

EVIDENCE EXHIBITS

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EXHIBIT A SOCIAL POST

@workingfamiliesfirst · posted 4:12 PM · shared 8,800 times

"Rep. Halloran VOTED AGAINST fair wages for working families. Don't take our word for it — it's right there on the record. This is who he really is. #votehimout"

EXHIBIT B PRODUCT WEBPAGE

workingfamiliesfirst.example/the-record

WORKING FAMILIES FIRST The Issue The Record Get Involved

See Rep. Halloran’s Real Voting Record.

✓ BASED ON THE OFFICIAL SCORECARD

[legislativevotinginstitute.example/halloran-grade](#)

"The record politicians don't want you to see" — Capitol Watch

EXHIBIT C BLOG ARTICLE

capitolwatch.example · posted 10 days before the viral post

Headline: "How Reliable Are Interest Group Scorecards, Really?" Excerpt: "Working Families First based its claim about Rep. Halloran on a single grade from an advocacy group’s legislative scorecard — a practice that political science research on scorecards going back decades has found can turn one procedural vote into a sweeping up-or-down label." A link under "scorecard research" leads to Exhibit D.

EXHIBIT D PRESS RELEASE

workingfamiliesfirst.example/press · issued 4 weeks before the blog article

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE — Working Families First stands by its characterization of Rep. Halloran’s record, citing "decades of established scorecard methodology used by advocacy groups nationwide." The release does not mention that the specific vote behind Halloran’s grade was a procedural motion, not a final up-or-down vote on wages, and does not describe his voting record on the broader set of related bills.

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CITATION

Referenced in Exhibit C as “political science research on scorecards going back decades”

Charnock EJ.

More Than a Score: Interest Group Ratings and Polarized Politics.
Studies in American Political Development. 2018;32(1):49–78.

DOI: 10.1017/S0898588X18000056

A record with this title, journal, and DOI can be looked up directly. Check the historical example the article uses — a single procedural vote on a 1938 wages bill — and how it produced a stark “A” or “D” grade regardless of a lawmaker’s broader record. Then compare that pattern to how Exhibits C and D describe Rep. Halloran’s grade.