Seven Of Congress' Most Outspoken Profiteering Defenders Hold Up To $3 Million In Stock And Have Taken $95,000 From Companies Boosted By Price Hikes

SUMMARY: Congressional Republicans have sought to deflect blame away from corporate greed, even as widespread price hikes have been widely criticized for contributing to inflation. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) issued a press release dismissing corporate profiteering as a source of inflation as "left spin" and "gaslighting." And a wide cast of Republicans have defended corporations in at least two hearings, dismissing profiteering as "boogeyman," sarcastically invoking "'evil price gouging firms,'" and criticizing anti-price-gouging efforts as trying to "change the narrative" around rising prices.

Meanwhile, working families were unfairly burdened by more expensive everyday necessities like food, shelter, and utilities as thirty of the biggest corporations profits climbed by $151 billion in 2021 amid higher prices, according to recent Accountable.US report.

Now, a new Accountable.US review has found that seven of the most outspoken defenders of corporate profiteering hold up to $3 million in stock from companies that have raised costs on consumers in the past year, while also taking $95,000 in political contributions from these same companies throughout their careers. The most notable of these figures are:

• Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO): Chaired the Senate Republican Policy Committee as it issued a press release titled "A Year Of Democrats’ Inflation Fiction," which criticized efforts to blame inflation on "corporate greed' and consolidation."
  o Sen. Blunt’s wife Abigail Blunt is Kraft Heinz's Strategic Advisor on Government Affairs, was its Global Head of Government Affairs from 2015 to 2021, and holds up to $250,000 in company stock. Kraft Heinz has repeatedly raised prices, saw its net income soar 183.7%, and spent nearly $2 billion on dividends in its FY 2021.
  o Sen. Blunt’s wife is also on the boards of packaging manufacturer Ardagh Group and one of its US subsidiaries—the company admitted to increasing prices in its Q4 2021 earnings call.
  o Sen. Blunt’s wife owns up to $500,000 in Mondelez, which was poised to raise prices again after hiking them 6-7% in January 2022 and seeing its net earnings jump nearly 21% to $4.3 billion as it spent nearly $4 billion on stock buybacks and dividends in its FY 2021.
  o Sen. Blunt has also taken at least $22,500 in political contributions from the companies in which he and his wife have interests.

• Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA): Said Democrats "shifted their blame to greedy corporations" for inflation.
  o Sen. Toomey owns up to $50,000 in utility company PPL Corporation, which planned to raise electricity rates by 26% for residential customers and 36.4% for commercial ones in late 2021. In its FY 2021, the company spent nearly $1.3 billion on shareholder handouts and was poised to spend $5.3 billion on a major acquisition in early 2022.
    • Sen. Toomey has also taken at least $46,000 in political contributions from PPL Corporation.
  o Sen. Toomey owns up to $50,000 in Apartment Income REIT Corp., "one of the country's largest owners and operators of apartments" whose CEO has claimed a "relentless focus on
While Inflation Climbed By 7% In 2021 And Working Families Struggled Against Higher Costs On Everyday Necessities, Thirty Of The Biggest Corporations Benefited From Higher Prices While Seeing Profits Grow By $151 Billion.

The bottom line: The company raised rents, had an FY 2021 net income of $479 million, and spent nearly $6.6 million on dividends in the same year.

- **Rep. Ann Wagner (R-MO):** Complained that Democrats "want to blame big corporations for inflation" during a hearing on profiteering.
  - Rep. Wagner has disclosed that her spouse earns a salary from Enterprise Holdings. Her husband, Ray Wagner, appears to currently be Senior Vice President of Government Affairs for the company, which was estimated to see revenue grow by nearly $1.5 billion in 2021 as its revenue-per-car and used car prices grew well over pre-pandemic levels.

- **Rep. Patrick McHenry (R-NC):** Said "profit is not synonymous with greed" as he defended corporate America against charges of pandemic profiteering.
  - Rep. McHenry owns up to $50,000 in SCANA Corporation, a subsidiary of Dominion Energy, which has repeatedly applied to raise utility rates during the pandemic and saw net profit grow by nearly $3.7 billion in its FY 2021.
  - Additionally, SCANA's CEO was recently sentenced to prison for "defrauding ratepayers" and misleading the public about nuclear reactor projects.
  - Rep. McHenry has taken at least $7,000 from Dominion Energy, SCANA's parent company.

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Thirty Of The Biggest Corporations Raised Prices And/Or Benefited From Increased Prices While Seeing Their Profits Grow By $151 Billion In Their Most Recent Reporting Periods As Of March 2022—including Major names Like Walmart, McDonald’s, ExxonMobil, And Many Others.

March 10, 2022: Accountable.US Released An Analysis Showing That The Top Three Corporations In Major Categories Of The U.S. Labor Department’s Consumer Price Index Raised Prices And/Or Benefited From Increased Prices While Seeing Their Profits Grow By $151 Billion In Their Most Recent Reporting Periods. "Government watchdog Accountable.US released a major analysis of earnings data of the top three corporations in several major categories under the Labor U.S. Department’s Consumer Price Index (CPI)’s — including food, energy, commodities, health care and shelter — showing that big businesses are using higher prices not just to cover their own expenses, but to line their shareholders pockets on the backs of hardworking consumers. Accountable.US found these companies all raised prices on consumer staples and/or benefited from increased costs while making $151 billion in increased profits from their last reported earnings periods." [Accountable.US, 03/10/22]

Additionally, These Same Companies Increased Shareholder Handouts Like Stock Buybacks And Dividends By 25% Over The Same Time, Spending A Total Of $140.6 Billion. "Adding insult to injury, these same companies increased spending on shareholder handouts like stock buybacks and dividends by 25%, totaling over $140.6 billion — raising serious questions whether industry price hikes correspond with their own added costs during the pandemic given the staggering level of profit they are enjoying and their extreme generosity to shareholders." [Accountable.US, 03/10/22]

The Thirty Companies That Benefited From Price Increases Included Major Corporations Like Walmart, McDonald’s, ExxonMobil, Exelon, General Motors, AutoNation, Nike, Johnson & Johnson, And CVS:

- Grocery Chains Walmart, Kroger, And Costco Benefited From Price Increases While Seeing Their Fiscal Year Net Incomes Increase By A Total Of $238 Million. "Food At Home: As grocery prices increased 6.5%, the country’s largest grocery chains—Walmart, Kroger, and Costco—benefited from price increases while seeing their fiscal year net incomes increase by a total of $238 million while increasing stock buybacks and dividends by over $12 billion." [Accountable.US, 03/10/22]

- Food Chains McDonald’s, Starbucks, And YUM! Brands Saw Profits Increase By $6.6 Billion In FY 2021 While Benefiting From Higher Prices. "Food Away From Home: As prices increased 6%, two of the biggest U.S. food chains—McDonald’s and YUM! Brands—saw profits increase by over $3.4 billion in FY 2021 while boosting shareholder handouts by over $1.48 billion. Meanwhile, Starbucks, the second-biggest restaurant chain, saw its FY 2021 profits increase by nearly $3.2 billion." [Accountable.US, 03/10/22]

- Oil Companies ExxonMobil, Chevron, And Marathon Petroleum Benefited From Higher Prices While Seeing Previously Negative Earnings Jump By Almost $87.5 Billion. "Gasoline: As gasoline prices increased 49.6% in 2021, the three biggest U.S. oil companies—ExxonMobil, Chevron, and Marathon Petroleum—benefited from higher prices, seeing previously negative profits jump nearly $87.5 billion while boosting shareholder handouts by over $4.5 billion in FY 2021." [Accountable.US, 03/10/22]

- Gas And Electric Companies Exelon, Duke, And Southern Company Benefited From Higher Rates, With Profits Climbing By $1.64 Billion In FY 2021. "Utility Gas & Electricity: As gas and electric utility prices climbed 24.1% and 6.3% respectively, the three biggest U.S. gas and electric companies—Exelon, Duke, and Southern Company—all benefited from higher rates, with profits climbing by $1.64 billion while spending $7.3 billion on shareholder handouts in FY 2021." [Accountable.US, 03/10/22]
• Automakers General Motors And Ford Saw Profits Climb At Least $22.7 Billion In FY 2021 While Toyota's Latest Quarterly Profit Jumped Nearly $7 Billion. "New Vehicles: As new vehicle prices increased nearly 12%, the two top–selling U.S. automakers—General Motors and Ford—saw profits climb at least $22.7 billion and spent nearly $586 million on shareholder handouts in 2021. Meanwhile, Toyota, the top-selling U.S. automaker recently reported quarterly earnings nearly $7 billion higher than the previous year."

• Used Car Companies CarMax, Carvana, And AutoNation Saw Profits Jump By Over $1.4 Billion. "Used Vehicles: While used vehicle prices climbed 37.3%, the biggest used car dealers—CarMax, Carvana, and AutoNation—saw profits climb by over $1.4 billion while shareholder handouts increased by over $2.2 billion in 2021." [Accountable.US, 03/10/22]

• Apparel Companies TJX, Nike, And Gap Had Over $4.5 Billion In Additional Profit. "Apparel: While apparel prices climbed 5.8%, the biggest clothing companies—TJX, Nike, and Gap—saw profits climb by over $4.5 billion while boosting shareholder handouts by over $5 billion in 2021." [Accountable.US, 03/10/22]

• Drugmakers Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer, And AbbVie Saw Profits Grow Over 90% To $54 Billion. "Medical Commodities: While medical care prices increased 2.2%, the biggest drugmakers—Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer, and AbbVie—saw profits jump by over 90% to $54 billion while boosting shareholder handouts by nearly $2.6 billion in 2021." [Accountable.US, 03/10/22]

• Healthcare Companies CVS, UnitedHealth, And Cigna Saw Profits Of Almost $31 Billion. "Medical Services: While medical care prices climbed 2.2%, the biggest healthcare companies—CVS, UnitedHealth, and Cigna—benefitted from increased consumer costs as they saw profits of nearly $31 billion while boosting shareholder handouts by over $2 billion in 2021." [Accountable.US, 03/10/22]

• Apartment Companies Mid-America Apartment Communities, Starwood Property Trust, And Avalonbay Saw Profits Climb $588 Million. "Shelter: While shelter prices increased 4.1%, the biggest apartment companies—Mid-America Apartment Communities, Starwood Property Trust, and AvalonBay—touted rent hikes as they saw profits climb $588 million while increasing shareholder dividends by $24.4 million in 2021." [Accountable.US, 03/10/22]

Overall, Companies In The S&P 500 Saw Near-Record Operating Margins In 2021 Because They Were Able To Raise Prices.

Despite Increased Costs, Companies Within The S&P 500 Saw Their Operating Margins "Remai[n] Close To A Record 13% Through Most Of 2021" Thanks To Price Increases. "Profit margins: This is the critical component of corporate profitability, since it measures how much profit a company is able to retain after paying costs. S&P 500 operating margins have remained close to a record 13% through most of 2021 because corporations, while faced with higher costs, were able to raise prices." [CNBC, 01/13/22]

Companies Within The S&P 500 Had A "Remarkable 2021" With Overall Earnings Up "Approximately 49%." "Fourth quarter earnings for the S&P 500 are expected to be up 22.4%, according to Refinitiv, capping off a remarkable 2021 where overall earnings will be up approximately 49%." [CNBC, 01/13/22]

• The S&P 500 Is A "Market-Capitalization-Weighted Index Of 500 Leading Publicly Traded Companies In The U.S, And Generally "Considered One Of The Best Gauges Of Large U.S. Stocks." "The S&P 500 Index, or Standard & Poor's 500 Index, is a market-capitalization-weighted index of 500 leading publicly traded companies in the U.S. It is not an exact list of the top 500 U.S. companies by market cap because there are other criteria that the index includes. [...] Because of its depth and diversity, the S&P 500 is widely considered one of the best gauges of large U.S. stocks, and even the entire equities market." [Investopedia, 02/15/22]
The 2021 Consumer Price Index Showed That Overall, Prices Increased By 7% From December 2020 To December 2021.

From December 2020 To December 2021, The Price For All Items Within The Consumer Price Index Increased 7 Percent. "From December 2020 to December 2021, consumer prices for all items rose 7.0 percent, the largest December to December percent change since 1981. Over the year, food prices increased 6.3 percent, a larger percentage increase than the 12-month increase of 3.9 percent in 2020. Food at home prices increased 6.5 percent in 2021, the largest over-the-year increase since 2008." [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, accessed 02/16/22]

  "The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services. Indexes are available for the U.S. and various geographic areas. Average price data for select utility, automotive fuel, and food items are also available." [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, accessed 03/02/22]

The Consumer Price Index Tracks Price Changes Across Several Common Categories Of Goods And Services, Including Food, Energy, Commodities, Medical Care, And Others. [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 01/14/22]

Increased Prices Are "Particularly Devastating" To Lower-Income Families, Who Have To Spend A Greater Share Of Their Income On Necessities Like Shelter, Food, And Utilities.

Increased Prices Are "Particularly Devastating To Lower-Income Households With Already Tight Budgets," With Most Of Their Expenses Going To Necessities Such As Food, Energy, And Housing. "While inflation is rising everywhere, price hikes are particularly devastating to lower-income households with already tight budgets. Nearly all their expenses go to necessities — food, energy, housing — which have seen some of the largest increases at different points over the past year." [The Washington Post, 02/13/22]

A Washington Post Study Found That Lower-Income Earners Spent A Greater Share Of Their Total Spending On Categories Of Goods And Services That Saw The Highest Levels Of Inflation During The Pandemic. "Of the 10 categories with the highest levels of pandemic inflation analyzed by The Washington Post, lower earners spent a greater share of their total spending on most of them, from natural gas to beef. (The highest earners outspent the lowest on cars and furniture.)" [The Washington Post, 02/13/22]
The Biden Administration Has Made Fighting Inflation A "Top Priority," Including Efforts To Stem Profiteering Among Heavily Concentrated Meatpacking And Supply Chain Industries Like Railways And Ocean Shippers.

May 1, 2022: President Biden Said Fighting Inflation Was A "Top Priority" During His First State Of The Union Address. "President Biden used his State of the Union address to refocus the nation on how far the economy has come since the pandemic recession. But he also highlighted his plans to help slow rapid price gains, underscoring the challenge Democrats face ahead of the midterm elections: Inflation is painfully high, voters are unhappy about it, and the most tried and true way to cool price increases involves hurting growth and the labor market." [The New York Times, 03/01/22]

- Headline: Biden Says Fighting Inflation Is ‘Top Priority’ as Prices Bite Consumers [The New York Times, 03/01/22]

As Part Of The Effort, Biden Said He Would Begin A "Crackdown" On Ocean Shippers' Soaring Costs As Well As Cutting The Costs Of Prescription Drugs. "Mr. Biden said his administration would begin a 'crackdown' on ocean shipping costs, which have soared during the pandemic. He suggested that the administration wanted to cut the cost of prescription drugs, an ongoing push of his." [The New York Times, 03/01/22]

January 2022: President Biden Met With Family Farmers And Ranchers As Part Of His Effort To "Pressure The Four Biggest Meatpacking Companies Into Easing Prices For Consumers," As He Pointed To Anti-Competitive Consolidation Behind The "Soaring Prices." "President Joe Biden met virtually with family farmers and ranchers on Monday to highlight his administration’s ongoing effort to support independent meat processors, and to pressure the four biggest meatpacking companies into easing prices for consumers. With meat and poultry prices leading the broader nationwide increase in the cost of groceries, the White House has spent months arguing that anti-competitive consolidation within the meatpacking industry is to blame for the soaring prices." [CNBC, 01/03/22]

- "Four Companies – Tyson, JBS, Marfrig And Seaboard – Control As Much As 85% Of The Nationwide Meatpacking Business, According To A White House Estimate." [CNBC, 01/03/22]

July 2021: President Biden Issued An Executive Order With "72 Initiatives Designed To Increase Competition And Limit The Power Of Large Corporations Across A Wide Range Of Industries," Including Provisions To Address Shipping And Railroad Industry Fees. "In seeking to protect workers and consumers from what his administration views as the harmful consequences of corporate consolidation, President Biden is enlisting support from regulators across the executive branch in what the White House has described as an overarching, 'whole-of-government' effort. As part of the executive order Mr. Biden signed on Friday, the White House is asking more than a dozen federal agencies for input and action on 72 initiatives designed to increase competition and limit the power of large corporations across a wide range of industries." [The New York Times, 07/09/21]

- The Order Encouraged The Federal Maritime Commission To Pursue "Vigorous Enforcement Against Shippers Charging American Exporters Exorbitant Charges." "In the Order, the President: […] Encourages the Federal Maritime Commission to ensure vigorous enforcement against shippers charging American exporters exorbitant charges." [The White House, 07/09/21]

- The Order Sought To "Confront Consolidation And Perceived Anticompetitive Pricing" In The Rail Industry To Address "Aggressive Pricing." "The Biden administration will push regulators to confront consolidation and perceived anticompetitive pricing in the ocean shipping and railroad industries as part of a broad effort to blunt the power of big business to dominate industries, according to a person familiar with the situation. The administration, in a sweeping executive order
expected this week, will ask the Federal Maritime Commission and the Surface Transportation Board to combat what it calls a pattern of consolidation and aggressive pricing that has made it onerously expensive for American companies to transport goods to market." [The Wall Street Journal, 07/08/21]

Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)—Whose Senate Republican Policy Committee Dismissed Profiteering As "'Democrats' Inflation Fiction'"—Is Married To Price-Hiker Kraft Heinz's Strategic Advisor On Government Affairs And Has Other Interests In Ardagh Group, Mondelez, And Philip Morris, Two Of Which Saw Profits Soar As They Raised Prices.

Under Senate Republican Policy Committee (RPC) Chairman Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO), The RPC Issued A Press Release Titled "A Year Of Democrats' Inflation Fiction," Which Criticized Democrats For Blaming Inflation On "'Corporate Greed' And Consolidation."

Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO) Was In Senate Republican Leadership, Serving As Senate Republican Policy Committee Chairman, As Of March 22, 2022. [U.S. Senate, accessed 03/22/22]

- Sen. Blunt’s Name Appears On The RPC’s Website Banner:

[Republican Policy Committee, 03/10/22]


The RPC Statement Said That Democrats "Blamed Rising Prices On 'Corporate Greed' And Consolidation." "Now: Democrats Deflect Blame [...] As prices kept climbing, Democrats pointed fingers in all directions except at their reckless spending agenda. They blamed rising prices on 'corporate greed' and consolidation." [Republican Policy Committee, 03/10/22]


Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO) Reported That His Spouse Earned A Salary Of Over $1,000 From The Kraft Heinz Company In His 2020 Annual Financial Disclosure. [Roy Blunt Annual Report for CY 2020, U.S. Senate Financial Disclosures, 05/17/21]

Sen. Blunt Disclosed That His Spouse Held $100,001 To $250,000 In Kraft Heinz Company Stock, Earning $5,001 To $15,000 In Dividends In 2020. [Roy Blunt Annual Report for CY 2020, U.S. Senate Financial Disclosures, 05/17/21]
Sen. Blunt's Wife is Abigail Perlman Blunt, Who Has Been Kraft Heinz's Strategic Advisor On Government Affairs Since October 2021 And Was Its Global Head Of Government Affairs From July 2015 To October 2021. "And the senator’s second wife, Abigail Perlman Blunt, is global head of government affairs for the Kraft Heinz Co." [Roll Call, 04/17/18]

- Abigail Blunt Has Been Kraft Heinz's Strategic Advisor On Government Affairs, Advisor To The Board, And A Member Of The Kraft Heinz Foundation Since October 2021. [LinkedIn Profile for Abigail Blunt, accessed 03/25/22]

- Abigail Blunt Was Kraft Heinz's Global Head Of Government Affairs And Advisor To The Board From July 2015 To October 2021. [LinkedIn Profile for Abigail Blunt, accessed 03/25/22]

Kraft Heinz Claims To Be "One Of The Largest Food And Beverage Companies In The World" And Owns Oscar Mayer, Velveeta, Jell-O, Maxwell House, And Other Major Brands. [Kraft Heinz Co., accessed 03/25/22]

- Kraft Heinz's Brands Include Oscar Mayer, Velveeta, Jell-O, Maxwell House, And Others:

[Kraft Heinz Co., accessed 03/25/22]

February 2022: Kraft Heinz Announced It Would Raise Prices Further After It Raised Prices By 3.8 Percentage Points In Its Q4 2021—Which Helped Boost Its Margins Over Pre-Pandemic Levels. "Kraft Heinz Co (KHC.O) said on Wednesday it would raise the prices of its snacks and condiments further to counter soaring costs of raw materials and transportation, after posting quarterly earnings above market expectations. [...] Kraft, whose brands include Philadelphia Cream Cheese and Heinz ketchup, said it raised prices by 3.8 percentage points in the fourth quarter when demand for its products was also robust. Margins in 2021, as a result, were higher than in pre-pandemic 2019." [Reuters, 02/16/22]

FY 2021: Kraft Heinz Had A Net Income Of $1.024 Billion—$663 Million Or 183.7% More Than Its FY 2020 Net Income Of $361 Million:
FY 2021: Kraft Heinz Spent $1.959 Billion On Shareholder Dividends:

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[For the Year Ended, Kraft Heinz Co., 02/16/22]

September 2021: Kraft Heinz’s Top Executives Were Slated To Discuss How "The Company Is Successfully Navigating The Current Environment To Generate Sustainable Shareholder Value" Amid The Pandemic And Inflation. "The Kraft Heinz Company (Nasdaq: KHC) ('Kraft Heinz' or the 'Company') will today discuss progress the Company is making against its transformation plan at the 2021 Barclays Global Consumer Staples Conference. Chief Executive Officer Miguel Patricio, U.S. Zone President Carlos Abrams-Rivera, and Global Chief Financial Officer Paulo Basilio will detail how the Company is successfully navigating the current environment to generate sustainable shareholder value. 'In the last 18 months, we have taken bold actions to reshape our entire company and reignite growth – and we’re far from done,' said Patricio. 'Our strategy to bring agility to our significant scale is working, with our operating model proving strong as we navigate both the pandemic and inflation.'" [Kraft Heinz Co., 09/08/21]


Ardagh Group Is A Supplier Of "Metal And Glass Packaging For Brand Owners Around The World," With 58 Production Facilities In 12 Countries. "Ardagh Group is a global supplier of sustainable, infinitely recyclable, metal and glass packaging for brand owners around the world. The consistent pursuit of market-leading innovation, quality and customer service, backed by investment in our people and processes, underpins everything we do. [...] Ardagh operates 58 metal and glass production facilities in 12 countries, employing 17,000+ people with sales of approximately $7.6bn." [Ardagh Group SA, accessed 03/25/22]

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**Abigail Blunt Has Been A Board Member Of The Ardagh Group Since January 2020.** [LinkedIn Profile for Abigail Blunt, accessed 03/25/22]

**Abigail Blunt Has Also Been A Board Member Of Ardagh Metal Beverage USA Inc. Since August 2021.** [LinkedIn Profile for Abigail Blunt, accessed 03/25/22]

**Ardagh Metal Beverage USA Inc. Is A Subsidiary Of Ardagh Group SA.** [Ardagh Group SEC Exhibit 99.2, 05/18/21]

February 2022: In Its Q4 2021 Earnings Call, Ardagh Group CEO Paul Coulson Said The Company Had Made "Adjustments In Pricing With Our Customers" To Mitigate Cost Increases. "Paul Coulson – CEO [...] Well, you're correct, Richard. We do -- we are managing our costs, and we are obviously, particularly with energy, there is inflationary pressures in Europe, and we have been recovering these from adjustments in pricing with our customers." [Seeking Alpha, 02/26/22]

**Ardagh Group Expects Its Board Members To Have "A Dedication To Enhancing Shareholder Value" And The Company Has Touted Shareholder Return In Its Q4 And FY 2021 Earnings Call.** "We expect our Board members collectively to have the experience, qualifications, attributes and skills to effectively oversee the management of the Company, including a high degree of personal and professional integrity, an ability to exercise sound business judgment on a broad range of issues, sufficient experience and background to have an appreciation of the issues facing the Company, a willingness to devote the necessary time to Board duties, a commitment to representing the best interests of the Company and a dedication to enhancing shareholder value." [Ardagh Group SA, 04/41/21]

**In Its Q4 And FY 2021 Earnings Call, Ardagh Touted That Its Subsidiary Ardagh Metal Packaging Would "Return $400 Million In Cash To Shareholders In Calendar Year 2022."** "Turning to segmental performance. Just a quick recap on Ardagh Metal Packaging, AMP. [...] AMP will in future operate with net leverage in the range of 3.75 to 4x 12-months forward adjusted EBITDA, and it will also return $400 million in cash to shareholders in calendar year 2022. And we expect progressive growth in annual cash return to shareholders as AMP's business and earnings grow." [Seeking Alpha, 02/26/22]

**Sen. Blunt’s Spouse Owns Up To $500,000 In Mondelez, Which Was Poised To Raise Prices Again After Hiking Them 6-7% In January 2022 And After Its Net Earnings Jumped 20% To $4.3 Billion In FY 2021 As It Spent Nearly $4 Billion on Stock Buybacks And Dividends.**


**Mondelez’s Brands Include Oreo, Ritz, Wheat Thins, And Triscuits.** [Mondelēz International, Inc., accessed 02/02/22]

Late January 2022: Mondelez Said It Would Likely Raise Prices Again After Raising Them 6-7% Earlier In The Month. "Mondelez International Inc. said higher prices for its snacks weren’t enough to make up for the rising ingredient and transportation costs it faced in the latest quarter. The global food giant said it would likely raise prices further around the world this year, while also negotiating with its suppliers and hedging to reduce costs. Mondelez’s profitability continues to get squeezed as issues like commodity inflation, trucking shortages and labor challenges persist, especially in the U.S., executives said." [The Wall Street Journal, 01/27/22]

**Mondelez’s 6-7% Price Increases Had Already Taken Effect Earlier In January 2022.** "Mondelez’s latest round of price increases in the U.S., totaling 6% to 7%, took effect this month.
But those moves were based on cost projections made in October, Mr. Van de Put said, and the company’s expenses have grown further since then." [The Wall Street Journal, 01/27/22]

- Mondelez Announced Its First Round Of Price Increases In November 2021, When CEO Dirk Van De Put Said The Company Was "Looking At Starting Off 2022 With A 7% Price Increase In The U.S." "Oreo cookies, Ritz crackers and Sour Patch Kids will be more expensive in 2022, Mondelez CEO Dirk Van de Put told CNBC Tuesday. 'We, at the moment, are looking at starting off 2022 with a 7% price increase in the U.S.,' he said on CNBC's 'Closing Bell.'" [CNBC, 11/02/21]

January 2022: Mondelez CEO Dirk Van De Put Said Price Increases Were Not Affecting Its Sales Volumes. "Mondelez International Chairman & CEO Dirk Van De Put says price increases are not affecting volumes as consumers have savings, better wages and are focusing their spending on consuming products at home." [Yahoo!, 01/28/22]

January 2022: Mondelez CEO Dirk Van De Put Touted ""Strong Top And Bottom-Line Results Despite A Challenging Macro Environment"" In Its FY 2021, With ""Strong Profitability."" ""2021 marked another year of strong top and bottom-line results despite a challenging macro environment,' said Dirk Van de Put, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. 'We continued to execute well against our strategic growth initiatives with volume-led topline growth, strong profitability, increased investments in brands and capabilities, and strong free cash flow generation.'" [Mondelēz International, Inc., 01/27/22]

FY 2021: Mondelez International Had $4.3 Billion In Net Earnings—$745 Million Or 20% Higher Than Its FY 2020 Net Earnings Of $3.5 Billion:

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[Mondelez International, Inc., 01/27/22]

Mondelez Spent $2.1 Billion On Stock Buybacks And $1.83 Billion On Shareholder Dividends In Its FY 2021, Including $800 Million To Shareholders In Its Q4 2021. "Fourth Quarter Commentary [...] Capital Return: The company returned $0.8 billion to shareholders in cash dividends and share repurchases." [Mondelez International, Inc., 01/27/22]

In Its Q4 And FY 2021 Earnings Call, Mondelez CEO Dirk Van De Put Touted ""Returning Nearly $4 Billion In Capital To Shareholders."" "Dirk Van de Put - Chairman & CEO [...] We continued to deliver on our long-term growth algorithm, returning nearly $4 billion in capital to shareholders while investing in our growth initiatives, positioning us well to deliver strong performance in 2022 and beyond." [Seeking Alpha, 01/27/22]
Sen. Blunt Has Taken At Least $22,500 From The Companies In Which He And His Wife Have Interests According To His Most Recently Available Annual Report.

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Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA)—Who Said Democrats "Shifted Their Blame To Greedy Corporations" For Inflation—Owns Up To $50,000 In Rate-Raising PPL Corporation And Up To $50,000 In Rent-Hiking Apartment Income REIT Corp., Which Has Touted Its "Relentless Focus On The Bottom Line."

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Senate Banking Committee Ranking Member Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA) Said Democrats "Shifted Their Blame To Greedy Corporations" For Inflation As He Blamed "Profligate Fiscal Policy" For Contributing To Rising Prices.

March 3, 2022: Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA) Said Democrats "Shifted Their Blame To Greedy Corporations" For Inflation As He Blamed "Profligate Fiscal Policy" For Contributing To Rising Prices. "Of course, profligate fiscal policy of the last year has also contributed to inflation. Democrat supporters of blow out deficit spending bills like the American Rescue Plan and Build Back Better have looked to blame others for the consequences of their own misguided policy. First, they blame global supply chains. Now they've shifted their blame to greedy corporations." [CNBC Television via YouTube, 03/03/22 (13:30)]

- March 3: 2022: Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell Gave His Semiannual Economic Assessment To The Senate Committee On Banking, Housing And Urban Affairs. "Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell is back on Capitol Hill on Thursday to deliver his semiannual economic assessment to the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs." [CNBC Television via YouTube, 03/03/22]

Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA) Was The Ranking Member Of The U.S. Senate Committee On Banking, Housing And Urban Affairs As Of March 22, 2022. [U.S. Senate Committee On Banking, Housing And Urban Affairs, accessed 03/22/22]

Sen. Toomey Owns Up To $50,000 In Utility Company PPL Corporation, Which Planned To Raise Electricity Rates By 26% For Residential Customers And 36.4% For Commercial Ones In Late 2021—The Company Spent Nearly $1.3 Billion On Shareholder Handouts In Its FY 2021 And Was Poised To Spend $5.3 Billion On A Major Acquisition In Early 2022.
Sen. Toomey Disclosed Owning $15,001 To $50,000 In PPL Corporation In His 2020 Annual Financial Disclosure Report. [Pat Toomey Annual Report for CY 2020 (Amendment 1), U.S. Senate Financial Disclosures, 11/12/21]

- **PPL Corporation Is "One Of The Largest Utility Companies In The United States," With Over 2.5 Customers Across Pennsylvania And Kentucky.** "As a FORTUNE 500 company and one of the largest utility companies in the United States, our companies in Kentucky and Pennsylvania are committed to providing essential energy in extraordinary ways, and we deliver. [...] More than 2.5 million utility customers." [PPL Corporation, accessed 03/25/22]

November 2021: PPL Announced It Would Raise Its Residential Electricity Rate By 26% And Its Commercial Electricity Rate By 36.4% In December 2021. "PPL is raising its residential rate by 26.0% effective Dec. 1, the company has quietly disclosed. The new price of 9.502 cents per kilowatt hour, up from 7.544 cents per kWh, nearly ties its high point over the past 10 years, according to LNP | LancasterOnline files. Its commercial rate for businesses will leap much more -- by 36.4% -- to 10.285 cents per kWh from 7.541 cents per kWh." [Lancaster Online, 11/04/21]

Although PPL Reported A $1.48 Billion Net Loss In Its FY 2021, It Reported Adjusted Net Earnings Of $806 Million "PPL Corporation (NYSE: PPL) on Friday (2/18) reported a 2021 net loss of $1.48 billion, or $1.93 per share, compared with reported earnings of $1.47 billion, or $1.91 per share in 2020. Adjusting for special items, 2021 earnings from ongoing operations (non-GAAP) were $806 million, or $1.05 per share, compared with $774 million, or $1.00 per share, a year ago." [PPL Corporation, 02/18/22]

FY 2021: PPL Spent $1.003 Billion On Stock Buybacks After Not Spending Anything In Its FY 2020:

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PPL CEO Vince Sorgi Has Touted Returning "Over $2 Billion To Shareowners" And Said The Company Was "Extremely Excited About The Future" For Shareholders, The Company, And Its Customers. "Vince Sorgi - President and Chief Executive Officer [...] We also returned over $2 billion to shareowners through dividends as well as share repurchases, which included the completion of our targeted $1 billion in share buybacks through December 31." [Seeking Alpha, 02/18/22]

- **February 2022: PPL CEO Vince Sorgi Said, "We Are Extremely Excited About The Future For Our Company, Our Customers And Our Shareowners."** "2021 was a significant year for PPL as we strategically repositioned the company for future growth and success. With the sale of our U.K. business and the planned acquisition of Narragansett Electric, we are extremely excited about the future for our company, our customers and our shareowners. And as we executed on our strategic transactions, we worked tirelessly to positively impact our customers' lives, deliver best-in-class energy service, and strengthen our communities," said PPL President and Chief Executive Officer Vincent Sorgi." [PPL Corporation, 02/18/22]

February 2022: PPL Was Confident That Its Plan To Acquire Rhode Island-Based Narragansett Electric Co. For $5.3 Billion Would Be Approved. "In a fourth-quarter earnings call with investors, the CEO of the
Pennsylvania company that aims to buy Rhode Island's largest gas and electricity utility said he's confident the acquisition will go through. 'We think we've met the standard for approval in the state,' said Vince Sorgi, CEO of PPL Corporation (NYSE:PPL), while declining to speculate on how the company would react if the $5.3 billion acquisition is not approved by Rhode Island regulators. [...] PPL hopes to buy the Narragansett Electric Co. from National Grid (NYSE: NGG), and needs approval from the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers." [Providence Business First, 02/18/22]


Sen. Toomey Disclosed Owning $15,001 To $50,000 In Apartment Income REIT Corp. [Pat Toomey Annual Report for CY 2020 (Amendment 1), U.S. Senate Financial Disclosures, 11/12/21]

- Apartment Income REIT Corp., Known As AIR Communities, Is "One Of The Country’s Largest Owners And Operators Of Apartments, With 84 Communities In 12 States And The District Of Columbia." "Apartment Income REIT Corp., known as AIR Communities, is a real estate investment trust headquartered in Denver, CO. As one of the largest owners and operators of multifamily housing in the country, AIR Communities has ownership with public market liquidity of a diversified portfolio of apartment communities, with low financial leverage, limited execution risk, best-in-class operations, and sector low management costs." [Apartment Income REIT Corp., accessed 03/25/22]

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February 2022: In Its Q4 2021 Earnings Call, AIR CEO Terry Considine Said "We Have This Relentless Focus On The Bottom Line" As He Acknowledged Raising Rental Rates. "Terry Considine - Chief Executive Officer [...] 38:42 John, thanks for the question. It really comes down to our -- we have this relentless focus on the bottom line. And so, I think a lot of times there is a question about whether rent -- rental rates come in and how occupancy plays in, but we focus on retaining customers and which reduce costs, reduce turn times, reduce vacancy loss." [Seeking Alpha, 02/10/22]

- Considine Acknowledged That The Company Had Raised Rental Rates In Its FY 2021 And "Raised Them Even Further" In January 2022. "Terry Considine [...] 39:55 John, thanks for the question. I'd say actually the opposite and actually on page 5 of the earnings release I really want -- there is an emphasis on transacted leases versus signed leases. And what you'll note in our signed leases, which were forward indicator of how we are growing rates, you will see not only do the new leases in the fourth quarter go from 11% to 11.7% in January, the renewals go from 13.5% to 14.9% and the blend goes from 12.8% to 13.3%. So not only did we increase occupancy, but you'll note here as you look forward, we were actually raising rents in all 3 categories. And in fact, we've raised them even further in January." [Seeking Alpha, 02/10/22]

July 2021: AIR President Of Property Operations Keith Kimmel Said The Company Raised Effective Asking Rents By An Average Of $130 In Its Q2 2021 And By Another $60 In July 2021. "Keith Kimmel - President, Property Operations [...] We increased effective asking rents by $130 on average during the second quarter. And in July, we increased rates another $60. As a result, signed new lease rates increased for the
tenth consecutive month, with July up 9.5%. That means we've not only returned to our pre-COVID rates, but we have recovered back to the long-term growth trend line." [Seeking Alpha, 07/31/21]

FY 2021: AIR Had A Net Income Of $479,224,000—$582,568,000 More Than Its FY 2020 Net Loss Of $103,344,000:

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[Apartment Income REIT Corp., 02/09/22]

FY 2021: AIR Spent $6,594,000 On Dividends:

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In Its Q4 And FY 2021 Earnings Call, AIR CEO Terry Considine Noted That The Company's 2022 Priorities Include Being "Good Stewards Of Shareholder Capital," And Meeting "Their Expectation Of Competitive Risk-Adjusted Returns." "Terry Considine - Chief Executive Officer [...] As a result, we are well positioned to execute our strategic objectives, including the specific priorities for 2022 set by our Board of Directors at its meetings last week. [...] And finally and importantly be good stewards of shareholder capital. We'll address all our goals with low overhead cost and a high degree of alignment with shareholders and their expectation of competitive risk-adjusted returns." [Seeking Alpha, 02/10/22]

Sen. Toomey Has Taken At Least $46,000 From PPL Corporation, In Which He Has An Interest According To His Most Recently Available Annual Report.

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Sen. Toomey's Sponsored Leadership PACs Are "Propelling America Into Tomorrow" And "Citizens For Prosperity In America Today PAC." [Federal Election Commission, accessed 03/21/22]


March 2022: House Financial Services Committee Ranking Member Patrick McHenry (R-NC) Defended Corporate America Against Accusations Of Pandemic Profiteering, Claiming "'Profit Is Not Synonymous With Greed'" During A Hearing On Corporate Price-Hiking And Inflation.
March 8, 2022: Rep. Patrick McHenry, Ranking Member Of The House Financial Services Committee, "Defended Corporations Against Charges Of Profiteering," Arguing That "'Profit Is Not Synonymous With Greed.'" On Capitol Hill, the House Financial Services Committee, chaired by Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.), devoted an entire hearing Tuesday to corporate profiteering. 'Right now, we are seeing big corporations take advantage of economic conditions and a lack of real competition to pass higher prices on to consumers simply because they can,' Waters said. Rep. Patrick McHenry (R-N.C.), the top Republican on the committee, said Democrats were just trying to distract from the impact of the rescue plan, and defended corporations against charges of profiteering. 'Profit is not synonymous with greed,' McHenry said." [Huffington Post, 03/10/22]


- Rep. Patrick McHenry (R-NC) Is The Ranking Member Of The House Financial Services Committee. [U.S. House Committee on Financial Services, accessed 03/11/22]


- SCANA Corporation Is A Subsidiary Of Dominion Energy Inc. [Dominion Energy Inc. SEC Exhibit 21, 02/15/22]

- SCANA Corporation, A Wholly-Owned Subsidiary Of Dominion Energy, Inc., Owns All Shares Of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. "At February 11, 2022, Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. had 40,296,147 shares of common stock outstanding, all of which were held by SCANA Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dominion Energy, Inc." [Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. SEC Form 10-K, 02/24/22]

March 2022: Dominion Energy, Which Has 780,000 Customers In South Carolina, Applied For A 5.19% Rate Increase With The State’s Public Service Commission. "South Carolinians who get their electricity through Dominion Energy could see their bills increase starting in May by an average of $6 per month. Dominion Energy, which serves more than 780,000 customers in South Carolina including much of the Midlands, has made a request to the state’s Public Service Commission to let the utility raise its electricity rate. If the increase is granted, residential Dominion customers will pay an average of $6.53 more per month for using 1,000 kilowatt-hours — an increase of about 5.19%, Dominion’s spokesperson Rhonda O’Banion said." [The State, 03/24/22]

Previously, SCANA Corp.’s Parent Dominion Energy Applied To Raise Energy Rates In South Carolina By 7.75% In August 2020 But Later Agreed To Only Raise Rates By 1.46% Following A March 2021 Settlement With The State’s Public Service Commission. "A settlement reached Friday in Dominion Energy’s electric rate case before the S.C. Public Service Commission would mean a typical residential rate increase of $1.81 per month and no rate increases for two years. The net 1.46% rate increase will begin Sept. 1 if the settlement is approved by the PSC. In August 2020, Dominion filed a rate case requesting a 7.75% rate increase, which would have raised the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours by an average of $9.68." [Columbia Regional Business Report, 03/25/21]
• **December 2018: SCANA Corp. Was Acquired By Dominion Energy.** "Dominion Energy acquired SCANA Corp. and former subsidiary S.C. Electric & Gas in a $14.6 billion deal approved in December 2018 by the PSC." [Columbia Regional Business Report, 03/25/21]

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**October 2021: SCANA's Former CEO Was Sentenced To Two Years In Prison For "Defrauding Ratepayers" And "Intentionally" Misleading The Public About Failed Nuclear Projects In Order To Increase Rates On South Carolinians.** "A two-year prison sentence for the former CEO of a South Carolina energy company who pleaded guilty to defrauding ratepayers received final approval on Monday from a state circuit judge. Federal prosecutors say former SCANA Corporation CEO Kevin B. Marsh intentionally misled the public about the status of a failed nuclear reactor project so that the company could increase rates and qualify for up to $2.2 billion in tax credits." [Courthouse News Service, 10/11/21]

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• **In 2008, SCANA Planned To Build Two Nuclear Reactors In South Carolina Which Were Scheduled To Go Online In 2020—but Even After The Projects Were Halted Due To Construction Delays And Cost Overruns, SCANA Applied For Several Rate Cases "By Making False And Misleading Statements" Related To The Projects.** "In 2008, SCANA's plan was to build two additional nuclear reactors at the Fairfield County site. Construction began in 2013 on Units 2 and 3 -- the first reactors to start construction in the United States in 30 years -- at an estimated cost of $9.8 billion for both units. Units 2 and 3 were scheduled to go online in April 2020 and December 2020, respectively, but construction delays and cost overruns lead SCANA's partner on the project, Westinghouse, to declare bankruptcy in 2017. SCANA decided to stop construction on the Units and abandoned the project later that year, leaving over 5,000 temporary and full-time employees without a job. [...] During this time, SCANA had applied for and received multiple rate increases that led to inflated customer bills by making false and misleading statements. Federal prosecutors said that instead of paying for the project, SCANA took $500 million raised from the higher bills and passed it along to shareholders using dividends." [News19, 10/07/21]

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Dominion Energy CEO Bob Blue Opened The Company's Q4 And FY 2021 Earnings Call By "Outlining Dominion Energy's Compelling Shareholder Return Proposition," Projecting A 10% Return To Shareholders. "Bob Blue -- Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer [...] Thank you, David, and good morning, everyone. I'll start by outlining Dominion Energy's compelling shareholder return proposition. We expect to grow our earnings per share by 6.5% per year through at least 2026, supported by our updated $37 billion five-year growth capital program, resulting in an approximately 10% total return." [The Motley Fool, 02/11/22]

**Rep. McHenry Has Also Taken At Least $7,000 From Dominion Energy, In Which He Has An Interest Through Its Subsidiary SCANA Corporation.**
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- The Innovation Political Action Committee Was Previously Known As The "More Conservatives PAC (McPAC)," Also Identified By Federal Election Commission Identification Number C00540187. [Federal Election Commission, accessed 03/11/22]

Rep. Neal Dunn (R-FL) — Who Claimed That Inflation "Has Nothing To Do With Private Price Gouging" — And His Spouse Owns Up To $400,000 In Apple, Johnson & Johnson, And Southern Company, All Of Which Raised Costs On Consumers While Reaping Billions In Profits.


February 2, 2022: Rep. Neal Dunn (R-FL) Said Inflation "Has Nothing To Do With Private Price Gouging." "The producer's price index, which is the wholesale version if you will, of the CPI consumer price index. It's up almost 10 percent year on year. You know, this spells a structural inflation for our country that I think has nothing to do with private price gouging and nor is it a transitory problem with inflation." [House Energy and Commerce Committee via YouTube, 02/02/22 (02:11:17)]

- February 2, 2022: The House Energy And Commerce Committee's Subcommittee On Consumer Protection And Commerce Held A Hearing On "'Pandemic Profiteers: Legislation To Stop Corporate Price Gouging.'" "The Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce of the Committee on Energy and Commerce will hold a hybrid hearing that includes both in-person and remote attendance on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. This hearing will take place in the John D. Dingell Room, 2123 of the Rayburn House Office Building, as well as remotely using Cisco Webex online video conferencing. The hearing is entitled, 'Pandemic Profiteers: Legislation to Stop Corporate Price Gouging.'" [House Energy and Commerce Committee via YouTube, 02/02/22]

Rep. Dunn Owns Up To $250,000 In Apple — Which Is Expected To Increase Prices In Its Upcoming iPhone Line, Had Its "Biggest Quarter Ever" With A Record-Breaking $34.6 Billion In Profit In Its Q1 2022, A Quarter Which Also Saw Over $24 Billion In Shareholder Handouts.

In His 2020 Annual Financial Disclosure Report, Rep. Dunn Disclosed Owning $100,001 To $250,000 In Apple Inc. Stock Through One Of His Independent Retirement Accounts. [Clerk of the House of Representatives, 08/12/21]

January 2022: Forbes Reported That Apple's Upcoming iPhone 14 Range Would Have Increased Prices, After Apple Largely Did Not Raise Prices In A Prior Hardware Lineup Announced In September 2021. "Apple’s next-gen iPhone 14 range has already leaked and leaked and leaked revealing some particularly exciting upgrades. But now news has broken that there will be a significant price to pay. Mysterious tipster LeaksApplePro has used his latest weekly column on iDropNews, to reveal that Apple’s plans to deliver a 'complete redesign' with the iPhone 14 line-up will result in increased production costs.
These costs will be passed onto customers in the form of higher prices across three of the four new models:” [Forbes, 01/12/22]

- September 2021: Apple’s Announced A New Hardware Lineup, Which Included The iPhone 13 Range, With Prices That Were "Mostly The Same." "Apple on Tuesday unveiled an array of new hardware offerings — including an update to its flagship iPhone — improving on previous models. But one metric remained mostly the same: the price. The new iPhone 13 will cost $800, the same as last year’s iPhone 12, while the iPhone 13 Mini will cost $700, identical to last year. The more expensive models of the new phones, the iPhone 13 Pro and 13 Pro Max, will cost you $1,000 and $1,100, respectively, the same as last year’s premium versions." [The New York Times, 09/14/21]

Apple CEO Tim Cook Touted Q1 2022 As "Apple’s Biggest Quarter Ever," With An "All-Time Revenue Record Of Nearly $124 Billion." "Tim Cook -- Chief Executive Officer [...] Today, we are proud to announce Apple’s biggest quarter ever. Through the busy holiday season, we set an all-time revenue record of nearly $124 billion, up 11% from last year and better than we had expected at the beginning of the quarter. And we are pleased to see that our active installed base of devices is now at a new record with more than 1.8 billion devices." [The Motley Fool, 01/27/22]

Apple’s Net Income For Its Q1 2022 Was A "Record" $34.63 Billion, Up From $28.76 Billion In Its Q1 2021:

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[Apple Inc., accessed 01/31/22]

- Apple’s $34.6 Billion Profit In Q1 2022 Was "A Record" For The Company. "Apple recorded a profit of $34.6 billion — also a record." [The Verge, 01/27/22]

In Its Q1 2022, Apple Bought Back $20.48 Billion In Stock And Paid $3.73 Billion In Shareholder Dividends:

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[Apple Inc., accessed 01/31/22]

Cook Noted That Its iPhone Line "Set An All-Time Revenue Record." "Tim Cook -- Chief Executive Officer [...] During the December quarter, we set an all-time revenue record for iPhone, thanks to the strength of our incredible iPhone 13 lineup." [The Motley Fool, 01/27/22]

In Its Q1 2022 Earnings Call, Apple Chief Financial Officer Luca Maestri Touted The $27 Billion The Company Returned To Shareholders. "Luca Maestri -- Chief Financial Officer [...] Our business continues to generate very strong cash flow, and we’re also able to return nearly $27 billion to shareholders during the December quarter." [The Motley Fool, 01/28/22]
Rep. Dunn Owns Up To $50,000 In Johnson & Johnson—Which Received Over $1 Billion From The Federal Government For Its COVID-19 Vaccine, Recently Stated It Would Be "Instituting Price Increases Across Our Consumer Health Portfolio In 2022," And Saw Its Net Earnings Increase By Nearly 42% To Over $20.8 Billion In Its FY 2021.

In His 2020 Annual Financial Disclosure Report, Rep. Dunn Disclosed Owning $15,001 To $50,000 In Johnson & Johnson Stock Through One Of His Independent Retirement Accounts. [Clerk of the House of Representatives, 08/12/21]

During Johnson & Johnson’s Q4 2021 Earnings Call, CFO Joseph Wolk Stated His Company Would Be "Instituting Price Increases Across Our Consumer Health Portfolio In 2022" In Order To Deal With The "Impact Of Inflationary Pressures, Including Higher Input Costs Across Our Business And More Significantly With Respect To Consumer Health."

"Joseph Wolk […] In Consumer Health, we are confident that our well-balanced portfolio positions us well. Consistent with current global macroeconomic trends, we are experiencing the impact of inflationary pressures, including higher input costs across our business and more significantly with respect to Consumer Health. These external challenges include availability and cost of certain commodities, labor and transportation. Similar to competitors, we are instituting price increases across our Consumer Health portfolio in 2022, enabling us to remain competitive as we continue to deliver the products that consumers love and trust." [Seeking Alpha, 01/25/22]

- Johnson & Johnson's Consumer Health Portfolio Includes Household Brands Such As Tylenol, Listerine, Motrin, Carefree, And Band-Aids. [Johnson & Johnson, accessed 01/27/22]

Wolk Also Stated Johnson & Johnson Was "Offsetting" Increased Labor And Transportation Costs With "Select Price Increases In Our [Skin Health And Beauty] Portfolio.

"Joseph Wolk […] So in consumer, there’s, I would say, select products within the portfolio, think Skin Health and Beauty, as mentioned in the prepared remarks, where lubricants and things of that nature are in shorter supply. There are some, I’d say, probably increased labor costs with respect to third-party manufacturers, and we’re obviously seeing heightened transportation costs. We are like the competitors in the consumer space, offsetting some of those costs with select price increases in our portfolio, where we can still provide those trusted brands and products to people without really impacting the elasticity or the demand of those products overall." [Seeking Alpha, 01/25/22]

- Johnson & Johnson’s Skin Health And Beauty Portfolio Includes Household Brands Such As Aveeno, Neutrogena, and Lubriderm. [Johnson & Johnson, accessed 01/27/22]

August 2020: Reuters Reported That The U.S. Government Planned To Pay Johnson & Johnson "Over $1 Billion For 100 Million Doses Of Its Potential Coronavirus Vaccine."

"The United States government will pay Johnson & Johnson over $1 billion for 100 million doses of its potential coronavirus vaccine, as it stocks up on vaccine and drugs in an attempt to tame the pandemic. The latest contract is priced at roughly $10 per vaccine dose produced by J&J, or around $14.50 per dose, including a previous $456 million the U.S. government promised to J&J for vaccine development in March." [Reuters, 08/05/20]

In Its FY 2021, Johnson & Jonson Saw Its Net Earnings Increase To Over $20.8 Billion From $14.7 Billion In 2020—A Nearly 42% Increase. [Johnson & Johnson, 01/25/22]
Johnson & Johnson Has Stated That Its "Purpose" Includes "Returning Value To Shareholders And All Other Stakeholders." "Performance and Purpose [...] Over the many decades, we have successfully remained focused on investing in our business to drive growth that generates long-term value, while also returning value to shareholders and all other stakeholders." [Johnson & Johnson, 03/11/20]

Rep. Dunn And His Wife Own Up To $100,000 In Southern Company, A Major Utility Company That Has Credited FY 2021 Earnings And Its "Excellent Year" To "'Constructive State Regulatory Actions'" After Seeing Multiple Rate Increase Approvals, Had An FY 2021 Net Income Of $2.39 Billion, And Increased Its Dividend For The 20th Consecutive Year After Paying $92 Million More In Dividends Than In FY 2020.

In His 2020 Annual Financial Disclosure Report, Rep. Dunn Disclosed Owning $15,001 To $50,000 In Southern Company Stock Through One Of His Independent Retirement Accounts. [Clerk of the House of Representatives, 08/12/21]

- Rep. Dunn Also Disclosed That His Spouse Owns $15,001 To $50,000 In Southern Company Stock Through An Independent Retirement Account. [Clerk of the House of Representatives, 08/12/21]

Southern Company Was The Third-Biggest U.S. Gas And Electric Utility In 2020. "Exelon Corporation was ranked as the largest gas and electric utility in the United States, based on revenues in 2020. Exelon generated approximately 33 billion U.S. dollars in FY 2020. The utility was also considered one of the largest publicly traded companies in its state, Illinois; Exelon is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois. Duke Energy and Southern were ranked second and third, respectively during this same period." [Statista, accessed 02/28/22]

- Southern Company Has 9 Million Customers Through Electric Companies In Three States, Natural Gas Companies In Four States, And Others. "Southern Company (NYSE: SO) is a leading energy company serving 9 million customers through its subsidiaries. The company provides clean, safe, reliable and affordable energy through electric operating companies in three states, natural gas distribution companies in four states, a competitive generation company serving wholesale customers across America, a leading distributed energy infrastructure company, a fiber optics network and telecommunications services." [Southern Company, 02/17/22]

Southern Company Was Expected To Benefit From Several Rate Case Decisions And "Supportive Regulatory Decisions." "Supportive Regulatory Decisions: The Southern Company’s subsidiaries have been
successful in receiving constructive decisions in 2019-2020 on their pending rate cases." [Fitch Ratings, 02/25/21]

- Southern Company Subsidiary Georgia Power Saw A Rate Increase Of $909 Million Through The End Of 2022. "In particular, Georgia Power authorized a cumulative rate increase of $909 million as part of an alternate rate plan approved for the period Jan. 1, 2020-Dec. 31, 2022." [Fitch Ratings, 02/25/21]

- Southern Company Subsidiary Atlanta Gas Light Was Authorized A $65 Million Base Rate Increase Effective January 1, 2020. "Atlanta Gas Light was authorized a $65 million base rate increase effective Jan. 1, 2020 based on a 10.25% ROE and a 56% equity ratio." [Fitch Ratings, 02/25/21]

- Southern Company Subsidiary Virginia Natural Gas Requested A $49.6 Million Rate Increase That Became Effective November 1, 2020. "Ongoing rate proceedings include a general rate case filing by Virginia Natural Gas that requested a $49.6 million rate increase based on projected 12-month test year beginning Nov. 1, 2020, a 10.35% ROE and a 54% equity ratio. Interim rate increase became effective Nov. 1, 2020." [Fitch Ratings, 02/25/21]

Southern Company Credited Its FY 2021 Earnings To "Constructive State Regulatory Actions," "Strong Customer Usage," And Other Factors. "Adjusted earnings drivers for the full year 2021, as compared with 2020, were strong customer usage, as well as robust customer growth and constructive state regulatory actions." [Southern Company, 02/17/22]

Southern Company CEO Thomas A. Fanning Said "'2021 Was An Excellent Year And We Believe We Are Well-Positioned To Carry That Momentum Into 2022.'" "'2021 was an excellent year and we believe we are well-positioned to carry that momentum into 2022,' said Chairman, President and CEO, Thomas A. Fanning." [Southern Company, 02/17/22]

FY 2021: Southern Company Reported A Net Income Of $2.393 Billion—$726 Million Less Than Its FY 2021 Net Income Of $3.119 Billion:

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[Southern Company, 02/17/22]

FY 2021: Southern Company Paid $2.777 Billion In Dividends—$92 Million More Than In FY 2020:

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[Southern Company, 02/16/22]

April 2021: Southern Company Increased Its Dividend For The 20th Consecutive Year. "Southern Company announced today it is increasing its dividend by 8 cents per share on an annualized basis to a rate
of $2.64 per share. This marks the 20th consecutive year that Southern Company has raised the dividend on its common stock." [Southern Company, 04/20/21]

In Its Q4 And FY 2021 Earnings Call, Southern Company CEO Tom Fanning Said The Company "Strives To Deliver Superior Risk-Adjusted Total Shareholder Returns" As He Claimed It Was "A Sustainable Premier Investment." "Tom Fanning - Chairman, President and CEO [...] Thanks, Dan. Southern Company strives to deliver superior risk-adjusted total shareholder returns, and I believe the plan that we've laid out supports that objective. Our customer and community-focused business model, our growing investments into our premier state-regulated utility franchises, the priority we place on credit quality and our commitment and actions towards net zero, all contribute towards making Southern Company a sustainable premier investment." [Seeking Alpha, 02/17/22]

**Rep. Dunn Has Taken At Least $6,000 From Companies In Which He And His Wife Have An Interest.**

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**Rep. Greg Pence (R-IN)—Who Called Price-Gouging Legislation "An Attempt By The Democrats To Deflect Their Responsibility For Aggravating The Inflation"—Owns Up To $100,000 In Marathon Oil, Whose CEO Said "Our Focus Is Not On Growing Production" As The Company Credited Higher Oil Prices For Helping To Grow Its Net Income By Almost $2.4 Billion In Its FY 2021.**

**Rep. Greg Pence (R-IN) Criticized The "'COVID-19 Price Gouging Prevention Act'"—Which Would Have Addressed Corporate Profiteering—Calling It "An Attempt By The Democrats To Deflect Their Responsibility For Aggravating The Inflation That We've Been Dealing With During The Pandemic."**

February 2022: Congress Was Considering The "'COVID-19 Price Gouging Prevention Act,'" Legislation To "Crack Down On Cases Involving Price Gouging During The Pandemic" That Would Have Addressed Corporate Profiteering. "From the cost of groceries to gas for our cars, Americans around the country are feeling the hit from prices going up. Some lawmakers are now looking to crack down on cases involving price gouging during the pandemic. Right now, there is no federal law that expressly prohibits price gouging. Instead, it's largely handled at the state level. Democrats in the House are pushing the 'COVID-19 Price Gouging Prevention Act' which would allow the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and State Attorneys General to go after companies unfairly raising prices." [Fox 13, 02/07/22]

- **Bill Cosponsor Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) Noted, "'We Have Seen Skyrocketing Billionaire Wealth And Corporate Greed Take Advantage Of People, People’s Fears,'" During The Pandemic. "We have seen skyrocketing billionaire wealth and corporate greed take advantage of people, people’s fears,' said Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-III.), Chair of the House Consumer Protection and Commerce Subcommittee and co-sponsor of the bill. 'The COVID-19 Price Gouging Prevention Act will empower the Federal Trade Commission and State Attorneys General with the enforcement tools that are needed to effectively go after price gougers.'" [Fox 13, 02/07/22]
• A U.S. House Energy & Commerce Committee Memo For A Hearing On The Bill Noted That "S&P 500 Companies Posted Record Profit Margins In 2021" While "Over 70 Percent Of Lower Income Families Feel Financial Hardship As A Result Of Rising Prices For Food And Other Household Items." "A recent survey found that nearly half of all U.S. families and over 70 percent of lower-income families feel financial hardship as a result of rising prices for food and other household items. Twenty-eight percent of lower-income families describe such hardship as severe enough to jeopardize their current standard of living. At the same time, S&P 500 companies posted record profit margins in 2021 and bought back increasingly large amounts of their own stock and paid out billions in dividends." [U.S. House Committee on Energy & Commerce, 01/31/22]

Rep. Greg Pence (R-IN) Said The Bill "Is An Attempt By The Democrats To Deflect Their Responsibility For Aggravating The Inflation That We've Been Dealing With During The Pandemic" And Would "Attempt To Start Fixing Prices At Retail And Wholesale." "Wow, we're attacking inflation by fixing prices of all these American companies [...] I believe this bill is an attempt by the Democrats to deflect their responsibility for aggravating the inflation that we've been dealing with during the pandemic. And what we're talking about today with 675 [The COVID-19 Price Gouging Prevention Act] is an attempt to start fixing prices at retail and wholesale across this country from Washington DC." [House Energy and Commerce Committee via YouTube, 02/02/22 (02:25:56)]

February 2, 2022: The House Energy And Commerce Committee's Subcommittee On Consumer Protection And Commerce Held A Hearing On ""Pandemic Profiteers: Legislation To Stop Corporate Price Gouging."" "The Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce of the Committee on Energy and Commerce will hold a hybrid hearing that includes both in-person and remote attendance on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. This hearing will take place in the John D. Dingell Room, 2123 of the Rayburn House Office Building, as well as remotely using Cisco Webex online video conferencing. The hearing is entitled, 'Pandemic Profiteers: Legislation to Stop Corporate Price Gouging.'" [House Energy and Commerce Committee via YouTube, 02/02/22]


In His 2020 Annual Financial Disclosure Report, Rep. Pence Disclosed Owning $50,001 To $100,000 In Marathon Oil Corporation Stock. [Clerk of the House of Representatives, 08/12/21]

• Marathon Oil Corporation Is An Oil Exploration And Production Company. "Marathon Oil Corporation (NYSE:MRO) is an independent exploration and production (E&P) company focused on four of the most competitive resource plays in the U.S., complemented by a world-class integrated gas business in Equatorial Guinea. We became an independent E&P company on July 1, 2011 and we are based in Houston, TX." [Marathon Oil Corporation, accessed 02/28/22]

February 2022: In Its Q4 And FY 2021 Earnings Call, Marathon Oil Corporation Chief Financial Officer Credited "Stronger Commodity Prices" For An "Exceptionally Strong Quarter" In Which The Company Returned Over $800 Million To Investors Through Stock Buybacks And Dividends. "Dane Whitehead - Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer [...] Thanks to stronger commodity prices, higher oil production, declining capex and an increase in EG cash distributions, 4Q was an exceptionally strong financial quarter, enabling us to return over 70% of CFO or more than $800 million to our equity investors through our base dividend and share repurchases, dramatically exceeding our minimum 40% commitment." [The Motley Fool, 02/17/22]

In The Earnings Call, Marathon Oil CEO Lee Tillman Said, "When It Comes To Growth, Our Focus Is Not On Growing Production," Even "If Commodity Prices Continue To Outperform." "Lee Tillman -
Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer [...] Second, we are committed to capital discipline. If commodity prices continue to outperform, we won't introduce production growth capital into our budget. We will remain focused on free cash flow generation and return of capital. When it comes to growth, our focus is not on growing production." [The Motley Fool, 02/17/22]

**FY 2021: Marathon Oil Had A Net Income Of $946 Billion—$2.397 Billion More Than Its FY 2020 Net Loss Of $1.451 Billion:**

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[Marathon Oil Corporation, 02/16/22]

**FY 2021: Marathon Oil Spent $734 Million On Stock Buybacks—$642 Million Or 697% More Than The $92 Million It Spent In Its FY 2020:**

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[Marathon Oil Corporation SEC Form 10-K, 02/17/22]

- **Marathon Had $1.7 Billion Left In Its Stock Buyback Program As Of February 2022.** "In total, since October 2021, Marathon Oil has executed $1 billion of share repurchases, reducing its outstanding share count by 8%. The Company has $1.7 billion of current share repurchase authorization outstanding." [Marathon Oil Corporation, 02/16/22]

**FY 2021: Marathon Oil Spent $141 Million On Shareholder Dividends—$77 Million Or 120% More Than The $64 Million It Spent In Its FY 2020:**

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[Marathon Oil Corporation SEC Form 10-K, 02/17/22]

- **Following Its Q4 2021, Marathon Oil Increased Its Dividend By 17%.** "Subsequent to fourth quarter, the Company raised its base dividend by 17% from 6 cents per share to 7 cents per share. This is the fourth consecutive increase to the quarterly base dividend, representing a cumulative increase of 133%." [Marathon Oil Corporation, 02/16/22]

Marathon Oil CEO Lee Tillman Opened The Company’s Q4 And FY 2021 Earnings Call By Noting That The Company "Prioritizes Our Shareholders As The First Call On Cash Flow Generation, Not The Drill Bit." "Lee Tillman -- Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer [...] There are a few key messages I want to highlight today. First, after accelerating our balance sheet objectives through gross debt reduction, fourth quarter transitioned to a focus on returning a compelling amount of capital to our equity investors. Our cash flow-driven return of capital framework uniquely prioritizes our shareholders as the first call on cash flow generation, not the drill bit. And our recent actions underscore both our commitment to prioritizing our shareholders and the power of our portfolio in a constructive price environment." [The Motley Fool, 02/17/22]
Rep. Ann Wagner (R-MO) Complained That Democrats "'Want To Blame Corporations For Inflation'" After Disclosing That Her Husband Works For Enterprise Holdings, Apparently As Its Lead Lobbyist—The Company’s Revenue-Per-Car And Used Car Prices Have Climbed Beyond Pre-Pandemic Levels.


March 8, 2022: Rep. Ann Wagner (R-MO) Complained That "Our Colleagues Across The Aisle Want To Blame Big Corporations For Inflation" During A House Financial Services Hearing On Profiteering. "I know per usual, our colleagues across the aisle want to blame big corporations for inflation—particularly energy companies. But if we look back at global history, it is global crises centered around energy that have driven up energy prices." [U.S. House Committee on Financial Services via YouTube, 03/08/22 (53:29)]

- March 8, 2022: The U.S. House Committee on Financial Services Held A Hearing Titled, “The Inflation Equation: Corporate Profiteering And Supply Chains.” [U.S. House Committee on Financial Services via YouTube, 03/08/22 (53:29)]
- Rep. Ann Wagner (R-MO) Is The Vice Ranking Member Of The U.S. Committee On Financial Services. [U.S. House Committee on Financial Services, accessed 03/22/22]

Rep. Wagner’s Husband, Ray Wagner, Appears To Still Be Senior Vice President Of Government Affairs For Enterprise Holdings, A Company That Was Estimated To See Revenue Grow By Nearly $1.5 Billion In 2021 While Its Revenue-Per-Car And Used Car Prices Were Estimated To Be Well Over Pre-Pandemic Levels—Additionally, Enterprise Employees Helped Bankroll Rep. Wagner’s First U.S. House Election In 2012.


- Enterprise Holdings, Which Operates The Enterprise Rent-A-Car, National Car Rental, And Alamo Rent A Car Brands, Has Over 9,500 Locations In Over 90 Countries And Territories. "Enterprise Holdings manages the largest and most diverse privately-owned fleet in the world through an integrated network of more than 9,500 fully-staffed neighborhood and airport rental locations. This global network of independent regional subsidiaries and franchises also operates the Enterprise Rent-A-Car brand – as well as the National Car Rental and Alamo Rent A Car brands – in more than 90 countries and territories." [Enterprise Holdings, accessed 03/28/22]

Rep. Wagner’s Husband Is Raymond T. Wagner Jr., Who Has Been A Senior Vice President At Enterprise Holdings. "Ann Wagner's husband is Raymond T Wagner Jr. [...]The couple have been together for almost 35 years. They married at the Ste Genevieve du Bois Catholic church. [...] After graduating he worked as a law clerk for Missouri Supreme Court Justice Andrew Jackson Higgins, and recently worked as senior vice-president at Enterprise Holdings." [The Focus, accessed 03/28/22]
According To His Profile With The Washington University In St. Louis Law School, Ray Wagner Is A Senior Vice President In Enterprise Holdings’ Corporate Government And Public Affairs Department, Which Manages The Company’s Federal Affairs And Manages The Company’s PAC. "Raymond Wagner [...] Adjunct Faculty [...] Ray Wagner is senior vice president at Enterprise Holdings in the Corporate Government and Public Affairs Department, which works closely with the operating groups in the US, Canada, and European Union to assist them in managing legislative and regulatory issues in their respective markets." [Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, accessed 03/28/22]

- Ray Wagner's Department "Directly" Manages "Federal Legislative And Regulatory Issues That May Impact The Company." "In addition, we directly manage Federal legislative and regulatory issues that may impact the company." [Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, accessed 03/28/22]

- Ray Wagner's Department Also Manages The Enterprise Holdings PAC, Which Give To Federal, State, And Local Candidates. "Finally, we manage the operations of the Enterprise Holdings PAC in the US. The PAC allows the company to financially support candidates at the federal, state and local level in the United States." [Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, accessed 03/28/22]

2019: Ray Wagner Spoke On Behalf Of Enterprise Holdings In Response To A New Car Rental Law In Ohio. "Enterprise Holdings – which owns the Enterprise Rent-A-Car, National Car Rental and Alamo Rent A Car brands – is pleased to support Ohio’s new car rental modernization law that was recently enacted on behalf of all taxpayers and consumers. [...] 'This effort is all about parity and fairness, in Ohio and every other state. It just doesn’t make sense for one section of this industry to benefit from loopholes and special carve-outs,' said Ray Wagner, Enterprise Holdings' Senior Vice President of Government and Public Affairs." [Enterprise Holdings, 07/23/19]

2011: As Ann Wagner Was Outraising All Other Non-Incumbent House Candidates, Over 20% Of Her Q3 2011 Donations Came From Enterprise Holdings Employees. "No non-incumbent House candidate raised more money last quarter than Missouri's Ann Wagner. And the former ambassador's $532,000 total was -- shall we say, picked up -- by Enterprise. Just over 20 percent of Wagner's third quarter donations came from employees of the national rental car company, where her husband is a vice president, according to an analysis by POLITICO." [Politico, 10/25/11]


• Enterprise Holdings Is Privately Held. "The industry’s 2021 performance saw record earnings from Avis Budget Group and stronger-than-expected earnings from Hertz as it exited bankruptcy and relisted on Nasdaq. (Enterprise Holdings is privately held.)" [Auto Rental News, 12/08/21]

2021: The U.S. Rental Car Industry Saw Revenue Grow 21% To Over $28 Billion, The "Largest Year-Over-Year Revenue Gain In Recorded History." "The U.S. car rental industry achieved overall revenues of $28.1 billion in 2021 — a 21% gain over the pandemic year of 2020, according to data collected by Auto Rental News. The total represents the largest year-over-year revenue gain in recorded history after a precipitous fall of 27.4% in 2020 over pre-pandemic 2019, which notched record revenues of $32 billion." [Auto Rental News, 12/08/21]

2021: The U.S. Car Rental Industry Saw Record Average Revenue Per Unit, Per Month (RPU) Of $1,320, An 11% Increase Over Its Pre-Pandemic RPU In 2019. "The U.S. car rental industry reached this revenue on only 1.8 million cars in service, which produced a record average revenue per unit, per month (RPU) of $1,320. This represents a more than 11% increase over average RPU of $1,174 in 2019, a major jump after years of only incremental gains." [Auto Rental News, 12/08/21]

2021: Car Rental Companies Saw The Average Price For The Cars They Sold Increase By 50% To Nearly $24,000 From Pre-Pandemic Levels In 2019. "Car rental companies enjoyed average prices of almost $24,000 for de-fleeted risk units by the end of October, a 50% increase over the same period in 2019." [Auto Rental News, 12/08/21]
Rep. Anthony Gonzalez (R-OH)—Who Said "This Notion That Greedy Corporations Are Somehow Driving Inflation [...] Is Sort Of Silly As An Explanation For Inflation"—Owns Up To $1.6 Million In Amazon, Apple, And Charter Communications, Which All Saw Profits Soar As They Hiked Or Planned To Hike Prices.


March 8, 2022: Rep. Anthony Gonzalez (R-OH) Said, "So This Notion That Greedy Corporations Are Somehow Driving Inflation [...] Is Sort Of Silly As An Explanation For Inflation" During A House Financial Services Committee Hearing On Profiteering. "So this notion that greedy corporations are somehow driving inflation—I would argue that relative greed amongst corporations is pretty stable over time—is sort of silly as an explanation for inflation." [U.S. Committee on Financial Services via YouTube, 03/08/22 (02:30:35)]

- March 8, 2022: The U.S. House Committee on Financial Services Held A Hearing Titled, “The Inflation Equation: Corporate Profiteering And Supply Chains.” [U.S. House Committee on Financial Services via YouTube, 03/08/22 (02:30:35)]

- Rep. Anthony Gonzalez (R-OH) Is A Member Of The U.S. Committee On Financial Services. [U.S. Committee on Financial Services, accessed 03/22/22]

Rep. Gonzalez Owns Up To $1 Million In Amazon—Which Announced A Price Increase To Its Amazon Prime Subscription In February 2022—Saw Its Net Income Increase By Over $12 Billion In 2021 And Ended The Year With Its "Biggest-Ever Black Friday To Cyber Monday Holiday Shopping Weekend."

In His 2020 Annual Financial Disclosure Report, Rep. Gonzalez Disclosed Owning $500,001 To $1,000,000 In Amazon.com, Inc. Stock. [Clerk of the House of Representatives, 10/28/21]

February 2022: Amazon Announced It Would Be "Raising The Price Of Its Annual Prime Subscriptions From $119 To $139 Per Year In The United States," While Its Monthly Subscription Would "Increase From $12.99 To $14.99." "Amazon is raising the price of its annual Prime subscriptions from $119 to $139 per year in the United States, the company announced along with its earnings report Thursday. The price of a monthly subscription will also increase from $12.99 to $14.99." [CNN, 02/04/22]

- During Its Earnings Call, Amazon CFO Brian Olsavsky Shared That Amazon—Which Hadn’t Raised The Price Of Its Prime Subscription Since 2018—Felt "The Time Was Right To Raise It" After Taking A "Look At The Relative Price To The Customer Versus Our Cost To Supply." "Brian Olsavsky […] We look at the relative price to the customer versus our cost to supply that and the usage and the value that we’re creating for customers. We felt, especially after not raising the price in the United States since 2018 that the time was right to raise it." [Seeking Alpha, 02/03/22]

In 2021, Amazon Saw Its Net Income Increase By Over $12 Billion Year-Over-Year. "Full Year 2021 […] Net income increased $33.4 billion, or $64.81 per diluted share, compared with net income of $21.3 billion, or $41.83 per diluted share, in 2020." [Amazon, 02/03/22]
In 2021, Amazon Saw Its Operating Income Increase By $2 Billion Year-Over-Year. "Full Year 2021 […] Operating income increased to $24.9 billion, compared with operating income of $22.9 billion in 2020." [Amazon, 02/03/22]

In 2021, "Amazon Had Its Biggest-Ever Black Friday To Cyber Monday Holiday Shopping Weekend." "Amazon had its biggest-ever Black Friday to Cyber Monday holiday shopping weekend, with apparel, beauty, home, and toys among the top-selling categories." [Amazon, 02/03/22]

Amazon States, "We Believe That A Fundamental Measure Of Our Success Will Be The Shareholder Value We Create Over The Long Term" And Emphasizes "Stronger Returns On Invested Capital." "We believe that a fundamental measure of our success will be the shareholder value we create over the long term. This value will be a direct result of our ability to extend and solidify our current market leadership position. The stronger our market leadership, the more powerful our economic model. Market leadership can translate directly to higher revenue, higher profitability, greater capital velocity, and correspondingly stronger returns on invested capital." [Amazon, 04/15/21]

Rep. Gonzalez Owns Up To $500,000 In Apple—which Is Expected To Increase Prices On Its Upcoming iPhone Line, Had Its "Biggest Quarter Ever" With A Record-Breaking $34.6 Billion In Profit In Its Q1 2022, A Quarter Which Also Saw Over $24 Billion In Shareholder Handouts.

In His 2020 Annual Financial Disclosure Report, Rep. Gonzalez Disclosed Owning $250,001 To $500,000 In Apple Inc. Stock. [Clerk of the House of Representatives, 10/28/21]

Apple CEO Tim Cook Touted Q1 2022 As "Apple's Biggest Quarter Ever," With An "All-Time Revenue Record Of Nearly $124 Billion." "Tim Cook -- Chief Executive Officer [...] Today, we are proud to announce Apple's biggest quarter ever. Through the busy holiday season, we set an all-time revenue record of nearly $124 billion, up 11% from last year and better than we had expected at the beginning of the quarter. And we are pleased to see that our active installed base of devices is now at a new record with more than 1.8 billion devices." [The Motley Fool, 01/27/22]

Apple’s Net Income For Its Q1 2022 Was A "Record" $34.63 Billion, Up From $28.76 Billion In Its Q1 2021:

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[Apple Inc., accessed 01/31/22]

- Apple’s $34.6 Billion Profit In Q1 2022 Was "A Record" For The Company. "Apple recorded a profit of $34.6 billion — also a record." [The Verge, 01/27/22]

In Its Q1 2022, Apple Bought Back $20.48 Billion In Stock And Paid $3.73 Billion In Shareholder Dividends:

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[Apple Inc., accessed 01/31/22]
Cook Noted That Its iPhone Line "Set An All-Time Revenue Record." "Tim Cook -- Chief Executive Officer [...] During the December quarter, we set an all-time revenue record for iPhone, thanks to the strength of our incredible iPhone 13 lineup." [The Motley Fool, 01/27/22]

January 2022: Forbes Reported That Apple's Upcoming iPhone 14 Range Would Have Increased Prices, After Apple Largely Did Not Raise Prices In A Prior Hardware Lineup Announced In September 2021. "Apple’s next-gen iPhone 14 range has already leaked and leaked and leaked revealing some particularly exciting upgrades. But now news has broken that there will be a significant price to pay. Mysterious tipster LeaksApplePro has used his latest weekly column on iDropNews, to reveal that Apple’s plans to deliver a 'complete redesign' with the iPhone 14 line-up will result in increased production costs. These costs will be passed onto customers in the form of higher prices across three of the four new models:" [Forbes, 01/12/22]

- September 2021: Apple’s Announced A New Hardware Lineup, Which Included The iPhone 13 Range, With Prices That Were "Mostly The Same." "Apple on Tuesday unveiled an array of new hardware offerings — including an update to its flagship iPhone — improving on previous models. But one metric remained mostly the same: the price. The new iPhone 13 will cost $800, the same as last year’s iPhone 12, while the iPhone 13 Mini will cost $700, identical to last year. The more expensive models of the new phones, the iPhone 13 Pro and 13 Pro Max, will cost you $1,000 and $1,100, respectively, the same as last year’s premium versions." [The New York Times, 09/14/21]

In Its Q1 2022 Earnings Call, Apple Chief Financial Officer Luca Maestri Touted The $27 Billion The Company Returned To Shareholders. "Luca Maestri -- Chief Financial Officer [...] Our business continues to generate very strong cash flow, and we’re also able to return nearly $27 billion to shareholders during the December quarter." [The Motley Fool, 01/28/22]

Rep. Gonzalez Owns Up To $100,000 In Charter Communications, Inc., The Nation's Second-Biggest Cable Company Which Has Repeatedly Raised Rates On Consumers While Seeing FY 2021 Net Income Soar By $1.4 Billion To Over $4.6 Billion And Boosting Stock Buybacks By $4.2 Billion To $15.3 Billion The Same Year.

Rep. Gonzalez Disclosed Purchasing $50,001 To $100,000 In Charter Communications, Inc. Stock On February 1, 2021. [Clerk of the House of Representatives, 02/02/21]

- Charter Communications Is A Broadband And Cable Company With "More Than 32 Million Customers In 41 States Through Its Spectrum Brand," Which Is The Nation’s Second-Biggest Cable Operator. "Charter Communications, Inc. (NASDAQ:CHTR) is a leading broadband connectivity company and cable operator serving more than 32 million customers in 41 states through its Spectrum brand. Over an advanced communications network, the company offers a full range of state-of-the-art residential and business services including Spectrum Internet®, TV, Mobile and Voice." [Charter Communications, Inc., accessed 03/28/22]

- Charter Spectrum Is "The Nation’s Second-Largest Cable Operator." "The nation’s second-largest cable operator is notifying customers about a monthly price increase effective June 2. The broadcast TV fee, the TV Select, Silver and Gold packages and equipment fees for set-top boxes are among the rising costs." [Yahoo!, 06/02/21]

March 2022: Notified Customers That It Would Raise Its Broadcast TV Fee By $3, Its Monthly Equipment Fee By $1, And Would Reduce Its TV Bundle Discounts. "Spectrum customers will soon be paying more for cable television. The company has notified customers that, starting March 18, it will raise its monthly 'broadcast TV' fee $3, from $18 to $21. It’s a monthly fee that’s grown 9 times as costly since it was
first imposed in 2014. Spectrum will also raise its monthly equipment fee $1, from $8.99 to $9.99, for each HD receiver." [Syracuse.com, 03/13/22]

- **Spectrum Also Announced It Would Reduce Its Television Bundle Discounts, Raising Customers' Bills.** "In addition, the company is reducing the TV bundle discounts customers are receiving. The largest percentage of affected customers will see an increase of less than $5 a month on their bills because of that change, according to the company." [Syracuse.com, 03/13/22]

**June 2021: Most Charter Spectrum Customers Were Expected To Pay More After The Company Raised TV Package Fees After Already Raising Its Broadcast TV Fee In August 2020—The Company Also Raised Equipment Fees, And Its Home Phone Service Price.** "Most Charter Spectrum cable TV and home telephone customers can expect to pay more starting in June. The nation’s second-largest cable operator is notifying customers about a monthly price increase effective June 2. The broadcast TV fee, the TV Select, Silver and Gold packages and equipment fees for set-top boxes are among the rising costs. The broadcast TV fee will increase by more than 9% a month, from $16.45 to $17.99. The increase is the second for the broadcast surcharge in less than a year. In August, the fee went up by $2.95 a month from $13.50. [...] In addition, the price for Spectrum Voice, the company's home phone product, will increase by $3 a month to $12.99." [Yahoo!, 06/02/21]


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[Charter Communications, Inc., 01/28/22]

**FY 2021: Charter Spent $15.431 Billion On Stock Buybacks—$4.214 Billion More Than The $11.217 Billion It Spent In Its FY 2020:**

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[Charter Communications Inc. SEC Form 10-K, 01/28/22]

**In Its Q3 2021 Earnings Call, Charter Chief Financial Officer Jessica Fischer Said, "We Will Continue To Produce Shareholder Value For Years To Come" As She Discussed The Quarter's $4 Billion In Stock Buybacks, "Jessica Fischer – CFO [...] During the quarter, we repurchased 5.3 million Charter shares in Charter holdings, common units, totaling about $4 billion at an average price of $753 per share. Year-to-date, we’ve purchased $12 billion of our stock in common unit and since September of 2016, we have repurchased $51.4 billion or 37.5% of Charter’s equity at an average price of $436 per share. Our results show that even in this unusual environment, our flexible and robust business and service model, which benefits economically from lower customer transaction activity still drives outstanding EBITDA and free cash flow. Coupling that with our unique balance sheet structure and a proven capital allocation strategy, we will continue to produce shareholder value for years to come." [Seeking Alpha, 10/29/21]
Rep. Gonzalez Has Also Taken At Least $13,500 From Companies In Which He Has An Interest.

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¹Includes donations to sponsored Leadership committees and fundraising committees

- **Rep. Anthony Gonzalez’s Sponsored Leadership PAC is The “Buckeye PAC.”** [Federal Election Commission, accessed 03/18/22]