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## **BACKUP:**

### **Don Davis was picked by the Biden campaign to serve as a delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention where he stated that as "a U.S. Air Force Veteran, I trust Joe Biden to keep us safe and rebuild our economy:"**

- **Don Davis served as a 1st Congressional District delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.** "State Sen. Don Davis, Pitt County Commissioner Ann Floyd Huggins and Pitt County Democratic Party Chairman Charles 'Sonny' McLawhorn, will serve as 1st Congressional District delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention." (Ginger Livingston, "Candidates receives endorsements; national delegates selected from Pitt County," [The Daily Reflector](#), 5/28/20)
- **Davis was picked by the Joe Biden for President campaign to be a delegate to the Democratic National Convention.** "McLawhorn, Floyd Huggins and Davis were selected by the Joe Biden for President campaign to run as delegates in the First Congressional District Democratic Party of North Carolina." (Ginger Livingston, "Candidates receives endorsements; national delegates selected from Pitt County," [The Daily Reflector](#), 5/28/20)
- **Davis stated that he trusts Biden to "keep us safe and rebuild our economy."** "As a U.S. Air Force veteran, I trust Joe Biden to keep us safe and rebuild our economy,' Davis said." (Ginger Livingston, "Candidates receives endorsements; national delegates selected from Pitt County," [The Daily Reflector](#), 5/28/20)

### **Nancy Pelosi has offered support for Don Davis in the form of campaign contributions and in "the social media equivalent of an endorsement":**

- **Nancy Pelosi has offered support for Don Davis on Twitter, including him in in "the social media equivalent of an endorsement."** "Three N.C. state senators running for Congress have received the social media equivalent of an endorsement of sorts from Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Pelosi shows pictures of candidates running for the House on her Twitter feed, including Sens. Don Davis, of Greene County, Jeff Jackson, Mecklenburg, and Wiley Nickel, Wake, and encourages her followers to support them. None of the three N.C. Democrats for Congress have promoted Pelosi's support on their own campaign social media." (Theresa Opeka, "Does Pelosi's support help or hurt Democrats running for Congress?," [Carolina Journal](#), 7/7/22)
  - **As of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Don Davis has received \$7,000 from Nancy Pelosi via her candidate committee and her leadership PAC.** (Federal Elections Commission, "Don Davis for NC," [Receipts](#), Accessed: 9/1/22)

*Editor's Note:* PAC to the Future is [Nancy Pelosi's Leadership PAC](#).

Contributions to Don Davis from Nancy Pelosi		
Contributor	Date	Amount
Nancy Pelosi for Congress	6/28/22	\$2,000.00
PAC to the Future	6/28/22	\$5,000.00
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**Joe Biden's American Rescue Plan – which Speaker Pelosi has praised – caused inflation to reach the highest point in four decades:**

- **Speaker Nancy Pelosi has praised the legislation as part of Joe Biden's legacy, calling it the "Biden American Rescue Plan."** "House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., praised the bill as part of Biden's legacy, calling it the 'Biden American Rescue Plan.' 'We will get to work immediately to deliver lifesaving resources springing from this bill as soon as it is passed and signed as we join President Biden. ... in his promise that at last help is on the way,' she said." (Savannah Behrmann, "Takeaways from the COVID-19 stimulus bill passing Congress: Weeks of partisan fighting comes to an end with a win for Biden," [USA Today](#), 3/10/21)
- **The American Rescue Plan is a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package.** "President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package on Thursday. The colossal bill, known as the American Rescue Plan, allocates money for vaccines, schools, small businesses and anti-poverty programs such as an expanded child tax credit that will mean new monthly payments to many parents." (Barbara Sprunt, "Here's What's In The American Rescue Plan," [NPR](#), 3/11/21)
  - **The American Rescue Plan passed through Congress on a partisan basis.** "The American Rescue plan made it through Congress with only Democratic support, making it stand out from the bipartisan COVID relief plans Congress passed over the last year." (Savannah Behrmann, "Takeaways from the COVID-19 stimulus bill passing Congress: Weeks of partisan fighting comes to an end with a win for Biden," [USA Today](#), 3/10/21)

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- **As of June 2022, inflation reached an annual rate of 9.1%, the highest rate of inflation since 1981.** "Shoppers paid sharply higher prices for a variety of goods in June as inflation kept its hold on a slowing U.S. economy, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Wednesday. The consumer price index, a broad measure of everyday goods and services related to the cost of living, soared 9.1% from a year ago, above the 8.8% Dow Jones estimate. That marked the fastest pace for inflation going back to November 1981." (Jeff Cox, "Inflation rose 9.1% in June, even more than expected, as consumer pressures intensify," [CNBC](#), 7/13/22)

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- **According to a regional Federal Reserve Bank analysis, the American Rescue Plan boosted inflation.** “Inflation is likely getting a temporary boost from the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package that the Biden administration ushered in early this year, new Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco research released on Monday suggested.” (Jeanna Smialek, “A regional Fed analysis suggests Biden’s stimulus is temporarily stoking inflation.,” [The New York Times](#), 10/18/21)

*Editor’s Note:* Over the past century, research within the Federal Reserve System has been [nonpartisan](#) and independent.

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- **Researchers found that the American Rescue Plan might raise the vacancy-to-unemployment ratio close to its historical peak in 1968, fueling inflation.** “Based on the package’s size and using historical evidence on how fiscal spending affects the labor market, the researchers found that the American Rescue Plan might raise the vacancy-to-unemployment ratio close to its historical peak in 1968, fueling some inflation – but that the price impact would be small and short-lived.” (Jeanna Smialek, “A regional Fed analysis suggests Biden’s stimulus is temporarily stoking inflation.,” [The New York Times](#), 10/18/21)
- **The American Rescue Plan extended supplemental unemployment benefits.** “The American Rescue Plan extended unemployment benefits until September 6 with a weekly supplemental benefit of \$300 on top of the regular \$400 benefit.” (The White House, “[American Rescue Plan](#),” Accessed 11/1/21)

- **COVID-related unemployment benefits contributed to inflation.** “5) Low-wage workers are finally getting raises. Full-service restaurants saw no inflation in April, but fast-food establishments jacked up prices significantly. ... With their savings buttressed by stimulus checks – and, for the previously laid off, their sustenance assured by \$300-a-week federal unemployment benefits – many American workers have become newly empowered to turn down lousy job offers. This, combined with resurgent demand, has produced a shortage of labor in some sectors, forcing firms to raise wages to attract new hires.” (Eric Levitz, “THE ECONOMY JUNE 8, 2021 The Case for (and Against) Worrying About Inflation,” [NYMag](#), 6/8/21)

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- **HEADLINE: “Inflation Is Causing The Price Of Necessities To Skyrocket: Where Are Consumers Cutting Costs?”** (Gary Drenik, “Inflation Is Causing The Price Of Necessities To Skyrocket: Where Are Consumers Cutting Costs?,” [Forbes](#), 8/24/22)
- **Inflation hit a 40-year high in mid-2022, causing the price of basic necessities to skyrocket and forcing consumers to find ways to cut corners to save cash.** “Inflation hit a 40-year high in mid-2022, causing the price of basic necessities to skyrocket and forcing consumers to determine where their spending priorities lie and where they can cut corners to save cash. Inventory management company Cin7 recently conducted a survey detailing how consumer spending habits are changing and how this will impact the businesses around them.” (Gary Drenik, “Inflation Is Causing The Price Of Necessities To Skyrocket: Where Are Consumers Cutting Costs?,” [Forbes](#), 8/24/22)

- **HEADLINE: “Here’s how inflation will dip into your pocket and what you can do about it”** (Janet Alvarez, “Here’s how inflation will dip into your pocket and what you can do about it,” [CNBC](#), 6/19/21)
- **Consumer goods companies have charged more for household basics like toilet paper, peanut butter, and soft drinks.** “Gas prices are rising. Auto prices are soaring. Consumer goods companies are charging more for household basics like toilet paper, peanut butter and soft drinks.” (Christopher Rugaber, “EXPLAINER: Why are fears of high inflation getting worse?,” [AP](#), 5/12/21)
- **Consumers have faced higher prices in grocery store aisles, including price hikes on items such as soup, macaroni and cheese, crackers, and cookies.** “The price increases can also be seen in the grocery store aisles, with food companies including Campbell Soup, Kraft Heinz and Mondelez all announcing higher prices on items such as soup, macaroni and cheese, crackers and cookies.” (Rachel Siegel, “Prices Climbed 6.8% In November Compared With Last Year, Largest Rise In Nearly Four Decades, As Inflation Spreads Through Economy,” [The Washington Post](#), 12/10/21)

**Additional government spending caused a rise in the prices of goods:**

- **CNN BUSINESS HEADLINE: “All that stimulus is sending inflation higher”** (Anneken Tappe, “All that stimulus is sending inflation higher,” [CNN Business](#), 4/9/21)
- **Stimulus checks caused additional spending, decreasing supply and driving up prices.** “Supply bottlenecks have occurred because companies were caught flat-footed by the speed of the economic recovery from the pandemic, with most consumers flush with cash, after multiple stimulus checks, and spending freely. With everyone now ramping up at once, manufacturers, shipping firms, miners and agricultural companies can’t keep up.” (Christopher Rugaber, “EXPLAINER: Why are fears of high inflation getting worse?,” [The Associated Press](#), 5/12/21)
- **Consumer goods prices are up.** “Gas prices are rising. Auto prices are soaring. Consumer goods companies are charging more for household basics like toilet paper, peanut butter and soft drinks.” (Christopher Rugaber, “EXPLAINER: Why are fears of high inflation getting worse?,” [The Associated Press](#), 5/12/21)
  - **Food companies like Campbell Soup, Kraft Heinz and Mondelez have all announced higher prices on items.** “Food companies like Campbell Soup, Kraft Heinz and Mondelez have all announced higher prices on items that include soup, macaroni and cheese, crackers, and cookies, and Dollar Tree announced it’s hiking prices on most products to \$1.25.” (Rachel Siegel, “Prices Climbed 6.8% In November Compared With Last Year, Largest Rise In Nearly Four Decades, As Inflation Spreads Through Economy,” [The Washington Post](#), 12/10/21)

**Research conducted by the Joint Economic Committee estimates that North Carolinians are paying \$645 more monthly than they were in January 2021, when President Biden took office:**

*Editor’s Note:* To read the full Joint Economic Committee report from Senate Republicans on inflation in August 2022, please [click here](#).

- **North Carolinians are paying \$645 more monthly, relative to prices in January 2021.** (Joint Economic Committee Republicans, [State Inflation Tracker August 2022](#), published 9/13/2022)

Table 1 Continued: Average Monthly Household Inflation Costs by State and Spending Category, August 2022, Relative to January 2021 Price Levels

State	Rank	Percent Increase in Prices Since Jan 2021	Total Inflation Costs	Food Inflation Costs	Shelter Inflation Costs	Transportation Inflation Costs	Energy Inflation Costs
New Mexico	23	15.6%	\$731	\$89	\$130	\$285	\$144
New York	27	11.6%	\$706	\$107	\$80	\$249	\$149
North Carolina	37	13.8%	\$645	\$76	\$108	\$246	\$119
North Dakota	17	13.7%	\$751	\$108	\$70	\$314	\$167

(Joint Economic Committee Republicans, [State Inflation Tracker August 2022](#), published 9/13/2022)