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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).

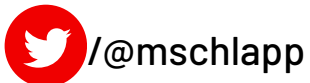
The Left has stormed our nation's corridors of power to take control over the lives of every American. Now, they have set their sights on the states, freedom's last line of defense.

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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SELECTING THE VOTES

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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**90-100% - AWARD FOR
CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE**

Patricia Morgan

Brian Newberry

George Nardone

Brian Rea

**80-89% - AWARD FOR
CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT**

David Place

Sherry Roberts



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RHODE ISLAND SENATE STATISTICS

OVERALL AVERAGE
13%

REPUBLICAN AVERAGE

74%



DEMOCRAT AVERAGE

3%



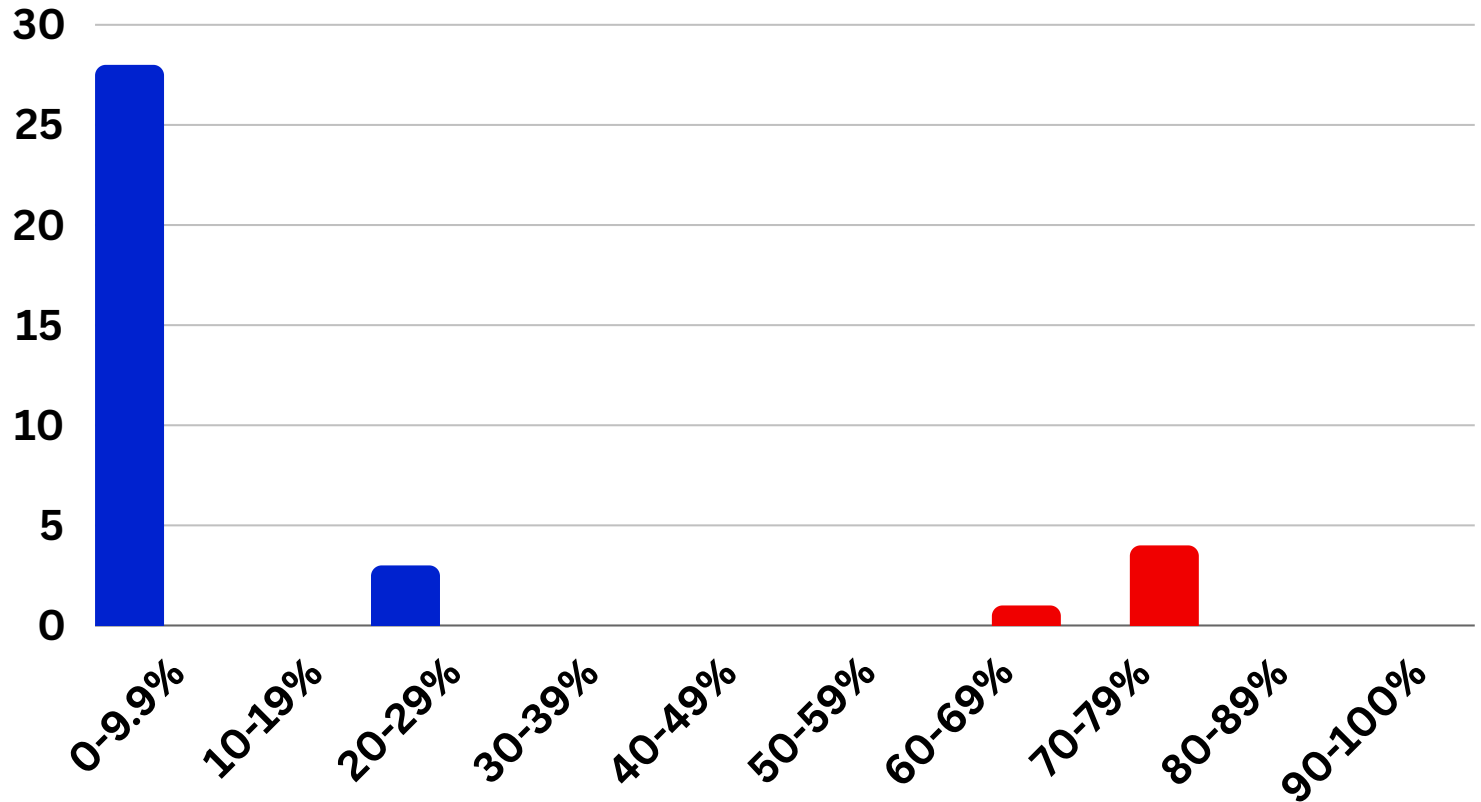
LOWEST REPUBLICAN
THOMAS PAOLINO
67%



HIGHEST DEMOCRAT
ROGER PICARD
21%



Democrat (31 Members) Republican (5 Members)





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RHODE ISLAND HOUSE STATISTICS

OVERALL AVERAGE
14%

REPUBLICAN AVERAGE

82%



DEMOCRAT AVERAGE

5%



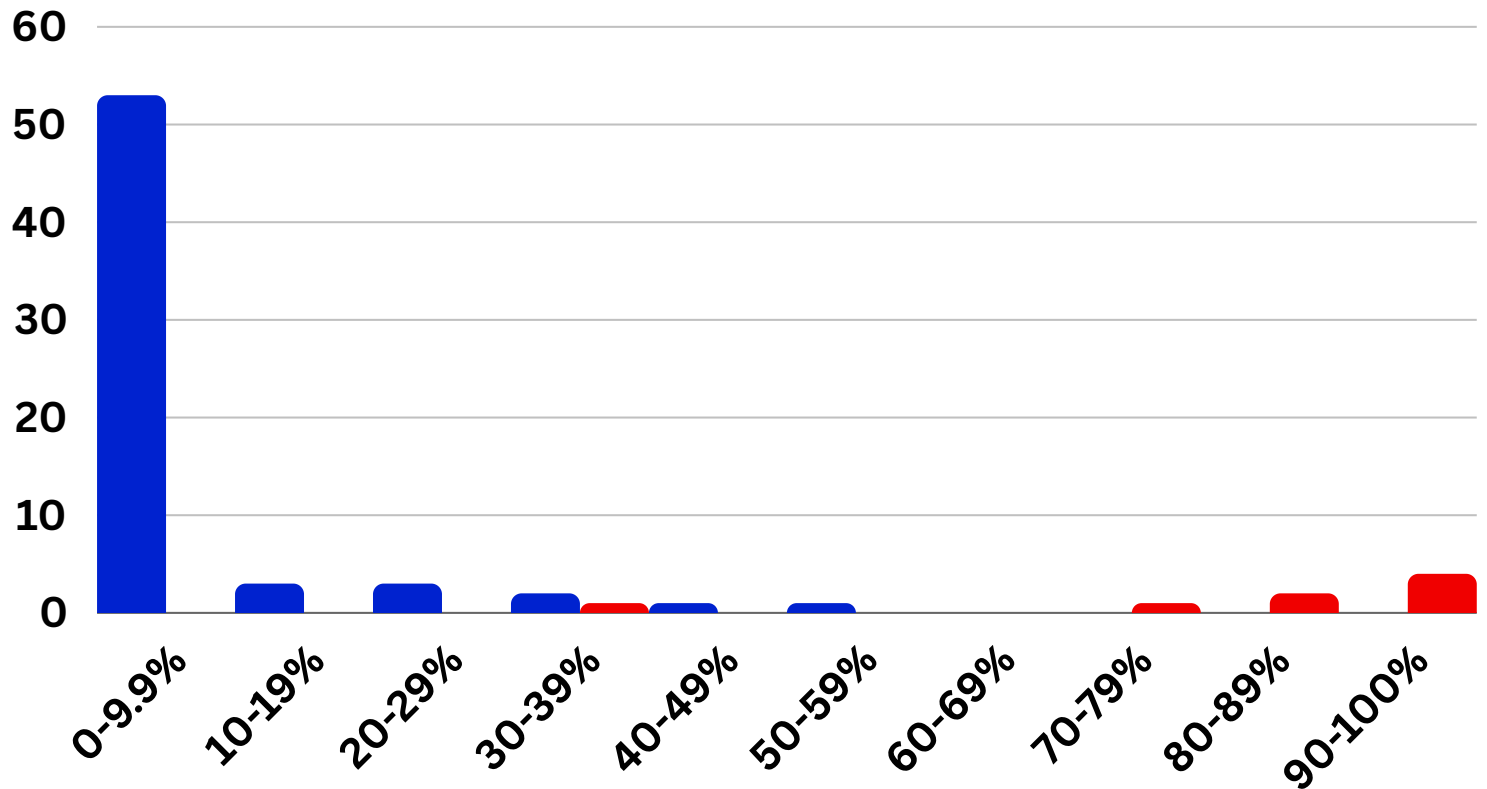
LOWEST REPUBLICAN
BARBARA FENTON-FUNG
38%



HIGHEST DEMOCRAT
GREGORY COSTANTINO
50%



Democrat (63 Members) Republican (8 Members)





RHODE ISLAND SENATE SCORES

	Party	2023 %	2022 %	Life time%	H 5006	H 5055	H 5099	S 14	S 129	S 144	S 145	S 447	S 464	S 482	S 770	S 912	S 927	S 988	S 1119
Jonathon Acosta	D	0%	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Samuel Bell	D	0%	0%	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robert Britto	D	0%	N/A	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
John Burke	D	0%	6%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sandra Cano	D	0%	0%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Frank Ciccone	D	7%	6%	11%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jessica de la Cruz	R	73%	69%	67%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Anthony DeLuca	R	79%	N/A	79%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	X	+	-
Alana DiMario	D	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Louis DiPalma	D	7%	0%	11%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dawn Euer	D	0%	0%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-
Walter Felag	D	N/A	7%	12%	+	-	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	X
Hanna Gallo	D	0%	0%	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryellen Goodwin	D	N/A	0%	10%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Victoria Gu	D	0%	N/A	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meghan Kallman	D	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matthew LaMountain	D	0%	N/A	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pamela Lauria	D	0%	N/A	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Valarie Lawson	D	0%	0%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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RHODE ISLAND SENATE SCORES

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Frank Lombardi	D	7%	13%	11%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Frank Lombardo III	D	7%	13%	14%	+	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tiara Mack	D	0%	0%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mark McKenney	D	0%	N/A	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Joshua Miller	D	0%	0%	7%	-	-	x	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Elaine Morgan	R	79%	81%	72%	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-
Melissa Murray	D	0%	0%	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thomas Paolino	R	67%	69%	52%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Ryan Pearson	D	0%	0%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roger Picard	D	21%	19%	17%	+	-	x	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Ana Quezada	D	0%	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	x	-
Leonidas Raptakis	D	20%	25%	25%	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Gordon Rogers	R	73%	69%	66%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Dominick Ruggerio	D	0%	0%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
V. Susan Sosnowski	D	0%	0%	9%	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
David Tikoian	D	20%	N/A	20%	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Linda Ujifusa	D	0%	N/A	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bridget Valverde	D	0%	0%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-
Samuel D. Zurier	D	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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H 5006 Socializing the Cost of Abortion and Erasing Women from Law.

This bill requires Medicaid plans to cover the cost of abortions for pregnant women. The bill also replaces the term “pregnant women” with “pregnant people.” CPAC opposes the erasure of women from public law, believes abortion is always a human tragedy, opposes its subsidization, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on May 18, 2023 by a vote of 24-13 and the bill later became law.

H 5055 Allowing Minors to Vote in Certain State Elections.

This bill allows minors who will be adults by the time of the general election to vote in primary elections. CPAC believes that minors should not vote in elections and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on June 13, 2023 by a vote of 31-6 and the bill later became law.

H 5099 Forcing Taxpayers to Subsidize College Tuition.

This bill establishes the Rhode Island Hope Scholarship pilot program, the likes of which will apportion scholarships to qualifying students attending Rhode Island colleges. CPAC believes that taxpayers should not be forced to pay off other people’s tuitions and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on June 16, 2023 by a vote of 27-4 and the bill later became law.

S 14 Instating a Ban on Styrofoam at Restaurants.

This bill prohibits restaurants from delivering their food to consumers in styrofoam single-use containers. CPAC opposes most blanket bans on particular products and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on June 15, 2023 by a vote of 32-4 and the bill later became law.

S 129 Authorizing the Creation of State ID Cards for Illegal Immigrants.

This bill allows the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue state identification cards to illegal immigrants, building on top of a law that the state recently passed allowing illegal immigrants to receive so-called “drivers privilege” cards. CPAC opposes measures that incentivize illegal immigration and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on June 15, 2023 by a vote of 28-8 and the bill later became law.



S 144 Enhancing Racist DEI Requirements for Public Works Projects.

This bill requires that 15% of the dollar value of a public project be fulfilled by a woman- or minority-owned business. CPAC opposes racism, opposes decisions made by the government that deliberately favor certain racial groups over others, believes that projects should instead be completed in the most cost-efficient manner possible, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on June 15, 2023 by a vote of 31-5 but the bill never became law.

S 145 Significantly Raising Costs for Employers with More Leave Mandates.

This bill raises the amount of paid parental and family leave that a person may take from 13 to 24 weeks. CPAC recognizes that this quantity represents almost half of a year of paid leave, further recognizes that this mandate will constitute a burden for employers, believes that employees should negotiate their benefits with their employer without government interference, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on June 1, 2023 by a vote of 31-5 but the bill never became law.

S 447 Working on Behalf of Unions with New Restrictions for Employers.

This bill prohibits employers from requiring that employees attend meetings related to labor organizations. CPAC believes that the government should not use taxpayer resources in order to prop up unions, opposes the corrupt bargain between unions and the government, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on June 8, 2023 by a vote of 37-0 but the bill never became law.

S 464 Extending and Expanding Rhode Island's Film and Theatre Production Tax Credit Program.

This bill extends the sunset date on Rhode Island's film and theatre incentives program to 2027. It also allows touring productions to apply to receive such credits. CPAC believes that taxpayers should not be forced to pay off the costs of entertainment and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on June 15, 2023 by a vote of 35-0 and the bill later became law.

S 482 Taking the Cradle to Grave Approach to Governance.

This bill creates the Office of Early Childhood Development and Learning, the likes of which will facilitate the creation of educational programs for kids under the age of 5. CPAC opposes the government's efforts to completely replace parents in their duties as caretakers of their children, opposes the expansion of the bureaucracy, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on May 2, 2023 by a vote of 32-5 but the bill never became law.



S 770 Burdening Rhode Island's Businesses with Mandatory Environmental Assessments.

This bill requires the Department of Environmental Management to designate certain environmental justice focus areas throughout the state. It then requires that businesses, prior to receiving a permit to conduct certain projects in these areas, submit a report considering the environmental impact of their projects. CPAC opposes this measure, the likes of which will raise costs on businesses in the name of fulfilling the Left's green agenda, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on May 4, 2023 by a vote of 32-5 but the bill never became law.

SB 912 Helping People Conceal their Eviction Records from Landlords.

This bill allows the court to seal records relating to a person's eviction proceedings 30 days after that person fulfills the terms of the judgment in the proceedings. CPAC believes that this measure puts landlords at ridiculous risk, believes that landlords should be allowed to know when certain tenants have embroiled their former landlords in costly court battles, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on June 14, 2023 by a vote of 29-7 and the bill later became law.

S 927 More Regulations for Nurse Staffing Agencies.

This bill prohibits nurse staffing agencies from charging certain rates for their services. CPAC opposes price controls, the likes of which create shortages in markets, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on June 1, 2023 by a vote of 35-1 and the bill later became law.

S 988 Raising Construction Costs with New EV Charging Station Mandates.

This bill states that all new parking lots and existing parking lots undergoing major expansions must be furnished with EV-ready parking spaces. CPAC recognizes that this mandate will further raise construction costs, believes that the government should not support one form of energy over another, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on June 16, 2023 by a vote of 28-5 and the bill later became law.

S 1119 Establishing a Ban on Certain Lighting Products.

This bill bans the sale of certain fluorescent lamps. CPAC believes that people should be permitted to purchase and use the lighting products of their choice and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on June 15, 2023 by a vote of 36-0 and the bill later became law.



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Marvin Abney	D	0%	0%	17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mia Ackerman	D	0%	0%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Edith Ajello	D	0%	0%	17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karen Alzate	D	0%	0%	10%	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Samuel Azzinaro	D	N/A	6%	21%	+	x	x	x	-	-	x	-	-	-	x	x	-	x
Jacquelyn Baginski	D	0%	14%	9%	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jose Batista	D	0%	0%	3%	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	x	-	-	-	-
David Bennett	D	0%	6%	18%	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	x	-
Nathan Biah	D	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Christopher Blazejewski	D	0%	0%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jennifer Boylan	D	0%	N/A	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jon Brien	I	36%	N/A	36%	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-
Justine Caldwell	D	0%	0%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Edward Cardillo Jr.	D	33%	36%	29%	+	x	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	x	-
Lauren Carson	D	0%	0%	17%	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stephen Casey	D	N/A	43%	29%	+	-	x	x	+	+	x	+	-	-	-	x	+	x
Julie Casimiro	D	0%	7%	18%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michael Chippendale	R	77%	86%	79%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	x	-
Terri Cortvriend	D	0%	0%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arthur Corvese	D	14%	14%	23%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Gregory Costantino	D	50%	N/A	29%	+	-	x	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	x
Megan Cotter	D	0%	N/A	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robert Craven	D	0%	0%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cherie Cruz	D	0%	N/A	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matthew Dawson	D	0%	N/A	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	x	-	-	-	-

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Grace Diaz	D	17%	0%	21%	+	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	x
Susan Donovan	D	0%	0%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
John Edwards	D	0%	0%	16%	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	x	x
Leonela Felix	D	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-
Deborah Fellela	D	7%	13%	20%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barbara Fenton-Fung	R	38%	62%	47%	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	x	+	+	+	-	-	-
Alex Finkelman	D	0%	N/A	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kathleen Fogarty	D	0%	0%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Joshua Giraldo	D	0%	0%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arthur Handy	D	0%	0%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brianna Henries	D	0%	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raymond Hull	D	8%	0%	21%	+	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Katherine Kazarian	D	0%	0%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brian Kennedy	D	8%	6%	20%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-
Rebecca Kislak	D	0%	0%	12%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jason Knight	D	7%	0%	18%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charlene Lima	D	42%	20%	25%	+	+	x	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	x
John Lombardi	D	0%	0%	20%	-	x	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	x
Alex Marszalkowski	D	8%	0%	17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	x	-
Carol McEntee	D	0%	0%	17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michelle McGaw	D	0%	0%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Joseph McNamara	D	0%	0%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mary Messier	D	0%	0%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
David Morales	D	0%	0%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-

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Patricia Morgan	R	91%	93%	83%	+	x	x	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	x
George Nardone	R	93%	88%	85%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Brian Newberry	R	92%	80%	72%	+	+	x	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	x
Thomas Noret	D	27%	23%	24%	x	x	-	-	x	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-
William O'Brien	D	18%	0%	21%	+	-	x	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	x	-
Ramon Perez	D	N/A	N/A	40%	+	x	x	-	-	x	+	-	-	-	+	x	-	x
Robert Phillips	D	27%	53%	34%	+	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	x	x
David Place	R	86%	86%	87%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-
Brandon Potter	D	0%	0%	3%	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	x
Robert Quattrocchi	R	N/A	93%	88%	x	+	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	x	+	x	x
Brian Rea	R	93%	N/A	93%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Sherry Roberts	R	83%	N/A	80%	+	x	x	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Enrique Sanchez	D	0%	N/A	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Patricia Serpa	D	25%	13%	21%	+	-	-	-	-	x	-	x	+	-	+	-	-	-
Mary Shallcross Smith	D	0%	0%	3%	-	x	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Evan Shanley	D	0%	0%	18%	-	-	x	-	-	-	x	-	x	-	-	-	-	x
K. Joseph Shekarchi	D	0%	0%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott Slater	D	8%	0%	19%	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	x	+	-	-	-
Joseph Solomon	D	0%	6%	19%	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
June Speakman	D	0%	0%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tina Spears	D	0%	N/A	0%	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	x	x	-
Jennifer Stewart	D	0%	N/A	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Teresa Tanzi	D	0%	0%	14%	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	x
Camille Vella-Wilkinson	D	8%	19%	27%	+	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brandon Voas	D	0%	N/A	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(+) : Member voted with the conservative position (-) : Member voted liberal (x) : Member was absent for the vote (N/a) : Member did not vote on 2/3 of the scored votes and did not receive a score for the 2023 ratings.



H 5006 Socializing the Cost of Abortion and Erasing Women from Law.

This bill requires Medicaid plans to cover the cost of abortions for pregnant women. The bill also replaces the term “pregnant women” with “pregnant people.” CPAC opposes the erasure of women from public law, believes abortion is always a human tragedy, opposes its subsidization, and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on April 27, 2023 by a vote of 49-24 and the bill later became law.

H 5055 Allowing Minors to Vote in Certain Elections.

This bill allows minors who will be adults by the time of the general election to vote in primary elections. CPAC believes that minors should not vote in elections and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on June 7, 2023 by a vote of 56-9 and the bill later became law.

H 5099 Forcing Taxpayers to Subsidize College Tuition.

This bill establishes the Rhode Island Hope Scholarship pilot program, the likes of which will apportion scholarships to qualifying students attending Rhode Island colleges. CPAC believe that taxpayers should not be forced to pay off other people’s tuitions and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on June 16, 2023 by a vote of 55-3 and the bill later became law.

H 5200 (Amd. Morgan) Repealing the Meals Tax and Film Subsidies.

The Morgan (CPAC Lifetime Rating 83%) amendment to Rhode Island’s budget bill repeals the meals tax and, in order to make up for the loss in revenue from this repeal, a variety of film subsidies. CPAC supports efforts to reduce taxes and government subsidies and supported this amendment. The House defeated this amendment on June 9, 2023 by a vote of 5-63.

H 5328 Micromanaging the Details of Food Menus.

This bill requires that warnings for food allergens be included on restaurant menus. CPAC believes that the government should not micromanage restaurant menus and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on April 27, 2023 by a vote of 62-10 but the bill never became law.



H 5362 Establishing More Rent-related Mandates for Landlords to Follow.

This bill doubles the number of days of notice that a landlord must provide to tenants before increasing rent. CPAC opposes government interference in the relationship between landlords and tenants and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on June 13, 2023 by a vote of 57-10 but the bill never became law.

H 5371 Cramming Down Wage Mandates onto Households.

This bill requires that domestic workers be paid the minimum wage. CPAC believes that domestic workers should work out their wage rates with their employers without government intrusion and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on May 4, 2023 by a vote of 56-12 but the bill never became law.

S 14 Instating a Ban on Styrofoam at Restaurants.

This bill prohibits restaurants from delivering their food to consumers in styrofoam single-use containers. CPAC opposes most blanket bans on particular products and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on June 13, 2023 by a vote of 63-10 and the bill later became law.

S 129 Authorizing the Creation of State ID Cards for Illegal Immigrants.

This bill allows the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue state identification cards to illegal immigrants, building on top of a law that the state recently passed allowing illegal immigrants to receive so-called "drivers privilege" cards. CPAC opposes measures that incentivize illegal immigration and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on June 14, 2023 by a vote of 59-14 and the bill later became law.

S 464 Extending and Expanding Rhode Island's Film and Theatre Production Tax Credit Program.

This bill extends the sunset date on Rhode Island's film and theatre incentives program to 2027. It also allows touring productions to apply to receive such credits. CPAC believes that taxpayers should not be forced to pay off the costs of entertainment and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on June 14, 2023 by a vote of 62-9 and the bill later became law.



SB 912 Helping People Conceal their Eviction Records from Landlords.

This bill allows the court to seal records relating to a person's eviction proceedings 30 days after that person fulfills the terms of the judgment in the proceedings. CPAC believes that this measure puts landlords at ridiculous risk, believes that landlords should be allowed to know when certain tenants have embroiled their former landlords in costly court battles, and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on June 15, 2023 by a vote of 51-18 and the bill later became law.

S 927 More Regulations for Nurse Staffing Agencies.

This bill prohibits nurse staffing agencies from charging certain rates for their services. CPAC opposes price controls, the likes of which create shortages in markets, and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on June 8, 2023 by a vote of 62-8 and the bill later became law.

S 988 Raising Construction Costs with New EV Charging Station Mandates.

This bill states that all new parking lots and existing parking lots undergoing major expansions must be furnished with EV-ready parking spaces. CPAC recognizes that this mandate will further raise construction costs, believes that the government should not support one form of energy over another, and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on June 15, 2023 by a vote of 53-12 and the bill later became law.

S 1119 Establishing a Ban on Certain Lighting Products.

This bill bans the sale of certain fluorescent lamps. CPAC believes that people should be permitted to purchase and use the lighting products of their choice and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on June 16, 2023 by a vote of 60-0 and the bill later became law.