

Former Rep. Billy Long (R-MO), Trump's IRS Commissioner Pick, Peddled Fraud-Ridden Pandemic Tax Credit, Repeatedly Co-Sponsored Legislation To Abolish The IRS, And Is A Longtime Trump Loyalist Who May Weaponize The Agency

Trump's Internal Revenue Service Nominee (IRS) Former Rep. Billy Long (R-MO) Has Little Tax Experience, Is A Longtime Trump Loyalist Who May Try To Politicize The IRS's Operations, And Has Repeatedly Co-Sponsored Bills To Abolish The IRS And Replace The Income Tax With A Regressive Sales Tax.

Trump's Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Commissioner Pick Former Rep. Billy Long (R-MO), Has Little Experience Working In Tax Policy Or In The Tax Industry And Did Not Serve On The House's Main Tax-Writing Committee While In Congress.

President-Elect Trump Has Selected Former Rep. Billy Long (R-MO), Who Backed Legislation That "Aimed To Wipe Out Much Of The Tax Code," To Lead The Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

"President-elect Donald Trump on Wednesday said he wants ex-congressman Billy Long, a Republican from Missouri and a former auctioneer, to run the IRS. As a lawmaker, Long co-sponsored legislation that aimed to wipe out much of the tax code." [CBS News, [12/06/24](#)]

- **Long Served In Congress From January 2011 To January 2023, Before Stepping Down For A Failed Bid To Be In The U.S. Senate.** "LONG, Billy, a Representative from Missouri; born in Springfield, Greene County, Mo., August 11, 1955; attended University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., 1973-1976; graduated from the Missouri Auction School, 1979; Certified Auctioneers Institute, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., 1983; owner auctioneer business, 1979-2011; radio personality; elected as a Republican to the One Hundred Twelfth and to the five succeeding Congresses (January 3, 2011-January 3, 2023); was not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress in 2022, but was an unsuccessful candidate for nomination to the United States Senate." [Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, accessed [12/06/24](#)]

Trump Praised Long For His Roles "Running His Own Businesses In Real Estate And, As One Of The Premier Auctioneers In The Country," And Noted Long Has Been A Business And Tax Adviser Since Leaving Congress In 2023. "In making the announcement, Trump praised Long's '32 years of experience running his own businesses in Real Estate and, as one of the premier Auctioneers in the Country.' He also noted that since leaving Congress in 2023, Long has worked as a business and tax adviser." [CBS News, [12/06/24](#)]

While In Congress, Long Did Not Serve On The House Ways And Means Committee, The House's "Main Tax-Writing Committee." "During his time in Congress, Long served on the Energy and Commerce Committee, the Homeland Security Committee and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee – but not on the House's main tax-writing committee." [CNN, [12/05/24](#)]

Long, A Springfield Native, Owned An Auctioneer Business From 1979 To 2011, Has Been A Real Estate Broker, Radio Host, And As Of 2023, Was A Realtor With Missouri's Murney Associates. "Long is a Springfield native. He owned his own auctioneer business from 1979 to 2011, according to his Congressional biography. Long has also worked as a real estate broker and radio host. As of July 2023, Long has been a Realtor with Murney Associates, according to the Missouri Real Estate Commission." [Springfield News-Leader, [12/09/24](#)]

Long's "Background Is Largely Outside Of The Tax Industry" And His "Lack Of Tax Industry Experience Sets Him Apart From Other Recent IRS Commissioners." "Long has recently served as a tax adviser to businesses seeking to employ a controversial tax credit, but, unlike prior IRS commissioners, his background is largely outside of the tax industry, experts noted." [CBS News, [12/06/24](#)]

- **Long's "Lack Of Tax Industry Experience Sets Him Apart From Other Recent IRS Commissioners," With Trump IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig Holding A Master's Degree In Taxation, Working For Over Three Decades As A Tax Attorney, And Serving As Chairman Of The IRS Advisory Council.** "How does Long's experience compare with prior IRS commissioners? Long's lack of tax industry experience sets him apart from other recent IRS commissioners. Werfel, the current IRS chief, has an undergraduate degree from Cornell University and a master's degree in public policy from Duke University as well as a law degree from the University of North Carolina. [...] Werfel's predecessor, Charles Rettig, who was appointed by President-elect Trump, also held several degrees, including a master's in taxation. Before joining the IRS, Rettig worked as a tax attorney for more than three decades and served as the chairman of the IRS Advisory Council." [CBS News, [12/06/24](#)]
- **Long Attended The University Of Missouri But Did Not Graduate.** "Long, who attended the University of Missouri but didn't graduate, described himself on a website for his congressional run as a 'fourth-generation native of Southwest Missouri.' He touted his skills as an auctioneer, noting that he had been named the 'best auctioneer in the Ozarks for seven years in a row.'" [CBS News, [12/06/24](#)]

While In Congress, Long Repeatedly Co-Sponsored Legislation To Abolish The IRS And Replace The Income Tax, Estate Tax, And Other With A Regressive 30% National Sales Tax, An Idea Trump Has "Flirted With."

While In Congress, Long Co-Sponsored The Tax Code Termination Act, Legislation That Would Have "Wiped Out Much Of The Current Tax Code" And Replace It With A More Regressive System That Would Have Put More Burden On Low- And Middle-Income Taxpayers. "As a congressman, Long co-sponsored some tax-related bills, including several efforts to eliminate the estate tax as well as a measure called the Tax Code Termination Act. That legislation would have wiped out much of the current tax code, replacing it with what the bill called a 'simple and fair system' that would have applied 'a low rate to all Americans.' Such flat taxes are considered regressive by many experts because low- and middle-income taxpayers would end up paying a larger share of their incomes than would wealthy Americans." [CBS News, [12/06/24](#)]

While In Congress, Long Repeatedly Co-Sponsored Legislation To "Abolish The IRS And Replace The Income Tax, The Payroll Tax, The Estate Tax, And The Gift Tax With A 30 Percent Sales Tax." "When Long was in Congress, he co-sponsored, in three consecutive sessions, a bill to abolish the IRS and replace the income tax, the payroll tax, the estate tax, and the gift tax with a 30 percent sales tax." [The New Republic, [12/06/24](#)]

- **Legislation To Abolish The IRS Has Been Opposed Even By The Wall Street Journal's Editorial Page And Grover Norquist, The "Inventor Of The Taxpayer Protection Pledge That Bound Politicians Never, Ever To Raise Taxes."** "Even Grover Norquist, inventor of the Taxpayer Protection Pledge that bound politicians never, ever to raise taxes—and who famously said he wanted to shrink

government ‘down to the size where we can drown it in the bathtub’—urged Republicans to kill the bill. So did The Wall Street Journal’s editorial page.” [The New Republic, [12/06/24](#)]

- **Long Co-Sponsored Legislation To Abolish The IRS And To Create A National Sales Tax “Right After Joining Congress” Following His 2010 Election.** “Long, 69 years old, entered Congress in the tea party wave of 2010, declaring himself fed up with the state of the country and winning a crowded primary in a heavily Republican district. Right after joining Congress, he co-sponsored a bill to create a national sales tax and abolish the IRS.” [The Wall Street Journal, [12/08/24](#)]

Trump Has “Flirted With” The Idea Of A National Sales Tax. “It is unclear how Mr. Long would approach the I.R.S. push to modernize. He once sponsored legislation that sought to abolish the tax agency and replace the income tax with a sales tax, a concept Mr. Trump has flirted with. But Mr. Long did not serve on the tax-writing committee in the House, and he is unknown to some key Senate Republicans who will decide his fate.” [The New York Times, [12/06/24](#)]

Long, A Longtime Trump Loyalist Who Previously Pushed The IRS To Potentially Strip Tax-Exempt Status From The Humane Society, Will Be Scrutinized For Politically Interfering In IRS Operations And Could Have New Powers If Pending Legislation Is Passed.

John Koskinen, Who Served As IRS Commissioner In The Obama Administration, Reportedly Warned That “Trump’s Move Will Increase Scrutiny Of Whether He Is Interfering In The Operations Of The IRS For Political Purposes.” “Trump’s move will increase scrutiny of whether he is interfering in the operations of the IRS for political purposes, said John Koskinen, who was appointed commissioner of the IRS by President Barack Obama. Koskinen came under political fire over the IRS’s handling of conservative organizations and eventually faced an impeachment effort by Republicans — but Trump allowed him to serve out his term when he took office in 2017. ‘There’s no Republican or Democratic way to run the tax system and administer it fairly,’ Koskinen said. ‘So this is a change. ... You just don’t want people to feel that the IRS is a political entity, and it’s picking and choosing who to go after and who not to go after.’” [The Washington Post, [12/05/24](#)]

Long Was One Of Trump’s First Endorsers, Urging People To Join The “Trump Train” Early On, And Continuing To Vocally Push Trump In 2023, “Distributing Fake \$45 Bills Featuring Trump’s Picture” On Capitol Hill. “Before leaving Congress in early 2023, Long walked around Capitol Hill distributing fake \$45 bills featuring Trump’s picture. He hangs on to a striped tie—signed by Trump—that Long wore at a Nevada event early in Trump’s first campaign. Trump has pointed out publicly that Long was one of his first endorsers, encouraging people to board what Long called the “Trump train” while other Republicans were wary.” [The Wall Street Journal, [12/08/24](#)]

If Confirmed As IRS Commissioner, Long “Would Be In A Position To Strip — And Effectively Shut Down — The Tax Status Of Such Nonprofit Groups” That Disagree With Trump. “If former Missouri Republican Rep. Billy Long is confirmed to run the Internal Revenue Services (IRS), he would be in a position to strip — and effectively shut down — the tax status of such nonprofit groups whose missions he disagrees with.” [The Lever, [12/04/24](#)]

Long Could Have New Powers To Shut Down Nonprofit Organizations If Congress Passes Pending Legislation To “Rescind The Tax Status Of Groups It Deems ‘Terrorist Supporting Organizations.’” “And Long could have new powers to do so if Congress enacts a pending House-passed bill to grant the Trump administration new powers to rescind the tax status of groups it deems ‘terrorist supporting organizations.’” [The Lever, [12/04/24](#)]

While In Congress, Long Pressed The IRS To Investigate And Possibly Revoke The Tax-Exempt Status Of The Humane Society Of The United States After It Supported A “Successful Missouri Ballot Measure

Strengthening Regulations On Dog Breeders.” “Donald Trump’s pick to head the Internal Revenue Service pressed the agency to investigate and consider stripping the country’s leading animal welfare group of its tax status after it supported an initiative to protect dogs, according to documents reviewed by The Lever. [...] In 2011, Long signed a letter pushing the IRS to launch a probe of the tax-exempt status of the Humane Society of the United States, a nonprofit that focuses on animal welfare and opposes animal cruelty. The letter followed the Humane Society’s support of a successful Missouri ballot measure strengthening regulations on dog breeders.” [The Lever, [12/04/24](#)]

Although Long Is Not An Accountant Or CPA, He Has Been Involved In Enrolling Businesses In The Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC)—A “Magnet For Fraud” That Has Cost Billions In Federal Taxpayer Dollars—While Claiming “Everybody Qualifies” And That He Won Refunds Of Over \$1 Million For Entities Enjoying “Their Best Two Years Ever During COVID.”

After Leaving Congress In 2023, Long “Quickly Set Out To Make Money” And Began Enrolling Tax Filers In The Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC), A Pandemic-Era Tax Credit For Businesses And Organizations That Became A “Magnet For Fraud” That Has Cost The Federal Government Billions Of Dollars.

After Leaving Congress In 2023, Long “Quickly Set Out To Make Money” And Began Encouraging People To File For The Employee Retention Tax Credit, A “Lucrative, Pandemic-Era Tax Credit” That The IRS Has Warned Is A “Magnet For Fraud.” “Since leaving Congress in 2023, Billy Long has peddled a pandemic-era tax credit that the I.R.S. has warned is a magnet for fraud. [...] When Billy Long, now President-elect Donald J. Trump’s pick to lead the Internal Revenue Service, left Congress in 2023, he quickly set out to make money. Building off the relationships he developed as a Republican from Missouri and auctioneer, Mr. Long began encouraging people to file for a lucrative, pandemic-era tax credit. At meetings with chapters of Hispanic Chambers of Commerce across the country and at an auctioneering convention in Oklahoma, Mr. Long sometimes wore a hat advertising the Employee Retention Tax Credit as he tried to drum up business.” [The New York Times, [12/06/24](#)]

The ERTC, Officially Named The Employee Retention Credit (ERC), Is A Refundable Tax Credit For Businesses And Tax-Exempt Organizations Affected By The COVID-19 Pandemic. “The Employee Retention Credit (ERC) – sometimes called the Employee Retention Tax Credit or ERTC – is a refundable tax credit for certain eligible businesses and tax-exempt organizations that had employees and were affected during the COVID-19 pandemic. The requirements are different depending on the time period for which you claim the credit. The ERC is not available to individuals.” [Internal Revenue Service, accessed [12/10/24](#)]

- **The ERTC’s Official Name Is The Employee Retention Credit (ERC).** “The Employee Retention Credit (ERC) – sometimes called the Employee Retention Tax Credit or ERTC – is a refundable tax credit for certain eligible businesses and tax-exempt organizations. The requirements are different depending on the time period for which you claim the credit.” [Internal Revenue Service, accessed [12/10/24](#)]
- **The ERTC Is Intended For Employers That Were Affected By Pandemic Measures And Which Paid Wages To Workers Between March 2020 And January 2022.** “The IRS says the ERTC is aimed at employers who paid wages to workers between March 12, 2020, and January 1, 2022, and that were either suspended by government order during the pandemic or experienced a ‘required decline in gross receipts during 2020 or the first three calendar quarters of 2021.’ The credit is also available to startups that began at the end of 2021 and had less than \$1 million in revenue.” [CBS News, [12/06/24](#)]

September 2023: The IRS Freezed The ERTC Because It Was “A Magnet For Fraud And Has Cost The Federal Government Billions Of Dollars,” With The IRS Initiating Over 250 Related Criminal Investigations Involving Almost \$3 Billion In Potentially Fraudulent Claims. “The Internal Revenue Service said on Thursday that it was freezing a pandemic-era employer tax benefit that has been a magnet for fraud and has cost the federal government billions of dollars as the agency looks for ways to stop the program from being abused. The tax collector also said it had referred thousands of claims for the so-called Employee Retention Credit for audits and had initiated over 250 criminal investigations involving nearly \$3 billion in potentially fraudulent claims.” [The New York Times, [09/14/23](#)]

- **The IRS Warned That The ERTC Program Was Being “Exploited By Unscrupulous ‘Tax Mills’” That Receive Commissions For Submitting ERTC Applications Or Earning A Percentage Of ERTC Refunds.** “The moratorium on new claims underscores the high level of alarm within the I.R.S. that the tax credit has been misused and abused. Top I.R.S. officials have warned that the program is being exploited by unscrupulous ‘tax mills’ — accounting firms and other companies that aggressively lure taxpayers who are not eligible for refunds to submit applications anyway. Many of these companies receive either commissions for submitting applications or a percentage of the refund and have been relying on faulty interpretations of the rules of the program to convince small business owners that they have a chance to get free money.” [The New York Times, [09/14/23](#)]

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-OR) Responded To Long’s IRS Nomination By Asking “Why The American People Ought To Trust Somebody Involved With A Fraud-Ridden Industry To Run An Agency That’s Tasked With Rooting Out Fraud.”

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-OR) Said Of Long’s Nomination To Lead The IRS, “What’s Most Concerning Is That Mr. Long Left Office And Jumped Into The Scam-Plagued Industry Involving The Employee Retention Tax Credit [ERTC].” “Senate Finance Committee Chair Ron Wyden, D-Ore., today issued the following statement on Donald Trump’s announcement that he would nominate former Congressman Billy Long to lead the IRS: ‘Let’s understand why this nomination ought to set off alarm bells. This is not a typical nomination like you’d see after every presidential election. [...] ‘There are a lot of reasons why former Congressman Billy Long is a bizarre choice for this role. What’s most concerning is that Mr. Long left office and jumped into the scam-plagued industry involving the Employee Retention Tax Credit.’” [U.S. Senate Committee on Finance, [12/04/24](#)]

Sen. Wyden Said “ERTC Mills” Are “Essentially Fraud On An Industrial Scale, Conning Small Businesses And Ripping Off American Taxpayers To The Tune Of Billions Of Dollars.” “These ERTC mills that have popped up over the last few years are essentially fraud on an industrial scale, conning small businesses and ripping off American taxpayers to the tune of billions of dollars.” [U.S. Senate Committee on Finance, [12/04/24](#)]

Sen. Wyden Asked “Why The American People Ought To Trust Somebody Involved With A Fraud-Ridden Industry To Run An Agency That’s Tasked With Rooting Out Fraud.” “I’m going to have a lot of questions about Mr. Long’s role in this business, first and foremost why the American people ought to trust somebody involved with a fraud-ridden industry to run an agency that’s tasked with rooting out fraud.” [U.S. Senate Committee on Finance, [12/04/24](#)]

Although Long Is Not An Accountant Or CPA, He Has Been Involved In Tax Advising, Working Through Companies Lifetime Advisors And Commerce Terrace Consulting To Enroll Tax Filers In The ERTC.

Long Is Not An Accountant Or A Certified Public Accountant, But He Has “Been Involved In Tax Advising Since Leaving Congress,” Touting His Work Helping Businesses Apply For The ERTC. “While Long isn’t an accountant or CPA, he has been involved in tax advising since leaving Congress. In a 2023 podcast, for example, he touted his work helping businesses use the Employee Retention Tax Credit, a credit that the IRS has flagged for its high rate of fraud.” [CBS News, [12/06/24](#)]

Long Worked Through Two Companies Offering ERTC Services, Lifetime Advisors And Commerce Terrace Consulting, Which Claims To Have Provided \$400 Million In Tax Savings. “Mr. Long, in the 2023 podcast interview, said he would help only clients who were actually eligible for the credit, and added that the fees he and his associates collected would be returned to any clients that had their tax refund revoked by the I.R.S. The companies he said he worked with — Commerce Terrace Consulting, which says on its website that it has provided \$400 million in tax savings, and Lifetime Advisors — did not respond to a request for comment.” [The New York Times, [12/06/24](#)]

- **Lifetime Advisors’ Home Page Features A Quote By Judge Learned Hand Saying, “‘There Is Nothing Sinister In So Arranging Affairs As To Keep Taxes As Low As Possible’”:**

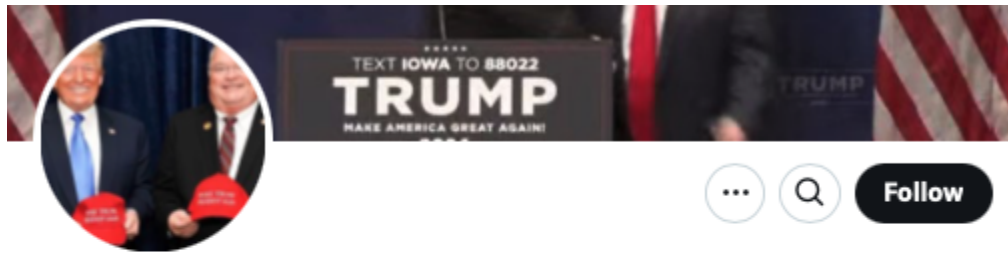
“Anyone may arrange his affairs so that his taxes shall be as low as possible; he is not bound to choose that pattern which best pays the treasury. There is not even a patriotic duty to increase one’s taxes. Over and over again the Courts have said that there is nothing sinister in so arranging affairs as to keep taxes as low as possible. Everyone does it, rich and poor alike and all do right, for nobody owes any public duty to pay more than the law demands.”

— Learned Hand

[Lifetime Advisors, accessed [12/10/24](#)]

Long Is Reportedly Not An Enrolled Tax Agent, “A Federally Licensed Tax Practitioner Who Can Prepare Taxes And Can Represent Taxpayers Before The IRS” And He Is Not Listed In The IRS’s Directory Of Federal Tax Return Preparers. “According to the Missouri Board of Accountancy, Long’s three broker associate licenses expired in 2012. It does not appear that Long is registered as an enrolled agent, which is a federally licensed tax practitioner who can prepare taxes and can represent taxpayers before the IRS, and he is not certified by the Accreditation Council for Accountancy and Taxation or listed in the IRS’s ‘Directory of Federal Tax Return Preparers with Credentials and Select Qualifications.’” [Springfield News-Leader, [12/09/24](#)]

In His X Profile Biography, Long Claimed He Was A “‘Certified Tax & Business Advisor,’” And Told Viewers, “DM Me To Save 40% On Your Taxes” As Of December 2024:



Congressman Billy Long, CTBA ✓

@auctnr1

U.S. Congressman 1/3/11 - 1/3/23 'Certified Tax & Business Advisor' DM me to save 40% on your taxes. We have a new traunch of tax credits just out!

📍 Springfield, Missouri 📅 Joined February 2009

[X Profile for @auctnr1, accessed [12/06/24](#)]

Long Does Not Appear In The IRS's Database Of Tax Return Preparers. "However, tax return preparers have differing levels of skills, education and expertise. This searchable directory is intended to help you with your choice by providing a listing of preparers in your area who currently hold professional credentials recognized by the IRS or who hold an Annual Filing Season Program Record of Completion." [Search for: Last Name, Long; Zip Code, 65801; Distance, 250 Miles; Internal Revenue Service, accessed [12/09/24](#)]

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While Promoting His ERTC Services, Long Has Said, “Everybody Qualifies” And That “You Don’t Have To Prove That You Had Any Downturn,” And Has Claimed He Won Refunds Of Over \$1 Million For Entities Enjoying “Their Best Two Years Ever During COVID.”

Long Said Of ERTC Restrictions, ““We Went From Having To Say COVID Adversely Affected Your Business Definitely, To Taking That Away, And You Don’t Have To Prove That You Had Any Downturn,” Adding, ‘We’re Doing Recoveries For Folks That Had Their Best Two Years Ever During COVID.’” “In the podcast, Long also said that when he served as a congressman, he helped make the ERTC easier for businesses to claim, noting that the credit was difficult to qualify for during its first iteration. ‘We went from having to say COVID adversely affected your business definitely, to taking that away, and you don’t have to prove that you had any downturn,’ he said. ‘We’re doing recoveries for folks that had their best two years ever during COVID.’” [CBS News, [12/06/24](#)]

In A 2023 YouTube Video, Long Said Of The ERTC, “Everybody Qualifies,” Adding “People That Have Had The Best Two Years Of Their Life Ever On Income Qualify.” “Everybody qualifies,’ Long crowed in a YouTube video last year. ‘You think funeral homes didn’t have a lot of business during Covid? I mean, people that have had the best two years of their life ever on income qualify. And a lot of these CPAs are missing out on it.’” [The New Republic, [12/06/24](#)]

Long Has Described Clients Receiving Tax Refunds Of Over \$1 Million, Saying, “They’ve Known Me For 40 Years In The Auction Business, Or Whatever They See Me Getting This Money For Their Compadres.” “What’s working for me is the trust factor because people know me,’ he said in a podcast interview last year about his work, describing clients who received tax refunds of more than \$1 million. ‘They’ve

known me for 40 years in the auction business, or whatever they see me getting this money for their compadres,' he added." [The New York Times, [12/06/24](#)]

While In A Health Subcommittee, Long Was Scrutinized For Buying Stock In Biotech Company Innate Immunotherapeutics, Which Was At The Center Of Rep. Chris Collins' (R-NY) Criminal Insider Trading Scandal.

2018: Then-Rep. Long Was Scrutinized For Buying Stock In Innate Immunotherapeutics (Now Called Amplia Therapeutics), Which Was At The Center Of Rep. Chris Collins' (R-NY) Insider Trading Scandal, Resulting In A 26-Month Prison Sentence For Collins.

August 2018: Then-Rep. Long Was Scrutinized For Buying Stock In Innate Immunotherapeutics (Now Called Amplia Therapeutics Limited), Which Was At The Center Of Insider Trading Charges Against Rep. Chris Collins (R-NY), Who Was Later Sentenced To Over Two Years In Prison. "Rep. Chris Collins is claiming innocence as he faces insider trader charges over his involvement in the biotech company Innate Immunotherapeutics Limited. Federal prosecutors allege Collins gave his son inside information about the results of a clinical trial, allowing him to sell shares in the company before values sunk. New York's Collins — who says he's still running for reelection in November — is the only member of Congress charged with a crime in the indictment. But at least five other Republican members of Congress also purchased shares in the Australian biotech company at some point. They include Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Texas; Rep. Markwayne Mullin, R-Okla.; Rep. John Culberson, R-Texas; Rep. Billy Long, R-Missouri; and Rep. Doug Lamborn, R-Colorado." [CBS News, [08/09/18](#)]

- **As Of August 2018, Long And Other Members Of Congress With Innate Stock Were Not Known To Be Under Investigation.** "None of the others are known to be under investigation and some still own the stock." [CBS News, [08/09/18](#)]
- **Federal Prosecutors Alleged Collins, Who Was On Innate's Board Of Directors, Urged His Son To Sell Stock In Innate On The Same Day He Learned That The Company's Multiple Sclerosis Drug Was Ineffective.** "Collins serves on the board of directors of Innate, an Australian company whose primary business was the development of a single drug intended to fight multiple sclerosis. Clinical trials found the drug was ineffective, as the chief executive officer of the company told Collins and other members of the board in an email on June 22, 2017, according to the indictment. Prosecutors allege that Collins called his son from the White House congressional picnic on June 22, 2017 as soon as he read the CEO's email and urged him to sell his stock before it plummeted." [CBS News, [08/09/18](#)]
- **January 2020: Collins Was Sentenced To 26 Months In Prison For "Participating In A Scheme To Commit Insider Trading And For Making False Statements To Federal Law Enforcement Agents."** "Geoffrey S. Berman, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today that CHRISTOPHER COLLINS, who represented the 27th District of New York as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, was sentenced to 26 months in prison today by U.S. District Judge Vernon S. Broderick for participating in a scheme to commit insider trading and for making false statements to federal law enforcement agents when interviewed about his conduct." [U.S. Department of Justice, [01/17/20](#)]
- **September 2018: Innate Immunotherapeutics Changed Its Name To Amplia Therapeutics Limited.** "Innate Immunotherapeutics has elected to change the Company name to Amplia Therapeutics Limited and the Company stock code will change to ATX from IIL. The change received shareholder approval in a Special Resolution at the Company's Annual General Meeting held on 30 August in Melbourne." [Amplia Therapeutics, [09/05/18](#)]

Long Bought \$15,001-\$50,000 In Innate Stock In January 2017, When The Stock Was “At Its Zenith” Before Plummeting By 92% In June 2018. “Many of the members who held or hold stock purchased it in January 2017, when it was at its zenith. There was some news coverage of the company at the time, including a Jan. 13 article in the New York Times about Price’s and Collins’ involvement with the company. The value of the shares dipped in February, before falling by 92 percent in June, after news of a failed mid-stage clinical trial broke. [...] On January 25, 2017, Long purchased between \$15,001 and \$50,000 in Innate stock, according to his financial disclosure form filed with the House clerk.” [CBS News, [08/09/18](#)]

At The Time, Long Was A Member Of The House Energy and Commerce Committee’s Subcommittee on Health. “Long, like Mullin, is a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee’s Subcommittee on Health.” [CBS News, [08/09/18](#)]

Long’s Press Secretary Claimed, “Congressman Long Did Not Learn Of Innate Immunotherapeutics Through A Colleague, But Rather When It Became A Daily Topic On The Nightly News In January Of 2017.” “Hannah Smith, press secretary for Long, said, ‘Congressman Long did not learn of Innate Immunotherapeutics through a colleague, but rather when it became a daily topic on the nightly news in January of 2017.’” [CBS News, [08/09/18](#)]

Long Did Not Disclose Any Stock In Amplia Therapeutics Limited (Formerly Innate Immunotherapeutics Limited) In His Final House Financial Disclosure, Filed January 2023. [Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, [01/03/23](#)]

In 2017, Long Disclosed Purchasing \$15,001-\$50,000 In Innate Immunotherapeutics Stock:

FULL ASSET NAME		TYPE OF TRANS-ACTION			DATE OF TRANS-ACTION	DATE NOTIFIED OF TRANS-ACTION	AMOUNT OF TRANSACTION										
SP DC JT	Provide full name, not ticker symbol.	Purchase	Sale	Exchange	(MM/DD/YY)	(MM/DD/YY)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
JT	Example: Mega Corp. Common Stock		X		02/05/15	03/07/15	\$1,001- \$15,000	\$15,001- \$50,000	\$50,001- \$100,000	\$100,001- \$250,000	\$250,001- \$500,000	\$500,001- \$1,000,000	\$1,000,001- \$5,000,000	\$5,000,001- \$25,000,000	\$25,000,001- \$50,000,000	Over \$50,000,000	Transaction in a Spouse or Dependent Child Asset over \$1,000,000
	Fiat Chrysler Automotive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	01/12/17	01/12/17	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Delphi Automotive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	01/12/17	01/12/17	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Innate Immunotherapeutics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	01/25/17	01/25/17	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

[Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, [02/08/17](#)]

In 2018, Long Disclosed Purchasing Innate Immunotherapeutics Stock, As Part Of An Individual Retirement Account, For Up To \$1,001:

Schedule A - Assets and "Unearned Income"

Asset and/or Income Source	Value of Asset												Type of Income	Amount of Income											Transaction
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L		I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	
	None													None											
	\$1 - \$1,000													\$1 - \$200											
	\$1,001 - \$150,000													\$201 - \$1,000											
	\$150,001 - \$50,000													\$1,001 - \$2,500											
	\$50,001 - \$100,000													\$2,501 - \$5,000											
	\$100,001 - \$250,000													\$5,000 - \$15,000											
	\$250,001 - \$500,000													\$15,001 - \$50,000											
	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000													\$50,001 - \$100,000											
	\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000													\$100,001 - \$1,000,000											
	\$5,000,001 - \$25,000,000													\$1,000,001 - \$1,000,000											
	\$25,000,001 - \$50,000,000													\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000											
	Over \$50,000,000													Over \$5,000,000											
	None													None											
	DIVIDENDS													DIVIDENDS											
	RENT													RENT											
	INTEREST													INTEREST											
	CAPITAL GAINS													CAPITAL GAINS											
	EXCEPTED/BLIND TRUST													EXCEPTED/BLIND TRUST											
	TAX DEFERRED													TAX DEFERRED											
	OTHER TYPES OF INCOME													OTHER TYPES OF INCOME											
	None													None											
	\$1 - \$200													\$1 - \$200											
	\$201 - \$1,000													\$201 - \$1,000											
	\$1,001 - \$2,500													\$1,001 - \$2,500											
	\$2,501 - \$5,000													\$2,501 - \$5,000											
	\$5,000 - \$15,000													\$5,000 - \$15,000											
	\$15,001 - \$50,000													\$15,001 - \$50,000											
	\$50,001 - \$100,000													\$50,001 - \$100,000											
	\$100,001 - \$1,000,000													\$100,001 - \$1,000,000											
	\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000													\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000											
	\$5,000,001 - \$50,000,000													\$5,000,001 - \$50,000,000											
	Over \$50,000,000													Over \$50,000,000											

[...]

Individual Retirement Accounts:

Fidelity Investments: (SEP) 133-164313

Allergan Inc

Dalphi Technologies Plc

Aptiv Plc Com New

Fidelity Govmt Cash Reserves

Innate Immunotherapeutics

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[Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, 2018, [05/15/19](#)]

In 2020, Long Disclosed Holding Up To \$1,000 In Amplia Therapeutics Limited (Formerly Innate Immunotherapeutics):

Schedule A - Assets and "Unearned Income"

Asset and/or Income Source	Value of Asset												Type of Income	Amount of Income											Transaction
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L		I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	
	None													None											
	\$1 - \$1,000													\$1 - \$200											
	\$1,001 - \$150,000													\$201 - \$1,000											
	\$150,001 - \$50,000													\$1,001 - \$2,500											
	\$50,001 - \$100,000													\$2,501 - \$5,000											
	\$100,001 - \$250,000													\$5,000 - \$15,000											
	\$250,001 - \$500,000													\$15,001 - \$50,000											
	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000													\$50,001 - \$100,000											
	\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000													\$100,001 - \$1,000,000											
	\$5,000,001 - \$25,000,000													\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000											
	\$25,000,001 - \$50,000,000													\$5,000,001 - \$50,000,000											
	Over \$50,000,000													Over \$50,000,000											
	None													None											
	DIVIDENDS													DIVIDENDS											
	RENT													RENT											
	INTEREST													INTEREST											
	CAPITAL GAINS													CAPITAL GAINS											
	EXCEPTED/BLIND TRUST													EXCEPTED/BLIND TRUST											
	TAX DEFERRED													TAX DEFERRED											
	OTHER TYPES OF INCOME													OTHER TYPES OF INCOME											
	None													None											
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	\$5,000,001 - \$50,000,000													\$5,000,001 - \$50,000,000											
	Over \$50,000,000													Over \$50,000,000											

[...]

Individual Retirement Accounts:

Fidelity Investments: (SEP) 133-164313

Allergan Inc

Dalphi Technologies Plc

Aptiv Plc Com New

Fidelity Govmt Cash Reserves

Amplia Therapeutics LTD

[Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, 2019, [08/11/20](#)]

By 2021, Long Disclosed No Stock In Amplia Therapeutics Limited (Formerly Innate Immunotherapeutics):

Schedule A - Assets and "Unearned Income"

Asset and/or Income Source	Value of Asset												Type of Income		Amount of Income										
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L			I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI
none															none										
1 - \$1,000															1 - \$200										
1,001 - \$15,000															201 - \$1000										
15,001 - \$50,000															1,001 - \$2,500										
50,001 - \$100,000															2,501 - \$5,000										
100,001 - \$250,000															5,000 - \$15,000										
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5,000,001 - \$25,000,000															1,000,001 - \$5,000,000										
25,000,001 - \$50,000,000															Over \$5,000,000										
Over \$50,000,000															none										
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															EXCEPTED/BLIND TRUST										
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															15,001 - \$50,000										
															50,001 - \$100,000										
															100,001 - \$1,000,000										
															1,000,001 - \$5,000,000										
															Over \$5,000,000										

Individual Retirement Accounts:

Fidelity Investments: (SEP) 133-184313

AbbVie formerly Allergan Inc

Borg Warner formerly Delphi Technologies Plc

Aptiv Plc Com New

Fidelity Govmt Cash Reserves

Fidelity Magellan Stock Fund

Amplia Therapeutics LTD

[Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, 2021, [03/08/22](#)]