

## Michigan State Representative District 66 2 Candidates on the November 6, 2018 ballot

**Duties:** The Michigan House of Representatives shares responsibility with the Michigan Senate to enact new laws and amend or repeal existing laws.

**Qualifications:** State Representatives may serve a maximum of three full terms. They must be at least 21 years of age and a registered voter in their district. There are 110 State House districts which are re-apportioned after each census.

**Term: 2 years**    **Vote for ONE (1)**

### **BETH GRIFFIN, Republican**

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

### **DAN SEIBERT, Democrat**



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**Occupation / Current Position:** Systems Engineer at Perrigo

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Engineering

#### Questions:

**1. PRIORITIES: What are your top three state legislative priorities and how would you address them?**

**A:** Honest and accountable government - Expand FOIA, require financial disclosure for public officials, and a minimum 5 year cooling off period before a legislator can become a lobbyist. Reinvest in Michigan - Stop wasting taxpayer dollars on corporate welfare and invest in infrastructure and public education. Affordable access to broadband - Encourage public/private solutions to communities instead of tax breaks to large corporations which continue to ignore our communities.

**2. EDUCATION: What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes and accessibility for Michigan students from early childhood through post-secondary education?**

**A:** All children learn uniquely and we need to give our teachers the flexibility to adequately reflect that. By reducing class size and assessing progress in a way that reflects actual abilities instead of test preparation, we can focus on preparing students for the future. Furthermore, post-secondary education (college, vocational, etc.) needs to be available and affordable to students in every community.

**3. ECONOMY: What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?**

**A:** I support a shift in our priorities away from providing corporate welfare and toward investment in public infrastructure and education. A skilled workforce and reliable infrastructure would make Michigan a place where people want to live and businesses want to invest. We need to raise the minimum wage and remove barriers to employment to help move low income families off of public assistance.

**4. ELECTIONS: What state policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?**

**A:** Protecting the right to vote is crucial. We must end gerrymandering to get fair representation; expand access to the ballot with no-reason absentee voting, online and same day voter registration; secure the integrity of our elections with voter-verified paper audit trail.

**5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What actions or policies do you support to protect Michigan's water, air and land for current and future generations, while meeting the state's energy needs? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of Enbridge Pipeline 5.**

**A:** Repairing environmental damage is expensive, if not impossible, so it is important to recognize that protecting the environment is a legacy for future generations as well as a smart investment. Instead of providing polluters departmental oversight, we need the DEQ to become a proactive partner with industry to mitigate environmental contamination while still performing meaningful oversight. To help facilitate the transition to clean and renewable energy, Michigan should restore a fair net-metering system. The risk posed by Line 5 is too great to ignore and plans need to be made for an orderly, but speedy, shut down.

**6. JUSTICE: What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our state?**

**A:** By providing equal access to opportunity through quality education for children of all communities, a raise in the minimum wage, and meaningful criminal justice reform we can begin to address the inequalities that exist in our state. Michigan needs to focus on providing equal justice, regardless of income, with reforms in areas that disproportionately punish the poor, such as civil forfeiture and the cash bail system. By increasing utilization of problem-solving courts and enhancing reintegration programs we can reduce recidivism and strengthen our communities.

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