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FACT CHECKING ASPEN ADAM'S FALSE ATTACKS ABOUT CONGRESSWOMAN BOEBERT'S VOTING RECORD

Truth about the bills and votes in Aspen Adams' attacks:

1. **FENTANYL TRAFFICKING VOTE** -Read the bill. H.R. 4981 extended the deadline for submitting a strategy to combat fentanyl. The bill went from 270 days to 390 days and does nothing to actually stop fentanyl trafficking.

- **Why Congresswoman Boebert Voted No:** Our southern border is in chaos because of the Biden Administration and the Left's radical open-borders agenda. Drugs continue to flow into the country that are literally killing our kids. Fentanyl is now the leading cause of death of Americans aged 18-45 years old. Last fiscal year more than 11,000 pounds of fentanyl was seized by Customs and Border Patrol, which is enough to kill five billion people. Sadly, fentanyl killed 71,238 Americans last year, including more than 900 Coloradans. There is an ongoing opioid epidemic in this country, drugs are pouring in illegally across our southern border, Americans are dying and there is not a compelling reason to allow a delay in the Commission's report to Congress.

- **Pelosi Con Game:** Pelosi framed this bill as a way to give the Commission on Combating Synthetic Opioids more time to provide recommendations (from 270 to 390 days); instead of letting federal bureaucrats continue to work from home when everyone else is back to work, they should get in the office and meet their legal obligations. There's also no reason to extend an opioid reporting deadline while Americans continue to suffer and die from fentanyl. This isn't a solution for anything!

Other actions the Congresswoman has taken to prevent fentanyl trafficking:

- Congresswoman Boebert introduced legislation to list fentanyl as a weapon of mass destruction. Doing so would direct the Department of Homeland Security to allocate additional resources to combat this crisis.

- Congresswoman Boebert introduced the "Secure the Southern Border Act" to reinstate President Trump's successful border security policies, build the wall, end catch-and-release, restore the "remain in Mexico policy" and put a stop to the Biden regime's amnesty madness

that is allowing almost all of the fentanyl in America to be smuggled into our country through the Southern Border.

- Congresswoman Boebert wrote an op-ed originally published in the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel calling for action and highlighting the dangers of fentanyl including it is 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine., it's also the leading cause of death for adults ages 18-45, and fentanyl killed 71,238 Americans last year, including more than 900 Coloradans.

- **Congresswoman Boebert's Key Points:** Shut down the border NOW, give law enforcement the tools they need NOW, don't let drug dealers out on cashless bail, actually prosecute drug offenders, and get serious about stopping this dangerous epidemic by passing Congresswoman Boebert's bill to classify fentanyl as a weapon of mass destruction.

- **Aspen Adam's Inaccuracies:** Aspen Adam's attack is inaccurate and claims 10 more Republicans voted for the bill than actually voted for it.

2. **HUMAN TRAFFICKING** - This is why Pelosi is such a problem for our country. She slaps a great name on a crappy bill that rewards bad behavior. H.R. 6552 will use American tax dollars to pay our school districts to partner with social media companies including Facebook. Does anyone think Facebook needs a government handout? Does anyone think we need a program that pays Facebook to work with our schools? CNN ran a story that Facebook has had a problem with human trafficking for years. They are literally part of the problem. Facebook is one of the leading online platforms for recruitment in sex trafficking in the U.S. When this came up Republicans offered an amendment to hold Facebook accountable for facilitating illegal human smuggling. Of course, the Democrats turned that down. Congresswoman Boebert refused to vote to give big tech a dime from this bill, ever.

- **Why Congresswoman Boebert Voted No:** The bill increased total spending levels by over \$160 million. The bill also prioritized giving federal grants and money to school districts if those school districts partnered with social media companies to help protect kids against labor and sex trafficking. The biggest issue is, Facebook has been found to be complicit in human smuggling/trafficking. School districts shouldn't have a financial incentive to partner with one of the biggest perpetrators of these horrible activities. Democrats also voted against an amendment to this bill that would have held Facebook accountable for facilitating illegal human smuggling.

- **Pelosi Con Game:** Pelosi argues that this bill will protect trafficking victims, when all it does is provide a big enabler of human trafficking – Facebook – with an opportunity to benefit from taxpayer-funded resources. I'm sure Mark Zuckerberg appreciates Pelosi trying to further increase his profits.

- **Congresswoman Boebert's Key Points:** Ensure that social media companies guilty of promoting the problems described in this bill don't have an opportunity to benefit from the use of federal tax dollars. And take real steps to actually combat and prevent human trafficking.

Other actions Congresswoman Boebert has done to prevent human trafficking:

- Congresswoman Boebert introduced the “Secure the Southern Border Act” to reinstate President Trump’s successful border security policies, build the wall, end catch-and-release, restore the “remain in Mexico policy” and put a stop to the Biden regime’s amnesty madness. Securing the Southern border will prevent women and children from being raped and trafficked by the cartels and other dangerous criminals.
- Congresswoman Boebert cosponsored Rep. Davidson’s Stop the Cartels Act. This bill would increase sanctions on cartels, increase transparency on human and drug trafficking on the southern border, require additional reporting on the number of illegal immigrants entering the country and updates on the status of the illegal immigrants, reverse the Flores settlement, and resume President Trump’s Remain in Mexico policy.
- Congresswoman Boebert joined Rep. Wagner a letter to DOJ seeking to prevent human trafficking and child sexual abuse on onlyfans.com.
- **Aspen Adam’s Inaccuracies:** Aspen Adam’s attack ad is also inaccurate and claims 9 more Republicans voted for the bill than actually voted for it.

3. **SENIOR CITIZENS VOTE** - This is a great example of Nancy Pelosi slapping a name on legislation that sure sounds good, but here’s the news flash, we already have agencies responsible for doing the things that will be studied in the report. In fact, they are the responsibilities of the FTC, it’s their job and we already fund them to the tune of \$350 million per year. If Congress has questions, we bring agency officials in and question them. In this instance, we got a bill that CBO hadn’t scored, which means as a lawmaker Congresswoman Boebert had no idea what this will cost and neither do any of the other lawmakers. Aspen Adam may think it’s fine to sign off on blank checks for duplicative reports and programs but Congresswoman Boebert doesn’t.

- **Why Congresswoman Boebert Voted No:** No CBO score. We’re over \$30 trillion in debt, we can’t rubber stamp unspecified spending on unspecified, duplicative reports and programs. The onus should be on the other side to explain why the report mandated by this bill is even necessary.
- **Pelosi Con Game:** Pelosi says this bill will help seniors; all it does is order another expensive report, which does nothing for the American people or seniors. The bill also orders the FTC to update its website to include scam information regarding seniors, but it doesn’t even set a deadline for the FTC to comply with that order! Finally, this bill is duplicative and unnecessary as the FTC is already doing the other things in the bill. This bill says it “protect seniors”, when in reality, it only protects House Democrats from having to actually do anything on this issue.
- **Congresswoman Boebert’s Key Points:** Prevent wasteful and duplicative government spending by consulting with seniors, state Attorney Generals and law enforcement on scams seniors are facing.
- **Aspen Adam’s Inaccuracies:** The attack cites the wrong bill # and has the wrong vote total for the bill referenced. It mistakenly claims only 8 Republicans voted against the bill when in actuality 48 Republicans voted against the bill.

4. **WATER VOTE-** Once again, Aspen Adam is all on board with Pelosi's Con Game. We thought Adam said he was going to fight inflation? Once again, slap a good name on it and you can grab more money. So here's the deal. On June 30th the Department of Energy said they were going to spend \$500 million of our tax dollars so they could establish clean energy hubs on abandoned mine lands. \$500 million. A month later Pelosi pushes the STREAM ACT to grab more of your money. As taxpayers we need to know how well they did with the \$500 million Biden's Energy Department already appropriated before we start handing out billions more. But there was no oversight. What's more, H.R. 7283, is a money grab and another bribe for states from Biden's non-infrastructure Act, which is one of the root causes of inflation. If they want water legislation let's debate water legislation. It's one reason the Congresswoman believes we need single subject legislation. And another great reason not to send someone to Congress like Aspen Adam who will do NOTHING to clean up the Swamp.

The underlying bill allows states to set aside 30% of grants provided from Biden's non-infrastructure act (IIJA) for acid mine drainage (AMD) treatment on abandoned mine lands (AML). The IIJA provided \$11.3 billion for AML cleanup/reclamation but didn't allow states to use those funds for AMD treatment.

- **Why Congresswoman Boebert Voted No:** The bill justifies the use of IIJA funding, which has contributed massively to inflation. The Biden administration has stated that it wants to develop "Clean Energy Hubs" on abandoned mine lands as part of the "transition" to a renewable energy future. On June 30, the Energy Department released a statement and provided \$500 million to establishing Clean Energy Hubs on AMLs. The underlying bill allows states to set aside 30% of grants provided through for Biden's non-infrastructure act (IIJA) for acid mine drainage (AMD) treatment on abandoned mine lands (AML). The IIJA provided \$11.3 billion for AML cleanup/reclamation but didn't allow states to use those funds for AMD treatment.

Pelosi Con Game: Make no mistake – this anti-mining bill isn't about AML or AMD treatment, and it sure isn't about clean water; it's about hitting away at affordable energy and ensuring that fossil fuels are pushed aside in favor of a 100% renewable energy future in which the American roughneck is kicked out of a job in favor of woke 22-year-old progressives excited about working in Biden's new Clean Energy Hubs.

- **Congresswoman Boebert's Key Points:** Work to eliminate the Biden administration's plans to install clean energy hubs on AMLs. We should also work on permanently reforming how AML funds are raised and used. Under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA), coal operators are assessed a fee on every ton of coal produced for AML efforts. In short, the AML fund program is taking a whole lot more money than what's being spent on actual reclamation efforts (\$8.5 billion versus only \$2.8 billion) – figures were provided in a 2017 hearing from the National Mining Association. While the fee was recently reduced – and this is a good first step – more needs to be done. Finally, there are significant partners in the private sector that want to help cleanup abandoned mines. They just need the authorization from Congress and liability reforms to get going.

Other actions Congresswoman Boebert has done to protect our water:- Congresswoman Boebert is working hard to secure funds for more water storage and delivery projects like the Wolf Creek Reservoir expansion.

- Congresswoman Boebert helped lead the charge to defeat the Denver suburbs' attempt to steal seven billion gallons of water per year from the San Luis Valley.
 - Congresswoman Boebert recently secured an important appropriations victory for a pilot program to combat salt cedars. Salt cedars consume 200 gallons of water per day per plant.
 - In a legislative provision signed into law, Congresswoman Boebert secured \$10 million to address the deferred maintenance backlog and increase water storage projects like the Southern Utes' Pine River Indian Irrigation Project.
 - Congresswoman Boebert introduced the Western Water Security Act to protect private property rights, prevent federal water grabs, and help ensure an abundant supply of clean water for future generations.
 - **Aspen Adam's Inaccuracies:** Aspen Adam's attack ad is inaccurate and claims 23 more Republicans voted for the bill than actually voted for it.
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5. **BONE MARROW VOTE** - Nancy Pelosi is using the most vulnerable among us to force her agenda through Congress. Congress established the Bone Marrow program in 1990, it was not at risk of being defunded with this particular vote for H.R. 941, but it did circumvent long-established PAY-GO rules, which is why we find ourselves over \$30 trillion in debt and one of the many reasons why Pelosi pulls this crap on taxpayers. If anything, Congresswoman Boebert believes more investment needs to be made to fight cancer. But this bill meant borrowing more money from China. Enough is enough, it's time to get serious about prioritizing our spending and reducing our out-of-control federal debt. Not a single Democrat offered to find \$270 million to off-set the spending in this bill. We can't afford to do that anymore. Rep. Boebert didn't go to DC to be part of the problem. She went there to clean up the Swamp.

- **Why Congresswoman Boebert Voted No:** The Nation is over \$30 trillion in debt. This bill's \$270 million was not offset. It did not go through the regular process and the Congresswoman won't rubber stamp spending more money we don't have.
 - **Pelosi Con Game:** This bill did not receive Committee consideration, which means the bill was presented as a "take it or leave it" option to Members of Congress. For example, not a single provision prevented taxpayer funding of aborted fetal tissue.
 - **Congresswoman Boebert's Key Points:** Congress should better prioritize spending and see if the private sector can accomplish the goals of this program better, as it did before Congress intervened; the program was formally established in 1990. There is no Constitutional authority for the federal government to take on the responsibility of funding a donor bank.
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Aspen Adam's Political Attacks About Veterans

Many of you have likely seen the negative campaign commercials attacking Congresswoman Boebert and trying to claim she doesn't support our veterans. False. Fake News. The bills Aspen Adam has highlighted were all part of Nancy Pelosi's con game where she slaps a good name on a bill but in reality, the bills don't do what they claim to do or they were significantly flawed in some way. In fact, 11 of the bills he is attacking her on have received zero movement in the U.S. Senate. Further, a majority of the bills he is attacking her on were partisan bills that had significant Republican opposition in the House.

Congresswoman Boebert has shown strong support for our nation's veterans. She voted for four pro-veteran bills that became law. She authored and filed numerous appropriations amendments to bolster suicide prevention and mental health services for our veterans. She led two amendments to reduce the backlog and the appeal's backlog so our veterans can get the care they earned sooner. There are countless examples of the Congresswoman and her team helping veterans listed on her website including helping a veteran who had to wait 14 months for care cut through the bureaucracy, to helping another veteran get immediate open-heart surgery that saved his life. In short, don't believe the lies, get the facts on her website and rest assured that she will always support our nation's heroes and veterans.

Support for Pro-veteran bills that became law:

1. S. 189, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act. Provided a 3.8% COLA increase and would spend about \$4.9 billion more annually on veteran's benefits. The previous year provided a 1.3% COLA increase, so this was a significant increase.
2. H.R. 2911, the VA Transparency and Trust Act of 2021. This law requires the VA to issue biweekly reports detailing plans for obligating and expending funds made available under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), or the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).
3. S. 1095, the John M. McHugh Tuition Fairness for Survivors Act. This law requires public colleges and universities that receive GI Bill benefits to provide in-state tuition rates for students using the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance program.
4. H.R. 5293, the Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2021. This bill will extend a program that pays for veterans to travel from underserved rural areas to the closest Vet Center for care and permanently extends dental insurance for veterans and survivors and dependents of veterans.

Truth about the Veterans' bills Aspen Adam attacked:

1. H.R. 8294, Six-Bill Appropriations Package. Passed the House 220-207. No Senate action and hasn't become law. The bill includes \$6.09 billion of taxpayer funds for 2,680 corrupt earmarks including Nancy Pelosi's \$250 million earmark for San Francisco hotels and golf courses. This six-bill appropriations partisan package spends \$402.1 billion in discretionary funding and includes a 20% increase for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and \$1 billion increase for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The bill eliminates pro-life protections and facilitates taxpayer funding of abortion. The bill excludes long-standing riders prohibiting the closure of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay. Lots of other terrible social provisions and increased spending.

2. H.R. 7337, the Access for Veterans to Records Act (Rep. Maloney D-NY). No Senate action and hasn't become law. While well-intentioned, the bill contains a directive that permits telework arrangements for staff at the National Personnel Records Center and authorizes \$60 million in new spending without an offset to attempt to address backlogs at NPRC. Teleworking significantly contributed to the backlogs. This bill won't fix them and just throws more money at the problem.
3. H.R. 6052, the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General Training Act (Rep. Underwood D-IL). No Senate action and hasn't become law. The VA already has a training program that instructs its employees to report wrongdoing to the OIG. This was an unnecessary bill that would create a duplicative program.
4. H.R. 7666, the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act of 2022 (Rep. Pallone D-NJ). No Senate action and hasn't become law. The bill would significantly expand federal involvement in mental health service delivery through the reauthorization and expansion of many federal grant and award programs and establish several new federal programs. It did not include language that would prohibit the use of funds for promoting gender ideology. The bill used faking savings and budget gimmicks as a payfor that will never materialize including the \$1 billion for the Medicare Improvement Fund.
5. H.R. 6376, the Student Veteran Work Study Modernization Act (Rep. Axne D-IA). No Senate action and hasn't become law. The bill raised home loan fees on veterans. Broadening eligibility for work-study allowances as authorized by the bill will also increase our national debt by \$19 million. This was an unnecessary 5-year pilot program that wasn't well thought out.
6. S. 2687, Strengthening Oversight for Veterans Act of 2021 (Sen. Tester D-MT)). The bill would authorize the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs to issue subpoenas to witnesses to compel their attendance and testimony. That particular subpoena authority belongs to Congress.
7. S. 4089, the Veterans Rapid Retraining Assistance Program Restoration and Recovery Act (Sen Durbin (D-IL)). The flawed American Rescue Plan created the Veterans Rapid Retraining Assistance Program. The program cost \$386 million when it was set up and at the time of voting, had failed to deliver. This bill did not contain reforms to a program that has enrolled far fewer veterans than intended and did not account for unexpended funds.
8. H.R. 4673, Ensuring Veterans' Smooth Transition Act (Rep. Takano D-CA). Passed the House 265-163. No Senate action and hasn't become law. Would cost \$3.1 billion over the 2022-2026 period without offsets. Automatically enrolling every veteran who discharges in the flawed VA healthcare system will cost taxpayers billions, remove their healthcare choices, and work in a duplicative manner of the already existing Transition Assistance Program. It takes veterans' freedom to choose their healthcare away from them and will cause more confusion with billing information. It also puts the burden on the veteran rather than the Department to opt out of the VA healthcare system if they choose to do so.
9. H.R. 3967, Honoring our PACT Act of 2022 (Rep. Takano D-CA). No offsets for the \$325 billion over 10 years price tag. It was a National Taxpayers Union Key no vote. Even the VA estimated the House bill would cause the backlog of disability claims to increase to at least 1.5 million claims by the end of FY23. The bill also furthered the woke left's agenda by differentiating between gender and biological sex.

10. H.R. 3967, Honoring our PACT Act of 2022 (Rep. Takano D-CA) . Passed the House 256-174. Passed the Senate with an amendment 84-14. Sent back to the House. House hasn't taken back up with the amended version and hasn't been signed into law. No offsets for the \$325 billion over 10 years price tag. It was a National Taxpayers Union Key no vote. Even the VA estimated the House bill would cause the backlog of disability claims to increase to at least 1.5 million claims by the end of FY23. The bill also furthered the woke left's agenda by differentiating between gender and biological sex.

11. S. 796, Protecting Moms Who Served Act of 2021 (Sen. Duckworth D-IL). Required a report to be done with a focus on racial and ethnic disparities in maternal health outcomes. The VA shouldn't be providing counseling with respect to the mental health needs of pregnant veterans and there are significant pro-life concerns with the type of counseling they would receive. This is a misplaced priority within the VA and pregnancy counseling is not the type of thing the VA should be focused on. This should be done by private doctors and counselors. Additionally, the bill will cost \$16 million over the 2021-2026 period.

12. H.R. 6961, Dignity for MST Survivors Act (Rep. Mrvan D-IN). No Senate action and hasn't become law. This bill sought to ensure that a member of the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) takes annual training on military sexual trauma before they can adjudicate on cases relating to military sexual trauma. The bill did not provide any information on what the BVA's training would entail, which is within Congress' oversight prerogative to review. If the training encourages Board members to hear more cases than normal, the bill will further increase the existing backlog at the BVA.

13. H.R. 7375, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update the payment system of the Department of Veterans Affairs to allow for electronic fund transfer of educational assistance, administered by the Secretary, to a foreign institution of higher education (Rep. Sherill D-NJ). No Senate action and hasn't become law. The bill authorized the VA to make tuition and fee payments to foreign institutions through electronic fund transfers - this is because many of these institutions don't have an employer identification number (EIN) or a domestic bank account. While a very well-intentioned bill, it missed an opportunity to ensure that GI bill benefits would not go to foreign institutions in countries like China, or else ensure that these benefits - proudly supported by the American taxpayer - do not support educational programs that promote the Chinese Communist Party elsewhere around the world.

14. H.R. 1836, Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act of 2021 (Rep. Levin D-CA). Passed the House 287-135. No Senate action and hasn't become law. Would allow National Guard and Reserve members to count time spent in training toward their Post-9/11 GI Bill education. The bill would increase mandatory spending by \$1.9 billion over the FY 2022- 2031 period. The bill increased fees on veterans home loans to pay for the bill. This bill is a misguided approach by the Democrats to spend billions of taxpayer dollars to solve what is essentially a non-issue. There are already mechanisms DoD can use that will allow servicemembers to accrue these benefits on a case-by-case basis.

15. H.R. 447, the National Apprenticeship Act (Rep. Scott D-VA). Passed the House 247-173. No Senate action and hasn't become law. With this bill, Democrats set an overly prescriptive, bureaucracy laden, paper-work heavy, 80-year-old apprenticeship program into stone. Groups

opposed included the National Right to Work, Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC), and Heritage Action.

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