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Mike Rogers?!? Are you kidding me?!?

When it comes to Donald Trump endorsements, your milage may vary. In Michigan, he has a terrible track record of lauding total bums that are prototypical examples of everything he claims to oppose.

Trump claims to oppose destructive federal spending.

Trump claims to oppose an open border.

Trump claims to oppose funding to Ukraine.

Trump claims to oppose warrantless searches of American Citizens.

Trump claims to support efforts at election integrity.

Mike Rogers is a bum that opposed Trumps claimed agenda on all of these issues when he was in Congress.

Yet we get, courtesy of <u>really horrible Michigan advisors to Trump</u>, this ABSURD claim on Truth social: "Mike has served his Country during a career loaded up with accolades and wins, from the Army to Congress, and now, hopefully, the U.S. Senate," Trump posted on Truth Social. "Mike Rogers will be a Great and Powerful Senator for Michigan, and has my Complete and Total Endorsement. HE KNOWS HOW TO WIN!"

Let the record reflect that Mike Rogers is a Globalist burn and I have the receipts!

Mike Rogers Supports Out of Control Spending

According to Congressional Quarterly, H.R. 83, dubbed the "CRomnibus bill" (combination of Continuing Resolution and Omnibus), "would provide \$1.013 trillion in discretionary appropriations in fiscal 2015 for federal departments and agencies covered by the 12 unfinished fiscal 2015 spending bills. Included in that total is: \$20.6 billion for Agriculture; \$61.1 billion for Commerce-Justice-Science; \$554.2 billion for Defense, including \$64 billion for overseas contingency operations associated with the war in Afghanistan, the fight against ISIS and other counterterrorism operations; \$34.2 billion for Energy-Water; \$43.2 billion for Financial Services; \$30 billion for Interior-Environment; \$158.2 billion for Labor-HHS-Education; \$4.3 billion for the Legislative Branch; \$71.8 billion for Military Construction-VA; \$52 billion for State-Foreign Operations; and \$53.5 billion for Transportation-HUD. The measure contains full fiscal year funding for all departments except for Homeland Security, which would be funded at current levels until Feb. 27, 2015." With the support of Mike Rogers, the House concurred with the Senate version of the bill on December 11, 2014 by a vote of 219 to 206 (Roll Call 563)

Mike Rogers Openly Violates the Fourth Amendment

During consideration of a Defense Appropriations bill, Representative Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) introduced an amendment to prevent defense funds from being used to allow U.S. intelligence agencies to sift through electronic metadata that contains the personal information of U.S. citizens or legal residents. Massie's amendment would also prohibit funds from being used by the NSA for "backdoor" surveillance – requiring or requesting the redesign of a product to facilitate the electronic surveillance of a person who uses it. As Massie said during debate on his amendment, "The American people are sick of being spied on. Our Founding Fathers wrote an important provision into the Bill of Rights – the Fourth Amendment – and that requires probable cause and a warrant before the government and government agents can snoop on any American."

Despite Mike Rogers voting "No", the House adopted Massie's amendment on June 19, 2014 by a vote of 293-123 (Roll Call 327).

Mike Rogers Supports Warrantless Phone Taps of American Citizens

Any effort to limit the collection of Americans' personal information by the surveillance state is a good thing. Blanket collection of electronic records of citizens who are not under investigation is a violation of the Fourth Amendment's prohibition on search and seizure without a warrant.

During consideration of the defense appropriations bill (H.R. 2397), Rep. Justin Amash (R-Mich.) offered an amendment to end the blanket collection of records under the Patriot Act. The amendment would also prevent the NSA and other agencies from using provisions of the Patriot Act to collect records, including phone records, from persons who are not subject to an investigation. As Rep. Amash noted during the debate on his amendment, "My amendment ... limits the government's collection of the records to those records that pertain to a person who is the subject of an investigation pursuant to section 215 [of the Patriot Act]."

Mike Rogers rejected the 4th Amendment and the House rejected Amash's amendment on July 24, 2013 by a vote of 205 to 217 (Roll Call 412).

Mike Rogers Supports "Indefinite Military Detention" of American Citizens

Indefinite military detention is a blatant violation of the Sixth Amendment, and an executive who can wield such powers is akin to a monarch or dictator. During consideration of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2015 (NDAA, H.R. 4435), Rep. Adam Smith introduced an amendment to prohibit the indefinite military detention of American Citizens detained under the Authorization for the Use of Military Force authority in the United States, its territories, or possessions by providing immediate transfer to a trial and proceedings by a court. Mike Rogers opposed this amendment, and the House rejected it on May 22, 2014 by a vote of 191 to 230 (Roll Call 234).

Mike Rogers Supports Militarization and Federal Control of Local Police

The proper role of local police is undermined by converting them into militarized units more suitable for occupying hostile territory than for protecting their local communities from the criminal element. Providing local police with "free" U.S. military equipment also greases the skids for more federal control, leading ultimately to nationalized police beholden to Washington as opposed to independent police departments beholden to local citizens acting through their elected officials.

During consideration of the Defense Appropriations bill, Representative Alan Grayson introduced an amendment that would have prohibited any funding in the bill from being used to transfer excess military equipment, such as aircraft (including drones), armored vehicles, grenade launchers, and bombs, to local police departments. Mike Rogers voted against the measure and the House rejected Grayson's amendment on June 19, 2014 by a vote of 62 to 355 (Roll Call 329).

Mike Rogers Supports Fleecing U.S. Taxpayers for Ukrainian Oligarchs

Foreign aid is unconstitutional. The rationale for providing U.S. aid to Ukraine is that the country needs our assistance to resist Russian hegemony and build "democracy." Yet the oligarchs wielding power in Ukraine are hardly "democrats," and (because money is fungible) U.S. assistance could effectively be funneled to Russia in the form of Ukrainian energy and debt payments.

H.R. 4152, as amended by the Senate, provided \$150 million in direct aid to Ukraine. It also provided loan guarantees (meaning that U.S. taxpayers would be stuck holding the bag if the loans are not paid). It imposed sanctions on Russian and ex-Ukrainian officials deemed responsible for the crisis in the Ukraine.

Mike Rogers voted in favor of this monstrosity and the House voted for this legislation on April 1, 2014 by a vote of 378 to 34 (Roll Call 149).

Mike Rogers Supports Unlimited Federal Authority to Spend Money

Both farm aid and food aid are unconstitutional. The food subsidy programs are supposed to help the poor, but in practice they have done little to lift people out of poverty, as evidenced by the growing number of recipients of these programs. H.R. 2642 reauthorized unconstitutional federal farm and nutrition programs through fiscal 2018, including crop subsidies and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, formerly known as food stamps. Though this bill is entitled the Agriculture Act of 2014, most of the funding in the bill is not for agricultural programs but for food programs. The Congressional Budget Office estimated that the final version of this legislation (conference report) would cost \$956 billion over 10 years, of which \$756 billion would be for nutrition programs.

Mike Rogers demonstrated his fundamental lack of understanding of American law by voting for this bill and the House passed the conference report on January 29, 2014 by a vote of 251 to 166 (Roll Call 31).

Mike Rogers Supports More Outrageous Unconstitutional Funding

During consideration of the omnibus appropriations bill (H.R. 3547), Rep. Hal Rogers moved that the House concur with the Senate version of the bill that would **provide Obama** about \$1.1 trillion in discretionary spending in fiscal 2014 for the following federal departments and agencies: Agriculture (\$20.9 billion), Commerce-Justice-Science (\$51.6 billion), Defense (\$572 billion), overseas contingency operations associated with the war in Afghanistan and other counterterrorism operations (\$85.2 billion), Energy-Water (\$34.1 billion), Financial Services (\$21.9 billion), Homeland Security (\$39.3 billion), Interior-Environment (\$30.1 billion), Labor-HHS-Education (\$156.8 billion), Legislative Branch (\$4.3 billion), Military Construction-VA (\$73.3 billion), State-Foreign Affairs (\$49 billion), and Transportation-HUD (\$50.9 billion).

Mike Rogers supported the spending orgy and the House concurred with the Senate version of the omnibus appropriations bill on January 15, 2014 by a vote of 359 to 67 (Roll Call 21).

Mike Rogers Supports Yet More Outrageous Unconstitutional Funding

During consideration of the Budget Agreement for fiscal 2014 (House Joint Resolution 59), Rep. Paul Ryan moved that the House concur with the Senate version of the fiscal 2014 continuing resolution (H. J. Res 59) that would <u>increase **Obama's** discretionary spending caps for fiscal 2014 and 2015 to \$1.012 trillion and \$1.014 trillion</u>, respectively. This represents an increase of \$26 billion for 2014 and \$19 billion for 2015. Furthermore, this amounts to the elimination of \$63 billion in sequester cuts for 2014 and 2015. Rep. Justin Amash (R-Mich.) explained his no vote on this budget agreement in a Facebook post for December 24, 2013: "Instead of real compromise to reform the biggest budget items contributing to our \$17 trillion debt – Social Security, military spending, and Medicare – the bill increases federal spending for special interests by tens of billions of dollars and pays for it by raising taxes on millions of Americans."

Mike Rogers supported these massive spending increases and the House concurred with the Senate version of the Budget Resolution on December 12, 2013 by a vote of 332 to 94 (Roll Call 640).

Mike Rogers Supports Yet Even More Outrageous Unconstitutional Funding

Mike Rogers was one of 87 Republicans that ended a government shutdown and funded Obamacare by caving in on negotiated budget bill with regard to H.R. 2775. The impasse over the continuing appropriations bill came to an end when, on the 16th day of the partial government shutdown, the House concurred in a Senate amendment that rewrote the House bill H.R. 2775, which had only contained a provision to prevent ObamaCare subsidies to individuals without verifying income, etc. As amended, the bill suspended the federal debt limit through February 7, 2014, and continued funding government operations through January 15, 2014 at the fiscal 2013 post-sequestration spending level. It did not include any provision to defund ObamaCare.

With the support of Mike Rogers and other turn coat Republicans, the Democrats were able to fully fund Obamacare by a vote of 285 to 144 (Roll Call 550).

Mike Rogers is Either Stupid or an Enemy Actor

It is preposterous that the United States would take U.S. taxpayer dollars to purchase helicopters for the Afghan military from Rosoboronexport, a Russian state-owned export company that has manufactured and supplied arms to enemy states, such as Iran and Syria.

Yet here we are Mike Rogers!

During consideration of the defense appropriations bill (H.R. 2397), Rep. Mike Coffman (R-Colo.) introduced an amendment to defund a Defense Department purchase of 30 Russian Mi-17 helicopters. Circumventing Congress, the Defense Department on June 13, 2013 awarded a \$553.8 million contract to the Russian state-owned arms export firm Rosoboronexport for the purchase of the helicopters. Coffman's amendment would specifically strip that amount from the DOD's Afghanistan Security Forces Fund.

Despite Mike Rogers objections, the House adopted Coffman's amendment on July 23, 2013 by a vote of 346 to 79 (Roll Call 390).

These are just a hand full of examples from the exceptionally bad voting record of Mike Rogers. Mike Rogers is not MAGA. He is not pro-American. He is without question a bought and paid for whore of the Globalist elite with a proven track record of being a sellout.

Lifetime Record of Voting in line with the Constitution? 51%! That's a Fail. An epic FAIL.



Mike Rogers
Representative
Michigan District 8
Republican
Status: Former Legislator

Constitutional Votes

Score 51%	Congress Lifetime
63%	112th (2011-2012)
73%	111th (2009-2010)
56%	110th (2007-2008)
35%	109th (2005-2006)
38%	108th (2003-2004)
48%	107th (2001-2002)

You can view this miserable bum's entire voting record here: Mike Rogers - The New American

What can **YOU** do about this?

Get educated and get active in your community, that's what!

First step, use these guiding principles to form a team in your community:

We believe the American system of government, a constitutional Republic, is the finest ever developed by man.

<u>We believe</u> the traditional moral values of our Judeo-Christian heritage form the cornerstone of western civilization and that the family is the most vital unit of society.

<u>We believe</u> the free market system, competitive capitalism, and private enterprise afford the widest opportunity and highest standard of living for all.

<u>We believe</u> in the dignity of the individual. We welcome people from all ethnic racial and religious backgrounds judging others only by character and ability - as we wish to be judged ourselves - our common bond is a love for liberty and our rejection of totalitarianism under any label.

<u>We believe</u> that individual rights are endowed by our creator, not government; that the government's function should be limited to protecting our right to life, liberty, and property; and that individual rights are inseparably linked to individual responsibility.

Next, get organized in local chapters of the John Birch Society and start impacting your community ASAP. In this way we can still work as an organized team statewide without concern of interference from the political thugs that set out to lynch Kristina. Join here: <u>Join the John Birch Society</u>: <u>The John Birch Society</u> (jbs.org). You can also reach Michigan JBS field officer Rhonda Miller at: <u>rmiller@jbs.org</u>

The fight continues!

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Yours in Service,



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