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Andrei Cherny has spent 25 years fighting for Democratic values	<p><u>"Democrat Andrei Cherny to challenge Rep. David Schweikert."</u> <u>Arizona Republic, 5/6/23</u></p> <p>Cherny has spent 25 years addressing the issue of climate change and believes that tackling global climate change is financially and environmentally beneficial to Arizona.</p> <p>...</p> <p>When it comes to public service, Cherny served as an officer in the Navy Reserve and was assistant attorney general under Terry Goddard from 2006 to 2009. A former chair of the Arizona Democratic Party, Cherny previously ran for the U.S. House of Representatives in 2012.</p> <p>...</p> <p>He has the distinction of being the youngest White House speechwriter in history. He was hired by President Bill Clinton's administration at age 21.</p>
and will protect abortion rights in Congress.	<p><u>Defending Reproductive Rights, Andrei Cherny for Congress</u></p> <p>The very first bill Andrei will sponsor when he is sworn in to Congress will be legislation to make Roe v. Wade, once again, the law of the land. With the Arizona Supreme Court restoring the extreme 1864 near-total abortion ban into law, we must act urgently to ensure every Arizonan has the healthcare rights and freedoms of prior generations.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Andrei's not new to the fight for women's reproductive rights. And he hasn't just talked about it, he's actually done something.</p> <p>When Roe v. Wade was struck down by the Supreme Court, Andrei made sure that every employee of his company had access to abortion by covering travel costs and medical care if the woman lived in a state where abortion is banned.</p> <p>Republicans have been clear for decades about their intention to ban abortion – and Andrei has fought them every step of the way. He worked with Bill Clinton and Barack Obama to fight to protect abortion rights.</p>
Andrei grew up in a struggling, immigrant family that lived paycheck to paycheck and relied on food stamps.	<p><u>"This Founder Grew Up on Food Stamps. Now He Runs a Digital Money Manager for the Middle Class," Zoe Henry, Inc., 6/15/2017</u></p> <p>Andrei Cherny, the co-founder and chief executive of Aspiration, grew up on food stamps in North Hollywood. A child of Czechoslovakian immigrants, Cherny says he watched his mom and dad--who worked as a school counselor and a teamster, respectively--struggle with a banking system that largely catered to the wealthy.</p> <p><u>"Waters: Cherny knows government needs to do a better job of working for the people," Rae Waters, East Valley Tribune, 8/20/2012</u></p> <p>Growing up, his parents didn't speak much English, but was able to go to college with the help of financial aid and working three jobs.</p>

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<p>Andrei founded a company dedicated to fighting climate change</p>	<p><u>"This Founder Grew Up on Food Stamps. Now He Runs a Digital Money Manager for the Middle Class," Zoe Henry, Inc., 6/15/2017</u> Andrei Cherny, the co-founder and chief executive of Aspiration, grew up on food stamps in North Hollywood.</p> <p><u>"Aspiration Plants 101 Million Trees with Eden Reforestation Projects," Aspiration Press Release, 2/1/2023</u> Aspiration, the leading climate action company, has announced a major milestone of over 101 million trees planted to date across its portfolio of reforestation projects. In partnership with Eden Reforestation Projects along with Aspiration's community of enterprise, business, and consumer customers, these reforestation projects will help restore over 83,000 hectares of degraded forest habitat in Kenya, Mozambique, Madagascar, Honduras, and the Philippines.</p>
<p>Recalling his family's early struggles, Andrei cut his salary as CEO during COVID and he raised his employees' minimum wage to \$25 an hour.</p>	<p><u>"Why I raised my company's minimum wage to \$25 an hour," Andrei Cherny, Fortune, 6/11/2021</u> Aspiration recently became part of this debate when we announced that we are raising our companywide minimum wage to \$25 an hour this year. I will admit this was not an easy decision to make, and I considered it from multiple vantage points.</p> <p>I weighed it through the prism of economic justice and fairness, remembering the daily stress and worry that hung over the small apartment where I grew up as the son of recent immigrants who struggled daily with the challenges of making ends meet. Through that lens, \$25 isn't just a minimum wage—it's a living wage, and paying it is just the plain right thing to do.</p>

	<p><u>@AndreiCherny, Twitter, 3/19/24</u> As a CEO, I cut my own pay to give our employees a raise. We raised our minimum wage to \$25 an hour because it was the right thing to do not only for our employees but for our company.</p>
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<p>After 9/11, Cherny volunteered to serve in the military, where he served as a Navy intelligence officer.</p>	<p><u>"Arizona's Savvy Israel Ally," Marc Tracy, Tablet, 5/18/2012</u> After 9/11, he joined the Navy Reserves as an intelligence officer.</p>