



**PROGRESSIVE MASSACHUSETTS**  
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ENDORSEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

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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 am running for office because rents and prices are through the roof, billionaires hoard wealth while workers struggle, and climate disasters grow worse each year: capitalism is a national emergency. We can and must use society's wealth to meet people's needs. We are living in a time of dire crises that demand bold solutions — the type of which are not being offered by the two party system.

We believe:

- **We have the means, we need the power!** Seize the top 100 corporations and reorganize the economy to meet our needs – housing, healthcare, nutritious food, education, childcare, dignified retirement, and a living wage for all.
- **Save our planet from capitalism!** Only with working people in power can we implement real climate solutions!
- **Meaningful jobs and living wages for all!** Utilize technology and people power to build the society we deserve!
- **Fund our needs, not the war machine!** Free Palestine and end the billionaires' war drive!
- **End the right-wing assault on our rights!** Billionaires are to blame — stop scapegoating immigrants, Black America, women, and the LGBTQ community!

#### **Key Legislative Priorities:**

- **National Employment Emergency Act:** Guarantee well-paid union jobs and job training so millions of people can take part in building the society we deserve. Mobilize as workers to guarantee dignified housing, healthcare, education, nutritious food, childcare, and dignified retirement for all through the formation of an organized People's Corps. Address the automating away of our jobs — something that is only accelerating with the development of artificial intelligence (AI). Technological advancements should improve society, but under capitalism they lead to devastation for workers. The National Employment Emergency Act will include points specifically pertaining to the use of AI and other advanced technology to ensure it is properly regulated and deployed to benefit society.

- **National Climate Emergency Act:** seize and decommission the billionaires'

fossil fuel infrastructure and to build a renewable energy grid in its place. This will be done, in conjunction with the National Employment Emergency Act, through a national mobilization of workers akin to the Civilian Conservation Corps and Works Progress Administration of the 1930s and 40s, which hired over 10 million workers to construct lasting public infrastructure. We will invoke that legacy to turn the billionaires' pollution economy into the people's green economy.

- **Emergency Act to End War and Militarism:** Cut the military budget by 90% (the U.S military budget is currently bigger than the next nine countries combined) and close all 800+ military bases around the world. It will also guarantee all veterans job training and well-paid employment with union representation within a People's Corps. Additionally, the emergency act will end all U.S. aid to Israel immediately and lift the cruel system of U.S. sanctions that make it difficult for countries like Cuba, Venezuela, and Iran to import essential goods such as food and medicine.

## 2. **What prepares you to serve in this capacity?**

I have spent over a decade as a community organizer and youth worker in Massachusetts, shaped by the movements I have been part of and the people I have organized alongside.

I came of age politically in the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the murder of Trayvon Martin. After the police killing of Michael Brown in 2014, I threw myself into organizing, first as a student at Northeastern University standing in solidarity with dining hall workers fighting for a fair contract, opposing the university's displacement of Roxbury residents, and advocating for Palestinian self-determination. Off campus, I joined the Boston movement for affordable housing and canvassed against a ballot measure attacking public education.

After graduating, I became a HiSET instructor and mentor for first-generation college students. I ran an after-school and summer program for high schoolers focused on workers' rights. This work taught me that young people are not apathetic. They are hungry for the truth about why their lives are so hard, and they are ready to fight for something better when given the tools.

For years, I have lived in Roxbury and provided leadership to movements across Greater Boston: for dignified housing, for justice for Arif Sayed Faisal (a UMass Boston student killed by Cambridge police), and for an end to the

U.S.-backed genocide in Gaza. I have served as a key volunteer and staffer at the Boston Liberation Center, building relationships with community members from across the state. I have organized and taught political education classes on Black history, the immigrant rights movement, and more because understanding our history is essential to shaping our future.

I am not a career politician. I am an organizer who has spent a decade listening to working people, learning from their struggles, and fighting alongside them. That is what prepares me to serve.

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

Our political system is designed to obstruct the fundamental change that is needed to resolve the overlapping crises of climate catastrophe, endless war and militarism, and declining living standards and life prospects for a majority of the working class.

Working class people are not represented by either party. This is demonstrated when we see both parties lining up to provide blank checks for militarism while uniting to oppose popular policies like universal childcare and Medicare for All.

The biggest barriers to progressive change are our two-party political system, driven by corporate money and pro-capitalist parties, and the overreliance on a narrative that any individual politician can bring the progressive change we need. All progressive change in this country has been won by movements. Any politician who aims to be elected without building and sustaining a mass movement for progressive change is not serious about making that change.

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

I am a progressive. I would define a progressive as someone who desires a society that is more fair and more just for all of its residents. I am a socialist because I know that capitalism is the fundamental obstacle preventing that kind of progress and I know that true justice, true fairness, an end to US militarism, and any real climate solutions require us to fight for a new system that is designed to meet the needs of the people and the planet.

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

Charles Sumner, who was a U.S. Senator representing Massachusetts between 1851-1874. From his first day in Congress to his last, Sumner was a fighter for the abolition of slavery, and the expansion of civil and economic rights — movements that were bigger than just one man.

Sumner entered Congress the year after Congress had passed the detestable Fugitive Slave Act. At the time, the abolitionist movement was not yet very powerful, and most people believed that slavery was a permanent institution in U.S. society.

Sumner was one of just a handful of abolitionists in the Senate. Most politicians in the Whig Party (analogous in some ways to today's Democratic Party) morally opposed slavery, but viewed it as a "necessary evil" to maintain the unity of the country.

Sumner, on the other hand, did not acquiesce to slavery in the name of "pragmatism". During his 10 years in Congress before the Civil War, Sumner fought tooth and nail against slavery, helping to build the abolitionist movement. During the war, he was an advocate for the Emancipation Proclamation, the admission of Black soldiers into the Union army, and the abolition of slavery. During the Reconstruction period after the Civil War, he fought for the expansion of rights for "freedmen", including voting rights, access to education, and land ownership. The policies he fought for, like universal education, were to benefit not only freed Black people, but people of all backgrounds.

I will offer similarly bold leadership. The inequality and suffering created by capitalism is not permanent. Like Sumner fought for a reconstruction of U.S. society to overcome injustices of slavery, I will fight for a socialist reconstruction to overcome the injustice of capitalism.

## **II. Shared Leadership**

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

This campaign is one piece of a broader movement to transform Massachusetts and transform our society into one that works for working

people, not corporations and billionaires. Working people have realized that we have the means in our society to guarantee a life with dignity for every single person. What we need is power in the hands of working class people. This is not simply a movement to get one person elected, and if I am elected, the movement does not end on election day. I am committed to staying in the movement as an organizer and as an accountable member of something much larger than myself. The only way to win real progressive change is if the people demand it and fight for it, so I am committed to building the movement that can win.

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

As a candidate embedded in a broader movement for social change, my role in that movement creates the basis for transparency and a deep relationship between my office and my constituents that goes beyond symbolic gestures. We will use in person and virtual town halls to build momentum for our policies and our visions. We will take to the streets with our communities to demand action on the vision that unites us. And as we grow our movement across the state of Massachusetts, we will build up the next generation of leaders that will fight in every city, town, workplace, and community for a society that meets the needs of every person.

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?**

Corporations, billionaires, and lobbyists will have the least access to me once I am in office. I have no intention of changing that. My office is for the people of Massachusetts, and the movement that brings me into office is working to bring every community in Massachusetts to the table to fight for the society we all need and deserve. That same movement will maintain ongoing and reciprocal connections across the state to keep our movement going, growing, and shaping the policies of our office.

Because of decades of red scare propaganda, people in some communities are more predisposed to skepticism about socialism. This has been particularly impactful in predominantly white suburbs and rural communities around our state. Many people have heard the myth that socialism would harm people who have worked hard their whole lives, who may own a home or have some money saved up for retirement. I believe our broad common-sense program

also speaks to those people. We all have a vested interest in addressing the climate catastrophe, ending the right wing assault on our basic rights, and ensuring that we have a society that invests more in life and progress and less on militarism and destruction.

Our socialist vision is about ensuring that every person can live in their home without fear of eviction or foreclosure, ensuring dignified work and a dignified retirement for everyone, and ensuring that the next generation faces better prospects for their lives than what young people face now. These are proposals that will resonate across the working class of Massachusetts. While there may be some barriers to reaching those communities that have most been targeted by anti-socialist propaganda, I feel confident that, before and after I am elected, we can build unity around a socialist movement that speaks genuinely to their priorities and brings real common-sense solutions.

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?**

Democrat and Republican candidates must resort to symbolic inclusion because their policies fail to address the real roots of the exclusion and disparate negative impacts of policy working class and oppressed communities. We know that we cannot build a socialist movement without rooting ourselves in the most marginalized sectors of the working class. Our movement has grown out of student, labor, anti-police brutality, immigrant rights, climate justice, and anti-war organizing.

Those movements, and the communities at the forefront of them, shape our policy priorities and our approach to movement-building. Our team is composed of leaders of those struggles who have come together to build a transformative movement.

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).**

This type of campaign represents a paradigm shift in politics. I don't believe that putting me as an individual in office is the basis for delivering all the change that we need on its own, and I don't make that promise. The ultimate

power lies with everyday people taking collective action. If elected, I will use my office to bolster that power. Three specific of how I will do that include:

- Fearlessly using my voice to advocate for the interests of the movement and offer bold solutions within the Capitol and all public arenas.
- When it comes to staffing, I will hire working class people with diverse experiences, particularly people with a track record in the progressive movement. I won't be hiring from the consultant class or those with corporate interests. My staff will have real input into my priorities.
- I pledge to regularly meet with constituents and issue groups, not based on how much they donated (or whether they've donated at all) but rather if they represent the experiences and concerns of working people. I will publish my priorities and let constituents publicly hold me accountable. Additionally, I will use my office to build the progressive movement and the organizations that drive it, not just my own brand. The billionaire class in this country is only able to wield the power they do because of how organized they are - we need the same level of organization.

### **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?**

Under capitalism, corporate profits are the central priority of our economy, and people's needs always take a backseat. We need a tax system that will allow us to use the vast resources of this country to meet the needs of working people. Currently, roughly 900 billionaires own as much wealth as the poorest 170,000,000 people in this country. Because of this horrific disparity, too many people cannot afford to meet their basic needs for food, housing, education, healthcare, and other basic needs. Our society can't afford billionaires. This campaign advocates a 100% tax on assets above \$10 million. This would impact

roughly  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1% of the total US population. By making that wealth a public asset, we can create a system that works for everyone.

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.

## **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?**

In Massachusetts, \$30 per hour is the necessary minimum wage to live a dignified life in our state. We are currently subsidizing corporations with taxpayer-funded programs that provide food and housing assistance to people who receive poverty wages from big corporations. This system leaves working people on the brink of catastrophe without any real foothold for a decent life, while corporations are making skyrocketing profits. We need to end corporate welfare and ensure a living wage of \$30.

I will also fight for passage of a National Employment Emergency Act, which guarantees well-paid union jobs and job training so each one of us can take part in building the society we deserve. The annual cost of funding 5 million jobs that pay a living wage would be about \$312 billion dollars. This may seem like a lot, but in a country where we spend roughly \$1 trillion a year on the military, where Congress recently approved \$170 billion in additional immigration enforcement funding, where billions are spent funding Israeli's genocide against the Palestinian people, it's easy to see that a federal jobs program like this is feasible. Instead, our government prioritizes tax cuts for billionaires, militarism, and racist immigration policy.

And let's be clear - wages are poverty-level because employers hold power and workers don't under capitalism. The real solution to poverty wages is to give workers power over the economy, something our platform does through the National Emergency Acts. By making the top 100 corporations public assets and cutting the US military budget by 90%, we can put the vast resources of our society to work meeting people's needs and building a society that works for all of us.

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. And I have done so.

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?**

Costs are high in this state, and in the whole country, because essentials like housing and healthcare are run for profit. Massachusetts illustrates this quite well - the [median price for a single family home](#) here is nearly \$1 million, [over half of all households](#) that rent spend more than 30% of their income on rent, and [less than 20% of renter households](#) can afford the new market-rate housing that is touted by politicians as the solution to the housing crisis. Meanwhile, despite being home to some of the most prestigious hospitals in the world, Massachusetts ranks as one of the states with the highest healthcare premium costs, and those costs continue to climb.

Because healthcare is a private industry that has to make a profit under the logic of capitalism, billions are wasted each year and health outcomes in the United States are abysmal, especially for poor and Black and Brown communities. A single-payer healthcare system is the only responsible way to use society's resources in the health system. A single-payer system would save billions by dismantling bureaucracy, ending rampant fraud committed by insurance companies, and investing in preventative care that will improve health outcomes across the system. For-profit insurance companies, hospitals, and pharmaceutical companies restrict our access to care while exploiting the poor health of our population to drive massive profits. We don't need them! We need a system that is built to use society's resources to care for our health and wellbeing.

Debt is another burden that drives the lack of affordability across our country, but it doesn't have to be this way. By making banks and other major financial institutions public assets, we can cancel debt on homes, cars, student loans, and medical debt.

Our economy doesn't need to be propped up by the debt burden carried by the working class if we put the wealth of society to work for working people! With banks as public assets, we can put money back in people's pockets and make huge strides in allowing people to live a dignified life.

Our platform proposes a set of National Emergency Acts to seize the top 100 corporations and generate public revenue to fund quality housing, healthcare, nutritious food, education, childcare, and dignified retirement for all. When our

economy is organized to prioritize people's needs over billionaire profits, the "cost of living crisis" will cease to exist

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### **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.

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### **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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The for-profit healthcare model is both inefficient and absurd. We already pay for healthcare through our tax dollars, but instead of that money going directly to care, it flows through insurance corporations that skim off the top for profit. We are paying a bonus to middlemen for the privilege of being denied coverage. Why should we subsidize corporate profits when we could simply use that money to provide the care

we all need?

The pharmaceutical industry operates the same racket, charging Americans the highest drug prices in the world while raking in massive profits.

Meanwhile, corporations like UnitedHealth have been caught committing billions of dollars in fraud, billing Medicare and Medicaid for procedures they never delivered. This is theft of public funds in broad daylight, and yet these executives face no consequences while working people are told there is no money for universal Healthcare.

The solution is simple: eliminate the for-profit model entirely. Healthcare should be publicly funded and publicly administered, with no insurance corporations or pharmaceutical profiteers standing between patients and the care they need.

### **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.**

**1. Money for schools, not wars, banks, and billionaires.** The federal government spends roughly \$1 trillion annually on the military while our schools crumble. By redistributing society's wealth, we can guarantee every school has the resources it needs: small class sizes, well-paid teachers with union representation, up-to-date materials, and wraparound services like counselors and nurses.

This should be implemented in tandem with a baseline federal funding floor. The current system ties school funding to local property taxes, which locks in segregation by design. Wealthy neighborhoods get well-funded schools; working-class neighborhoods get underfunded ones. The federal government must establish a baseline budget that guarantees every public school, regardless of zip code, receives adequate funding to provide a high-quality

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**2. Great schools, great neighborhoods.** School segregation and housing segregation are two sides of the same coin. You cannot have desegregated, well-resourced schools without addressing the manufactured housing crisis that concentrates poverty in certain neighborhoods while excluding working-class families from others. By making housing a human right and investing in dignified public housing, we can break the cycle that keeps our communities, and our schools, segregated. When we build great neighborhoods, we build great schools.

**3. A solidarity-based curriculum.** The Trump administration's attacks on "DEI" are part of a long campaign to prevent our children from learning the true history of this country, and from understanding the power of solidarity across lines of race, gender, and nationality. We need a massive public educational campaign, from pre-K through higher education, that teaches the real history of this country and people's movements to improve it, debunks right-wing propaganda, and builds unity among students of all backgrounds. Education should empower young people to understand the root causes of inequality and to fight for a better world together. School segregation and housing segregation are two sides of the same coin. You cannot have desegregated, well-resourced schools without addressing the manufactured housing crisis

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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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Project 2025 is waging a war against teaching and commemorating the real history of this country. Museums and public monuments about slavery, for example, are being stripped down. We must reinvest in public spaces that commemorate and educate about the true history of this country; both the legacy of injustice, and movements to overcome that injustice..

## **F. Affordable, Decent Housing**

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

The federal government should directly provide housing as a public good. Boston, for example, has significantly more vacant units than homeless community members.

Corporate landlords hold these units vacant to inflate the value of their assets, while our communities continue to suffer in this manufactured crisis of affordability.

We can make housing a human right by making existing vacant housing stock a public good and investing in new housing where it is most needed. We can also guarantee people's rights to the homes they live by canceling mortgage debt that traps working families in cycles of financial precarity.

By redistributing the wealth that working people create, we can create a massive federally funded development of new dignified public housing. Through a People's Housing Corps, we can create good union jobs that put our people to work building high quality housing for all—and maintaining it. Decades of deliberate disinvestment in public housing have created the stigma about public housing that makes it easy for politicians to dismiss as a solution. A People's Housing Corps would not only build new units but modernize and repair existing public housing stock, proving that public housing can be safe, dignified, and desirable.

### **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.

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## **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. **Future of 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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We need to end the vicious attacks on our immigrant communities by immediately abolishing ICE. The masses of working people, led by the brave people of Minneapolis who brought about the first general strike in decades, are standing up to reject ICE's reign of terror and demand abolition. But for decades, both parties have contributed to the creation and expansion of ICE. We need independent leaders and a movement independent of the two party system that can bring an end to ICE terror and implement a truly humane and just immigration system.

We should grant full democratic rights, including a path to citizenship, to every person living in this country. Immigrants are essential contributors to our economy and our communities, and many immigrants pay taxes while being excluded from many benefits because of their immigration status.

We must also put an end to U.S. militarism, which causes surges in migration all over the world. Through wars, sanctions (i.e. economic warfare), corporate exploitation, and resource extraction, the United States government exacerbates (and even creates) the conditions of poverty and violence that force many people to make the difficult decision to leave their homes in search of a better life. Because so much stolen wealth is concentrated in the United States, many of the people driven out of their homes by U.S. militarism end up coming to the United States in pursuit of that better life. We need to replace war and militarism with global solidarity, cooperation, and diplomacy. By cutting the defense budget by 90%, we will reduce the levels of violence and poverty around the world, and trillions of dollars will be available to spend on people's needs in the US, and to invest in solving global problems persecution.

### **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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The Trump administration is carrying out an all-out assault on our rights. They are conducting a war against Black America through thinly veiled attacks on “DEI”. They are waging a campaign of ICE terror against our immigrant communities. They are eviscerating women’s access to reproductive healthcare. They are demonizing LGBTQ people. They are attempting to restrict the free speech rights of all of their political opponents. All told, these attacks are part of a long-term project of the right-wing to overturn the rights won by movements of working people.

Trump and his administration justify these attacks by blaming vulnerable groups for the problems in our society — so we as working class people will point the finger at each other rather than at the billionaires and politicians who are truly responsible. Though these attacks are driven by Trump’s ultra-right agenda, the Democrats are not putting up any effective opposition. We need to combat their campaign of division with one of solidarity.

We propose the Emergency Act Against Hate and Division: a massive public educational campaign to debunk right-wing propaganda, to teach people the true history of our country, and to engender values of unity between people of different Backgrounds.

At the same time, our campaign proposes programs to rectify the historic and ongoing injustices against the groups that Trump demonizes. This includes:

- Reinstating and expanding affirmative action programs
- Reparations to Black America in the form of cash payments and community investments
- Prosecuting police officers who murder civilians
- Ending mass incarceration
- Guaranteeing voting rights for all citizens, including incarcerated people
- Abolishing ICE and providing a path to citizenship for every person living inside the United States
- Providing free reproductive health services including abortion
- Heavily investing in domestic violence prevention
- Ensuring the right to gender-affirming healthcare
- Honoring treaties with indigenous nations

## **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)

Our campaign rejects any role of corporate funding in political campaigns. All campaigning should be publicly financed, and the different loopholes like Super PACs that billionaires use to get around donation limits should be immediately closed.

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. **(SENATE ONLY) Filibuster**. Do you support eliminating the filibuster? (Y/N)

YES.

8. **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?

The Supreme Court is an anti-democratic institution that maintains the

dictatorship of the billionaires. It has been allowed for too long to override the rights that working people have fought for and won through struggle. Abolish the anti-democratic Supreme Court!

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

YES.

10. **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.

11. **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?**

As a Senator, I would use every tool available to expose and obstruct corruption. This means voting no on corrupt nominees and using confirmation hearings to publicly expose conflicts of interest. It means pushing for aggressive committee oversight: subpoenas, public hearings, and demanded documents. It means introducing legislation to strengthen ethics rules, ban stock trading by officials, and close the revolving door between government and corporate lobbying by banning the practice. And it means using the platform of the Senate to deliver transparency to the working class that makes corrupt deal-making, bribery, and corporate lobbying impossible.

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

The Constitution does not provide citizens with any guarantees to fundamental necessities that everyone needs to survive. I would adopt a constitutional amendment to guarantee the right to housing, healthcare, higher education, childcare, and dignified employment to every person in this country

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### **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. In fact, I'd argue we need to go further – our platform proposes a National Climate Emergency Act to seize and decommission the billionaires' fossil fuel infrastructure and build a renewable energy grid in its place. This would be carried out through a national mobilization of workers, similar to the Civilian Conservation Corps and Works Progress Administration of the 1930s and 40s, which hired over 10 million workers to construct lasting public infrastructure

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?**

At the federal level, I would fight to fund a massive national buildout of wind, solar, and hydro power. Massachusetts has significant offshore wind potential,

and federal investment should ensure this is developed as public infrastructure that benefits working people, not as another profit stream for energy corporations.

Our platform's National Climate Emergency Act would fund this transition by seizing the top 100 corporations (several of which are tech corporations that are accelerating the climate crisis with their artificial intelligence arms race) and redirecting resources toward a renewable energy grid. The transition should be carried out by union labor, with workers from fossil fuel industries retrained and redeployed. Clean energy development should also prioritize historically underserved communities that have faced the worst impacts of pollution and environmental racism.

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?**

Massive federal investment in free, electric public transportation. The car-centered model of private transportation is ecologically unsustainable and serves the auto and oil industries, not working people. Federal dollars should fund the expansion of mass transit systems that are publicly owned and operated, not privatized.

In Massachusetts specifically, this means full federal funding to fix and expand the MBTA rather than the current model of chronic underfunding and service cuts. More broadly, we need a shift toward transit infrastructure that connects working-class communities and reduces dependence on cars. This investment should be part of a broader mobilization that creates millions of union jobs building the sustainable infrastructure we need.

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The climate crisis threatens us all and should be treated as the [emergency that it is](#). [If the status quo is allowed to continue](#), we will see catastrophic consequences in the years to come. This crisis has been created by capitalism and cannot be solved under capitalism — the billionaires and the politicians who serve them will never sacrifice their profits, even to avoid global catastrophe. In order to save our planet, we need a new system.

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

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

My approach to foreign policy would be governed by anti-imperialism and solidarity with the rest of the world. This means putting an end to the continuous wars, regime change efforts, and sanctions that the U.S. government currently has in place. More than ever, humanity today is facing shared problems; namely, climate change. Our foreign policy should be based on mutual respect and cooperation to address these problems.

**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.

**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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Since 2023, as the Democrats and Republicans have both funded and supported the genocide in Gaza, the narrative of the U.S. government as a “peacemaker” and global “champion for democracy” has fallen completely flat. The truth is that both Democrats and Republicans support efforts to exert domination over the rest of the world. This is not simply a matter of policy, but a feature of the U.S. capitalist system.

Our campaign is completely opposed to this system of domination. We demand a system of solidarity — a socialist system in which working class people in the U.S. stand with working people all over the world

### **III. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**