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	VO: It's a record that brings back memories.	
	Unfortunate memories, of Dino Rossi's two disastrous decades in politics.	Rossi Was First Elected To The Washington State Senate In 1996. According to the Washington State Secretary of State's Office, in 1996, Rossi again won a contested Republican primary but went on to beat Democrat Kathleen Drew in the General Election, getting elected to Washington Senate District #5. [1996 Election Results, Washington Secretary of State, accessed 10/10/18]
Dino Rossi: Wont Forget.	And the hits we "won't forget."	
Bye bye baby Seattle Post-Intelligencer, 4/26/04; 2003 ESSB 5404	The 45,000 kids Rossi kicked off healthcare.	<p> Rossi Sponsored And Voted For SB 5404: Making 2003-05 Budget Appropriations. According to Washington State Legislature, Rossi voted <i>yea</i> on the Washington State ESSB 5404 (2003), a bill “making 2003-05 operating appropriations.” The bill ultimately passed in the Senate on June 5, 2003 with 28 <i>yeas</i>, 19 <i>nays</i>, 2 <i>excused</i>. [Washington State Legislature, ESSB 5404, (Rossi Sponsor) 6/5/03; ESSB 5404 (Rossi Voted Yea), 6/5/03; ESSB 5405 (Bill Text As Passed By Senate), 4/3/03] </p> <p> Rossi Claims Credit For His Work On Writing And Passing The 2003 Budget. “Being able to balance budgets. I mean I’m the guy that balanced the biggest deficit in state history without raising taxes and still protected the vulnerable. And I did it with getting the Republicans together, but also bringing some moderate Democrats with me.” [NCWLife Channel (4:58), via YouTube, 1/19/18] </p> <p> A 2004 Study Showed That 45,000 Children Dropped From Public Health </p>



		<p>Insurance Programs As A Direct Result Of The Budget, A 5 Percent Drop In Medicaid Enrollments. “The number of uninsured children in Washington state has reached its highest level in more than 10 years, with 45,000 children dropping off state-funded health insurance programs in the last 16 months, according to a report released yesterday. Children's advocates, pediatricians and the Washington State PTA criticized state policies and funding decisions they consider responsible for a 5 percent drop in Medicaid enrollments -- from 583,775 children in September 2002 to 554,872 enrollees in December 2003, the period covered by the report.” [Seattle Post-Intelligencer, 4/26/04]</p> <p>PolitiFact: Mostly True: Rossi Stripped Health Care From 45,000 Children. On September 18, 2018, PolitiFact wrote a review of an ad by House Majority PAC, saying “The ad said Rossi stripped health care from 45,000 children. Rossi wasn’t solely responsible for the move, but he did support it. The 2003 Washington state Senate budget measure he voted for increased administrative hurdles for children seeking Medicaid coverage. Most of the eligible children regained coverage when the rules changed back in 2005. We rate this statement Mostly True.” [PolitiFact, 9/18/2018]</p>
<p>Bottoms up! 2003 SB 5053</p>	<p>His votes against protecting our drinking water.</p>	<p>Dino Rossi Voted To Preempt Local Water Quality Standards. On March 18, 2013, Dino Rossi voted for SB 5053. A bill summary from the Washington Legislature described the legislation as: “Prohibiting agencies from adopting rules that exceed federal standards without legislative authority.” The bill would prohibit agencies like the Department of Ecology and the Department of Health from enforcing water quality standards that address the needs of local Washington communities. [SB 5053, 2003-04 Washington Legislature]</p> <p>Dino Rossi Voted To Block The Department of Ecology From Denying Water Diversions That Affect Water Quality Standards. On June 5, 2003, Dino Rossi voted for final passage of SB 5028. According to a bill summary from the Washington Legislature: “In Public Util. Dist. No. 1 v. Department of Ecology, 146 Wn.2d 778 (2002), a case involving a federally licensed hydropower facility, the Washington Supreme Court concluded that the</p>

		<p>Department of Ecology (DOE) may impose minimum stream flow conditions in a water quality certification pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, regardless of whether the applicant had existing water rights that might be affected. A recent proceeding has raised the issue of whether DOE may use its water quality enforcement authority to impose similar restrictions upon a water right diversion that reduces instream flow and contributes to increased water temperatures that violate Washington State’s Water Pollution Control Act.” Under this legislation: “DOE is prohibited from using state water quality authority to abrogate, supersede, impair, or condition the full exercise of a water right permit, certificate, exemption or claim. DOE is expressly allowed to use voluntary, incentive-based methods (water right lease/purchase, conservation funding, etc.) to improve water quality when water quality standards cannot reasonably be met through the issuance of water quality permits or orders.” [SB 5028, 2003-04 Washington Legislature]</p>
<p>I’ll always be yours Wenatchee World, 9/28/18</p>	<p>The tax breaks he supported for corporate polluters.</p>	<p>Rossi Called The Republican Tax Overhaul A Good Step. In September of 2018, the Wenatchee World reported: “Rossi opposes the Affordable Care Act as passed under President Barack Obama, advocating market solutions for rising healthcare costs and insurance premiums. “But you got to make sure that people with preexisting conditions aren’t falling through the cracks,” he said, “because that would not work.” The massive tax overhaul passed by the Republican-majority Congress was a good step, he believes, returning money to taxpayers and encouraging corporations to offer employee bonuses.” [Wenatchee World, 9/28/2018]</p> <p>Rossi Attacked Opponents For Opposing The Republican Tax Plan. “On the Republican tax-cut law[, Rossi said,] ‘All my opponents on the other side are all on record of being against it. I guess they can explain that themselves. It’s an average of \$3,357 per family in the 8th Congressional District . . . I know that some of them have called it crumbs, along with Nancy Pelosi. I don’t know how rich these people are but that’s real money to most people.’” [Seattle Times, 3/11/18]</p>

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In March of 2017, Pacific Standard magazine reported: “Just 17 American oil and gas companies reported a combined total of \$25 billion in direct one-time benefits from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Many of the companies will also receive millions of dollars in income tax refunds this year. Looking forward, the Tax Act then reduces all corporate annual tax bills by a minimum of 40 percent every year in perpetuity, while adding new benefits that function as government subsidies for the oil and gas industry. The companies' activities in the United States are made less expensive, thereby encouraging a further expansion of oil and gas operations.” [[Pacific Standard, 3/27/2018](#)]

GOP Tax Plan Included A Specially-Crafted Loophole To Allow Lower Tax Rates For Oil And Gas Operators, Former Joint Committee on Taxation Chief Of Staff Said: “This IS A Working Definition Of A Tax Boondoggle.”

In December of 2012, the New York Times reported on the republican tax legislation, saying: “Investments in mortgages held by real estate investment trusts would be able to take advantage of the lower pass-through rate instead of being taxed at ordinary income rates, which are higher. Thanks to an amendment offered by Senator John Cornyn, Republican of Texas, certain income from gas and oil operators could also qualify for the new, lower rate. Industry representatives said they would have been excluded from the intended benefits that the real estate investment trusts and other publicly traded industries were getting. ‘The Senate went out of its way to confirm that passive investors in these publicly traded investment vehicles get the benefit of the pass-through discount tax rate,’ said Edward D. Kleinbard, a professor of tax law at the University of Southern California and a former chief of staff for the congressional Joint Committee on Taxation. ‘This is a working definition of a tax boondoggle.’” [[New York Times, 12/2/2017](#)]

GOP Tax Plan Preserved Tax Benefits For Incentivizing Coal Production. In December of 2017, The New Republic reported: “But there’s also something to



		<p>be said about what the tax bill didn't change: the billions of dollars in permanent, century-old tax subsidies for the fossil fuel industry. According to Oil Change International, the U.S. federal government provides a combined \$14.7 billion in various annual subsidies for the fossil fuel industry, the vast majority of which remained untouched in the tax bill. And while the majority of those subsidies favor the oil and gas industry, 20 percent go toward incentivizing coal consumption and production. What's more, the effective tax rate for coal—which is less than 1 percent—stays the same. In other words, the government still sacrifices billions in revenue every year to prop up coal, an industry that most energy analysts agree is dying. 'The coal industry fares incredibly well [with the tax bill],' said Janet Redman, the U.S. policy director of Oil Change International. 'None of the handouts that they get now are taken away. They chug ahead with every tax break they've enjoyed last year, the year before, and some that have been in the books for decades. They've lost nothing.'" [The New Republic, 12/25/2017]</p>
<p>It's not you, it's me</p>	<p>And the sorry way he treated the middle class.</p>	<p>As Part Of The 2017 Budget Package, Rossi Voted For HB2242, The Component Legislation That Overhauled The Way Public Education Was Funded. On June 30, 2017, Rossi voted in favor of HB 2242, which a Washington Legislature bill summary described as "Funding fully the state's program of basic education by providing equitable education opportunities through reform of state and local education contributions." The bill passed the Senate in 3rd Special Session 6/30/17. [HB 2242, 2017-18 Washington Legislature]</p> <p>The Budget Included A Dramatic Overhaul Of The Way Property Taxes Are Collected To Fund Public Schools That Will Result In Tax Increases For Many Seattle-area Homeowners. "But the Senate Republicans' budget relies on a shift in the way property taxes are collected to pay for schools, creating a tax cut for some and an increase for others. It would levy a statewide school property tax levy and do away with the individual maintenance and operations levies from the state's 295 school districts. [...] That means property owners in most districts would see their taxes go down, while those in Seattle, Bellevue and some others school districts with high property values would see an increase." [The Spokesman-Review, 3/27/17]</p>



		<p>As Part Of The 2003 Budget Package, Rossi Voted For SB5341, The Component Legislation That Included The Nursing Home Bed Tax. Rossi voted in favor of SB 5341, "Establishing a quality maintenance fee on nursing facilities," which passed the Senate in Regular Session 4/14/03. [SB 5341, 4/14/03]</p> <p>The 2003 Budget Raised Taxes By Imposing A \$6.50-Per-Bed Tax On Nursing Homes And Some Homes Did Not Receive Enough In Reimbursements To Cover The Cost. "Here's how it worked: The state charged the \$6.50 tax but sent most of the money it generated back to nursing homes to offset the cost of the tax. In the end, the state ended up keeping \$24 million out of the deal and nursing homes with Medicaid clients ended up with an additional \$34 million in state and federal money, according to the state Department of Social and Heath [sic] Services. However, nursing homes that receive little to no public funding — roughly a third of all beds in the state — had to pay the tax, too, but didn't get enough back to cover the cost. The tax was phased out in 2007." [Seattle Times, 10/5/08]</p>
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