

## **Michigan State Representative District 99**

### **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)**

### **ROGER HAUCK, Republican**



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**Occupation / Current Position:** State Representative

**Education:** Certified Builder Some college (CMU)

**Qualifications / Experience:** Current State Representative Former Union Township Trustee

#### Questions:

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

**A:** Reforming auto no-fault insurance is my number one priority. Michigan's auto-insurance rates are \$1000 over the next highest auto-insurance rates. That's unacceptable. We cannot prosper as a state if people can't get to work. Additionally, I would like to see more money directed toward our infrastructure and schools. This past budget did both of those things, but I think we can do more without raising taxes.

**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:** First, I think we should continue to invest in early childhood education. Studies have shown that the earlier a child is acclimated to a school environment the better off they are. Next, I believe we need to continue to invest in K-12. One of the measures I supported this past term was giving more money to schools that have a higher population of "at-risk" students. This measure resulted in more money for our local schools.

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

**A:** While our economy has improved tremendously over the past few years, our workforce still hasn't made the transition. This has resulted in thousands of skilled trades jobs going unfilled. We need to continue to work with industry and higher education to get people into career opportunities. As far as job attraction goes, I believe in responsibly structured incentive programs. One of the major failures of the "lost decade" was incentive programs that cost our state money even if they didn't result in more jobs. We took a different approach by putting the incentives on the backend.

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

**A:** The first bill I sponsored when I got down to Lansing subjected the governor and the legislature to FOIA because I believe in transparency. Candidate campaign funding is no different. I believe we should continue to disclose our campaign contributions.

**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:** I believe we have a duty to protect Michigan's water, air, and land from pollution. Since late 2016, I've been working with Nottawa Township on plans for a sewer system that will prevent raw sewage from entering the Chippewa River. In fact, I secured \$3 million dollars for that particular project in the state budget. With respect to the Enbridge Pipeline 5, I'm very supportive of efforts to create a utility corridor tunnel under the straits. This project would significantly reduce the risk of a spill and it would allow for electrical transmission lines connecting the upper and lower peninsula.

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

**A:** In the State of Michigan, 17 year olds are treated as adults in our criminal justice system. In late 2017 I joined a bi-partisan criminal justice reform workgroup in an effort to raise the age to 18 years old. We are still working through issues the counties have with this change, but I believe it's the right thing to do no matter the cost. Additionally, I sponsored a resolution on the House floor to end the "R-word." While the resolution is non-binding, it promoted the use of inclusive language.

**KRISTEN BROWN, Democrat**



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**Occupation / Current Position:** Kristen Brown Attorney at Law

**Education:** B.S. Political Science, Michigan State University 1989 J.D. Detroit College of Law 1992

**Qualifications / Experience:** Presently, I work as a sole practitioner, as I have for the past 23 years. My work focuses on advocating for disabled and incapacitated individuals, as well as children in abusive and neglectful homes. My experience as an advocate and negotiator, working against powerful interests in support of kids, families, and seniors, gives me the skills to go to Lansing and fight for our shared values.

Questions:

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

**A:** Reinvesting in our public schools, supporting small businesses, and investing in our infrastructure are all top priorities. Our public schools need higher funding levels, from pre-K through universities. Teachers must be given the resources they need to perform their jobs. As for small businesses, our current state tax policies favor large corporations at the expense of local businesses. I would work to end tax breaks for companies that do not invest locally. Lastly, we must increase funding for our infrastructure to make our communities safer and enhance economic development.

**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 levels of public education have been grossly underfunded. I would work to increase funding levels for public education from early childhood through post secondary. We must also support our teachers, who have the most important jobs in our state. We must stop the attacks on teacher pay and benefits. Much of the critical learning in a child's life occurs before elementary school, so early childhood programs must be expanded and well funded.

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

**A:** Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and must be prioritized over large corporations. Our current state tax policy favors corporations heavily. Providing tax incentives for companies that hire locally will enhance local economies. I also support a living wage, so that working families can provide for themselves and work towards greater economic positions. Restoring the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit would also provide much needed relief to many in our district.

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

**A:** Expanding transparency in campaign finance and limiting the influence of dark money are both critical areas of campaign finance. Voters need to know who is influencing their representatives. Expanding voting rights is another critical component, and I support automatic voter registration and no-reason absentee voting, while I oppose any efforts that restrict voting access such as voter ID laws.

**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:** I support the development of renewable energy and energy efficiency programs to reduce the impact of fossil fuels on our water, air, and land. Enbridge Pipeline 5 must be shut down as it poses too great a threat to our water. It highlights the importance of transitioning to cleaner energy sources. Our district has dealt with pollution in the Chippewa River, and I support policies that reduce water pollution, including a statewide septic code and restrictions on agricultural runoff.

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

**A:** Economically, supporting working families by ensuring they are paid a living wage and have access to programs that help them climb the ladder of opportunity is critical. Much of Michigan's economic comeback has been enjoyed by the wealthiest, so our tax policy must be shifted to favor working families. Working against discrimination in our state is also important to me. I am in support of expanding the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act to include the LGBTQ+ community.

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