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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?

I'm running for Congress because I've seen what happens when systems fail people — and when leaders avoid responsibility for the consequences of their decisions.

Through my work in federal financial oversight roles, I saw firsthand how decisions made in Washington shape the lives of families long before they ever make headlines. Those experiences reinforced something I believe deeply: **people are not broken — systems are.**

Twenty years ago, I came to America with a suitcase and a heart filled with hope for what is possible. Many of your ancestors, some arriving two centuries ago, made that same journey — believing that this country offered the chance to build a life, raise a family, and participate in a shared democracy.

Those generations entrusted us with something precious: the responsibility to carry that promise forward. At moments when our democracy feels fragile, that responsibility becomes even more important.

Democracy only works when leaders accept responsibility for the systems that shape people's lives.

Across the Fourth District, what I hear from residents is not ideological but human. People want the dignity of caring for their families, stable housing and healthcare, and confidence that government will stand with them when it matters most.

My legislative priorities will focus on:

- 1. Lowering the cost of living** by expanding affordable housing, childcare, and healthcare.
- 2. Strengthening democracy and reducing the influence of concentrated wealth in politics.**
- 3. Building an economy that rewards work and contribution and delivers shared prosperity.**

2. What prepares you to serve in this capacity?

My experience in federal financial oversight leadership roles prepared me to serve by giving me direct insight into how power operates in Washington and how policy decisions affect families across the country.

I worked inside systems responsible for protecting consumers, monitoring systemic risk, and ensuring accountability among powerful institutions. That experience taught me how essential judgment, transparency, and responsibility are when decisions carry consequences far beyond the rooms where they are made. It also taught me that leadership is not about being in the room; it is about being accountable to the people who live with the consequences of public decisions.

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

One of the biggest barriers is the outsized influence of money and corporate power in politics. When policymaking becomes disconnected from the public interest, it erodes trust in democratic institutions.

Political polarization and legislative gridlock also make it harder to enact policies that address urgent challenges such as economic inequality, climate change, and healthcare access.

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

YES. To me, being progressive means working to build systems that serve everyone fairly. It means ensuring shared prosperity, protecting civil rights, strengthening democracy, and ensuring that institutions remain accountable to the people they serve.

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

I admire leaders who combine principled values with rigorous policy thinking. **Senator Elizabeth Warren** has demonstrated how thoughtful policy analysis can challenge concentrated economic power and expand opportunity for working families

II. Shared Leadership

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

Accountability requires ongoing engagement with the communities and organizations working for justice and equity. If elected, I will maintain strong relationships with grassroots organizations, labor advocates, and community leaders to ensure their insights inform legislative priorities.

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

I will prioritize transparency through:

- Regular town halls
- Public explanations of votes and policy decisions
- Accessible constituent services
- Active communication with residents across the district

- 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?**

Communities with fewer resources or less political access often face the greatest barriers to engagement. My office will proactively reach out to these communities and partner with local organizations to ensure their voices are heard.

- 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?**

People most affected by federal policy must have meaningful influence in shaping it. My office will maintain ongoing engagement with organizations representing impacted communities and ensure their perspectives inform legislative priorities.

- 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).**

Examples include:

- Hiring staff who reflect the diversity of the district
- Maintaining open dialogue with community stakeholders and organizations when shaping legislative agendas

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 ensures that everyone contributes according to their ability to pay and that public investments support shared prosperity. I support strengthening progressive taxation, closing loopholes, and ensuring corporations and the ultra-wealthy contribute fairly to the public investments that support our economy.

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.

Additional reforms should include closing loopholes that allow corporations to shift profits overseas.

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.
- 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.
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 requires strengthening collective bargaining rights, expanding worker protections, and ensuring economic growth translates into rising wages and benefits.

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.

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?

My top priorities include expanding affordable housing, lowering healthcare costs, increasing access to childcare, and strengthening wages and worker protections so that work is rewarded and prosperity is broadly shared.

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.

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.

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.

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

Strong antitrust enforcement is essential to protect workers, consumers, and small businesses from excessive corporate concentration.

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.

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I believe health care is a human right, and our system should guarantee that no one is denied care because of cost or circumstance.

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.

Policies to address educational inequity:

- Increasing federal funding for public schools
- Expanding integration initiatives
- Ensuring equitable resource allocation

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.

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F. Affordable, Decent Housing

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

The federal government must play a major role in expanding affordable housing supply, strengthening tenant protections, and supporting policies that increase housing access and equity.

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.

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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.

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

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.

Our immigration system should reflect our values as a nation of immigrants and a country that believes in opportunity for all. Too often, the current system fails to operate with the transparency, accountability, and respect for human dignity that the American people expect from their government. We should build immigration systems that treat immigrants with dignity, uphold due process, and reflect our ideals of fairness and opportunity. When our institutions live up to those ideals, they strengthen public trust and help ensure that our laws are implemented in a humane and responsible way. Responsible leadership means ensuring that the systems we rely on serve the public interest and reflect the values we claim as a nation.

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.

DHS officers and agents engaged in immigration enforcement should clearly identify themselves by wearing visible insignia and specifying

the agency they represent (e.g., ICE or CBP) during detentions and arrests. Officers should not use face coverings or non-tactical masks that conceal their identities during enforcement actions.

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.

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

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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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?**

I support reforms that strengthen public trust in the Court, including enforceable ethics rules, transparency requirements, and structural reforms that ensure the Court remains accountable to democratic principles.

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

YES.

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?**

Congress must strengthen oversight, enforce transparency and disclosure laws, protect inspectors general and whistleblowers, require stronger conflict-of-interest safeguards, and ensure that corruption and abuses of power are fully investigated and held accountable under the law.

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

I would support an amendment restoring the ability to regulate money in politics and strengthening democratic participation.

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A healthy democracy requires that everyday people — not concentrated wealth — shape our political system and our policy priorities.

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. I support the concept of a Green New Deal. Climate action needs to be ambitious, urgent, and rooted in justice. It should protect our planet while expanding opportunity and dignity for workers and communities across the Fourth District and the nation.

A Green New Deal centers workers and good union jobs. Public investments can create high-quality, family-sustaining employment in manufacturing, construction, clean energy, transit, and related industries, with strong labor standards and clear pathways for worker transition and retraining.

Frontline and low-income communities must be prioritized. Environmental justice means directing resources to communities of color and low-income neighborhoods that have borne the greatest pollution burdens, including funding for cleanup, resilience projects, and community-led planning.

Rapid decarbonization and clean energy deployment are essential. That includes a national commitment to zero-carbon electricity and major emissions reductions through grid modernization, energy storage, distributed generation, and strong support for offshore and onshore renewable energy.

A Green New Deal includes major investment in affordable, climate-resilient infrastructure — public transit, electrified rail, building retrofits, coastal

resilience, and nature-based solutions that protect communities and expand access to healthy environments.

Polluters must pay for the damage they cause. Corporate accountability and targeted revenue measures can finance the transition while protecting low- and middle-income households and investing directly in communities and job programs.

Building domestic supply chains and manufacturing capacity strengthens both economic resilience and national security. Investments in batteries, electric vehicles, heat pumps, and clean-energy technologies create durable economic opportunities in American communities.

Climate policy must also lower costs for households. Efficiency investments, rebates, and public infrastructure can reduce energy bills while ensuring that clean transportation and energy systems are accessible to everyone.

Finally, workers and communities affected by the transition away from fossil fuels deserve strong support, including wage replacement, retraining opportunities, and sustained investment in regional economic development.

Climate action is both an environmental and economic project: reducing emissions quickly, creating real career pathways, and ensuring that the benefits of the transition reach the communities that have carried the greatest burdens.

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?**

Massachusetts has the opportunity to lead the country in building a clean energy economy that lowers costs for families, creates good jobs, and strengthens energy independence.

At the federal level, I would prioritize several steps to accelerate renewable energy development in Massachusetts and across the region.

First, expand federal investment in offshore wind, grid modernization, and energy storage. Massachusetts is positioned to be a national leader in offshore wind development, and strong federal support for transmission infrastructure, port investments, and domestic manufacturing will help ensure these projects create stable union jobs while strengthening our regional energy supply.

Second, accelerate the deployment of distributed renewable energy such as rooftop solar, community solar, and building electrification. Federal incentives and financing programs can help expand access to these technologies for homeowners, renters, municipalities, and small businesses while lowering long-term energy costs.

Third, modernize the electric grid to integrate renewable energy more efficiently. Federal investments in transmission expansion, smart grid technologies, and regional coordination will help integrate renewable energy across the grid while improving reliability.

Fourth, strengthen workforce development and domestic manufacturing through apprenticeship programs, union training pipelines, and clean energy manufacturing investment to ensure that the transition to renewable energy creates durable economic opportunities for workers and communities.

Finally, ensure environmental justice remains central to climate policy. Communities that have historically borne the burden of pollution must benefit directly from clean energy investments, improved air quality, and

resilient infrastructure.

Taken together, these steps can help Massachusetts build a clean energy system that reduces emissions, strengthens our economy, and ensures the benefits of the transition are widely shared.

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.

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?**

Federal investment should prioritize public transit, climate-resilient infrastructure, clean energy deployment, and modern, reliable transportation systems.

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

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

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

U.S. foreign policy should prioritize diplomacy, human rights, international cooperation, and strong congressional oversight of military action.

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 United States should apply human rights standards consistently, and Congress must exercise meaningful oversight over arms transfers and military engagement. When civilian lives are at stake, leadership requires restraint, accountability, and a commitment to preventing further escalation.

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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III. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

My campaign is grounded in the belief that leadership requires responsibility — responsibility to strengthen institutions, protect the public interest, and ensure that prosperity is shared.

Massachusetts has the opportunity to demonstrate that government can operate with accountability, transparency, and a commitment to improving people's lives.

Real progress requires people of different backgrounds and experiences to build together in common purpose.

Together, we can build what's possible — a government that works for the people it serves.

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