

## Congressman **Andy Barr Votes Against Our Farmers** & Consumers

- Kentucky's 6th District is home to 11,655 farms and ranks 54th out of 435 districts in highest total of all agriculture products sold at more than \$675 million. Source: 2012 Census of Agriculture.
- Foodborne illnesses cost the nation's economy about \$152 billion a year in healthcare expenses and lost productivity. Food poisoning strikes an estimated 48 million Americans annually, leading to 128,000 hospitalizations and 3,000 deaths.

Sources: Georgetown University, Produce Safety Project; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

• 19.4% of senior citizens in KY-6 received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance **Program (SNAP) benefits so they could eat.** 

Source: U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Food & Nutrition Service, July 2013.

• Honey bees contribute over \$14 billion to the value of U.S. crop production. Many of the country's crops would not exist without the honey bee at bloom time.

Source: American Beekeeping Federation



Rep. Barr voted *against* an amendment to the FY 2015 Agriculture Dept. spending bill to increase funding for Food Safety & Inspection Service (FSIS) food safety inspections by \$5.5 million. Source: H.R. 4800, 6/11/14, Roll call 303.



Rep. Barr voted *for* a bill to cut the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by \$39 billion over 10 years. Source: H.R. 3102, 9/19/13, Roll call 476.



Rep. Barr voted for an amendment to the 2013 Farm Bill to eliminate the Healthy Food Financing Initiative. Source: H.R. 1947, 6/20/13, Roll call 267.



Rep. Barr voted *against* an amendment to the 2013 Farm Bill to improve federal coordination in addressing the documented decline of managed and native pollinators and promote the long-term viability of honey bees and other beneficial insects in agriculture. Source: H.R. 1947, 6/19/13, Roll call 261.



Rep. Barr voted *for* an amendment to the 2013 Farm Bill to completely repeal the dairy price support program. Source: H.R. 1947, 6/19/13, Roll call 258.

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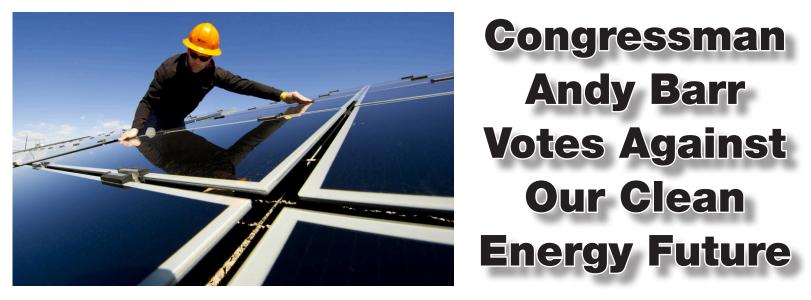
## **Agriculture and Food Ratings** for Andy Barr

**American Farm Bureau** Federation – 2014: 50%

Food Policy Action – 2013: 15% 2014: 11%



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- Kentucky ranks last among the 14 southeastern states for installed capacity of renewable power (without hydropower) at 115 megawatts. Source: American Council on Renewable Energy, Jan. 2014.
- Kentucky has 2,355,932 gigawatt hours of renewable energy potential. Source: CleanEnergyWorksForUs.org.
- Kentucky ranks 33rd among the 50 states for energy efficiency policies and programs. Source: American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, 2014.
- Kentucky ranks 34th in the nation in the number of solar jobs with only 700. Source: The Solar Foundation, November 2014.
- Kentucky is currently ranked 49th for wind power with megawatts of existing capacity. But the state ranks 43rd in terms of its future wind potential, with 34 megawatts of potential capacity. *Source: American Wind Energy Association.*



Rep. Barr voted *for* the FY 2015 Energy & Water spending bill that boosted funding for the Energy Department's fossil energy programs while slashing renewable energy funds by about \$111 million. *Source: H.R. 4923, 7/10/14, Roll call 402.* 



Rep. Barr voted *against* an amendment to the FY 2015 Energy & Water spending bill to increase funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy by \$111.6 million and decrease funding for fossil energy research and development by \$161.8 million. *Source: H.R. 4923, 7/9/14, Roll call 375.* 



Rep. Barr voted *for* an amendment to the FY 2014 Energy & Water spending bill to block \$24 million in funding for the Energy Department for wind energy programs. *Source: H.R. 2609, 7/10/13, Roll call 339.* 



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Rep. Barr voted **against** an amendment to the FY 2014 Energy & Water spending bill to increase funding for renewable energy, energy reliability, and efficiency (weatherization assistance) by \$40 million and to reduce funding for nuclear weapons activities by a similar amount. *Source: H.R. 2609, 7/9/13, Roll call 324.* 



Rep. Barr voted **against** an amendment to the FY 2014 Energy & Water spending bill to increase funding for renewable energy, energy reliability, and efficiency by \$15 million (for the National Renewable Energy Lab) and to reduce funding for nuclear weapons activities by a similar amount. *Source: H.R. 2609, 7/9/13, Roll call 321.* 



Rep. Barr voted **against** an amendment to the FY 2014 Energy & Water spending bill to increase funding for the renewable energy, energy reliability and efficiency account (for advanced manufacturing) by \$245 million and to decrease funding for nuclear weapons activities by a similar amount. *Source: H.R. 2609, 7/9/13, Roll call 313.* 

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## **Congressman Andy Barr Sides with Corporate Tax Dodgers**



- More than 40 U.S. companies have reincorporated in tax havens, a strategy known as inversion, 11 of them since 2012. *Source: 'Fat Federal Contracts for Tax-Evading U.S. Companies', Bloomberg Business, July 10, 2014.*
- Ingersoll-Rand was awarded more than \$350 million worth of federal contracts to retrofit government buildings and military facilities as part of a U.S. Dept. of Energy conservation program. Source: 'Fat Federal Contracts for Tax-Evading U.S. Companies', Bloomberg Business, July 10, 2014.
- In 2001, Ingersoll-Rand shifted its legal address to Bermuda, cutting its tax bill in half. Source: 'Fat Federal Contracts for Tax-Evading U.S. Companies', Bloomberg Business, July 10, 2014.
- The federal procurement system listed Tyco International as having about \$100 million worth of contracts in 2013. Source: 'Offshore firms still get government contracts', The Hill, October 25, 2014.
- \$19.5 billion in potential U.S. tax revenue could be lost to future inversions 2015–2024. Source: U.S. Congress, Joint Committee on Taxation, 2014.



Rep. Barr voted *against* an amendment to the FY 2015 Energy & Water spending bill to prohibit funds from being used to award federal contacts to corporations incorporated or chartered in Bermuda or the Cayman Islands that were previously incorporated in U.S. *Source: H.R. 4923, 7/10/14, Roll call 387* 

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- Detailed Study Suggests NSA Rarely Useful In Stopping Terrorism. Source: Do NSA's Bulk Surveillance Programs Stop Terrorists?, New America Foundation, Jan. 13, 2014
- The Fourth Amendment of our Constitution forbids warrantless searches like Rep. Barr is voting for.



Rep. Barr voted *against* an amendment to the FY 2015 Dept. of Defense spending bill to prohibit the National Security Agency from looking at Americans' phone calls and e-mails without a warrant, the so-called "backdoor search loophole". *Source: H.R. 4870, 6/19/14, Roll call 327.* 



Rep. Barr voted *against* an amendment to the FY 2014 Dept. of Defense spending bill to end the blanket collection of records by the National Security Agency pertaining to persons NOT subject to investigation. *Source: H.R. 2397, 7/24/13, Roll call 412.* 



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## Privacy & Freedom Ratings for Andy Barr

Liberty for All – 2014: **43%** Liberty Guard – 2014: **50%** Stand Against Spying – 2014: **0%** 

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