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Trump's legal problems make state GOP cringe



Former President Donald Trump speaks at a campaign event on March 13, in Davenport, Iowa. RON JOHNSON, AP

### Indictment would spell disaster for party's moderates



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Donald J. Trump has reaped cash from hotels, glitzy and forgotten Atlantic City casinos, golf courses, steaks and now his "persecution."

When others face the ignominy of arrest and indictment with measures of fear and grief, Trump sees an opportunity to make money.

"And now, with leaks threatening that [George] Soros' hand-picked Manhattan prosecutor may very well AR-REST me at any moment for committing

NO CRIME," Trump writes in one email fundraising solicitation targeting Soros, the billionaire Democratic donor. "I think you should know why I will NEV-ER stop fighting for YOU."

Most legally troubled politicians stay mum as indictments loom — they let their lawyers do most of the talking. Few have been so bold as Trump. First, he cooked up a frenzy by warning that the indictment is coming, and then, he harnessed the attention for cash. It's been a textbook case straight out of Trump Grift 101. But what stands as opportunity for Trump spells disaster for moderate Garden State Republicans, who have lived under the shadow of the Bane of Bedminster and his antics for the last seven years.

### **Bad baggage for NJ Republicans**

As the Trump circus across the Hudson may go full tabloid, Republican officeholders and candidates across the Garden State will be pressed to take sides in the battle for the GOP's soul. They face a choice: Do you stick with Trump in his time of travail and rally around his self-martyrdom? Or do you condemn him for the sake of the party's brand and future?

New Jersey Republicans have been forced into this position for several election cycles now, and they are exhausted.

"Our candidates want this to be a

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# **PATH trains** could get more cars by 2024

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HARRISON — North Jersey commuters who use the PATH system's Newark-World Trade Center line to access lower Manhattan may have a better chance at snagging a seat starting Thursday as longer nine-car trains start operating during morning and peak evening hours.

The line will be fully equipped with nine-car trains by 2024.

"With \$1 billion of investment, we are adding 40% capacity from Newark to World Trade," said Kevin O'Toole, the Port Authority's board chairman.. "It is really life-changing for folks who live in New York or live in New Jersey and work on either side of the Hud-

O'Toole promoted the expansion from eight to nine cars during a Wednesday event at the Harrison PATH station. He was joined by Rick Cotton, the Port Authority's executive director, Gov. Phil Murphy and other officials.

"We are such big believers in mass transportation, we believe PATH is the cool way to be traveling," O'Toole said.

Murphy agreed. "If anyone is wondering whether or not more people are coming into New Jersey or leaving New Jersey, come to Harrison," he said. "This town is a good example of many, not just in Hudson County, but up and down our state that are exploding, which bring us to the reason we're here today."

Expanding the length of the trains was a \$217 million chunk of a \$1 billion investment program PATH embarked on in 2019, which also included updating the signal system so trains could

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## Feds charge woman in \$10M health care fraud reimbursement

### **Liam Quinn**

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Federal prosecutors charged a Kinnelon woman with health care fraud Friday, alleging that she received \$10 million in fraudulent reimbursement payments over a span of seven years.

Aysha Khan, 33, controlled and oper-

ated specialty pharmacies in New Jersey, New York, Florida and Texas, U.S. Attorney Philip Sellinger said in a press release. She was indicted on one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and four counts of health care

Prosecutors said Khan's pharmacies processed costly medications that treat diseases like Crohn's, hepatitis C and rheumatoid arthritis. Khan allegedly directed the pharmacies to bill health insurance providers for medications that they didn't actually provide to patients. And while the pharmacies generally provided the initial medications, prosecutors said the they would bill for refills without actually giving them out.

Beginning in 2015 and continuing until 2022, Khan's pharmacies received \$10 million in reimbursement payments from Medicare for prescriptions they never even ordered, prosecutors alleged.

Khan was arrested and was due to appear in Newark federal court Friday. She could face up to 10 years in prison on each count if convicted.

















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