

# Opportunity Wisconsin: Opinions Rep. Derrick Van Orden should share instead of yelling at Senate pages

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LA CROSSE, Wis. – According to a new report from Punchbowl News, Congressman Derrick Van Orden spent Wednesday night yelling at Senate pages while giving a late-night tour of the Capitol:

## **Punchbowl News:**

*Van Orden, a freshman, was giving a tour for several dozen visitors around midnight when he happened upon Senate pages lying on the floor of the Rotunda, taking photos of the dome.*

*Van Orden cursed out the pages, who are in their last week of service, calling them “lazy shits” and told them to “get the fuck up” off the floor, according to sources.*

Since Congressman Van Orden isn't quiet about offering his opinions – even to teens at midnight in the Capitol rotunda – Opportunity Wisconsin has suggestions for more pressing concerns that his constituents would like answers to:

1. **Does Rep. Van Orden support the new Republican tax plan?** Congressional Republicans are advancing a new tax plan that gives

massive handouts to the wealthy and big corporations and could add \$1 trillion to the deficit. Rep. Van Orden hasn't taken a position on the bill.

1. **What does Rep. Van Orden think about big pharmaceutical companies suing to repeal measures that will lower prescription drug costs?** Some of the largest drug makers are "[throwing the kitchen sink](#)" to stop Medicare from negotiating lower prescription drug prices. So far, Rep. Van Orden hasn't said whether he supports rolling back these provisions that will make prescriptions more affordable for Wisconsin seniors.

1. **Will Rep. Van Orden support giving 28 million Americans a long-overdue raise?** This week a new bill was introduced in Congress to gradually raise the minimum wage to \$17 by 2028. Rep. Van Orden hasn't said whether he believes hardworking Wisconsinites should see a higher minimum wage.

**Opportunity Wisconsin Program Director Meghan Roh:** *"While it seems that Congressman Van Orden doesn't hesitate to share his opinions with Senate pages, he has kept his constituents in the dark about where he stands on critical issues coming before Congress. As he spends next month in Wisconsin during recess, we hope he has the opportunity to take a position on issues that actually impact the working families he's supposed to represent."*