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<p><i>Visual: Instagram-styled party photos from the White House Correspondents' Dinner, Love's direct mailers and jets.</i></p> <p><i>The last photo is a head shot of Mia Love</i></p> <p>Super: Congresswoman Mia Love</p> <p>VO: Lavish DC parties, glossy photo spreads, jet-setting across the country.</p> <p>Just another day in the life of social-life, Congresswoman Mia Love.</p>	<p>Love Charged Taxpayers To Attend White House Correspondents Dinner</p> <p>"Freshman Rep. Mia Love (R-Utah) billed taxpayers \$1,160 for flights and other transportation costs to return to Washington the same weekend she attended the White House Correspondents' Association (WHCA) dinner and other social events, according to House expense records reviewed by The Hill." [The Hill, 9/03/15]</p> <p><i>See Appendix A</i></p> <p>White House Correspondents' Dinner Is D.C.'s "Premier Social Occasion."</p> <p>"Each year, Atlantic Media hosts a series of star-studded events surrounding The White House Correspondents' Dinner, D.C.'s premier social occasion." [The Atlantic, 4/27/12]</p> <p><i>See Appendix B</i></p> <p>Q1 2015- Q2 2016: Spent \$274,786 On Mass Mail</p> <p>In her first year and a half in Congress, Love spent \$274,786 on mass mailings through her official office budget:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="214 1218 443 1579"> <thead> <tr> <th>Quarter</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2015 Q1</td> <td>\$38,022.84</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2015 Q2</td> <td>\$36,200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2015 Q3</td> <td>\$21,407</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2015 Q4</td> <td>\$72,516.87</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2016 Q1</td> <td>\$18,648.10</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Quarter	Amount	2015 Q1	\$38,022.84	2015 Q2	\$36,200	2015 Q3	\$21,407	2015 Q4	\$72,516.87	2016 Q1	\$18,648.10
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Washington Post: Love a "Minor Celebrity"

In June 2012, *The Washington Post* wrote "Now, her congressional race against a popular incumbent whom Republicans have struggled to defeat has made Love a minor celebrity among GOP stalwarts." [*Washington Post*, 6/25/12]

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Super: Spent \$274,786 on promotional mailers

Citation: Statement of Disbursements of the House, 2015-2016

Super: "Mail from... Mil Love"
"Strictly Campaigning"
KUTV.com, 10/04/16

VO: She spent nearly three hundred thousand taxpayer dollars on promotional mailers and improperly charged cross-country travel back to her constituents.

Super: Charged taxpayers \$1,218 in travel

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Headline: You Paid For It: Mass-Mailers From Members Of Congress

Citation: Statement of Disbursements of the House, 6/30/15

In October 2016, KUTV reported, “‘Another day, another piece of mail from Richard Silva’s congresswoman, Mia Love. ‘I received three of them in three weeks,’ Silva told Get Gephardt last July. Silva reached out to Get Gephardt because, he says, language in the corner of each of the flyers caught his eye: ‘This mailing was prepared, published & mailed at taxpayer expense.’ ‘I don’t think it’s appropriate,’ he said. Particularly inappropriate, Silva says, is that, to him, the mailers appear to be strictly campaigning.” [KUTV, [10/04/16](#)]

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Franked Mail Paid for with Taxpayer Funds

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The following table is from the Statement of Disbursements of the House:

Payee	Service Dates	Description	Amount
Hon. Mia B Love	4/25/2015	4/26/2015 Taxi/Parking/Tolls	\$58.06
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TOTAL \$1,218.26

[Statement of Disbursements of the House, 6/30/15]

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Members Are Not Allowed To Use Their Members' Representational Allowance To Pay For Events That Are Primarily Social In Nature. On page one of the Members' Congressional Handbook it states, "The [Members' Representational Allowance] MRA may not be used to pay for any expenses related to activities or events that are primarily social in nature." [Members' Congressional Handbook, 114th Congress]

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White House Correspondents' Dinner Is D.C.'s "Premier Social Occasion." "Each year, Atlantic Media hosts a series of star-studded events surrounding The White House Correspondents' Dinner, D.C.'s premier social occasion." [The Atlantic, 4/27/12]

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HEADLINE: Salt Lake Tribune: Mia Love Settles Tab For Flights To Posh D.C. Party. "Rep. Mia Love has decided to reimburse the federal government for two flights to Washington, D.C.'s most glamorous party, having first used her official congressional account to pay for the trip. The move comes after The Hill, a D.C. publication, noted she charged two flights and parking or taxis worth more than \$1,100 on April 25 and 26. The same weekend Love and her husband, Jason, were spotted taking a picture with famed astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson at the White House Correspondents Dinner." [Salt Lake Tribune, 9/06/15]

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When First Criticized For Trip, Love Claimed She Attended "Official Meetings", But Would Repay Costs Anyway And Would Not Provide Any Documentation Of Meetings, Only Later Revealing She Had Attended Meeting With Chief Of Staff Love's Spokesman Claimed She Attended "Official Meetings" On Trip, But Would Repay The Costs Anyway. "Love's weekend trip between Salt Lake City and Washington, D.C., did include time for official meetings in addition to the weekend's festivities, Love spokesman Richard Piatt said in a statement. But Love has not detailed who attended those meetings. She agreed to cut a check to the U.S. Treasury anyway." [The Hill, 9/04/15]

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Love Charged Taxpayers For Flight She Did Not Take Between Washington D.C. And Utah

Love Charged Taxpayers For Flight On February 6, 2015 While House Was Not In Session. Love was reimbursed by taxpayers for a flight between Utah and Washington D.C. on Friday, February 6, 2015 when the House was not in session despite also charging taxpayers for a flight on Thursday, February 5, 2015, when the House ended session for the week. [Statement of Disbursements of the House, [3/31/15](#); House Calendar, accessed 9/14/15]

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Hon. Mia B Love	2/2/2015 2/2/2015	Commercial Transportation	\$537.10	Began
Hon. Mia B Love	2/5/2015 2/5/2015	Commercial Transportation	\$537.10	Ended
Hon. Mia B Love	2/6/2015 2/6/2015	Commercial Transportation	\$537.10	No votes
Hon. Mia B Love	2/10/2015 2/10/2015	Commercial Transportation	\$537.10	Began

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Members Of Congress Are Allowed To Simultaneously Book Multiple Flights To Accommodate Their Schedules. "Being a member of Congress also means never having to rush to catch a flight. The airlines allow lawmakers the special privilege of simultaneously booking themselves on multiple flights, so that if they are late or their

flight is canceled, they're guaranteed a spot on the next one. A few years ago, a prominent senator paused in the middle of a conversation with me to bark at an aide, 'Book me on the 6, 7, and 8 p.m. shuttles!'" [Bloomberg, [4/30/13](#)]

See Appendix N

House Members Only Pay For Flights They Actually Take, Are Not Subject To Costly Airline Reservation Cancellation Fees. "The expensive airport parking fees and costly airline reservation cancellations that bedevil most travelers are of little concern for members of Congress ... Airlines also allow politicians to reserve seats on multiple flights but only pay for the trips they actually take." [Breitbart, [10/29/13](#)]

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HEADLINE: Salt Lake Tribune: Utah's Mia Love To Pay Back Flight Tab, Second Time This Year. "Rep. Mia Love will reimburse taxpayers for a flight she was paid for but didn't take earlier this year, her office says, making this the second time the freshman Republican has dipped into her own pocket to pay back her congressional office.

Questioned last week about two flights on consecutive days in February from Washington to Utah, Love's office had said she missed the initial flight and took the second but was charged by Delta Air Lines for both. She was reimbursed for both since she was charged by Delta, her office said. On Monday, Love's office said she would reimburse taxpayers for the \$537 she was paid for the missed flight." [Salt Lake Tribune, 11/10/15]

See Appendix P

National Journal: "She Waited Months" To Repay Taxpayers For The Extra Flight.

"House records show Love was reimbursed by the government for plane tickets on February 5 and 6 after the House adjourned on February 5. When asked last week why she was reimbursed for two tickets, Piatt said Love wasn't sure which day she wanted to fly back to her district in Utah, so she bought two tickets, planning to return the cost of the extra ticket to the Treasury when she decided to take the February 6 flight. But neither of Love's quarterly office disbursement reports, which run through June 30, indicate Love

	<p>gave back any money which would show that if Love refunded taxpayers for the extra money, she waited months to do so." [National Journal, 11/10/15]</p> <p><i>See Appendix Q</i></p>
<p>Super: Voted against historic education bill didn't have time to read it</p> <p>Super: "It's not like reading, you know, a Harry Potter book... it was very difficult for me." - Mia Love, 2/22/2016</p> <p>VO: Love even voted against an historic, bipartisan education bill because – with her busy social schedule – she didn't have time to read it.</p>	<p>Education Reporter For Salt Lake Tribune: Mia Love Told Utah House That She Did Not Vote For The Every Student Succeeds Act Because She Did Not Have Time To Read It. "Mia Love tells UT House she didn't vote for #ESSA (i.e. most significant ed bill in decades) because didn't have time 2 read it #UTed #UTpol" [@BjammWood, 2/22/16]</p> <p><i>See Appendix R</i></p> <p>Love: The ESSA Was A 2,000 Page Bill She Only Had Three Days To Read And Did Not Want To Vote On Something "Before We Know What's In It." "The problem with that is it was a 2,000 plus page bill where we had less than three days. And I do not think that we should be in the business of voting for something before we know what's in it ... The problem again, with that is 2,000 plus pages. It's not like reading, you know, a Harry Potter book. It's in legal jargon, and it was very difficult for me. If it's difficult for me to go in and explain what is in the bill to my constituents, my job is to make sure that I understand something fully before I vote for it." [Love Speaks to Utah Legislature, 2/22/16]</p> <p><i>See Appendix S</i></p> <p>ESSA "Received Strong Bipartisan Support From Both Houses Of Congress." "The Every Student Succeeds Act, which received strong bipartisan support from both houses of Congress, will directly affect nearly 50 million students and their 3.4 million teachers in the nation's 100,000 public schools. The law sailed through both houses of Congress this month with strong bipartisan support, a fact made more remarkable because Republicans and Democrats had been wrangling over the subject for eight years, unable to reach agreement about the proper balance between federalism and accountability." [Washington Post, 12/10/15]</p>

	<p><i>See Appendix T</i></p> <p>EDITORIAL: Salt Lake Tribune: “We Strongly Support The Every Student Succeeds Act.” “The entire Utah House delegation joined a surprisingly small group that voted in opposition to this legislation, which otherwise had very broad bipartisan support (73 percent of Republicans and 99 percent of Democrats voted in favor) ... We strongly support the Every Student Succeeds Act, which represents one of the first major pieces of legislation to come before Congress in what might become characterized as the post-all-or-nothing world.” [Salt Lake Tribune, Editorial, 12/06/15]</p> <p><i>See Appendix U</i></p>
<p>Super: Mia Love Working for herself Not Utah</p> <p>VO: Mia Love busy working for herself; not Utah</p>	
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