  
**63%**

REPUBLICAN AVERAGE

**87%**



DEMOCRAT AVERAGE

**10%**



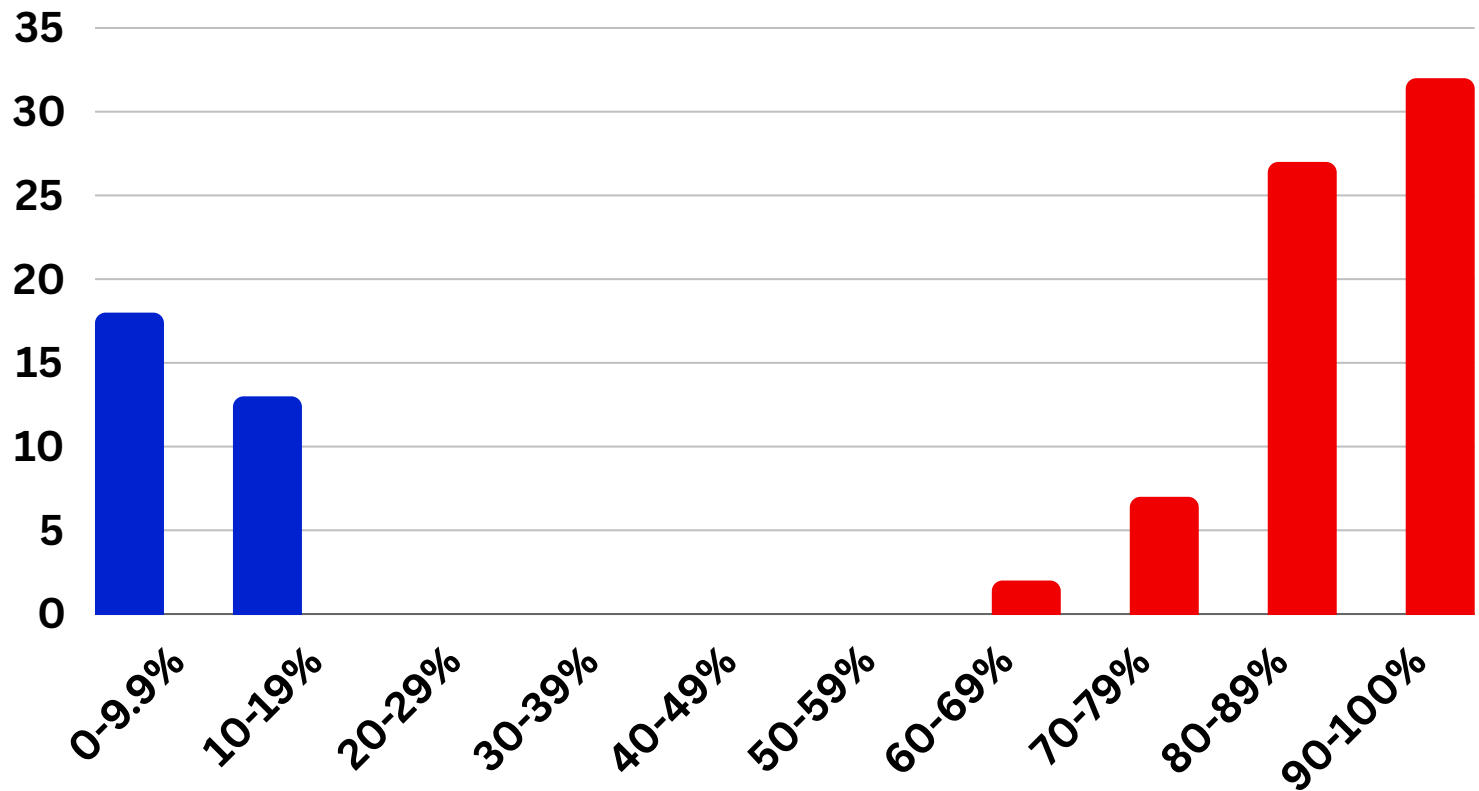
LOWEST REPUBLICAN  
**GREGORY FRAZER**  
**63%**



HIGHEST DEMOCRAT  
**PAUL TUSS**  
**19%**



■ Democrat (32 Members)    ■ Republican (68 Members)





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# MONTANA SENATE SCORES

	Party	2023%	2021%	Life time%	HB 9	HB 241	HB 228	HB 303	HB 356	HB 359	HB 361	HB 549	HB 575	HB 598	HB 648	HB 652	HB 676	HB 684	HB 712	HB 745	HB 862	HB 889	SB 99	SB 121	SB 154	SB 159	SB 197	SB 228	SB 332	SB 400	SB 419	SB 422	SB 458	SB 510	SB 518	SB 544					
Dan Bartel	R	90%	N/A	90%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+				
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Ellie Boldman	D	16%	17%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+				
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Kathy Kelker	D	13%	N/A	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	
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Ryan Lynch	D	16%	23%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+				
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Jason Small	R	72%	73%	67%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+		
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**HB 9 Forcing Taxpayers to Fund Art Projects.**

This bill appropriates funds to the Montana Arts Council that will be used to award grants to certain “cultural and aesthetic projects.” CPAC does not believe that taxpayers should be forced to fund art and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on April 21, 2023 by a vote of 33-17 and the bill later became law.

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**HB 241 Fighting Municipal Overreach with Solar Energy Mandates.**

This bill prohibits local governments from enacting ordinances or regulations that require buildings to be constructed with solar panels. CPAC opposes green energy building mandates and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on April 18, 2023 by a vote of 34-16 and the bill later became law.

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**HB 228 Protecting Montana’s State Investments from ESG-Obsessed Companies.**

This bill prohibits fiduciaries acting on behalf of the state of Montana from considering nonpecuniary factors when making public investments. This means that they may not consider ESG objectives in their decision-making processes. CPAC supports efforts to diminish the influence of ESG standards and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 16, 2023 by a vote of 33-17 and the bill later became law.

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**HB 303 Creating Freedom of Conscience Protections for Medical Practitioners in Montana.**

This bill recognizes the right of medical practitioners to refuse to participate in healthcare services that violate their conscience. It also allows healthcare institutions to refuse to participate in any services that violate their conscience as well. CPAC supports freedom of conscience protections for medical practitioners and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on April 14, 2023 by a vote of 31-19 and the bill later became law.

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**HB 356 Disincentivizing Discrimination Against the Firearms Industry in Montana.**

This bill prohibits the government from forming contracts with companies that are engaged in a boycott of the firearms industry. CPAC supports efforts to disincentivize discrimination against this industry and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 21, 2023 by a vote of 33-16 and the bill later became law.



**HB 359 No Drag Shows for Minors in Montana.**

This bill prohibits businesses from allowing minors to enter their premises while they are hosting sexually oriented performances. It also prohibits public libraries from hosting sexually oriented performances. CPAC opposes the exposure of minors to perverse sexual activity and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on May 2, 2023 by a vote of 29-21 and the bill later became law.

**HB 361 Shielding Students from Pronoun Mandates.**

This bill prohibits schools from taking disciplinary action against students that refer to another person using pronouns that correspond with their sex. CPAC believes that students should not be penalized for refusing to affirm transgender ideology and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on April 7, 2023 by a vote of 30-20 and the bill later became law.

**HB 549 Creating Montana's Charter School System.**

This bill authorizes the establishment of a charter school system in the state of Montana, the likes of which will provide numerous additional educational opportunities to students. CPAC supports the expansion of public charter schools and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on April 28, 2023 by a vote of 27-21 and the bill later became law.

**HB 575 Protecting Life in Montana by Establishing a Viability Standard for Abortions.**

This bill prohibits physicians within the state of Montana from killing an unborn baby if it is found that the baby is viable outside of the womb. CPAC believes abortion is always a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice, and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on April 12, 2023 by a vote of 30-18 and the bill later became law.

**HB 598 Prohibiting Ranked Choice Voting in Elections.**

This bill prohibits government entities within the state from using ranked-choice voting in order to determine the winner of an election. Ranked choice voting, in some circumstances, allows those who garner the second greatest amount of votes to win a particular election by assigning votes from other losers to that person. CPAC opposes this consequence and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on April 5, 2023 by a vote of 27-23 and the bill later became law.

**HB 648 Moving Towards Socialized Childcare.**

This bill sets up the Best Beginnings Childcare Scholarship Account, the likes of which will provide funds to families living at 185% or below the federal poverty line such that they may enroll their child in childcare. CPAC opposes socialized childcare and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on April 28, 2023 by a vote of 29-20 and the bill later became law.



**HB 652 Favorable Changes to Montana's Unemployment Insurance System.**

This bill lowers the maximum amount of benefits that an individual may receive in unemployment insurance. CPAC supports efforts to ensure that unemployment insurance remains a temporary bridge between jobs and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on April 27, 2023 by a vote of 27-23 and the bill later became law.

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**HB 676 Strengthening the Rights of Parents.**

This bill clarifies that parents have the right to direct the education, upbringing, and moral training of their children. It also recognizes that parents have the right to make medical decisions for their children. CPAC supports efforts to better recognize parental rights and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on April 18, 2023 by a vote of 30-20 and the bill later became law.

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**HB 684 Preventing the Creation of De Facto Vaccine Mandates.**

This bill prohibits courts from making decisions about a person's parental rights based on the vaccination status of the parent or the child. CPAC supports efforts to make the decision to get a vaccine as voluntary as possible and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on April 6, 2023 by a vote of 33-16 and the bill later became law.

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**HB 712 Clarifying that Illegal Immigrants May Not Vote.**

This bill clarifies that illegal immigrants may not vote in the state of Montana. This bill was passed in reaction to attempts by certain Democrats to allow illegal immigrants to vote in elections. CPAC believes that only citizens should be permitted to vote and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on April 14, 2023 by a vote of 34-16 and the bill later became law.

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**HB 745 Protecting Religious Freedoms in Schools.**

This bill prohibits schools from preventing students from reading the Bible during free reading time. It also allows students to choose to read the Bible or other religious materials in order to meet self-selected reading requirements. CPAC supports the preservation of First Amendment freedoms in schools and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on April 7, 2023 by a vote of 37-13 and the bill later became law.

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**HB 862 No Public Funds for Abortions in Montana.**

This bill prohibits public funds from being expended in order to help people obtain an abortion. CPAC believes abortion is always a human tragedy, supports efforts to diminish its practice, and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on April 25, 2023 by a vote of 30-19 and the bill later became law.



**HB 889 Interfering in the Landlord-Tenant Relationship.**

This bill contains various provisions limiting the powers of landlords to control the land upon which mobile homes are placed. CPAC opposes government interference in the landlord-tenant relationship and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on April 19, 2023 by a vote of 29-20 but the bill was vetoed by the Governor.

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**SB 99 No Radical Gender Surgeries for Minors in Montana.**

This bill prohibits people from providing surgical procedures or hormone replacement therapies to female minors in an attempt to address their gender dysphoria. CPAC opposes the castration and mutilation of minors and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 29, 2023 by a vote of 32-17 and the bill later became law.

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**SB 121 Lowering Montana's Individual Income Taxes.**

This bill reduces the state's top marginal income tax rate from 6.5% to 5.9%. CPAC supports appropriate efforts to reduce the tax burden on citizens and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on February 14, 2023 by a vote of 34-16 and the bill later became law.

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**SB 154 Clarifying that there is No Right to an Abortion.**

This bill clarifies that the right to privacy guaranteed in the Montana constitution does not guarantee people a right to an abortion. CPAC believes abortion is always a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice, and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on January 26, 2023 by a vote of 28-21 and the bill later became law.

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**SB 159 Placing Restrictions on Eminent Domain.**

This bill states that the government may not use eminent domain for recreational purposes. This means that it may not exercise the power of eminent domain in order to construct trails, paths, or certain public parks. CPAC supports efforts to diminish the government's powers of eminent domain and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on January 25, 2023 by a vote of 33-16 and the bill later became law.

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**SB 197 Intensifying the Post-Election Audit Process.**

This bill increases the number of precincts in each county that will be audited following an election. CPAC supports efforts to improve election integrity and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on February 16, 2023 by a vote of 47-1 and the bill later became law.



**SB 228 Preventing the Creation of a Democrat-Backed Gas Stove Ban in Montana.**

This bill prohibits local governments from adopting ordinances or regulations that prohibit people from using petroleum fuels. CPAC supports efforts to prevent Leftists from ending the use of gas-powered appliances through draconian mandates and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 2, 2023 by a vote of 33-17 and the bill later became law.

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**SB 332 Increasing Transparency in the Budget Discussions of Local Governments.**

This bill requires that property tax increases be factored into budget discussions held by local governments. CPAC supports efforts to be transparent about tax increases and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 2, 2023 by a vote of 45-5 and the bill later became law.

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**SB 400 Extending the Expiration Date on Concealed Carry Permits.**

This bill extends the expiration date on concealed carry permits from 4 to 5 years. CPAC supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, supports efforts to make the concealed carry permitting process less onerous, and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 2, 2023 by a vote of 42-8 and the bill later became law.

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**SB 419 Preserving the Security of US Citizens through a Ban on TikTok.**

This bill bans the application of TikTok from the state of Montana. This means that nobody may download or use TikTok in Montana. CPAC supports appropriate efforts to further the US' security interests and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 2, 2023 by a vote of 30-20 and the bill later became law.

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**SB 422 Expanding the Right to Try in Montana.**

This bill expands legislation allowing patients the opportunity to try investigational drugs or products. It does this by removing a requirement that stated that patients had to have a terminal illness in order to be permitted to try such drugs. CPAC supports the right to try and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 2, 2023 by a vote of 38-12 and the bill later became law.

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**SB 458 Women's Bill of Rights in Montana.**

This bill codifies the correct definition of sex into state law, thereby allowing state law to reflect biological realities. CPAC supports efforts to reduce the influence of false and erroneous definitions of sex and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on April 27, 2023 by a vote of 28-22 and the bill later became law.





**SB 510 Crony Special Interest Tax Incentives for Alternative Fuel Producers.**

This bill extends property tax incentives to renewable diesel production facilities and sustainable aviation fuel production facilities. CPAC supports all forms of energy, believes that the government should not support one form of energy over another, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on May 1, 2023 by a vote of 48-1 and the bill later became law.

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**SB 518 Increasing Parental Involvement in Education.**

This bill requires school districts to establish various plans that will help facilitate increased parental involvement in their child's education. CPAC supports parental involvement in education and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on May 2, 2023 by a vote of 39-11 and the bill later became law.

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**SB 544 Shielding Minors from Hypersexualization.**

This bill requires commercial entities that publish or distribute materials that may be harmful to minors to perform reasonable age verification checks prior to distributing such materials to individuals. CPAC supports efforts to prevent materials of a perverse and sexual nature from reaching the eyes of minors and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on April 4, 2023 by a vote of 47-3 and the bill later became law.



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Tyson Running Wolf	D	17%	9%	14%	x	-	-	-	x	x	x	x	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	+	x	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+				
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**HB 9 Forcing Taxpayers to Fund Art Projects.**

This bill appropriates funds to the Montana Arts Council that will be used to award grants to certain “cultural and aesthetic projects.” CPAC does not believe that taxpayers should be forced to fund art and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on March 30, 2023 by a vote of 89-10 and the bill later became law.

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**HB 241 Fighting Municipal Overreach with Solar Energy Mandates.**

This bill prohibits local governments from enacting ordinances or regulations that require buildings to be constructed with solar panels. CPAC opposes green energy building mandates and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on April 28, 2023 by a vote of 66-33 and the bill later became law.

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**HB 228 Protecting Montana’s State Investments from ESG-Obsessed Companies.**

This bill prohibits fiduciaries acting on behalf of the state of Montana from considering nonpecuniary factors when making public investments. This means that they may not consider ESG objectives in their decision-making processes. CPAC supports efforts to diminish the influence of ESG standards and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on January 31, 2023 by a vote of 64-31 and the bill later became law.

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**HB 303 Creating Freedom of Conscience Protections for Medical Practitioners in Montana.**

This bill recognizes the right of medical practitioners to refuse to participate in healthcare services that violate their conscience. It also allows healthcare institutions to refuse to participate in any services that violate their conscience as well. CPAC supports freedom of conscience protections for medical practitioners and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on February 7, 2023 by a vote of 63-35 and the bill later became law.

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**HB 356 Disincentivizing Discrimination Against the Firearms Industry in Montana.**

This bill prohibits the government from forming contracts with companies that are engaged in a boycott of the firearms industry. CPAC supports efforts to disincentivize discrimination against this industry and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on February 16, 2023 by a vote of 67-31 and the bill later became law.



**HB 359 No Drag Shows for Minors in Montana.**

This bill prohibits businesses from allowing minors to enter their premises while they are hosting sexually oriented performances. It also prohibits public libraries from hosting sexually oriented performances. CPAC opposes the exposure of minors to perverse sexual activity and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on May 2, 2023 by a vote of 63-33 and the bill later became law.

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**HB 361 Shielding Students from Pronoun Mandates.**

This bill prohibits schools from taking disciplinary action against students that refer to another person using pronouns that correspond with their sex. CPAC believes that students should not be penalized for refusing to affirm transgender ideology and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on February 16, 2023 by a vote of 66-32 and the bill later became law.

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**HB 549 Creating Montana's Charter School System.**

This bill authorizes the establishment of a charter school system in the state of Montana, the likes of which will provide numerous additional educational opportunities to students. CPAC supports the expansion of public charter schools and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on March 31, 2023 by a vote of 58-33 and the bill later became law.

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**HB 575 Protecting Life in Montana by Establishing a Viability Standard for Abortions.**

This bill prohibits physicians within the state of Montana from killing an unborn baby if it is found that the baby is viable outside of the womb. CPAC believes abortion is always a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice, and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on April 20, 2023 by a vote of 66-32 and the bill later became law.

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**HB 598 Prohibiting Ranked-Choice Voting in Elections.**

This bill prohibits government entities within the state from using ranked-choice voting in order to determine the winner of an election. Ranked choice voting, in some circumstances, allows those who garner the second greatest amount of votes to win a particular election by assigning votes from other losers to that person. CPAC opposes this consequence and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on March 2, 2023 by a vote of 56-43 and the bill later became law.

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**HB 648 Moving Towards Socialized Childcare.**

This bill sets up the Best Beginnings Childcare Scholarship Account, the likes of which will provide funds to families living at 185% or below the federal poverty line such that they may enroll their child in childcare. CPAC opposes socialized childcare and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on April 4, 2023 by a vote of 65-34 and the bill later became law.



**HB 652 Favorable Changes to Montana's Unemployment Insurance System.**

This bill lowers the maximum amount of benefits that an individual may receive in unemployment insurance. CPAC supports efforts to ensure that unemployment insurance remains a temporary bridge between jobs and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on May 2, 2023 by a vote of 65-31 and the bill later became law.

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**HB 676 Strengthening the Rights of Parents.**

This bill clarifies that parents have the right to direct the education, upbringing, and moral training of their children. It also recognizes that parents have the right to make medical decisions for their children. CPAC supports efforts to better recognize parental rights and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on April 28, 2023 by a vote of 67-32 and the bill later became law.

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**HB 684 Preventing the Creation of De Facto Vaccine Mandates.**

This bill prohibits courts from making decisions about a person's parental rights based on the vaccination status of the parent or the child. CPAC supports efforts to make the decision to get a vaccine as voluntary as possible and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on March 2, 2023 by a vote of 68-31 and the bill later became law.

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**HB 712 Clarifying that Illegal Immigrants May Not Vote.**

This bill clarifies that illegal immigrants may not vote in the state of Montana. This bill was passed in reaction to attempts by certain Democrats to allow illegal immigrants to vote in elections. CPAC believes that only citizens should be permitted to vote and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on February 28, 2023 by a vote of 70-29 and the bill later became law.

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**HB 745 Protecting Religious Freedoms in Schools.**

This bill prohibits schools from preventing students from reading the Bible during free reading time. It also allows students to choose to read the Bible or other religious materials in order to meet self-selected reading requirements. CPAC supports the preservation of First Amendment freedoms in schools and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on March 3, 2023 by a vote of 67-31 and the bill later became law.

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**HB 862 No Public Funds for Abortions in Montana.**

This bill prohibits public funds from being expended in order to help people obtain an abortion. CPAC believes abortion is always a human tragedy, supports efforts to diminish its practice, and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on March 31, 2023 by a vote of 66-31 and the bill later became law.



**HB 889 Interfering in the Landlord-Tenant Relationship.**

This bill contains various provisions limiting the powers of landlords to control the land upon which mobile homes are placed. CPAC opposes government interference in the landlord-tenant relationship and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on April 26, 2023 by a vote of 68-31 but the bill was vetoed by the Governor.

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**SB 99 No Radical Gender Surgeries for Minors in Montana.**

This bill prohibits people from providing surgical procedures or hormone replacement therapies to female minors in an attempt to address their gender dysphoria. CPAC opposes the castration and mutilation of minors and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on March 24, 2023 by a vote of 65-34 and the bill later became law.

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**SB 121 Lowering Montana's Individual Income Taxes.**

This bill reduces the state's top marginal income tax rate from 6.5% to 5.9%. CPAC supports appropriate efforts to reduce the tax burden on citizens and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on March 1, 2023 by a vote of 68-30 and the bill later became law.

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**SB 154 Clarifying that there is No Right to an Abortion.**

This bill clarifies that the right to privacy guaranteed in the Montana constitution does not guarantee people a right to an abortion. CPAC believes abortion is always a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice, and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on April 13, 2023 by a vote of 67-33 and the bill later became law.

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**SB 159 Placing Restrictions on Eminent Domain.**

This bill states that the government may not use eminent domain for recreational purposes. This means that it may not exercise the power of eminent domain in order to construct trails, paths, or certain public parks. CPAC supports efforts to diminish the government's powers of eminent domain and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on March 29, 2023 by a vote of 66-31 and the bill later became law.

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**SB 197 Intensifying the Post-Election Audit Process.**

This bill increases the number of precincts in each county that will be audited following an election. CPAC supports efforts to improve election integrity and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on April 7, 2023 by a vote of 63-32 and the bill later became law.



**SB 228 Preventing the Creation of a Democrat-Backed Gas Stove Ban in Montana.**

This bill prohibits local governments from adopting ordinances or regulations that prohibit people from using petroleum fuels. CPAC supports efforts to prevent Leftists from ending the use of gas-powered appliances through draconian mandates and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on April 13, 2023 by a vote of 68-32 and the bill later became law.

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**SB 332 Increasing Transparency in the Budget Discussions of Local Governments.**

This bill requires that property tax increases be factored into budget discussions held by local governments. CPAC supports efforts to be transparent about tax increases and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on April 19, 2023 by a vote of 83-15 and the bill later became law.

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**SB 400 Extending the Expiration Date on Concealed Carry Permits.**

This bill extends the expiration date on concealed carry permits from 4 to 5 years. CPAC supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, supports efforts to make the concealed carry permitting process less onerous, and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on April 12, 2023 by a vote of 88-12 and the bill later became law.

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**SB 419 Preserving the Security of US Citizens through a Ban on TikTok.**

This bill bans the application of TikTok from the state of Montana. This means that nobody may download or use TikTok in Montana. CPAC supports appropriate efforts to further the US' security interests and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on April 14, 2023 by a vote of 54-43 and the bill later became law.

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**SB 422 Expanding the Right to Try in Montana.**

This bill expands legislation allowing patients the opportunity to try investigational drugs or products. It does this by removing a requirement that stated that patients had to have a terminal illness in order to be permitted to try such drugs. CPAC supports the right to try and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on April 13, 2023 by a vote of 81-19 and the bill later became law.

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**SB 458 Women's Bill of Rights in Montana.**

This bill codifies the correct definition of sex into state law, thereby allowing state law to reflect biological realities. CPAC supports efforts to reduce the influence of false and erroneous definitions of sex and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on April 21, 2023 by a vote of 60-36 and the bill later became law.





**SB 510 Crony Special Interest Tax Incentives for Alternative Fuel Producers.**

This bill extends property tax incentives to renewable diesel production facilities and sustainable aviation fuel production facilities. CPAC supports all forms of energy, believes that the government should not support one form of energy over another, and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on April 28, 2023 by a vote of 81-16 and the bill later became law.

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**SB 518 Increasing Parental Involvement in Education.**

This bill requires school districts to establish various plans that will help facilitate increased parental involvement in their child's education. CPAC supports parental involvement in education and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on April 28, 2023 by a vote of 58-41 and the bill later became law.

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**SB 544 Shielding Minors from Hypersexualization.**

This bill requires commercial entities that publish or distribute materials that may be harmful to minors to perform reasonable age verification checks prior to distributing such materials to individuals. CPAC supports efforts to prevent materials of a perverse and sexual nature from reaching the eyes of minors and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on April 24, 2023 by a vote of 84-13 and the bill later became law.