

**In May 2022, Abigail Spanberger touted the financial support from the American Rescue Plan & said “we still have one of the best economic recoveries,” despite the impact of inflation:**

- **Q:** “The Republican response is always, well, inflation is because of government spending. You know, we did this big, crazy, COVID relief thing, and that’s caused all this inflation. And that whatever we gave you, they took back in regressive tax...How do you respond to that?”
  - **SPANBERGER:** “I respond to that by saying when, when we did COVID relief bill after COVID relief bill, our goal was to ensure that small businesses like the ones that drive the economy of Virginia could survive...Recognizing that we were in crisis mode and reacting, the decisions that we made at the time were made with the information we had at the time, and the priorities we had at the time....Each of them used their American Rescue Plan dollars in very different, but really impactful and important, ways...The list goes on and on about the support we provided that has allowed, despite inflation which impacts people in real, meaningful, and challenging ways, we still have one of the best economic recoveries of any of our Western partners comparatively speaking...Those are choices that at a time that was very difficult I made because I think they were important investments.” (Fairfax Democrats Meeting, 05/18/22) ([NRCC YouTube](#))

**Abigail Spanberger said “I am proud that the House passed Build Back Better Act”:**

- **SPANBERGER:** “I am proud that the House passed Build Back Better Act.” (Health Justice Now Conference hosted by Families USA< 01/26/22) ([NRCC YouTube](#))

**Joe Biden credited Abigail Spanberger’s leadership for helping pass his Build Back Better legislation:**

- **BIDEN:** “In my Build Back Better legislation, that with Abigail’s leadership, passed the House of Representatives, we can do that.” (Joe Biden Remarks, Culpeper, Virginia, 02/10/22) ([NRCC Dropbox](#))

**When asked about a \$3.5 trillion dollar spending plan, Abigail Spanberger said “I think it’s unfortunate that so much of the conversation really focused on the price tag to begin with”:**

- **SPANBERGER:** “I think it's unfortunate that much of the conversation really focused on price tag to begin with. I think that when we’re looking at creating policy that's important in the lives of the Americans that we represent, be they in the Commonwealth Of Virginia or across the country, we should be looking at programs. We should be looking at policy objectives, the investments of course that they require but the impact they're supposed to have on our communities. Particularly at this time where we really need to lean in on and invest in our economic recovery. So I fall solidly in the category , in the camp of individuals who think we should be focused on programs. What are the programs necessary at this time? What are the programs we want to invest in so we that can invest in our people, in our economic recovery, our communities? And go from there. Of course having a general budget that we're kind of aiming towards or something is important. But my focus is on the programs. There are a lot of tremendously beneficial ways to spend taxpayer dollars and I’m focused on the intended outcomes of the investments we're looking to make.” (One-On-One With Abigail Spanberger, MSNBC, 09/8/21) ([NRCC YouTube](#))

**Abigail Spanberger said President Biden is ultimately responsible for inflation but said “inflation isn’t caused by any one thing”:**

- **SPANBERGER:** “Ultimately the buck stops with the President. And I think that’s real. Regardless of the source of inflation, and certainly I would make the statement that inflation isn’t caused by any one thing. It’s been a variety of circumstances.” (Virtual Town Hall, 04/12/22) ([NRCC YouTube](#))

**Abigail Spanberger said inflation is not going away:**

- **SPANBERGER:** Inflation wasn’t created in a day and it’s not gonna go away in a day...” (Fairfax Democrats Meeting, 05/18/22) ([NRCC YouTube](#))

**Abigail Spanberger admitted that inflation was a silent tax:**

- **SPANBERGER:** “So the issue of inflation, sir you called it a ‘silent tax,’ and I agree with you completely. It is, the impact of inflation is one that is felt by people across our district and across the country.” (Facebook Live Townhall, Rep. Abigail Spanberger, 2/15/22) ([NRCC YouTube](#), Uploaded 2/16/22)

**In May 2022, Abigail Spanberger said “there were no ringing alarms along the way” about a baby formula shortage and partially blamed parents for helping cause the issue:**

**Editor’s Note:** *Jen Psaki was asked at her press conference if the Biden Administration should have seen this coming as the whistleblower at the plant warned about safety concerns in October.*

- **SPANBERGER:** “So we know that there are a couple issues at play. One, there’s been supply chain issues because of the pandemic ebbing and flowing. Certainly in the early days of the pandemic as so many people were stock piling toilet paper, parents were stock piling formula...But then in recent months there was a shutdown of an Abbott plant...Abbot represents 43% of the baby formula in the United States, that consolidation quickly becomes a major issue...We are where we are right now. And there were no ringing alarms along the way.” (Morning Joe, [MSNBC](#), 05/13/22) ([NRCC YouTube](#))

**On June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Abigail Spanberger downplayed the baby formula shortage in VA and said “we did not see some of the shortages, just based on supply chains, that other states saw”:**

- **SPANBERGER:** “I have been hyper engaged on this issue since we started to see shortages across the United States. So just to give you some updates on what is occurring. So first and foremost, in the early days when the shortages started happening, and thankfully while Virginia has been very impacted and certainly Debra your experience is one, we did not see some of the shortages, just based on supply chains, that other states saw. That didn’t make it any easier...” (Telephone Town Hall, 06/29/22) ([NRCC YouTube](#))

**Abigail Spanberger called a suspension of the federal gas tax “short-sighted”:**

- **SPANBERGER:** “There has been discussion, certainly at the state level there’s been much debate about what to do with the federal gas, excuse me, with the state gas tax and whether there would be a temporary pause. That’s a state issue. But, at the federal level there’s been discussion of this as well...What people like me are pushing for is a larger package that’s focused on supply chain issues... I think it would be short-sighted to simply stop that revenue coming in without also taking additional steps to really strengthen our supply chains moving forward.” (Tele-Town Hall, 05/04/22) ([NRCC YouTube](#))

**B-Roll of baby formula shortage (clip 1):**

- **ANCHOR:** “Many parents are anxious over how to feed their babies. The nationwide shortage of formula is getting worse.” (Emily Yinger, “Baby formula supply shortage continues impacting Richmond area,” [WHSV](#), 05/09/22) ([NRCC YouTube](#))

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- **REPORTER:** “New mothers want to care for their babies in any way that they can but many of them now have to worry about something as simple as finding food to feed their babies amid the continued baby formula supply shortage. These are the store shelves...Right now, many of the products are out of stock. The baby formula shortage getting worse each day caused by supply chain issues and the shutdown of an Abbot nutrition manufacturing plant in Michigan. Mothers in Central Virginia hoping for some relief soon.” (Emily Yinger, “Baby formula supply shortage continues impacting Richmond area,” [WHSV](#), 05/09/22) ([NRCC YouTube](#))

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- **REPORTER:** “Retailers like Target and CVS have already announced limits about how much formula families can buy. Even local organizations who typically help distribute formula to mothers...are having a hard time getting enough supply to give to local families.” (Emily Yinger, “Baby formula supply shortage continues impacting Richmond area,” [WHSV](#), 05/09/22) ([NRCC YouTube](#))

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- **REPORTER:** “The problem is even worse for women who are low income or who need specialty formula brands.” (Emily Yinger, “Baby formula supply shortage continues impacting Richmond area,” [WHSV](#), 05/09/22) ([NRCC YouTube](#))

**B-Roll of baby formula shortage, “The baby formula shortage is truly impacting Virginia moms” (clip 2):**

- **ANCHOR 1:** “A nationwide baby formula shortage is causing prices to jump as much as 18% in the past year.” (Caroline Coleburn, “How the baby formula shortage is impacting Virginia moms,” [WTVR CBS 6](#), 04/15/22) ([NRCC YouTube](#))
  - **ANCHOR 2:** “Yeah, and a new problem solvers investigation...Looked into how Virginians are being impacted. She joins us now and tells us why this is such a desperate problem for many parents right now.” (Caroline Coleburn, “How the baby formula shortage is impacting Virginia moms,” [WTVR CBS 6](#), 04/15/22) ([NRCC YouTube](#))

- **ANCHOR 3:** “...I talked to a local non-profit, Urban Baby Beginnings, which works to help new moms as well a foster parent...It’s clear: The baby formula shortage is truly impacting Virginia moms.” (Caroline Coleburn, “How the baby formula shortage is impacting Virginia moms,” [WTVR CBS 6](#), 04/15/22) ([NRCC YouTube](#))

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- **ANCHOR 3:** “Definitely a dire situation there.” (Caroline Coleburn, “How the baby formula shortage is impacting Virginia moms,” [WTVR CBS 6](#), 04/15/22) ([NRCC YouTube](#))

**Local coverage of Biden’s event with Abigail Spanberger in which a news anchor says she “...fully embraced key parts of the Biden Agenda.”:**

- **ANCHOR:** “The President’s visit in Culpepper County today was in the seventh district...In Virginia, Abigail Spanberger is considered one of the more vulnerable candidates heading into the midterms. On Thursday, she fully embraced key parts of the Biden Agenda. Several times, Biden credited Spanberger for making great strides....”



(WCAV (CBS), CBS19 News at 11, 02/10/22) ([NRCC YouTube](#))

**B-Roll footage of Abigail Spanberger saying “oops”:**

- Spanberger says “oops.”



(Telephone Town Hall, 06/29/22) ([NRCC YouTube](#))

**B-Roll of high gas prices:**

- **B-Roll:** “As gas prices continue to skyrocket to the highest they’ve been since 2008, we want to know how the problem can get fixed.”



(WRIC-RIC (ABC) - Richmond, [VA8 News Late Edition](#), 03/07/22) ([NRCC YouTube](#))