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<p>As Election Year begins, voters across the state, and especially in Chicago, need to know that Juliana Stratton is a fighter from the Southside who represents a new generation of leadership and has stood stronger against Donald Trump than anyone in this race. In Washington they have failed to make meaningful differences in people's lives.</p>	
<p>As Lieutenant Governor, Juliana has actually gotten things done, helping pass strong new gun safety laws...</p>	<p>Stratton Praised Illinois Law Outlawing Assault Weapons And Stressed Importance Of Collaboration. "WCBU: How important is collaboration between the state and federal government for issues such as gun violence? STRATTON: Collaboration is incredibly important when I think about, for example, the bipartisan Safer Communities Act that was signed into law by President Biden. And we just passed about a year. But that was the first time in close to 30 years that we saw such significant movement on a gun safety bill. And Illinois, along with states all across the country have benefited from that collaboration with the federal government. Because it includes not only some real leadership about what we need to do with background checks, and making sure that guns are kept out of the hands of people who should not have them. But it also invests billions of dollars to keep our schools and communities safer, including investments in mental health care, investments in after school programs and programs within schools, so that we can make sure that we not only prevent violence, but also address the trauma that all of our states are experiencing in the wake of mass shootings and everyday gun violence." [WCBU, 8/24/23]</p> <p>Lieutenant Governor Stratton Applauded The Passage Of The Protect Illinois Communities Act. "Illinois is now the ninth state in the country to ban assault weapons. Gov. JB Pritzker signed the Protect Illinois Communities Act into law Monday night. It was a whirlwind for Democratic sponsors and advocates who watched intense negotiations to improve the plan over the past week. The law immediately bans the sale, delivery and purchase</p>

	<p>of assault-style weapons and switches. It also prohibits the use of high-capacity magazines with more than 10 rounds of ammunition for long guns and more than 15 rounds for handguns. Illinoisans who currently own assault weapons will have to submit an affidavit online with their FOID card number and the make, model, caliber and serial number by Jan. 1, 2024...House Bill 5471 also codifies the Illinois State Police online system for reporting stolen firearms and enhances security around gun transfers by requiring them to take place after July 1, 2023, in order to be filed with a federally licensed firearms dealer. "The trauma of gun violence and even living with the threat of gun violence inevitably takes its toll," said Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton. "The pain is real. The time is now. We stand together here to say enough is enough." [WGEM, 1/11/23]</p> <p>Stratton Said Safe Gun Storage Laws Will Protect Lives And Provide Simple Protections. "Gov. Pritzker signed two bills into law Monday morning aimed at boosting gun safety in Illinois. The first is the Safe Gun Storage Act, which requires gun owners to lock up weapons when minors or at-risk people are in the home. If a court finds a person violated the law, they could be fined up to \$10,000 and required to perform community service. The second is aimed at helping police trace stolen weapons during investigations. This law requires every police agency to use a federal tracing system to help determine how a gun was obtained. Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton said these laws focus on eliminating risks where possible. "The legislation we celebrate today is not about taking things away from people, it's about mandating simple protections that will save lives," Stratton said." [WGEM, 7/28/25]</p>
raise the minimum wage...	<p>Stratton Touted Illinois' 7th Minimum Wage Increase. "The minimum wage in Illinois will increase on January 1, 2025. According to the state, workers will see an increase of \$1 per hour from \$14 to \$15. The minimum wage for tipped workers will rise from \$9 per hour and youth workers, those under 18, working fewer than 650 hours per calendar year will see their hourly wage increase to \$13 per hour...According to a news release from the state, this is the seventh and last increase in its minimum wage that was included in legislation signed by the governor in 2019. "For too long, Illinois' working families have contributed to our shared home without fair compensation," Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton added. "The increased minimum wage is a long-overdue recognition of</p>

	<p>those who keep us moving forward. I'm grateful to be part of an administration that keeps its word to the people we serve." [KFVS, 12/17/24]</p> <p>After Raising The Minimum Wage In Illinois, Stratton Planned To Fight For A Federal Increase. "Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton is hoping to bring some of Gov. JB Pritzker's legislative victories to the U.S. Senate as her top initiatives if she's elected next year. Stratton released her first policy platform this week. It details her positions on health care, cost of living, housing and economic issues. In a video statement explaining her vision, Stratton pointed to her record as lieutenant governor. "Here in Illinois, we've raised the minimum wage, created thousands of new jobs, brought down the cost of prescription drugs and made child care more affordable," Stratton said in the video. "And now I'm taking that blueprint to Washington, D.C." [Capitol News Illinois, 10/1/25]</p>
<p>and make Illinois a safe haven for abortion rights.</p>	<p>Stratton Said Illinois Expanded Their Ability To Take In More People Seeking Reproductive Health Care As Other States Passed Strict Abortion Laws. "Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton said the laws passed are about expanding the state's ability to take in more people seeking reproductive health care. "Today is both beautiful and dumbfounding. As Gov. Pritzker protects doctors and empowers Illinois families, the governor of Iowa just signed a fetal heartbeat bill that will push Iowans into our home for health," Stratton said, also adding, "We have to stretch our capacity to provide care, not just for the women of Illinois, but for all women in the Midwest and beyond." [Capitol News Illinois, 8/7/24]</p> <p>At Democratic National Convention, Stratton Praised Illinois As A Safe Haven For Abortion Rights. "Illinois Democrats on Tuesday kicked off the second day of the Democratic National Convention by touting their efforts to protect abortion rights even before the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. "As the mother of four daughters that I thought would have more rights than me, not fewer," Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton said, "I'm devastated to this day that Trump's Supreme Court found a way to relegate us to second-class citizens."...Stratton told reporters that all of the party's efforts must be focused on electing Vice President Kamala Harris and Gov. Tim Walz and preventing Republicans from adopting a national ban on abortion. "There is a lot more work that we need to do," Stratton</p>

said, calling Illinois a “blueprint” for other states to work to protect abortion rights and gender-affirming care. While Gov. J.B. Pritzker has expanded access to abortion several times since taking office in 2018, those laws can be repealed or changed by future governors and lawmakers. “Look at what we have done here in Illinois, we are on the national stage because of exactly what we have done in Illinois,” Stratton said. “We have protected reproductive freedom, we have become a safe haven for women all across the country. We’re going to keep pushing for this and we need Kamala Harris and Tim Walz in the office in the White House.” [WTTW, [8/20/24](#)]

Stratton Testified In Before U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee About Impact Of Roe v. Wade Reversal And Called Illinois An “Island” For Reproductive Rights That Needs More Federal Support.

“Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton testified Tuesday before the Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington that Illinois, now an “island” for reproductive rights, needs more federal support to handle an influx of patients seeking abortions and more legal protections for patients and abortion providers in a post-Roe v. Wade world. “Before the threats to Roe v. Wade were fully realized, Illinois was proactive, upholding bodily autonomy and protecting the right to an abortion,” Stratton testified. “And still, the overturning of Roe v. Wade has sent us down a dark, agonizing path.” [Chicago Sun-Times, 7/12/22]

Stratton Said Her Administration Asked President Biden For Help And Worried About The Criminalization Of Abortion Seekers And Providers.

“Stratton testified that Pritzker has asked President Joe Biden for more access to federal funds to support the demand of women coming into the state for reproductive health care and to create a centralized hub for providers and patients to ease the burden on abortion care providers in Illinois. Pritzker has already called for a special legislative session to further protect reproductive rights in Illinois but has not yet set the dates. Stratton said “the potential criminalization of patients coming to our state is certainly top of mind in Illinois.” “It’s not just the patients, it’s also the abortion care providers that also could potentially risk that same sort of criminalization,” Stratton said. “And so, we are working with our state’s leaders, are gathering to talk about how we can continue to expand and further enshrine reproductive rights into state law

	<p>because, again, everyone should be able to feel safe and be able to have access to health care." [Chicago Sun-Times, 7/12/22]</p>
<p>In the Senate she'll fight against Donald Trump's threats to democracy and the out of control costs impacting our lives, like healthcare and food prices – that's why she's endorsed by JB Pritzker and Senator Tammy Duckworth.</p>	<p>Stratton Fought Against Trump Sending Federal Troops To Chicago And Said "We Do Not Want Your Circus Here." "As President Donald Trump continues to threaten military deployment to Chicago, Illinois' Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton says Trump's MAGA plot is not welcome in the Windy City. "We do not want your circus here," Stratton told theGrio during a phone interview on Wednesday. "We do not want federalized troops here, marching up and down the streets...he needs to do his job and keep his chaos out of the city of Chicago." Despite Trump's claim that Chicagoans support his plan to send the military to Chicago to address crime, including an alleged group of "Black women wearing red hats," Lieutenant Gov. Stratton, who is running for U.S. Senate in 2026, said, "I'm a lifelong Chicagoan and I live on the Southside of Chicago [and] I am a Black woman...and I can tell you that the Black women and families that I know in this city and that I speak to every day are not asking for soldiers parading our streets and instilling fear in our communities." She added, "They're not asking to be treated like pawns in Trump's political games." [The Grio, 9/4/25]</p> <p>Stratton Released Policy Platform To Bring Illinois Blueprint To Washington D.C. And Lower Cost Of Living. "Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton is hoping to bring some of Gov. JB Pritzker's legislative victories to the U.S. Senate as her top initiatives if she's elected next year. Stratton released her first policy platform this week. It details her positions on health care, cost of living, housing and economic issues. In a video statement explaining her vision, Stratton pointed to her record as lieutenant governor. "Here in Illinois, we've raised the minimum wage, created thousands of new jobs, brought down the cost of prescription drugs and made child care more affordable," Stratton said in the video. "And now I'm taking that blueprint to Washington, D.C." Her 29-point agenda includes several policies Pritzker's administration has passed through the legislature since taking office in 2019. Stratton said her work in Pritzker's administration demonstrates her ability to pass and implement policies that make life more affordable for Americans." [NPR, 10/1/25]</p>

	<p>Gov. Pritzker Endorsed Juliana Stratton For Senate. [NBC, 4/25/25]</p> <p>Sen. Duckworth Endorsed Juliana Stratton For Senate. [ABC7 Chicago, 4/28/25]</p>
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