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<p>Abby Finkenauer is the daughter of a union pipefitter-welder and grew up in a small town outside Dubuque.</p>	<p>“We grow from hope’: Abby Finkenauer says in Register Soapbox speech.” Brianne Pfannenstiel, Des Moines Register, 08/09/2018</p> <p>Abby Finkenauer — a first-generation college graduate with student loan debt and the daughter of a union pipefitter welder — focused on her background and working-class roots in a speech at the Des Moines Register’s Political Soapbox Thursday at the Iowa State Fair.</p> <p>“The Fight For Iowa’s White Working-Class Soul.” Elaine Godfrey, The Atlantic, 07/29/2018</p> <p>Instead, Finkenauer’s (now former) campaign manager, Joe Farrell, carts me 10 miles down the road to her childhood home in Sherrill, Iowa. It’s the picturesque backdrop for most of her media interviews.</p>
<p>In Congress, she led the fight for "Made in America" rules to keep jobs here,</p>	<p>H.R.7097 - Stop Swaps, Protect Local Jobs Act, 116th Congress</p> <p>Sponsor: Rep. Abby Finkenauer</p> <p>“Rep. Abby Finkenauer introduces “Stop Swaps, Protect Local Jobs Act” .” KCRG, 6/3/20</p> <p>Iowa Congresswoman Abby Finkenauer wants to end a practice she says costs Iowa jobs and lets companies get around federal requirements on road construction work.</p> <p>The proposed Stop Swaps, Protect Local Jobs Act would end the practice of fund-swapping. That’s when the state receives federal grant money for local road construction, but then swaps that funding source for the project. It lets counties and cities avoid federal requirements like requiring set wages for workers and using American made products.</p>
<p>lower drug prices,</p>	<p>“Finkenauer and Axne Add Amendments to H.R. 3, Vote Expected Today.” Iowa Starting Line, 12/12/19</p> <p>Reps. Abby Finkenauer and Cindy Axne have both proposed amendments to the bill.</p> <p>Finkenauer will be adding an amendment that will create a requirement that pharmaceutical companies disclose the price of their drug in their advertisements, which was also a part of Senator Chuck Grassley’s drug-pricing bill.</p>

	<p>“H.R. 3 goes after the heart of these problems, it puts people first, and it’s pissed off big pharma,” Finkenauer explained, on a press call. “And I gotta be honest with you, if big pharma is on the opposite side of you when community health centers, patient groups and AARP is on our side; then we’re on the right side of this.”</p>
<p>and to protect women's healthcare.</p>	<p>H.R.2975 - Women’s Health Protection Act of 2019, 116th Congress Co-Sponsor: Rep. Abby Finkenauer</p> <p>This bill prohibits state or local governments from imposing certain restrictions on access to abortion services.</p> <p>“Congress Approves Doubling Funding for Endometriosis Research.” Blog, EndoFound.org, 12/23/2020</p> <p>“EndoFound is thrilled to share that the Senate approved a historic amendment doubling federal research funding for endometriosis research, allowing the National Institutes of Health to allocate \$26 million to endometriosis research in 2021. The legislation passed in the U.S. House in July. And, endometriosis research is again included in the Department of Defense Peer-Reviewed Medical Research Program!</p> <p>The amendment introduced by Congresswoman Abby Finkenauer (IA-01), chairwoman of the House Endometriosis Caucus, was supported by EndoFound who worked in partnership with her office and the endometriosis community to encourage elected officials to support the initiative.”</p>
<p>The granddaughter of a WW2 purple heart veteran, Abby is running for the U.S. Senate to defend democracy</p>	<p>“Finkenauer looks to connect veterans and students.” Marshalltown Times-Republican, 7/2/20</p> <p>“Respect for our veterans and our heroes are values I grew up with,” Finkenauer said. “My grandfather served on the USS Bunker Hill in World War II, an aircraft carrier that was struck by two kamikaze planes resulting in more than 600 casualties. One of those casualties was my grandfather, Gerald Finkenauer Sr. He was lucky to survive, almost lost his leg, and carried shrapnel in it with a slight limp until he passed away five decades later.”</p> <p>...</p>

	<p>“Today, his medals — including his Purple Heart — hang on the wall of my congressional office, but he died before I was old enough to really ask him about his experience and the meaning of his service,” Finkenauer said. “I heard them passed down in family stories, of course, and I read about them in letters and newspaper articles, but nothing could compare to hearing him share his sacrifice in his own voice. We must do all we can to preserve the stories of our heroes and ensure the next generation never forgets.”</p>
<p>and to hold accountable those politicians, like Chuck Grassley, who won’t.</p>	<p>“Chuck Grassley’s bad defense of Trump’s DOJ scheme.” Washington Post, 8/10/21</p> <p>Congress’s investigation into Donald Trump’s effort to commandeer the Justice Department to overturn the 2020 election is just getting off the ground, with the first transcripts of testimony collected over the weekend yet to be released.</p> <p>But as we wait, one Republican, Sen. Charles E. Grassley (Iowa), is stepping forward to offer a preemptive defense of the former president. It’s just not the most ironclad one.</p> <p>Grassley took to the Senate floor Monday to talk about the situation. He said he was doing so because he felt the summaries of the early testimony by Democrats and the media were misleading. He said he wanted to set the record straight.</p> <p>Grassley’s argument ultimately boiled down to this: It wasn’t so bad, because Trump didn’t actually get the Justice Department to do what he wanted it to do. Oh, and when he failed at that, he didn’t actually make good on his threats to start firing people and install a loyalist to lead the DOJ.</p>
<p>She condemns the lies that led to the violent attack on the Capitol and the politicians trying to cover up the truth.</p>	<p>“How disinformation around Jan. 6 riot has downplayed violence, divided Americans.” PBS Newshour, 1/5/22</p> <p>The attack on the U.S. Capitol was based on a “Big Lie” about election fraud in 2020, and the hope of supporters of former President Donald Trump that they could stop the certification of electoral vote results. But in the year since, there’s been a new misinformation campaign to recast, downplay, and misrepresent the events that unfolded at the capitol.</p>

<p>That's why Abby supports term limits for members of congress and will limit herself to two terms, because this Senate seat belongs to lowans,</p>	<p><u>"Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Abby Finkenauer pledges to serve just two terms if elected, calls for term limits." Des Moines Register, 1/18/22</u></p> <p>Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate Abby Finkenauer is calling for congressional term limits in Washington, D.C. — a point she's emphasizing by pledging to serve just two terms in office if she's elected this November.</p> <p>"I didn't run for office so I could have a career in Washington spent cozying up to lobbyists or to get rich off the taxpayers' dime," she wrote in an open letter shared exclusively with the Des Moines Register. "Two terms in the Senate would be more than enough for me, and it should be more than enough for anyone else too."</p>
<p>not to career politicians like Chuck Grassley who have spent decades in Washington and have forgotten what they're supposed to be fighting for.</p>	<p><u>"US Sen. Chuck Grassley will run for reelection, seeking 8th term: 'I hope the people of Iowa will be happy'." Des Moines Register, 9/24/21</u></p> <p>Historically, Grassley's approval ratings have been among the highest in the state — even hitting the 80% threshold on occasion. But today, his approval rating is at one of its lowest points ever.</p> <p>According to the Register's Iowa Poll, 47% of lowans approve of the job he's doing, another 40% disapprove and 13% are not sure.</p> <p>In interviews with poll respondents and event attendees across the state, some lowans say they remain fond of Grassley but worry he's been in office for too long.</p> <p>He was first elected to the Iowa Legislature in 1958 at the age of 23, and he's held elected office continuously ever since. He was elected to his first term in the U.S. Senate in 1980. Today, he is 88 years old and would be 95 at the end of another term.</p>