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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**

**Kay Christofferson\***

**Mike Petersen**

**\*Perfect 100%**



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

**Senate**

**House**

**J. Stuart Adams**

**Cheryl Acton**

**Mike Kohler**

**Casey Snider**

**Don Ipson**

**Kera Birkeland**

**Jason B. Kyle**

**Jeffrey Stenquist**

**Daniel McCay**

**Brady Brammer**

**Quinn Kotter**

**Keven Stratton**

**Michael McKell**

**Jefferson Burton**

**Trevor Lee**

**Mark Strong**

**James F. Cobb**

**Karianne Lisonbee**

**Jordan Teuscher**

**Stephanie Gricius**

**Jefferson Moss**

**Norman Thurston**

**Ken Ivory**

**Karen M. Peterson**

**Douglas Welton**

**Tim Jimenez**

**Judy Weeks Rohner**

**Ryan Wilcox**



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# UTAH SENATE STATISTICS

OVERALL AVERAGE  
**63%**

REPUBLICAN AVERAGE

**78%**



DEMOCRAT AVERAGE

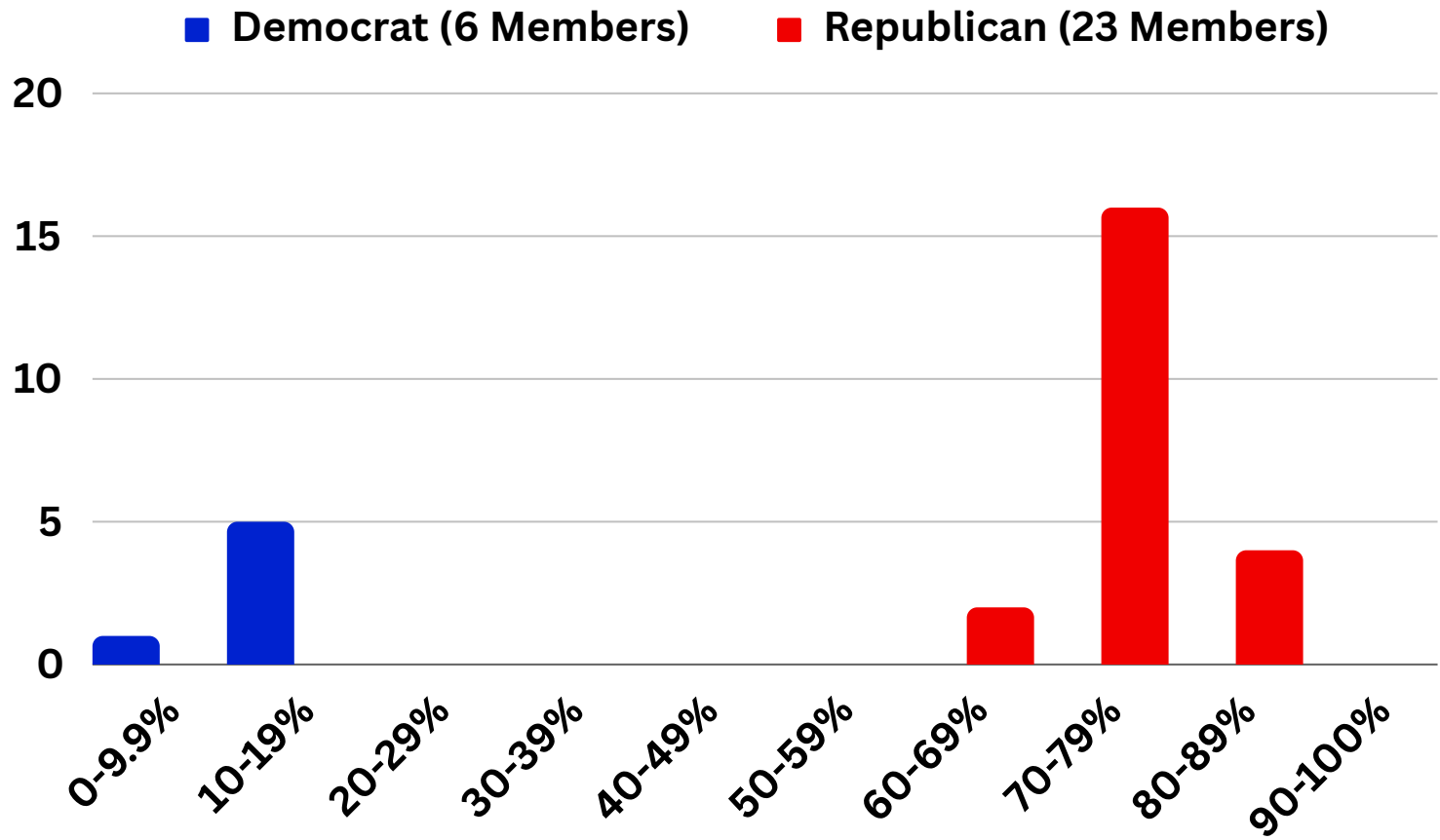
**11%**



LOWEST REPUBLICAN  
**DAVID HINKINS**  
**61%**



HIGHEST DEMOCRAT  
**JEN PLUMB**  
**14%**





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# UTAH HOUSE STATISTICS

OVERALL AVERAGE  
**67%**

REPUBLICAN AVERAGE

**80%**



DEMOCRAT AVERAGE

**12%**



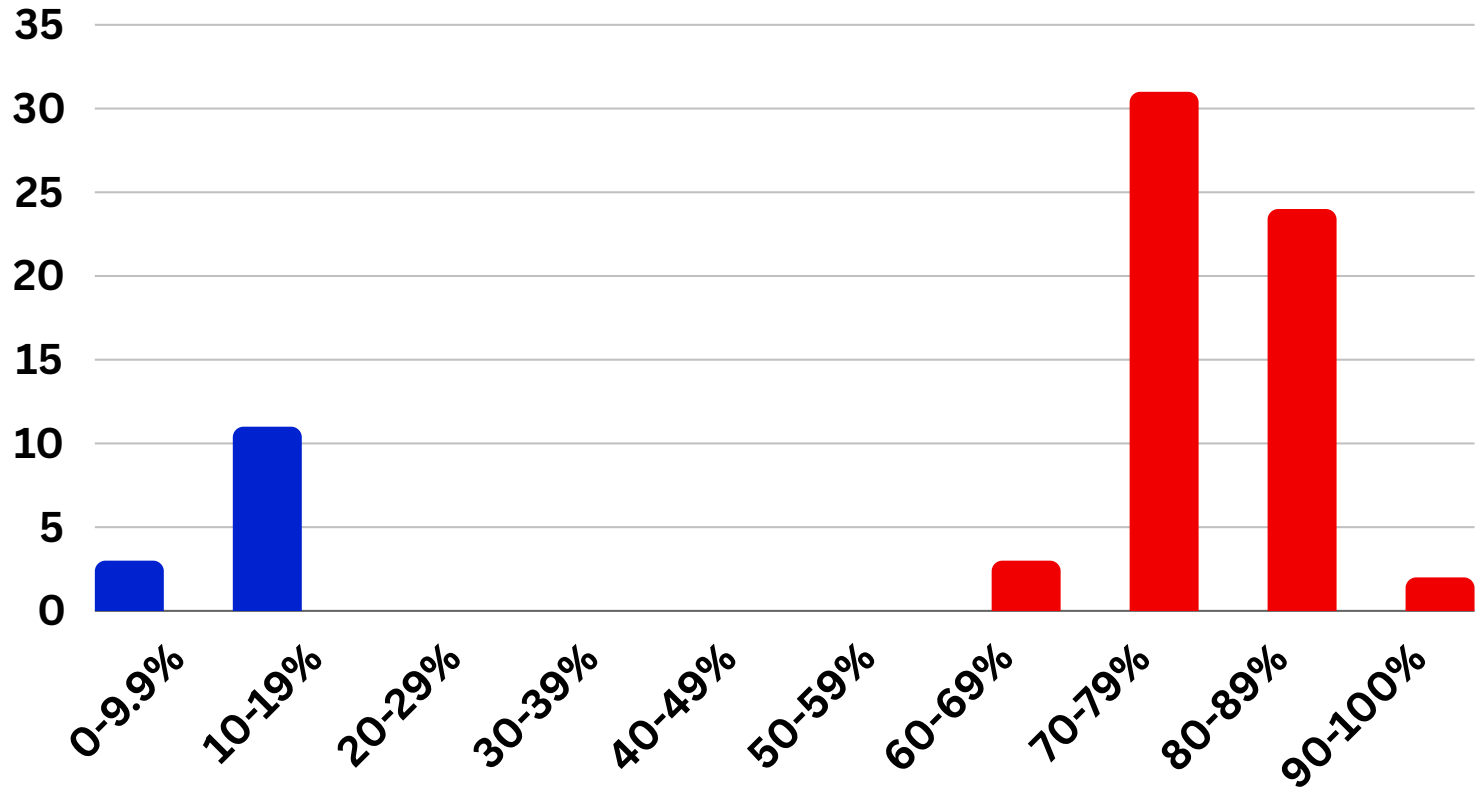
LOWEST REPUBLICAN  
**JAMES DUNNIGAN**  
**67%**



HIGHEST DEMOCRAT  
**SANDRA HOLLINS**  
**17%**



■ Democrat (14 Members) ■ Republican (61 Members)





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# UTAH SENATE SCORES

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J. Stuart Adams	R	87%	79%	66%	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	x	+	+	x	+	+	x	+	+	+
Jacob Anderegg	R	79%	73%	75%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Nate Blouin	D	11%	N/A	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Curtis Bramble	R	78%	73%	66%	+	+	+	+	x	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
David Buxton	R	79%	71%	64%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kirk Cullimore	R	78%	74%	69%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	x	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Luz Escamilla	D	13%	31%	29%	x	-	x	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lincoln Fillmore	R	79%	78%	75%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Keith Grover	R	79%	71%	69%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Wayne Harper	R	79%	74%	68%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
David Hinkins	R	61%	67%	65%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	x	+
Don Ipson	R	80%	80%	64%	x	+	+	+	+	+	x	-	-	-	+	+	x	+	+	x	+	+	+
John Johnson	R	76%	85%	79%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	x	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	x	+	+
Michael Kennedy	R	78%	75%	75%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	x	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Karen Kwan	D	11%	N/A	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Michael McKell	R	83%	67%	72%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ann Millner	R	76%	73%	61%	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	+	+
Derrin Owens	R	78%	75%	71%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+
Stephanie Pitcher	D	11%	N/A	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jen Plumb	D	14%	N/A	14%	-	-	X	-	-	-	+	X	-	X	+	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-
Kathleen Riebe	D	5%	36%	27%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott Sandall	R	79%	73%	62%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jerry Stevenson	R	79%	N/A	61%	X	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	-	-	X	+	X	+	+	X	+	+	+
Daniel Thatcher	R	N/A	60%	64%	X	X	X	X	+	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Evan Vickers	R	68%	74%	64%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+
Todd Weiler	R	72%	68%	63%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	X	+
Chris Wilson	R	79%	68%	73%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ronald Winterton	R	79%	82%	69%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+

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## **SCR 9 Exposing the Damaging Effects of ESG-Based Investment.**

This resolution criticizes the coercive and burdensome nature of the ESG regime. It then calls upon the state to take various steps to avoid investing using ESG-adjacent objectives. CPAC believes that the government should not make investment decisions based on ESG principles and supported this resolution. The Senate passed this resolution on February 27, 2023 by a vote of 19-5.

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## **SB 16 No Radical Gender Surgeries for Minors in Utah.**

This bill prohibits physicians from, under most circumstances performing radical gender surgeries on or prescribing hormone replacement therapy to minors. CPAC opposes the mutilation and castration of children and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on January 27, 2023 by a vote of 20-8 and the bill later became law.

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## **SB 93 Helping the Birth Records of Minors Better Reflect Reality.**

This bill prohibits minors from changing their gender on their birth record until they have reached 18 years of age. CPAC opposes the promotion of transgender ideology among minors and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 2, 2023 by a vote of 22-4 and the bill later became law.

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## **SB 97 Directing Government Investment Away from Discriminatory Companies.**

This bill prohibits the government from entering into contracts with companies that boycott businesses that do not commit to upholding certain ESG-related standards or that refuse to facilitate access to abortion or transgender surgeries. CPAC supports efforts to prevent taxpayer dollars from being used to indirectly fund abortions and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on May 2, 2023 by a vote of 22-6 and the bill later became law.

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## **SB 100 Enhancing Parental Access to Education Records.**

This bill prohibits schools from shielding parents from their child's education records. It also states that schools may not, without first receiving parental consent, change a child's gender identity on their records. CPAC supports increasing parental access to child education records and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on February 3, 2023 by a vote of 22-6 and the bill later became law.



### **SB 129 Increasing the Accountability of Judicial Nominating Commissions to the People.**

This bill strikes certain provisions from the law that required the governor to appoint two members recommended by the State Bar to judicial nominating commissions. It also strikes a provision prohibiting more than 4 members of the same party from serving on such a commission. CPAC believes that appointees should be selected based on their fitness for the role and not on their favored status with the State Bar, believes that this measure helps direct the process toward this end, and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 2, 2023 by a vote of 20-7 and the bill later became law.

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### **SB 152 Looking Out for the Future of Utah's Minors.**

This bill requires social media companies to perform reasonable age verification checks on individuals before giving them a social media account. It also requires the social media company to, if they desire to give a social media account to a minor, first obtain permission from the minor's parent prior to giving out the account. CPAC supports efforts to shield minors from the potentially damaging effects of social media and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 1, 2023 by a vote of 22-4 and the bill later became law.

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### **SB 153 Enriching Woke Movie Producers with More Incentives and Rebates.**

This bill creates the Motion Picture Incentive Account, the likes of which will provide cash rebates to government-selected movies and films. Additionally, it expands the list of entities that may receive motion picture incentives. CPAC opposes the government's continued insistence on lining the pockets of filmmakers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 2, 2023 by a vote of 26-0 and the bill later became law.

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### **SB 240 Using Taxpayer Funds to Pay Off Other People's Housing Costs.**

This bill creates the First-Time Homebuyer Assistance Program. The program will distribute up to \$20,000 to first-time homebuyers such that they may pay off their down payments and closing costs and/or secure a permanent reduction in their interest rate. CPAC believes that taxpayers should not be forced to pay the costs of other people's homes and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on February 22, 2023 by a vote of 28-1 and the bill later became law.

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### **SB 284 Crony Aviation Fuel Incentives.**

This bill apportions funds from severance tax proceeds to a program that offers financial incentives to aviation fuel carriers. CPAC opposes government favoritism toward particular industries and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on February 28, 2023 by a vote of 24-0 and the bill later became law.



### **SB 287 No Porn for Utah's Minors.**

This bill prohibits commercial entities from giving out pornographic materials to individuals without first conducting reasonable age verification checks concerning that individual. CPAC supports efforts to prevent minors from stumbling upon and becoming involved in pornography and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on February 28, 2023 by a vote of 26-0 and the bill later became law.

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### **HB 54 Granting Much-Needed Tax Relief to Utahns.**

This bill lowers both the individual and corporate income tax rates from 4.85% to 4.65%. It also removes the sales and use tax from the purchase of food and groceries. CPAC supports appropriate efforts to reduce the tax burden on taxpayers and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 2, 2023 by a vote of 22-6 and the bill later became law.

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### **HB 184 Forcing Taxpayers to Pay off the Student Loans of Veterinarians.**

This bill sets up a Veterinarian Education Loan Repayment Program and apportions \$2,500,000 to its causes. CPAC does not believe that taxpayers should be forced to help cover the costs of other people's student loans and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 1, 2023 by a vote of 23-0 and the bill later became law.

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### **HB 215 Major Promotion of School Choice in Utah.**

This bill creates the state's largest school voucher program ever, apportioning funds to parents such that they may send their children to the schools best suited to their needs. CPAC supports school choice and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on January 26, 2023 by a vote of 20-8 and the bill later became law.

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### **HB 219 Protecting Utahns Against Federal Infringements on their Second Amendment Freedoms.**

This bill prohibits the state government from enforcing any federal bans on the sale or possession of firearms. CPAC supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, supports efforts to quell the federal government's attempts to stymie individual freedoms, and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 3, 2023 by a vote of 20-6 and the bill later became law.



### **HB 281 Sniffing Out “Social Credit Scores.”**

This bill requires the Division of Consumer Protection to set up a system that permits consumers to report instances in which financial institutions used social credit scores in order to discriminate against a particular person. It also prohibits the government from using social credit scores when evaluating individuals. CPAC supports efforts to expose and warn people of the presence of social credit scores in society, believes that the government should not use social credit scores when making decisions, and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 1, 2023 by a vote of 18-5 and the bill later became law.

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### **HB 347 Further Disincentivizing Illegal Election Interference.**

This bill increases the punishment that may be meted out to individuals who tamper with ballot drop boxes. CPAC supports efforts to increase election integrity and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed this bill on March 2, 2023 by a vote of 21-6 and the bill later became law.

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### **HB 427 Cracking Down on CRT in Utah’s Classrooms.**

This bill prohibits public schools from using instructional materials that are not in harmony with certain concepts. These concepts include those that state that one is not inherently responsible for the malfeasance of past members of their race and that meritocracy is not racist. CPAC opposes the teaching of CRT-adjacent principles in schools and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 2, 2023 by a vote of 18-6 and the bill later became law.

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### **HB 467 Cracking Down on the Expansion Efforts of Abortionists.**

This bill prohibits the government from licensing new abortion clinics after the start of 2024. The bill also increases prohibitions on abortions that were originally allowed to be performed on unborn babies that’d reached 18 weeks of age. Additionally, the bill makes it such that physicians who have performed illegal abortions may now be considered to have engaged in unprofessional conduct. CPAC believes abortion is always a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice, and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 2, 2023 by a vote of 22-6 and the bill later became law.



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Cheryl Acton	R	83%	71%	70%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Carl Albrecht	R	74%	74%	69%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Melissa Ballard	R	78%	60%	61%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Stewart Barlow	R	72%	69%	66%	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
Gay Lynn Bennion	D	16%	17%	19%	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kera Birkeland	R	80%	89%	81%	+	X	+	+	+	+	X	-	X	-	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bridger Bolinder	R	78%	N/A	78%	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Brady Brammer	R	88%	78%	78%	+	+	+	X	X	+	+	-	X	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Joel Briscoe	D	11%	20%	18%	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-
Walt Brooks	R	79%	68%	76%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jefferson Burton	R	82%	74%	77%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	X	+	+
Scott Chew	R	76%	66%	68%	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X
Kay Christofferson	R	100%	86%	77%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tyler Clancy	R	79%	N/A	79%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
James F. Cobb	R	84%	N/A	84%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Paul A. Cutler	R	79%	N/A	79%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jen Dailey-Provost	D	16%	18%	22%	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
James Dunnigan	R	67%	60%	56%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	X	-	-	+	+	+	-	+
Steve Eliason	R	74%	59%	60%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Joseph Elison	R	79%	N/A	79%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Brett Garner	D	6%	N/A	6%	-	X	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-
Stephanie Gricius	R	88%	N/A	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	+
Matthew Gwynn	R	76%	71%	76%	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	X	+	+
Katy Hall	R	79%	N/A	79%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+

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Sahara Hayes	D	11%	N/A	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sandra Hollins	D	17%	17%	20%	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ken Ivory	R	83%	82%	82%	+	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Colin W. Jack	R	78%	N/A	78%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tim Jimenez	R	89%	N/A	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Dan Johnson	R	79%	69%	64%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Marsha Judkins	R	67%	65%	64%	+	+	-	+	+	X	+	X	-	+	+	X	-	-	+	+	-	X	+
Brian King	D	16%	20%	20%	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mike Kohler	R	83%	76%	77%	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Quinn Kotter	R	89%	N/A	89%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Jason B. Kyle	R	89%	N/A	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Trevor Lee	R	82%	N/A	82%	X	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rosemary Lesser	D	16%	24%	23%	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karianne Lisonbee	R	82%	82%	79%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	X	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Anthony Loubet	R	67%	N/A	67%	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	X	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+
Steven Lund	R	79%	72%	76%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Phil Lyman	R	72%	74%	76%	X	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
A. Cory Maloy	R	74%	86%	81%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ashlee Matthews	D	13%	32%	25%	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	+	X	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Carol Moss	D	16%	26%	17%	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jefferson Moss	R	86%	81%	80%	X	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	-	X	X	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+
Calvin Musselman	R	79%	80%	75%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Douglas Owens	D	11%	15%	14%	-	-	-	-	X	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mike Petersen	R	95%	86%	91%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+

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# UTAH HOUSE SCORES

	Party	2023%	2022%	Life time%	SCR 9	SB 16	SB 93	SB 97	SB 100	SB 129	SB 152	SB 153	SB 240	SB 284	SB 287	HB 54	HB 184	HB 215	HB 219	HB 281	HB 347	HB 427	HB 467	
Karen M. Peterson	R	83%	65%	74%	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Thomas Peterson	R	79%	N/A	79%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Val Peterson	R	75%	80%	76%	+	+	+	X	+	X	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	
Candice Pierucci	R	75%	82%	80%	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	-	-	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	
Susan Pulsipher	R	79%	71%	72%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Judy Weeks Rohner	R	82%	N/A	82%	+	+	X	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X
Angela Romero	D	6%	18%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mike Schultz	R	77%	74%	73%	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	-	-	-	X	+	X	+	+	X	+	X	X	X
Rex Shipp	R	78%	83%	76%	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Casey Snider	R	88%	73%	79%	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	X	+	+
Robert Spendlove	R	75%	65%	61%	X	+	X	+	+	X	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jeffrey Stenquist	R	84%	71%	69%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Andrew Stoddard	D	6%	30%	22%	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Keven Stratton	R	83%	85%	80%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	X	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Mark Strong	R	88%	85%	87%	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	-	+	X	+	+	+	+	+
Jordan Teuscher	R	83%	85%	86%	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Norman Thurston	R	82%	76%	78%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+
R. Neil Walter	R	79%	N/A	79%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Raymond Ward	R	78%	61%	51%	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Christine Watkins	R	N/A	65%	62%	X	+	X	X	X	+	-	-	-	-	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	X
Douglas Welton	R	88%	66%	72%	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	-	X	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Mark Wheatley	D	11%	20%	19%	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stephen L. Whyte	R	79%	69%	74%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ryan Wilcox	R	88%	86%	89%	+	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Brad Wilson	R	76%	79%	72%	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	+

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## **SCR 9 Exposing the Damaging Effects of ESG-Based Investment.**

This resolution criticizes the coercive and burdensome nature of the ESG regime. It then calls upon the state to take various steps to avoid investing using ESG-adjacent objectives. CPAC believes that the government should not make investment decisions based on ESG principles and supported this resolution. The House passed this resolution on March 3, 2023 by a vote of 56-12.

## **SB 16 No Radical Gender Surgeries for Minors in Utah.**

This bill prohibits physicians from, under most circumstances performing radical gender surgeries on or prescribing hormone replacement therapy to minors. CPAC opposes the mutilation and castration of children and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on January 26, 2023 by a vote of 58-14 and the bill later became law.

## **SB 93 Helping the Birth Records of Minors Better Reflect Reality.**

This bill prohibits minors from changing their gender on their birth record until they have reached 18 years of age. CPAC opposes the promotion of transgender ideology among minors and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on March 2, 2023 by a vote of 53-15 and the bill later became law.

## **SB 97 Directing Government Investment Away from Discriminatory Companies.**

This bill prohibits the government from entering into contracts with companies that boycott businesses that do not commit to upholding certain ESG-related standards or that refuse to facilitate access to abortion or transgender surgeries. CPAC supports efforts to prevent taxpayer dollars from being used to indirectly fund abortions and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on May 2, 2023 by a vote of 55-15 and the bill later became law.

## **SB 100 Enhancing Parental Access to Education Records.**

This bill prohibits schools from shielding parents from their child's education records. It also states that schools may not, without first receiving parental consent, change a child's gender identity on their records. CPAC supports increasing parental access to child education records and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on February 1, 2023 by a vote of 59-6 and the bill later became law.



### **SB 129 Increasing the Accountability of Judicial Nominating Commissions to the People.**

This bill strikes certain provisions from the law that required the governor to appoint two members recommended by the State Bar to judicial nominating commissions. It also strikes a provision prohibiting more than 4 members of the same party from serving on such a commission. CPAC believes that appointees should be selected based on their fitness for the role and not on their favored status with the State Bar, believes that this measure helps direct the process toward this end, and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on March 1, 2023 by a vote of 52-15 and the bill later became law.

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### **SB 152 Looking Out for the Future of Utah's Minors.**

This bill requires social media companies to perform reasonable age verification checks on individuals before giving them a social media account. It also requires the social media company to, if they desire to give a social media account to a minor, first obtain permission from the minor's parent prior to giving out the account. CPAC supports efforts to shield minors from the potentially damaging effects of social media and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on March 1, 2023 by a vote of 60-11 and the bill later became law.

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### **SB 153 Enriching Woke Movies Producers with More Incentives and Rebates.**

This bill creates the Motion Picture Incentive Account, the likes of which will provide cash rebates to government-selected movies and films. Additionally, it expands the list of entities that may receive motion picture incentives. CPAC opposes the government's continued insistence on lining the pockets of filmmakers and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on March 2, 2023 by a vote of 62-11 and the bill later became law.

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### **SB 240 Using Taxpayer Funds to Pay Off Other People's Housing Costs.**

This bill creates the First-Time Homebuyer Assistance Program. The program will distribute up to \$20,000 to first-time homebuyers such that they may pay off their down payments and closing costs and/or secure a permanent reduction in their interest rate. CPAC believes that taxpayers should not be forced to pay the costs of other people's homes and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on February 28, 2023 by a vote of 60-8 and the bill later became law.

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### **SB 284 Crony Aviation Fuel Incentives.**

This bill apportions funds from severance tax proceeds to a program that offers financial incentives to aviation fuel carriers. CPAC opposes government favoritism toward particular industries and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on March 1, 2023 by a vote of 53-18 and the bill later became law.



### **SB 287 No Porn for Utah's Minors.**

This bill prohibits commercial entities from giving out pornographic materials to individuals without first conducting reasonable age verification checks concerning that individual. CPAC supports efforts to prevent minors from stumbling upon and becoming involved in pornography and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on March 2, 2023 by a vote of 70-0 and the bill later became law.

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### **HB 54 Granting Much-Needed Tax Relief to Utahns.**

This bill lowers both the individual and corporate income tax rates from 4.85% to 4.65%. It also removes the sales and use tax from the purchase of food and groceries. CPAC supports appropriate efforts to reduce the tax burden on taxpayers and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on March 2, 2023 by a vote of 50-11 and the bill later became law.

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### **HB 184 Forcing Taxpayers to Pay off the Student Loans of Veterinarians.**

This bill sets up a Veterinarian Education Loan Repayment Program and apportions \$2,500,000 to its causes. CPAC does not believe that taxpayers should be forced to help cover the costs of other people's student loans and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on March 1, 2023 by a vote of 66-6 and the bill later became law.

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### **HB 215 Major Promotion of School Choice in Utah.**

This bill creates the state's largest school voucher program ever, apportioning funds to parents such that they may send their children to the schools best suited to their needs. CPAC supports school choice and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on January 26, 2023 by a vote of 20-8 and the bill later became law.

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### **HB 219 Protecting Utahns Against Federal Infringements on their Second Amendment Freedoms.**

This bill prohibits the state government from enforcing any federal bans on the sale or possession of firearms. CPAC supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, supports efforts to quell the federal government's attempts to stymie individual freedoms, and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on February 9, 2023 by a vote of 60-13 and the bill later became law.



### **HB 281 Sniffing Out “Social Credit Scores.”**

This bill requires the Division of Consumer Protection to set up a system that permits consumers to report instances in which financial institutions used social credit scores in order to discriminate against a particular person. It also prohibits the government from using social credit scores when evaluating individuals. CPAC supports efforts to expose and warn people of the presence of social credit scores in society, believes that the government should not use social credit scores when making decisions, and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on March 1, 2023 by a vote of 60-14 and the bill later became law.

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### **HB 347 Further Disincentivizing Illegal Election Interference.**

This bill increases the punishment that may be meted out to individuals who tamper with ballot drop boxes. CPAC supports efforts to increase election integrity and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed this bill on February 13, 2023 by a vote of 54-16 and the bill later became law.

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### **HB 427 Cracking Down on CRT in Utah’s Classrooms.**

This bill prohibits public schools from using instructional materials that are not in harmony with certain concepts. These concepts include those that state that one is not inherently responsible for the malfeasance of past members of their race and that meritocracy is not racist. CPAC opposes the teaching of CRT-adjacent principles in schools and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on March 3, 2023 by a vote of 53-18 and the bill later became law.

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### **HB 467 Cracking Down on the Expansion Efforts of Abortionists.**

This bill prohibits the government from licensing new abortion clinics after the start of 2024. The bill also increases prohibitions on abortions that were originally allowed to be performed on unborn babies that’d reached 18 weeks of age. Additionally, the bill makes it such that physicians who have performed illegal abortions may now be considered to have engaged in unprofessional conduct. CPAC believes abortion is always a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice, and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on March 3, 2023 by a vote of 56-14 and the bill later became law.