

Research

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Claims	Facts
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	3/18/26] 2021: Castor Supported 'The Expanded Child Tax Credit.' According to Florida Politics in March 2021:
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Tampa Democrat Kathy Castor met Monday with local community leaders to promote the expanded child tax credit [...]

Under the plan, families will receive \$3,000 per child and \$3,600 per child under the age of six with the expansion of the child tax credit, which is typically only \$2,000 per child. [...]

Castor, an avid supporter of Biden's plan, emphasized families' need to file a tax return to receive the credit. She is working to establish outreach efforts to inform parents across Tampa Bay.

[Florida Politics, [3/16/21](#)]

2024: Castor Voted In Favor Of The Expanded Child Tax Credit. According to Castor's U.S. House of Representatives website in January 2024, Castor:

voted to pass the bipartisan Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act in the U.S. House of Representatives. [...]

'Families with children can breathe a little easier as the expanded child tax credit ('CTC') will put money back into their pockets so they can better afford food, clothing and child care for their kids. The CTC would help approximately 33,000 children in Florida's 14th Congressional District - mostly from families with income under \$40,000 a year.'

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Port Tampa Bay Channel Improvement Project –
Port Tampa Bay

Funded Amount: \$3,000,000

The funding would be used for project, design and engineering work, enabling Port Tampa Bay to make navigation improvements in the harbor to improve safety, increase the port's capacity, and enhance the local, regional and state supply chain for a growing population.

[U.S. Representative Kathy Castor, Accessed [5/29/26](#); [5/23/24](#)]

2020: Castor Announced \$81M In Emergency Funding For Tampa International Airport. According to Castor's U.S. House of Representatives website in April 2020:

U.S. Rep. Kathy Castor (FL14) announced over \$81 million in emergency CARES Act funds to Tampa International Airport. The CARES Act was passed by Congress three weeks ago to speed emergency aid back home for coronavirus emergency relief. These funds were appropriated to eligible U.S. airports to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

'Tampa International Airport is the pride of the Tampa Bay area and its employees are critical to our economic well-being. I'm proud to announce emergency aid to ensure continuity of operations for essential services,' said Castor. 'Air travel and support to the frontline workers who are keeping our airports safe and clean are fundamental to our economy. In the days ahead I'll work to speed additional aid to boost our economy and ensure lifeline services, like air travel, continue here in Tampa.'

[U.S. Representative Kathy Castor, [4/14/20](#)]

2021: Castor Touted \$18M In Department Of Transportation Funding To Improve Tampa Street Safety. According to the Tampa Bay Business Journal in November 2021:

Tampa became the only major city in Florida to win the U.S. Department of Transportation's competitive discretionary grant.

After the announcement last week, U.S. Rep. Kathy Castor returned to Tampa on Monday to tout the \$18 million investment in safe Central Tampa streets along with the unrelated \$1.2 trillion federal infrastructure bill. [...]

As the city and region grow, retrofitting streets to better accommodate pedestrians and business development is also high on the priority list. That's why the \$18 million grant is so important, Castor said.

	[Tampa Bay Business Journal, 11/22/21]
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Version 2: 07.29.2026 P2 Kathy knows there are too many politicians using insider information to make personal profits in the stock market. That's why Kathy was one of only a few Democrats to break with her party and join Republicans to pass a ban on stock trading by Members of Congress.	Suggested cites: Common Cause, 12/12/25; Fox 13 News, 1/6/26; U.S. Congress, H.R. 6731, Introduced 12/16/25; Cosponsors, Accessed 6/16/26; Roll Call 280, 7/22/26; U.S. Congress, H. R. 7008, 7/23/26 2025: Members Of Congress Made Over \$635 Million In Stock Trades. According to a December 2025 report from Common Cause, "In the current 119th Congress, 202 Representatives and 56 Senators, both Democrats and Republicans, own stock. At the time this article was published,

Congress members had made 13,324 trades totaling a whopping \$635.57 million this year.” [Common Cause, [12/12/25](#)]

2026: Castor ‘Committed To Working With Colleagues Across The Aisle’ To ‘Ban Stock Trading By Members Of Congress And The Executive Branch.’ According to Fox 13 News in January 2026:

Rep Kathy Castor released the following statement on banning stock trading in Congress after the news conference on Tuesday:

‘Americans deserve confidence that their elected leaders are working in the public interest, and not in their personal financial interest. I support a ban on stock trading by members of Congress and full transparency.

I’ve championed legislation to deter government officials from profiting off their positions and to restore public trust. However, after watching some of my Republican colleagues in Congress and administration officials benefit from President Trump’s brazen market manipulation and arbitrary tariffs, it’s time to go a step further and ban stock trading by members of Congress and the executive branch.

I am committed to working with colleagues across the aisle to ensure that whatever bill emerges is enforceable, fair and sends a clear message that we are here to serve the American people, not stock portfolios.’

[Fox 13 News, [1/6/26](#)]

2026: Castor Cosponsored H.R. 6731, The Restore Trust In Government Act, Which Would Ban Congressmembers And The President From ‘Owning Or Trading Stocks.’ According to records from the U.S. Congress, in January 2026, Castor cosponsored H.R. 6731, the “Restore Trust in Government Act.” The bill text read in part: “To amend chapter 131 of title 5 to prohibit Members of Congress, the President, Vice President, and their spouses and dependents from owning or trading stocks, and for other purposes.” [U.S. Congress, H.R. 6731, Introduced [12/16/25](#); Cosponsors, [Accessed 6/16/26](#)]

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	H.R. 1226, "ACE Kids Act of 2019." As of May 2026, the bill had a status of "introduced." [U.S. Congress, H.R. 1226, Introduced 2/14/19] • The ACE Kids Act Was Signed Into Law As Part Of The Medicaid Services Investment And
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[Children's Hospital Association, [April 2019](#)]

2025: Castor Reintroduced The Keep Kids Covered Act. According to a July 23, 2025 press release from Castor's office:

Today, U.S. Reps. Kathy Castor (FL-14) and Derek Tran (CA-45) reintroduced legislation to provide continuous health care coverage for eligible children in Medicaid and CHIP. The Keep Kids Covered Act would expand the 12-month continuous eligibility (CE) protection for children, providing uninterrupted coverage for children until age 6 – a crucial time for their development – and for a 24-month

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[U.S. Representative Kathy Castor, [7/23/25](#)]

• H.R. 4641, The Keep Kids Covered Act, Extended Eligibility For Medicaid And Chip For Minors.

According to the bill text on Congress.gov, H.R. 4641 sought to "amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for continuous eligibility for certain children under the Medicaid program and the Children's Health Insurance Program." [U.S.

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