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I. About You

1. Why are you running for office? And what will be your top 3 priority pieces of legislation if elected?

Across the country, families are struggling to survive and Congress is failing them. Republicans are dismantling generations of progress, jacking up healthcare costs, and revoking critical funding for the North Shore's energy security.

The Massachusetts Sixth District deserves a voice in Washington who will deliver for the families that make up our community. To rescue working families from the brink of poverty and restore the middle class, Democrats must realign their priorities to serve the future. We start by electing someone who truly understands the fight we're in.

Amidst chaos, I have the skills and experience to effectively triage and stem the bleeding. I will keep money in the pockets of hardworking Americans while fighting for universal healthcare, affordable housing, equitable and accessible education, and to keep safe, healthy food on every kitchen table across America.

My top four priorities if elected would be:

- (1) Combating corruption perpetrated by billionaires and wealthy corporations, closing the loopholes driving an affordability crisis for American families
- (2) Guarantee universal quality healthcare for everyone living in the US
- (3) Drive an energy revolution that promotes investment in renewable energy and energy efficient infrastructure, lowering energy costs and protecting our environment

2. What prepares you to serve in this capacity?

I grew up here in northeast MA and I'm an emergency veterinarian with experience in our federal government. I've seen firsthand how fundamentally broken our healthcare is — for our pets, and for us.

After the 2016 election, I dove headfirst into the local political ecosystem. From 2018 to 2021, I held leadership positions in the Young Democrats of Massachusetts (women's caucus policy chair, and public policy director), and was an active member of the Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association's

Government Relations and Advocacy Committee. I frequently advocated to the statehouse, participated in a statewide policy working group, and drafted testimony to comment on federal regulations. I also have a rich history of volunteer work on local and federal campaigns, from being part of a kitchen cabinet for a Cambridge city council race to volunteering on Senator Ed Markey's re-election and knocking doors in Florida for Senator Bernie Sanders's presidential campaign in 2020.

In 2021, I began working in federal policy in DC to combat global corruption and make a difference on a larger scale. I spent four years in government service, two years at the State Department, then as legislative staff for two Democratic congresswomen - Rep. Betty McCollum (MN-04) and Rep. Julia Brownley (CA-26). In 2025, after Donald Trump was elected to a second term, I accepted a government affairs position with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, where I worked for the larger part of 2025 before moving back home to Massachusetts to run for Congress.

In this moment of crisis, current Democratic leadership is failing us. It's up to us, as Democrats and as Americans, to take action. In order to make life better for working people, we have to send working people to Congress.

Out of every candidate in this race, I am the only one with substantive professional experience in both the executive and legislative branches of our federal government. I have a strong working knowledge of the legislative process, particularly in the U.S. House, and a comprehensive understanding of our federal agencies, including their respective purviews, budgets, and the interagency relationships. I believe that I am the best candidate to meet this moment and fight for genuine, lasting progress at the federal level.

3. **What do you view as the biggest barriers to progressive policy on the federal level?**

Money in politics is the root of the problem, standing directly in the way of progress for working families. Corporate interests and dark money groups funded by billionaires make it nearly impossible to elect regular people to Congress — and for regular people to stay in Congress once they get there. We must overturn *Citizens United* and fix similar fundamental problems within our political system in order to return more power to the hands of the people and achieve real change at the federal level.

4. Do you consider yourself progressive, and if so, how would you define “progressive”?

I consider myself a staunch progressive. Being a progressive means championing bold, innovative policies to improve daily life for the working and middle class. Progressives put the people first and don't bow to institutional pressure or compromise our values for agreeability. As a progressive, my ultimate goal is to leave the next generation with a healthier, more financially stable, more democratic country than we live in now.

5. Whom do you view as a role model for how you would operate in the office you are running for?

I have a number of progressive political heroes, many from right here in Massachusetts. Senator Elizabeth Warren has been a powerful force to call out corporate greed and corruption. Rep. Jim McGovern is a leader on eliminating childhood hunger, championing science-based nutrition guidelines, and supporting local agriculture. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is the vanguard of the party and an expert in policy communication in the modern era.

Younger electeds, such as NYC Mayor Zohran Mamdani, are inspirational and transformational leaders for the progressive movement. He has a strong track record of uplifting the working class and not only was Mamdani constantly out in the community during his campaign, but he has continued to be directly engaged with the community while serving as mayor.

Bringing together these role models, I aim to be a strong champion for working families in the fight against corporate greed, and transparent communicator about the workings of Congress and my office - to both educate my constituency and grow civil engagement.

Too many Representatives stop engaging with their communities in meaningful ways once elected. As the Representative for MA-06, I will be in-district as much as possible, meeting with constituents from across the district – learning about new issues, prioritizing their needs, and communicating the progress being made or problems arising in Washington. No matter how busy I get as a Member of Congress, I will always make time for the people who elected me – on whose behalf I serve.

II. Shared Leadership

1. If elected, how will you remain accountable to the communities and organizations that supported your campaign?

Accountability doesn't end on Election Day — it starts there. Public office is a public trust, and I intend to earn it every day that I am in Congress.

First, I will communicate clearly and regularly with communities and organizations that supported my campaign through newsletters, social media, town halls, and roundtable discussions.

Second, I will make sure my district staff maintains close relationships with local stakeholders, including both constituents and local and state elected officials, and regularly seeks counsel from them to address federal-level issues that may affect them.

Third, I will never take corporate PAC money and will continue relying on grassroots support so my loyalty stays with the working families of the MA-06.

2. What specific mechanisms will you use to maintain transparency with constituents (e.g., town halls, public votes explanations, advisory councils)?

If elected, I'll hold regular town halls across the district, publish clear explanations of my votes, and provide transparent updates on what we're working on and why. I'll also establish Community Advisory Councils made up of labor leaders, climate advocates, small business owners, and representatives from historically marginalized communities to ensure our priorities reflect the people, not special interests.

3. Which communities do you believe will have the least access to you once you are in office, and what steps will you take to change that?

In any political system, those with the least money and free time tend to have the least power and often lack regular communication with their representatives. To address this, I would love to organize and attend regular voter registration drives in unlikely places: homeless shelters, food pantries, libraries, MBTA stations, and other public places that are free, easily accessible, and in the regular flow of people's lives.

Members of the disability community also often struggle to access even the most 'accessible' in-person events, so I will hold regular virtual town halls to ensure that even those without transportation or the ability to attend in-person events have access to their Representative.

I will support legislation to make Election Day a federal holiday and remove other barriers to entry for prospective voters. To encourage students and young people to participate in our democracy and government, I will create paid internship opportunities for high school and college students, make sure district staff builds relationships with public schools to coordinate field trips to the district office, and volunteer to deliver guest lectures at local colleges and universities about our work in Washington.

4. **How will you ensure that people most impacted by federal policy, particularly communities of color, immigrants, disabled people, LGBTQ+ people, and low-income communities, have real influence over your legislative priorities, not just symbolic inclusion?**

I look forward to establishing Community Advisory Councils populated with representatives of marginalized communities to ensure I am hearing from those most affected by federal policy. I will personally engage with community advocates, not delegating such meetings to staff, and champion their causes in Congress to fight for lasting changes. I will also be a strong federal partner to state and local officials, bringing federal resources back for the district to invest in programs that support marginalized communities and help lift families out of poverty.

5. **What does "sharing power" look like in practice in a Congressional office? Please give at least two examples (e.g., staffing, agenda-setting, constituent engagement).**

"Sharing power" means treating representation as a partnership, not a hierarchy.

Here are a few examples:

Staffing: I plan to build a team that reflects the diversity of the district (racially, economically, geographically, and generationally) and will always pay living wages so working-class people can actually serve in public office. This includes providing paid congressional internships, so opportunities aren't limited to those from wealthy families who can subsidize their rent in DC. Senior staff

won't just come from traditional political pipelines: I am to recruit organizers, labor advocates, and policy experts from the communities most impacted by federal decisions. This also means empowering staff to shape policy recommendations, not just execute them. In my experience, this can mean regular all-staff meetings where staff of all levels are encouraged to discuss legislative ideas and priorities openly, regardless of their official titles. This is how we cultivate a healthy office culture and cultivate innovative policies.

Agenda Setting: I would involve community organizations, unions, advocacy groups, and grassroots leaders early in the legislative process — before bills are drafted, not after. That could include issue-based working groups or public policy roundtables where constituents help identify priorities and craft solutions.

Constituent Engagement: My offices will function as year-round organizing hubs. Ideally, if the budget allows, I can have satellite offices throughout the district - in Lynn, Gloucester, and Amesbury - to ensure the whole community has access to my district staff. I'd aim to host participatory town halls, youth advisory councils, and issue-specific forums where constituents help set the direction of our work. I plan to report back regularly on input received and how it shaped the office's actions.

III. The Issues

Our questionnaire is based on our [Progressive Platform](#): Shared Prosperity, All Means All/Racial and Social Justice, Good Government and Strong Democracy, and Sustainable Infrastructure and Environmental Protection. Most questions refer to specific pieces of legislation filed in recent years in Congress.

A. An Equitable Tax System

- 1. What does a fair tax system look like to you? Which specific proposals would you advocate for?**

A fair tax system is simple in principle: working people shouldn't pay a higher share of their income than billionaires or multinational corporations. Right now, the system is designed to benefit the wealthy, because the wealthy are directly controlling our political system. Here are some proposals I would advocate for:

1. Tax wealth like we tax work: Raise the top marginal income tax rates and tax capital gains at the same rate as wages for high earners. Billionaires shouldn't pay a lower effective rate than teachers or nurses.
 2. A surtax on extreme wealth: Support a tax on ultra-high net worth individuals — not small business owners or homeowners, but multimillionaires and billionaires whose wealth has skyrocketed while working families struggle.
 3. Close corporate loopholes: Establish a strong minimum corporate tax so profitable corporations can't pay zero in federal income taxes. End offshore profit-shifting and crack down on stock buybacks used to enrich executives instead of workers.
 4. Expand refundable tax credits for working families: Make the expanded Child Tax Credit permanent, strengthen the Earned Income Tax Credit, and ensure low- and middle-income families see meaningful relief.
 5. Strengthen IRS enforcement at the top: Fully fund the IRS to go after high-end tax evasion — not audit working-class families.
 6. Establish tax-free savings accounts for first time home-buyers under 40 years old, much like a retirement savings account or a health savings account.
 7. Eliminate income taxes on forgiven federal student loan debt and on social security.
 8. Make a portion of annual rent paid tax deductible (just like mortgage payments are tax deductible!).
 9. Free online federal tax filing nationwide.
 10. Exclude charitable donations from the standard deduction (i.e. allow people to take the standard deduction AND deduct charitable contributions), so people can make modest contributions to local charities and benefit on their taxes without needing to fully itemize.
2. **Taxing Excessive CEO Pay. Would you support legislation to raise taxes on corporations that pay their executives more than 50 times the wages of their workers?** (Y/N)

YES.

3. **Taxing Extreme Wealth.** The top 10 US billionaires saw their collective wealth increase by **\$698 billion** just over the past year.

- a. **Would you support requiring the ultra-wealthy to pay taxes on wealth gains as they occur, rather than allowing them to indefinitely defer or avoid taxation, by requiring annual taxation of non-tradable assets like stocks, regardless of sale? (Y/N)**

YES.

- b. **Would you support imposing a 2% annual tax on the net worth of households and trusts between \$50 million and \$1 billion, along with 1% additional surtax on the net worth of households and trusts above \$1 billion? (Y/N)**

YES.

4. **Corporate Tax Breaks.** **Would you support repealing the corporate tax breaks in the “Big Ugly Bill”?** (Y/N) **Are there pre-existing corporate tax breaks that you would also advocate to repeal?**

YES.

We need to repeal all Trump era tax breaks for corporations. We do not tax corporations and their wealthy owners *nearly* enough.

Congress will need to go policy-by-policy to determine how to provide support for small business owners while repealing breaks on conglomerates. This may end up being a proactive amendment to EXCLUDE mega corporations from breaks, rather than full legislative repeals.

B. Jobs That Pay a Living Wage

1. **Minimum Wage.** **The gap between productivity and wages has grown dramatically since 1973. Moreover, the federal minimum wage remains stuck at \$7.25—what it was in 2009. Would you support legislation to...**

- a. **Raise the federal minimum wage to \$17 per hour? (Y/N)**

YES.

I'd actually like to see it be at least \$20-25/hr.

- b. **Eliminate all subminimum wages (i.e., for tipped workers, for student workers, and for workers with disabilities)? (Y/N)**

YES.

- c. **Index the minimum wage to inflation? (Y/N)**

YES please. And index the poverty line to inflation as well (once similarly adjusted).

2. **Living Wages. Although the current federal push is to raise the minimum wage to \$17, this is still far from a living wage. Indeed, according to the MIT Living Wage Calculator, \$17 is [below a living wage in all 50 states](#). What steps would you take to close the gap between the minimum wage and a living wage?**

Closing the gap between the minimum wage and a living wage requires structural change. We need higher wages, stronger worker power, and a government willing to take on corporate concentration that keeps both pay low and costs high. To that end, I would support the policies listed above, as well as strengthening collective bargaining legislation, such as the PRO Act, to help increase wages.

3. **Retirement Security. With the decline of pensions and other defined-benefit retirement plans in the workplace, retirement is becoming more insecure, and seniors are having to work longer just to stay afloat. Would you support legislation to....**

- a. **Raise the cap on earnings that are taxed for Social Security? (Currently, only earnings up to \$176,100 are subject to the payroll tax.) (Y/N)**

YES.

- b. **Increase the benefits provided by Social Security? (Y/N)**

YES.

4. **Paid Family and Medical Leave. The US is the only industrial nation without paid family leave, but 13 states and the District of Columbia have established comprehensive, mandatory paid family leave systems at the**

state level. Would you support passing federal legislation to create a nationwide paid family and medical leave system at least as strong as that in MA? (Y/N)

YES.

5. **Union Rights. The Trump administration has waged an all-out assault on labor unions in the US, and this is on top of the [multi-decade fall in unionization rates](#) due to hostile policy and weak enforcement of existing protections. Unions built the middle-class, and stronger unions are essential to achieving a vision of shared prosperity. Do you commit to voting and advocating for the passage of the [Protecting the Right to Organize \(PRO\) Act](#)? (Y/N)**

YES.

6. **Congressional Staff Unionization. If your staff members elected to form a union, would you commit to recognizing and supporting such unionization? (Y/N)**

YES.

I was supportive of these efforts as a staffer, and would be as a Congressperson as well! We need comprehensive protections for staffers across the entirety of Congress.

7. **Affordability. Better pay and benefits can only go so far in ensuring economic security amidst rising prices. What would be your top priorities in addressing the high cost of living?**

The cost-of-living crisis isn't an accident — it's the result of corporate corruption, stagnant wages, and decades of policy that prioritized shareholders over working families. My top priorities would focus on both raising incomes and lowering costs.

1. Housing: We need a massive federal investment in affordable housing, stronger tenant protections, and action against corporate landlords driving up rents. Housing is the biggest monthly expense for most families, and we must treat it as a human right, not a privilege.

2. Healthcare: We need to build on the progress allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices, cap out-of-pocket costs for everyone — not just seniors — and move toward universal coverage so medical bills don't bankrupt families. A simple example of this is to add coverage of ground ambulances into legislation such as the "No Surprises Act," to reduce exclusions for special interests that cost families THOUSANDS in times of emergency.

3. Wages: We must raise the federal minimum wage beyond \$17, eliminate subminimum wages, and pass the PRO Act so workers can organize.

4. Child/Elder Care: We must cap childcare costs as a percentage of income and invest in care workers so young couples aren't forced to choose between their careers and building a family.

5. Corporate Corruption: We must strengthen and broaden antitrust enforcement to crack down on monopolies in food, healthcare, energy, and consumer goods that engage in systemic price-fixing and use inflation as cover to raise prices far beyond their costs.

Please use this space to share any other principles or proposals on this issue.

C. Reining in Corporate Power

1. **Antitrust Policy. The Biden administration ushered in a [paradigm shift](#) in the federal government's approach to antitrust, including strengthened enforcement against corporate monopolies through landmark lawsuits, rulemaking, and a "whole-of-government" competition strategy. The Trump administration has since gutted this approach. Do you support a return to anti-monopoly, pro-competition policies, such as those advocated by former FTC chair Lina Khan? (Y/N)**

YES.

I hope to work hand-in-hand with Senator Warren to fight for structural reforms to return power to consumers.

2. **Cryptocurrency Regulation. The rise of the cryptocurrency industry is weakening financial stability and opening new [floodgates of dark money into elections](#). Do you support [Senator Elizabeth Warren's principles for cryptocurrency regulation](#) (i.e., "upholding securities laws for non-crypto assets, ensuring investor protections, maintaining financial stability,**

requiring anti-money laundering compliance and closing sanctions loopholes, and preventing public officials – like President Trump – from profiting off of crypto tokens”)? (Y/N)

YES.

Crypto is a hotbed for financial crime and corruption and must be strictly regulated.

3. **Big Tech. Would you oppose Big Tech’s efforts to preempt states from enforcing laws regulating consumer privacy and artificial intelligence?** (Y/N)

YES.

Tech oligarchs are trying to buy our government and erode our civil liberties to line their pockets. We need representatives who will not allow tech interests to dictate our lives, invade our privacy, and profit off our data and identities.

Please use this space to share any other principles or proposals on this issue.

Capitalism is driven by corporate interests, and fueled by unregulated growth. The only way to maintain a just, democratic society under capitalism is through robust legislative action and strong regulatory enforcement. If we don’t take immediate action to reign in the unfettered corruption of corporate power, we will lose our tenuous hold on our democracy.

Examples of specific policy priorities:

- Eliminate corporate personhood
- Ban dynamic pricing - for groceries, concert tickets, airfare, etc. No more pricing based on artificial scarcity or tracked metadata.
- Consumer facing companies over 300 employees must have a published customer service number, staffed by human beings - not AI - with fewer than three steps to being connected to an operator.

D. Quality, Affordable Health Care

1. **Medicare for All. Would you support the creation of a single payer/“Medicare for All” health insurance system in the country that**

would guarantee health care as a right? (Y/N)

YES.

2. **Expanding Medicare.** Would you support expanding Medicare to cover comprehensive dental, vision, and hearing care? (Y/N)

YES.

3. **Medicare Advantage.** Medicare Advantage overbills the federal government by **\$140 billion a year**. Would you support legislation to require Medicare Advantage companies to charge the government at a rate per beneficiary equal to or less than traditional Medicare in order to reduce unnecessary and wasteful spending? (Y/N)

YES.

4. **Prescription Drug Prices.** Prescription drug prices in the US are consistently higher than in other countries. Would you support...

- a. **Allowing patients, pharmacists, and wholesalers to buy low-cost prescription drugs from Canada and other industrialized countries?** (Y/N)

YES.

- b. **Allowing the federal government to manufacture lower-cost generic versions of prescription drugs when the market does not offer them?** (Y/N)

YES.

5. **Reproductive Rights.** Would you support repealing the Hyde Amendment, which bars the use of federal funds to pay for abortion in most cases? (Y/N)

YES.

6. **Gender-Affirming Health Care.** Would you support legislation to train more providers in gender-affirming care, improve medical education curricula for gender affirming care, and expand capacity of Community Health Centers to provide this care? (Y/N)

YES.

- 7. Combating False Advertising. Would you support legislation to direct the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to prescribe rules prohibiting disinformation in the advertising of abortion services and give the Federal Trade Commission authority to enforce these rules and collect penalties from organizations that violate these rules? (Y/N)**

YES.

- 8. Health Care for All. Would you support legislation to restore Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) eligibility to immigrants with status; remove discriminatory Medicare restrictions based on length of US residency for green card holders; and end the exclusion of undocumented immigrants from Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplaces? (Y/N)**

YES.

- 9. Opioid Crisis. An essential part of addressing the opioid crisis, overdose prevention centers allow medical professionals to respond to overdoses and engage participants in medical and behavioral health services. Would you support the legalization of overdose prevention centers and champion steps to encourage the building of such centers (see, as an example, [Project Weber/Renew Overdose Prevention Center](#) in Providence)? (Y/N)**

YES.

- 10. Data Privacy. Would you support legislation to limit the personal reproductive and sexual health data that can be collected, retained, used, or disclosed to only what is needed to deliver a product or service? (Y/N)**

YES.

Please use this space to share any other principles or proposals on this issue.

- Abortion is healthcare. The assault on women's health must be fought tooth and nail, and national access to birth control and abortion must be codified into law.

- Gender affirming care must be federally protected and covered by all insurance.
- All ambulance services must be automatically covered by insurance, none may be considered 'out of network' - amend the No Surprises Act to achieve this. I would ideally like to federally fund emergency services nationwide, and eliminate private, for-profit ambulance companies.
- Increase FSA contribution limits for dependent childcare costs.
- Require that medical practitioners be trained on domestic abuse (signs, reporting, etc), including through their annual continuing education credits.
- Medical debt must be erased upon death of the patient (such as student loans upon the death of the student), not passing onto the family, spouse, or heir
- National treatment for drug abuse must also include free resources for tobacco smoking cessation.
- Federal investments to install air purifying infrastructure (HEPA) into every new public school and state or federal building, and to retrofit existing infrastructure.

E. Quality, Free, Publicly Funded Education

1. **Education Funding. Do you commit to only voting for a budget that includes clear language ensuring that education funding goes out to states as passed? (Y/N)**

YES.

2. **Education Equity. More than seven decades out from the *Brown vs. Board* Supreme Court ruling, our public education systems remain highly segregated and unequal. Please name three policies you would advocate for in order to address this.**

Educational inequality is not inevitable; it's the result of policy choices. If we're willing to make different choices, we can build a public education system that is truly equitable, integrated, and worthy of every child. Below are three policies I would champion on this issue:

1. End reliance on local property taxes for school funding. Our system ties school quality to neighborhood wealth, which entrenches racial and economic segregation. I would push for increased federal investment in Title I schools and incentives for states to adopt more progressive, statewide funding formulas that equalize per-pupil spending.

2. Invest in voluntary, well-funded integration initiatives. We should expand federal grants for magnet schools, interdistrict transfer programs, and regional integration plans that bring students together across city and suburban lines. Integration must be intentional, supported with transportation funding, and paired with equitable resource allocation.

3. Address housing segregation as education policy. School segregation mirrors housing segregation. I would support strengthening fair housing enforcement, expanding housing vouchers, and investing in affordable housing in high-opportunity areas. Education policy cannot succeed if housing policy continues to divide communities.

3. **Education Privatization**. Do you **oppose** strategies to privatize our public education system such as

a. **Expanding the use of vouchers?** (Y/N)

YES.

b. **Increasing the number of charter schools?** (Y/N)

YES.

4. **Special Education**. Do you support, and will you advocate for, the restoration of the Office of Civil Rights in the Education Department and full funding for IDEA? (Y/N)

YES.

5. **Universal School Meals**. Do you support guaranteeing free breakfast, lunch, and dinner to all students, regardless of income? (Y/N)

YES.

6. **Charter School Accountability.** Do you support requiring that charter schools comply with the same transparency and accountability requirements as public schools? (Y/N)

YES.

7. **Affordable Child Care.** Would you support investing in universal child care infrastructure and affordability, guaranteeing that no families pay more than 7% of their income in fees and that lower-income families receive fully subsidized child care? (Y/N)

YES.

8. **Early Educators.** Would you support legislation to ensure that child care workers are paid a living wage and achieve parity with elementary school teachers who have similar credentials and experience? (Y/N)

YES.

9. **Educator Diversity.** The TEACH program (Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education) provides up to a maximum of \$3,772 per year to students who are completing or who plan to complete coursework that is required to begin a career in teaching and agree to serve as a full-time, highly-qualified teacher in a high-need subject area in a designated low-income school for at least four years. Would you support legislation to invest in a diverse educator workforce by increasing the maximum TEACH Grant award to \$8,000 per year to align with the cost of college and ensuring that the program covers the full cost of attendance? (Y/N)

YES.

10. **Student Loan Debt.** Student loan debt is holding back the economy, as graduates are unable to make important long-term investments in their future.

- a. **Would you oppose any plans to sell or transfer the federal student loan portfolio to the private market?** (Y/N)

YES.

b. **Would you support the cancellation of student loan debt?** (Y/N)

YES.

11. **Tuition-Free Higher Education. More and more jobs are requiring a college degree, but the cost of higher education has been growing faster than wages, contributing to a ballooning student debt burden. Would you support legislation to guarantee free tuition at public colleges and universities?** (Y/N)

YES.

Please use this space to share any other principles or proposals on this issue.

A strong public education is the bedrock of a free democracy. Without a robust education in history and civics, let alone ensuring foundational literacy and critical thinking, our nation will not survive. Every single person who wants to pursue higher education should be able to do so without jeopardizing their financial future.

The OBBB has fundamentally broken the terms between students and the Department of Education as agreed to upon loans being signed for and dispersed. This administration's policies will cripple generations of students and send us into absolute crisis in a number of essential profession shortages. We need comprehensive education reform and an overhaul of the Department of Education. Policy ideas:

- The Department of Education must directly service all federal student loans.
- Eliminate all interest on federal student loans, including already capitalized interest on existing loans.
- Expand federal funding for adult literacy programs, and make tuition either free or fully tax deductible for those participating as students. Consider tax incentives for community members to volunteer as instructors.
- Tuition caps: index tuition costs to minimum wage in each state, so a student can afford a 12 credit load if working 20 hours per week on minimum wage. Colleges may charge for additional credits if students want to take a higher credit courseload, but this cannot be required of students and must be proportionally charged by the credit.

- Extend PSLF eligibility to part time workers (once they hit the equivalent of what the full time role would have been over 10 years), independent contractors and personal service contractors in public service making under 150k/year, and local/state/federal elected officials.

F. Affordable, Decent Housing

1. What do you view the role of the federal government in addressing the housing crisis?

Today's housing crisis is the result of decades of federal disinvestment, deregulation, and policies that treated housing as a commodity instead of a human right. I firmly believe that Congress has both the responsibility and the power to lead on this issue.

First, we must dramatically increase the supply of permanently affordable housing. That means expanding funding for the National Housing Trust Fund, fully funding Section 8 vouchers so every eligible family can access assistance, and investing in the construction and preservation of social and public housing at scale.

Second, we need strong tenant protections nationwide. I would support federal just-cause eviction standards, limits on excessive rent increases in federally-backed properties, and protections against corporate landlords and private equity firms that buy up housing stock thereby driving up rents.

Third, we must tackle homelessness with urgency and compassion. This includes expanding Housing First programs, increasing supportive housing with wraparound services, and ensuring no one is criminalized for being unhoused.

Fourth, housing policy must be aligned with fair housing enforcement. The federal government should aggressively enforce anti-discrimination laws and tie federal funding to local efforts to reduce exclusionary zoning practices that perpetuate segregation.

2. Just Cause Eviction. Would you support legislation to establish a national just cause eviction standard, which would limit the grounds upon which a landlord may evict a tenant? (Y/N)

YES.

3. **Inclusive Communities**. Federal funding can be a major source of leverage in shaping state and municipal policy. Would you support legislation to tie transportation or housing funding to...

a. **End exclusionary zoning practices?** (Y/N)

YES.

b. **Repeal state prohibitions on rent stabilization policies?** (Y/N)

YES.

4. **Public Housing**. Would you support the repeal of the Faircloth Amendment, which bans HUD from funding the construction or operation of new public housing units beyond the total that existed in 1999? (Y/N)

YES.

5. **Tenant Opportunity to Purchase**. Would you support legislation to provide tenants with opportunities to come together to purchase their buildings prior to large, for-profit developers buying them? (Y/N)

YES.

6. **Ending the Criminalization of Homelessness**. Would you support legislation to prevent the criminalization of homelessness by ensuring that unhoused people cannot be arrested or ticketed by federal police when living on federal lands when there are no other options without blocking traffic, asking for help or donations in public places, practicing religion in public spaces, or living in a vehicle without blocking traffic? (Y/N)

YES.

7. **Access to Counsel**. There is currently no federal right to a lawyer in housing court. Do you support expanding the right to representation to housing court? (Y/N)

YES.

8. **Housing for Formerly Incarcerated Persons. In 2024, Former HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge released a [draft rule](#) enacting protections for formerly incarcerated people in housing, such as shortening the “lookback period” to 3 years. Would you support legislation to enact such protections? (Y/N)**

YES.

Please use this space to share any other principles or proposals on this issue.

- Increased tax rates for rental properties; require reporting of long term vacancies, with increased tax rates for vacant properties.
- I would strongly consider a cap on how many single family homes may be owned by a single person or entity. Ex. Limit of 3 properties maximum owned by a single corporate entity; limit of 5 properties owned by an individual, not inclusive of a family trust. Consider tax incentives for those who rent and/or only own their primary residence and own no additional properties.
- Mortgage portability - Require that mortgage lenders allow for individuals downsizing their primary residence be able to apply their current (lower) mortgage rate to a new mortgage for the smaller home, provided they are also selling their current/prior home.
- Require that municipalities allow for multiuse zoning in order to be eligible for federal development grants.
- Eliminate credit report consideration for renting and mortgages.
- Require banks to exclude student debt from mortgage eligibility decisions.
- As mentioned in tax section, FHSAs - First time home buyer savings accounts
- Eliminate pet rent - only allow up to 25% of 1 month's rent as security deposit.
- Eliminate breed bans in housing.
- Provide federal subsidies for fire suppression, and other public safety retrofits for older homes, homeless shelters, and boardinghouses.

G. A Fair and Efficient Criminal Justice System

1. **Ending the War on Drugs.** The War on Drugs has been destructive to so many communities, making them less safe while failing to address the root causes of substance use or the drug trade. Would you support...
 - a. **Legalizing recreational marijuana?** (Y/N)

YES.
 - b. **Expunging criminal records for conduct that has been legalized or decriminalized?** (Y/N)

YES.
 - c. **Investing some of the tax revenue that would come from a federally legal cannabis industry into the communities most harmed by the failed War on Drugs?** (Y/N)

YES.

2. **Ending Mass Incarceration.** Do you support the following policies:
 - a. **Repealing mandatory minimums for nonviolent drug offenses?** (Y/N)

YES.
 - b. **Eliminating cash bail, so that no one is held in jail solely for an inability to pay, and conditioning federal grants on states' elimination of cash bail?** (Y/N)

YES.
 - c. **Abolishing the death penalty?** (Y/N)

YES.
 - d. **Eliminating the sentence of life without parole, which has been proven to have significant racial disparities?** (Y/N)

YES.

3. **Private Prisons.** Do you support barring the federal government and state and local jurisdictions from contracting with private corporations to run prisons and detention facilities? (Y/N)

YES.

4. **Prison Conditions.** In addition to having incarceration rates that far **outpace** those of other countries, the US is known for violating both domestic and international law in the conditions of its prisons. Do you support the following steps to emphasize the rehabilitative, as opposed to punitive, nature of the system and protect basic rights?

- a. **Preventing companies from charging prisoners unreasonable fees for banking and telecommunications services?** (Y/N)

YES.

- b. **Requiring that incarcerated individuals be paid for their work at a rate no lower than the federal minimum wage?** (Y/N)

YES.

- c. **Limiting the use of solitary confinement to no more than 15 consecutive days, beyond which it is defined as torture by the United Nations?** (Y/N)

YES.

5. **Police Accountability.** Lax or nonexistent systems of accountability and perverse incentives at the federal, state, and local level, combined with a legacy of systemic racism, too often lead to law enforcement neither enforcing the law nor keeping the public safe. Would you support....?

- a. **Prohibiting the transfer of military weapons from the federal government to state and local law enforcement?** (Y/N)

YES.

- b. **Reforming qualified immunity doctrine to ensure that it does NOT provide law enforcement officers that brutalize or otherwise violate civil rights with defense or immunity from civil liability for their actions?** (Y/N)

YES.

- c. **Restricting the use of civil asset forfeiture by police departments and prosecutors' offices?** (Y/N)

YES.

- d. **Prohibiting no-knock warrants for federal law enforcement and for state and local departments that receive federal funding, requiring them to provide notice of their authority and purpose before executing a warrant?** (Y/N)

YES.

6. **Gun Violence Prevention. The US has the largest number of guns per capita in the world—and consequently one of the highest rates of gun deaths. For too long, the federal government has refused to play a constructive role in preventing gun violence. Would you support....?**

- a. **Reinstating the federal assault weapons ban?** (Y/N)

YES.

- b. **Banning high-capacity magazine ammunition?** (Y/N)

YES.

- c. **Requiring a license to purchase a gun?** (Y/N)

YES.

- d. **Limiting the number of guns an individual can buy to one per month?** (Y/N)

YES.

- e. **Repealing the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, which shields the gun industry from lawsuits?** (Y/N)

YES.

- f. **Repealing the Dickey Amendment, which limits the CDC's ability to conduct research on gun violence?** (Y/N)

YES.

7. **Community-Based Response**. Would you support legislation to create a **Division on Community Safety** within HHS to fund, conduct, and coordinate research, technical assistance, and grant programs related to non-carceral, health-centered investments in public safety? (Y/N)\

YES.

8. **Diversion**. Would you support legislation to allow federal judges to divert parents and caregivers from incarceration into comprehensive programs that would better serve them, their families, and society by offering resources, services, and training to meet their unique needs? (Y/N)

YES.

9. **Ending Permanent Punishments**. Currently there is no standard process for sealing federal records. Would you support [legislation](#) to allow individuals to petition the United States Courts to seal records for nonviolent offenses that are not automatically sealed? (Y/N)

YES.

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- Fully remove military grade weaponry from federal, state, and municipal police forces. Illegal to use military grade weaponry or drones on American soil unless in a time of congressionally authorized war.

- Diversify resources in our law enforcement systems, including hiring social workers and mental health professionals as community resource teams.

- End qualified immunity for law enforcement

- Comprehensive prison reform: Eliminate private prisons. Prison labor must be paid the minimum wage. End the charging of prisoners for phone calls. Fund prison libraries and literacy/GED programs.

- Do not allow approval of divergence plea agreements, or pardons, without consent from victim(s). Divergence agreements must be reported to any applicable professional boards.

H. A Humane Immigration System

1. **Comprehensive Immigration Reform.** The approximately 14 million undocumented immigrants in the US are important contributors to strong economies and strong communities. Due to political and economic instability abroad, as well as a labyrinthine and discriminatory immigration bureaucracy at home, this number could very well continue to grow. However, comprehensive immigration reform legislation has remained elusive in Washington. Would you support the following policies?
 - a. **The DREAM Act, which would allow certain US-raised immigrant youth to earn lawful permanent residence and American citizenship?** (Y/N)

YES.
 - b. **A path for undocumented immigrants to gain US citizenship?** (Y/N)

YES.
 - c. **Repealing the [three-year, ten-year, and permanent bars of reentry](#) for undocumented immigrants?** (Y/N)

YES.
2. **Reining in the Expansion of Deportation and Detention Machine.** Every day, we hear new unconscionable stories about how the US is treating immigrants at the border, fueled by both bad laws and lawlessness at the federal level. Our immigration system should reflect our values. Which of the following policies would you support?

- a. **Ending ICE's daily bed quota?** (Y/N)

YES.

- b. **Imposing a moratorium on the construction of new detention facilities?** (Y/N)

YES.

- c. **Repealing the increased funding for ICE from the "Big Ugly Bill"?** (Y/N)

YES.

3. **Ending Family Detention. Would you support repealing mandatory detention, prohibiting the detention of families and children in family detention, eliminating the use of private detention facilities and jails, and requiring DHS to establish civil detention standards?** (Y/N)

YES.

4. **Immigration Court Reform. The US immigration court system lacks appropriate safeguards from political influence. Would you support legislation to turn the nation's immigration court system into an independent judiciary and ensure that immigration courts are administered by qualified, impartial judges; have adequate court resources and support services; are defined by transparency and integrity; and are financially independent?** (Y/N)

YES.

5. **Abolishing ICE. Would you support legislation to sunset the US Immigrations and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) and establish a commission to develop a more humane immigration enforcement system and to transfer functions like organized crime, drug smuggling, and human trafficking to other government agencies that are well-equipped to handle them and have proven track records of transparency, accountability and compliance with the law?** (Y/N)

YES.

6. **ICE Oversight and Accountability.** ICE agents have been terrorizing immigrant communities here in Massachusetts and across the country. Would you support requiring DHS officers and agents engaged in immigration enforcement to clearly identify themselves by wearing visible insignia and specifying the agency they work for (e.g., ICE, CBP) during detentions and arrests banning the use of face coverings or non-tactical masks that conceal officers' identities? (Y/N)

YES.

7. **National Guard.** Would you support legislation to prevent the National Guard from being used for immigration enforcement purposes and functioning as an extension of ICE? (Y/N)

YES.

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The Department of Homeland Security must be dismantled and ICE must be fully dissolved. We are in dire need of comprehensive immigration reform and a streamlined pathway to citizenship, including amnesty for current U.S. residents.

I. A Diverse and Welcoming Society

1. **LGBTQ Rights.** The Trump administration has been waging an all-assault on the LGBTQ community, especially the right of trans individuals to exist in public space.

- a. **Would you commit to vote against and speak out against any rollback of LGBTQ rights?** (Y/N)

YES.

- b. **This year and last year, the National Defense Authorization Act included harmful anti-trans policy riders. Would you commit to vote against any omnibus bill, defense authorization, or spending bill that includes a rollback of LGBTQ rights?** (Y/N)

YES.

2. **Right to Read. Would you support legislation to classify discriminatory book bans as violations of federal civil rights laws? (Y/N)**

YES.

3. **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Would you support legislation to codify executive orders from the Biden administration that required federal agencies to identify and address barriers to serving underserved communities and established agency equity teams and annual equity action plans to embed equity in federal planning? (Y/N)**

YES.

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As a non-binary person and a member of the queer community more broadly, LGBTQ+ rights are a matter of life and death. The AIDS epidemic was enough loss for this community, I refuse to allow bigotry to take the lives of our brothers and sisters.

J. Good Government and Strong Democracy

1. **Comprehensive Democracy Reform. Do you support the voting rights reforms from the former HR 1, the For The People Act? Among other things, HR1 ("For the People Act") contained automatic voter registration, Election Day Registration, the expansion of early voting, the prohibition of partisan gerrymandering, and other vital reforms. (Y/N)**

YES.

2. **Ending Incarceration-Based Disenfranchisement. Currently, Maine and Vermont are the only states that provide full suffrage to the incarcerated. Do you support ending the disenfranchisement for those currently incarcerated? (Y/N)**

YES.

3. **Public Financing. Do you support public financing of Congressional elections? (Y/N)**

YES.

4. **Citizens United**. Would you support a constitutional amendment to overturn the Citizens United decision and allow limits on corporate political spending? (Y/N)

YES.

5. **Reining in Corporate Spending**. Would you support requiring that any corporate political spending must be approved by at least 75% of a corporation's shareholders and 75% of its Board of Directors? (Y/N)

YES.

6. **DC Autonomy**. In recent years, Congress has repeatedly meddled in DC's ability to self-govern.

- a. Do you support DC statehood? (Y/N)

YES.

- b. Do you commit to voting against any piece of legislation to override democratically passed legislation by the DC City Council? (Y/N)

YES.

7. **Supreme Court Reform**. The 6-vote reactionary Supreme Court majority has repeatedly violated precedent and the rule of law in order to embolden the Trump administration and hobbled the ability of the Biden administration to take action. What reforms, if any, to the Supreme Court would you support and advocate for?

We are living through a moment when a 6–3 conservative supermajority has undermined decades of precedent and concentrated power in ways that weaken our democracy. Here are the reforms I would support:

1. I support term limits with staggered appointments. No single president should be able to shape the Court for generations through one or two vacancies. Regularized appointments would lower the political stakes and restore democratic accountability.

2. I would propose expanding the Court. The Constitution does not fix the number of justices, and Congress has changed it before. When the Court is dramatically out of step with the country and using its power to roll back fundamental rights, expansion is a legitimate constitutional tool to rebalance the judiciary.

3. Unlike every other federal judge, Supreme Court justices are not currently bound by a fully enforceable ethics code. That must change. We need clear recusal standards, transparency in financial disclosures, and enforcement mechanisms. These must be applied retroactively, and corrupt judges must be impeached.

4. Through legislation, Congress must respond to decisions that weaken the Voting Rights Act by establishing updated coverage formulas and federal standards that protect access to the ballot.

5. Congress has authority over the Court's appellate jurisdiction. While this must be approached carefully, it is part of the constitutional toolkit to protect core democratic rights when necessary.

8. **Anti-Corruption — Congress. Would you support a ban on Congressional stock trading of any kind? (Y/N)**

YES.

Members of Congress must be limited to investing in mutual funds, and banned from trading any individual stocks. Members must not be allowed to buy or sell any aspect of such mutual funds during their tenure in office, and all such accounts must be fully and transparently disclosed.

9. **Conflicts of Interest. Would you support legislation to require the President and Vice President to disclose and divest any potential financial conflicts of interest and require presidential appointees to recuse themselves from any matters involving the president's financial conflicts of interest that come before their agencies? (Y/N)**

YES.

10. **Anti-Corruption — President. Scholars have described the Trump administration as the most corrupt in modern history, with every week bringing new scandals, conflicts of interest, and corruption. What steps**

would you take to increase oversight and better hold officials to account for corruption and law-breaking?

First, Congress must reclaim its role as a coequal branch of government. That means empowering committees to subpoena information, compelling testimony when necessary, and resisting stonewalling by executive agencies.

Second, I would support stricter disclosure rules for financial interests, lobbying activities, and the use of government contracts. Taxpayers deserve to know how public funds are spent and whether officials have conflicts of interest.

Third, I would advocate for stronger legal protections so employees who expose wrongdoing can do so without fear of retaliation.

Finally, I would support reforms that increase transparency in political spending and limit the influence of special interests so elected officials remain accountable to voters.

I am eager to work with my future colleagues in Congress to tackle the blatant corruption displayed by this administration and restore a semblance of constitutional order to our political system.

11. If you make one change to the US Constitution, what amendment would you adopt, and why?

I would implement nationwide ranked choice voting, limit all campaigning to months prior to the election, and limit all campaign spending to a uniform, publicly funded stipend provided to each candidate (indexed to inflation, and relative to the scale of the office) - banning dark money and super PACs from corrupting our electoral system.

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We need to

- Ratify the Equal Rights Amendment and include gender and sexual identity protections.
- Codify early voting and absentee/mail-in ballots
- Make election day a federal holiday
- Strongly consider compulsory voting (with limited exceptions, or perhaps a tax penalty)

K. Sustainable Infrastructure & Environmental Protection

1. Green New Deal. Do you support the concept of a Green New Deal? If so, what should it look like?

Yes, Yes, as a scientist I fully support the Green New Deal. We need:

1. Bold climate action that reduces emissions and builds resilience. We must transition toward clean energy to cut emissions and protect future generations. That means investing in renewable energy, modernizing the grid, and supporting innovation that makes clean energy cheaper and more accessible.

2. The shift to a low-carbon economy must work for workers and communities. That means supporting job training, union labor, and economic development in regions that have relied on traditional energy industries. The transition should be about creating opportunity—not leaving people behind.

3. Our roads, bridges, public transit, and water systems need modernization. A Green New Deal must recognize that infrastructure investment can reduce emissions while improving quality of life and economic competitiveness.

4. Too often, pollution and environmental harm disproportionately impact low-income communities and communities of color. A progressive approach should ensure clean air and water for everyone and prioritize remediation in areas that have borne the brunt of industrial pollution.

5. Congress has a role in setting goals and catalyzing investment, but private enterprise and technological innovation will be essential. Policies should encourage competition and breakthroughs that drive down emissions without unnecessary bureaucracy.

2. Energy Transition. In 2024, global temperatures were recorded at 1.5 degrees celsius above pre-industrial levels for the first time. We need to rapidly decarbonize our economy if we are to begin to reverse global warming. Which of the following policies would you support to accelerate that transition?

- a. **Setting a goal of 100 percent clean energy generation and use by 2035? (Y/N)**

YES.

- b. **Prohibiting new leases for coal, oil, and gas on all federal lands and waters?** (Y/N)

YES.

- c. **Opposing any legislation that authorizes, or expedites the permitting or approval of, new fossil fuel pipelines?** (Y/N)

YES.

3. **Clean Energy. What steps would you take to promote renewable energy development in Massachusetts?**

First, renewable projects should move forward efficiently, but with transparency and community input. Reducing unnecessary bureaucratic delays can accelerate solar, wind, and energy storage deployment without sacrificing environmental protections.

Second, I would advocate for federal funding and incentives that help modernize the electric grid, expand transmission capacity, and support energy storage. A stronger grid enables more renewable energy to reach homes and businesses reliably.

Third, because Massachusetts has strong potential for solar and offshore wind, I would back policies that encourage community solar projects and offshore wind expansion, creating jobs and reducing dependence on fossil fuels. This would also bring down costs for consumers in the long term.

Fourth, I would support workforce training programs, apprenticeships, and partnerships with unions and technical schools so that residents can access careers in renewable energy and related industries.

Finally, I would work to secure resources and remove federal barriers and unlock crucial federal funding so that states like Massachusetts can lead in clean energy innovation.

4. **Clean Water**. Would you support legislation to require natural gas drillers to disclose the chemicals that go into the ground during the hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”) process and to close the so-called “Halliburton loophole,” which prevents the EPA from conducting rigorous oversight? (Y/N)

YES.

5. **Environmental Justice**. Would you support legislation to codify environmental justice into law; require federal agencies to address environmental justice through agency actions and permitting decisions; and strengthen legal protections against environmental injustice for communities of color, low-income communities, and indigenous communities? (Y/N)

YES.

6. **Making Polluters Pay**. Would you support legislation to impose a fee on the largest US-based fossil fuel extractors and oil refiners and foreign-owned companies doing business in the US based on their percentage of global emissions, with the funds raised used to finance a wide range of efforts to tackle the impacts of climate change? (Y/N)

YES.

7. **Data Centers**. The rapid growth of data centers has been pushing up utility bills and consuming large amounts of energy and water. Would you support legislation to require data centers to publish their energy usage and provide additional clean energy supply to cover their extra usage (B.Y.O.N.C.E., "bring your own clean energy")? (Y/N)

YES.

8. **Electric Vehicles**. Would you support legislation to phase out the sale of gasoline- or diesel-powered vehicles by 2035? (Y/N)

YES.

And all public transportation should be transitioned by 2030.

9. **Fare-Free Transit. Would you support investing in fare-free public transit?**
(Y/N)

YES.

10. **Public Transportation. What would be your top priorities for federal investment in transportation and infrastructure if elected?**

I believe federal investment in transportation and infrastructure is essential to economic growth, mobility, and competitiveness in the United States. My top priorities would include:

1. Modernizing roads, bridges, and transit systems. Strategic federal investment can improve safety, reduce congestion, and support economic productivity by ensuring people and goods can move efficiently.

2. Robust transit systems reduce emissions, enhance mobility, and support economic opportunity. I would fight for federal investments to electrify the commuter rail and expand the MBTA bus service while reducing fares for low-income families. Overall, we need an overhaul of our transit infrastructure, including strategic investments in high-speed rail, to connect communities and reduce reliance on cars and airlines.

3. Infrastructure investment should incorporate resilience measures to protect public assets and reduce long-term costs from extreme weather and environmental impacts.

4. Federal policy should encourage electric vehicle infrastructure, bike lanes, and pedestrian-friendly development where appropriate, reducing emissions while improving quality of life.

5. Infrastructure projects should support union labor and training programs that prepare workers for modern construction and engineering careers.

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Nationally, I would also work to onshore production of the infrastructure required to build clean energy technologies (ex. turbines).

Internationally, we need to ensure we protect human rights, national sovereignty, and environmental protections as we acquire the critical minerals

necessary for technologic advancements. We also need to invest more deeply in critical mineral recovery via technology recycling.

L. National Security and the US's Role in the World

1. What principles and priorities govern your approach to foreign policy?

Foreign policy is grounded in diplomatic relationships. Every single thing the United States can accomplish internationally, whether it be in the interest of preserving peace, advancing trade, or conserving our natural world, must be accomplished through consistent investment in international partnerships. As we balance the needs of our nation with the needs of others, we must always prioritize and protect human rights and the health of our planet as an ecosystem. The United States has the capacity to be a force for good on the national scene yet, too often, we let outdated or unchallenged politics dictate our approach to foreign policy, resulting in unsustainable engagements and negative human rights outcomes. To reclaim our international leadership, we must view our role on the global stage as protectors of people and our planet first and above all else.

2. If elected, would you support Section 702 reforms requiring federal law enforcement agencies to obtain a warrant before searching data collected by the NSA? (Y/N)

YES.

3. Would you commit to voting against the annual National Defense Authorization Act until the Pentagon is able to [successfully pass an audit](#)? (Y/N)

YES.

4. The so-called "Leahy Law" prohibits the US government from using funds for assistance to units of foreign security forces where there is credible information implicating that unit in the commission of gross violations of human rights; however, current and past presidents have evaded this law. Would you vote to block weapons sales or transfers to any country credibly accused of human rights abuses, such as Israel, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates? (Y/N)

YES.

The Leahy Law must be abided by, whether funding an ally or an opponent. There is no excuse for funding human rights abuses.

5. **In 2002, George W. Bush notified the United Nations that the US would not ratify the Rome Statute, which created the International Criminal Court. Further, Donald Trump has been undermining the ICC's work by sanctioning ICC officials and their families for investigating acts of genocide committed by the State of Israel. Would you commit to (a) opposing any such attacks on the ICC and (b) supporting the ratification of the Rome Statute and the US's participation in the International Criminal Court? (Y/N)**

YES.

6. **The Trump administration has engaged in an illegal campaign of bombing fishing boats in the Caribbean and an illegal campaign of bombing Venezuela. In both cases, the US military has killed civilians, and in the latter, the US has kidnapped the head of state, committing to an unpopular regime change policy.**

- a. **Do you support using Congressional authority to ban military strikes on fishing boats in the Caribbean? (Y/N)**

YES.

- b. **Do you support using Congressional authority to withdraw US military forces from Venezuela and prevent further military escalation? (Y/N)**

YES.

- c. **Do you support using Congressional authority to prevent further military escalation in Latin America, such as proposed attacks on Cuba, Mexico, or Colombia? (Y/N)**

YES.

7. **Do you oppose Trump's military escalations against Iran? (Y/N)**

YES.

8. **Would you support ending the unilateral US trade embargo on Cuba that prevents Cuban purchases of US exports but does not affect Cuban trade with the rest of the world, thereby hurting both economies and populations while achieving nothing? (Y/N)**

YES.

9. **Do you support the United States rejoining global organizations that the Trump administration has left, such as UNESCO or WHO? (Y/N)**

YES.

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It will take a generation to repair the damage done to the United States by Trump over his two administrations. Our foreign partners have lost all faith in our reliability, and they are right to have done so. America has proven itself to be an unreliable, unfaithful partner, and it will take decades of intentional rebuilding to regain a fraction of our relationships abroad.

In Congress, I will immediately move to restore funding for critical foreign programs that combat organized crime, feed children, prevent the spread of disease, and protect our national security.

III. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

I have extensive policy expertise in public health, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable agriculture. Modern society is often deeply divorced from the daily realities of what it takes to bring food to our grocery stores and onto our tables. I will fight for labor protections for our farmers, such as right-to-repair farm equipment and limitations on bioengineering patents, to protect farmers from lawsuits from organic spread of seed from neighboring farms, and repealing the Plant Variety Protection Act (PVP) to allow farmers to regrow from seeds. We need comprehensive policy reform to expand investments in local family farms, improve farm animal welfare, decrease pollution of our waterways and oceans, and dismantle monopolized monoagriculture that drives land degradation, extorts and abuses undocumented labor, and poisons our environment.