

Real Problems Require Real Solutions –Barr Gives Us Nonsense

Andy Barr stated about the fake customer accounts created by Wells-Fargo that “It was because small banks were bought out by larger banks that could no longer provide competition that Well’s-Fargo had a “license to misbehave”. KET, Oct. 12, 2016. <https://www.ket.org/public-affairs/u-s-rep-andy-barr/>

Andy Barr stated at the Episcopal Church In Lexington, June 20, 2017 that “it is unfair, immoral to bankrupt future generations, and it is a moral obligation to practice fiscal discipline. We must leave the world a better world.” Five months later he voted for the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 that increases the deficit by \$1 trillion/yr by 2019 and raises taxes on the poorest 60% of Kentuckians by 2021, while keeping tax cuts benefitting the wealthiest Americans permanent.

<https://www.printfriendly.com/p/g/CHfsyc>

Barr stated “the death tax threatens **many** family-owned Kentucky farms and small businesses, and I’m proud to vote for its repeal”. Press Release Apr. 16, 2015. <https://barr.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/barr-votes-to-repeal-the-death-tax>. The inheritance tax (death tax) affects only 0.2% of all estates in the entire US, and the tiny fraction of family owned farms and small businesses affected by it (no more than 2 in Kentucky/yr) have up to 15 years to pay off any tax liability associated with it.

<https://www.cbpp.org/research/ten-facts-you-should-know-about-the-federal-estate-tax>

Barr stated during his Lexington Town Hall Meeting in April 2017 that the “AHCA will result in more efficient spending, a better safety net for our most vulnerable citizens and greater local control for specific needs ... so the result will be decreased cost, improved competition and more access to medical needs for families”. None of that was an accurate description of what the American Health Care Act Barr supported would actually do. <https://www.bluegrassactivistalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Fact-checking-Representative-Andy-Barr-Lexington-Town-Hall-Healthcare-comments.pdf>

Andy Barr repeatedly blamed Obama and his EPA for loss of coal jobs due to their war on coal.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WcCh4DJZ-FE>. In 2017, Kentucky registered an overall increase of just 9 coal jobs in the entire State for the year

(([http://energy.ky.gov/Coal%20Facts%20Library/Kentucky%20Quarterly%20Coal%20Report%20\(Q4-2017\).pdf](http://energy.ky.gov/Coal%20Facts%20Library/Kentucky%20Quarterly%20Coal%20Report%20(Q4-2017).pdf)), and in February 2018, Kentucky lost 526 coal jobs

(<http://www.wave3.com/story/37103149/major-layoffs-announced-in-western-kentucky-coal-mines>) despite legislative coal deregulation by Barr and less EPA enforcement of coal regulations throughout 2017-present. Meanwhile, Kentuckians paid over \$3 billion in added health care costs due to coal related health problems in 2012 (http://www.catf.us/fossil/problems/power_plants/).