

Primary Election: August 7, 2018
U. S. Congress District 11 – Michigan
Candidates: 5 Republicans + 5 Democrats + 1 Libertarian
Vote in one political party's primary only.

Duties: U. S. Representatives share the responsibility with Senators for enactment of the nation's laws as provided in the U.S. Constitution. Laws that require payment of taxes are initiated in the House of Representatives.

Qualifications: A Representative must be at least 25 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least 7 years. There are 435 Representatives based on Congressional districts reapportioned after each census. Michigan has 14 districts as of 2012.

Term: 2 years VOTE for ONE (1).

KERRY BENTIVOLIO, Republican



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Occupation / Current Position: Retired

Education: Masters Degree, B.A. Degree, AA Degree

Qualifications / Experience: Former Member of the 113th U.S. Congress, U. S. House of Representatives. Passed 3 Bills with 100% Bi-partisan support (no other first term congressman was as effective in last 50 years-per US House historian. Teacher of History, English and CAD. Served as Army Representative for 10,000 soldiers to 82nd Airborne Division Headquarters in LSA Adder Iraq.

Questions:

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

A: 1. Protecting our border, 2. cutting government waste-previously given 100% Score for Cutting Government waste (CCAGW). 3. Government transparency and accountability-rated 2nd MOST Transparent member of 113th Congress. 4. Pass my "Read the Bills Act," Pass "Single Issue Bills Act".

2. IMMIGRATION: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policy?*

A: Problem is Democrats want the votes and Republicans want the cheap labor per Border Patrol. We need to enforce the laws on the books.

3. HEALTH CARE: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health care policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?*

A: The U. S. Government has no authority to provide healthcare to citizens. It is a State issue. Allow Health Insurance companies to cross State lines. If people want Government run healthcare please look at the VA system. The present system was deemed by the Supreme Court as a Tax. With the elimination of the individual mandate it will be deemed unconstitutional.

4. ECONOMY: *What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?*

A: Control immigration which presently floods the job market of skilled and unskilled labor that lowers wages. We should lower taxes; Investment goes where is welcome and stays where it is appreciated. Making the US more hospitable to investment will generate jobs-lower taxes, eliminate unnecessary restrictive regulations with common sense approaches to protecting our environment.

5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: *What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.*

A: I support common sense approaches to energy production that meet the needs of consumers, protects our environment and allows consumer sovereignty.

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

A: I support term limits, limited and restrictive campaign funding and voter I. D.

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Occupation / Current Position: Co-owner of Vesco Oil Corporation

Education: BA in Economics - Harvard University MBA - University of Michigan's Ross School of Business

Qualifications / Experience: When I took over Vesco Oil we employed 100 people and had \$100 million in annual revenue. Today, we employ over 200 people and exceed \$200 million in annual revenue. I have a unique perspective as a millennial, mother, and business leader. I understand the difficulties that come with trying to run a business in today's economy. And, I believe that Washington, D.C. needs outsiders to clean it up.

Questions:

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

A: 1) Reform healthcare 2) Bolster Infrastructure 3) Strengthen the US - Israel relationship

2. IMMIGRATION: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policy?*

A: I want to enforce our current immigration laws and secure our border.

3. HEALTH CARE: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health care policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?*

A: I want to bring healthcare costs down by instituting market based solutions. I support health savings accounts (H.S.A.'s) from which patients will pay for services. This will make the consumer more price conscious and incentivize providers to advertise, and work to lower, their prices. Price transparency and lower costs come with free market principles.

4. ECONOMY: *What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?*

A: I support school choice. I do not want young people to be forced into failing schools simply because of their zip code. Middle and lower income families should be afforded the same educational opportunities as high-income families.

5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: *What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.*

A: I support federal funding for cleaning up the Great Lakes.

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

A: I support federal policies like FECA that promote fair elections and campaigns.

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Qualifications / Experience: I served as a criminal prosecutor who took on violent crime, consumer fraud, domestic violence and political corruption. I previously owned and operated a family-owned small business — exactly the kind of business that powers growth and jobs in America. I currently serve in the Michigan House of Representatives where I Chair the Committee on Judiciary. I am on Health Pol, Elections, Reg. Affairs.

Questions:

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

A: My top three priorities are: Immigration Reform and Border Security, Tax Reform, and Improvements to our crumbling roads and infrastructure.

2. IMMIGRATION: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policy?*

A: The program as it is, is an incentive for people to continue to break the law and cross our borders illegally. We need complete reform that includes having secure borders by building the wall and filling the tunnels. The Department of Homeland Security needs to be allowed extreme vetting individuals and be allowed to keep track of the status of those who have received visas. We also need to use technology more efficiently for this purpose. As for DACA, these individuals came here not through their own choice, they were children. How they entered was illegal. They shouldn't receive citizenship but a different status.

3. HEALTH CARE: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health care policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?*

A: The current affordable care act is unaffordable. They need to repeal it and go back to the drawing board and allow individuals to decide what healthcare plan they want. There certainly should be coverage for preexisting conditions. I am a father, a husband, and my first wife passed away from cancer. I know it is important to have accessible health care, but the federal government should not be dictating to the people what they should buy.

4. ECONOMY: *What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?*

A: People need jobs and training. I cut tax rates as a State Representative, and I'll cut tax rates as a Congressman. We also need to streamline the permit process, not allow unnecessary regulations through executive order, ensure that people have access to training in skilled trades. With regard to Social Security, I have proposed allowing people to stop paying into social security after age 62, and stop paying federal taxes on income after 65, thereby allowing people to work as long as they want. This would allow them to keep more of what they earn and keep working as long as they want and not be penalized for working.

5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: *What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.*

A: I support continued exploration for oil and gas here in the US to reduce our dependency on foreign energy. we also should eliminate unnecessary federal regulations that restrain our energy producers and reduce choice for consumers, put efficiency regulations back in the hands of the states and encourage companies to develop technology to improve their product. The free market will allow individuals the ability to choose their energy sources and provide economic incentive for producers to meet that demand. We must hold companies accountable when they make a mistake. I support funding the Great Lakes Initiative.

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

A: Voting should be as accessible as possible as long as it is safe and secure.

MIKE KOWALL, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: Senate Floor Majority Leader/State Senator

Education: Oakland Community College, Carpentry and Woodworking Apprenticeship

Qualifications / Experience: Mike Kowall is the Senate Majority Floor Leader, charged with pushing through pro-jobs legislation in Lansing to help grow our economy in Southeast Michigan. In his second term, Mike got involved in public service after a successful career as president of a family-owned business, Accurate Woodworking, Inc.

Questions:

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

A: Infrastructure, skilled trade education, and protecting our Great Lakes. Currently our infrastructure is crumbling around us; our roads, but also the water and sewage systems that are underneath our cities need to be fixed, replaced, and improved. We need more skilled trade education to get our kids trained properly. Many employers here in Michigan offer great, high paying jobs but are unable to find qualified applicants. Ensuring the safety and quality of our Great Lakes is paramount. We live here, this is our home, we can not be giving away our water or allowing other states and nations to misuse our resources.

2. IMMIGRATION: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policy?*

A: A nation that doesn't defend its borders is not sovereign. We must enforce federal immigration laws if we care about our national security. In addition to preventing against increased risks of terrorism, strong borders defend against human and drug trafficking, which is ravaging families and communities throughout our country. In the Senate, I authored legislation prohibiting local gov. from enacting or enforcing so-called "Sanctuary City" laws. Sanctuary cities prevent law enforcement and gov. agencies from notifying federal authorities of a person's immigration status and is a direct subversion of federal law.

3. HEALTH CARE: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health care policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?*

A: Maternal and childcare health are paramount and that is the reason these programs were implemented in the first place, but just like any other federal program, improvements can be made. I am a firm believer that once a program is done it must be updated, watched, and controlled.

4. ECONOMY: *What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?*

A: Cutting taxes for individuals and the companies they work for, and making permanent the 2017 tax cuts. As we saw in the recent tax cuts, a lot of the savings were passed on to the families and economy as a whole. Continuing to improve our economy results in higher employment across the country which increases our nation's wealth and prosperity for all.

5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: *What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.*

A: I support improving our research and development of sustainable energy sources, Michigan is in a position in regards to longitude and latitude where solar energy can be effectively used. Protecting our Great Lakes is paramount for the health of Michigan and its residents. Being surrounded by the Great Lakes puts Michigan in a position where they should be the leading steward when working with our neighboring states to implement sensible policies that that protect our waters.

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

A: I support limiting money in politics. We must enforce voting laws, ensure all American citizens that are eligible to vote can do so easily, and I would support requiring a form of identification to ensure our elections remain free and fair.

ROCKY RACZKOWSKI, Republican

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Occupation / Current Position: President, Imperium Logistics LLC

Education: BA (Poly Sci/Psychology), Eastern MI Univ MA (Completed non-graduate), Central MI Univ JD (Law Studies), Michigan State Univ MA (National Defense), US Army Command & General Staff College

Qualifications / Experience: As the only candidate with multi-faceted real world experience, I have created jobs as a Business Owner. Having led and owned two multi-million dollar companies with great success, we hired and created opportunities for individuals. I also served in the Military, for over 26 years, and Led soldiers during peacetime, as well as in combat. Lastly, I also served in office as a former Majority Leader

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

A: The three legislative priorities for our district are dealing with the National Debt, fixing our broken immigration system and improving our national defense. The National Debt must be controlled by bringing back regular order to balanced budgets. Furthermore, we must mandate that spending not exceeded economic growth, thus securing our economy from collapse and preserving Social Security and Medicare for those that paid into the system. We must end sanctuary cities and stop illegal immigration by enforcing US Employment Laws. As for our defense, we must audit the Pentagon spending and priorities of action.

2. IMMIGRATION: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policy?*

A: A comprehensive immigration must start with a plan for border security, including physical barriers, technology, increased manpower and enforcement of the eVerify system. This would focus on stopping illegal crossings, keeping terrorists out of our country and stopping illicit drugs from entering our nation as well. The next piece of a comprehensive immigration plan should focus on ending sanctuary cities that serve as a magnet for illegal immigration, and ending the EB-5 visa, visa lottery and refugee programs. We should be focused on returning to the Sponsorship program that supported our nation's immigrants.

3. HEALTH CARE: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health care policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?*

A: I support full funding of the CHIP program. The American people priorities for healthcare are reducing costs and increasing access. We can all agree that the ACA is failing at both priorities. The best way to reduce costs is by giving people more control of their personal healthcare, like increased use of Health Savings Accounts. Furthermore, allowing small employers to band together to purchase insurance across state lines allows for a reduction in costs as well. Most importantly, there must be transparency in medical billing and hospital costs that do not discriminate according to what a person can pay.

4. ECONOMY: *What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?*

A: I support making the tax cuts of 2017 permanent. This alone would help members of all strata of America improve the overall economic positions. Furthermore, with the scarcity of a skilled workforce, I would support imposing zero tax on Social Security Income of individuals that wish to work and collect Social Security. Lastly, we must crack down on the fraud in Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and within IRS filings. This alone can be achieved by using greater technology that would save the taxpayers and beneficiaries over \$53 Billion dollars a year, thus improving our entire economy for all citizens of the US

5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: *What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.*

A: Michigan has many needs that I will fight for as a member of congress. First will be to defend our magnificent Great Lakes which are a natural treasure by securing continued full funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, and passing legislation to keep invasive species like the Asian Carp out of our lakes. As for our environment and energy uses, I support clean air and water, and will work to limit pollutants, with supporting our renewable energy resources. I also support using our clean natural gas that we have an abundance of in the State of Michigan. All of these proposals preserve a better future.

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

A: I support access and voting rights of all individual citizens within our nation. To protect the vote, I would support an authorized form of ID for authenticating the voter. In Michigan, we have a Qualified Voter File, and this standard would be a good example for states to follow in the light of reports of attempted external tampering of our voting system. As for Campaign reform, I support Federal Term Limits for all elected leaders in Congress.

TIM GREIMEL, Democrat



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Occupation / Current Position: State Representative in the Michigan Legislature.

Education: J.D., University of Michigan Law School, Masters of Public Policy, University of Michigan, B.A. Political Science and Economics, University of Michigan.

Qualifications / Experience: State Representative, Oakland County Commission, Rochester School Board.

Questions:

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

A: I will work to give middle class Americans a leg up. First, we must build on the successes of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Social Security and oppose any effort to privatize Medicare, so that every American has access to quality affordable healthcare and a secure retirement. Second, we must give workers the education and training they need to succeed in the economy of the future by increasing investments in career and technical education. Finally, we must raise the federal minimum wage and index it to inflation. I've won victories on all of these issues in the state legislature, and I'll do the same in Congress.

2. IMMIGRATION: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policy?*

A: First, we must protect the system of legal immigration that has long been one of the foundational principles of our country. Second, we must allow the DREAMers, who were brought to this country as children through no fault of their own, to remain here and to become citizens. Third, any comprehensive deal must include strengthened border security and enhanced enforcement of current immigration laws, as well as a path to citizenship for those already here who meet specific criteria. In Congress, I will work to forge bipartisan action around these ideals.

3. HEALTH CARE: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health care policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?*

A: We must maintain the ACA's patient protections that ended: lifetime caps, higher premiums for women, and discrimination based on preexisting conditions. I won the fight to expand Medicaid here in Michigan, and I will fight to protect federal funding for Medicaid expansion. But the high premiums and deductibles of the ACA are problems. First, we must stabilize the exchanges to prevent collapse and lower premiums. Second, I will work to expand Medicare, making it accessible to everyone regardless of age. Third, I will demand that Medicare negotiate with drug companies in order to lower the cost of drugs for patients.

4. ECONOMY: *What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?*

A: Everybody who works deserves a place in the middle class. As House Democratic Leader, I successfully fought to increase the minimum wage and index it to inflation—a first in Michigan's history. In Congress, I will fight for pay equity, earned paid sick leave, and a higher minimum wage that is indexed to inflation. But our biggest tool to build opportunity is our public school system. I will support career and technical education and a path to debt-free higher education for all, starting with tuition-free community college.

5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: *What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.*

A: The Great Lakes are a national treasure and we must take affirmative action to protect them, like common sense pipeline regulations and preserving the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. In Congress, I will hold the EPA accountable and ensure they're enforcing important environmental regulations like the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act. In the state legislature, I worked to pass an energy reform package that increased Michigan's renewable energy and energy efficiency standards, and I'll work to do the same in Congress.

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

A: In Congress, I will support strengthening the Voting Rights Act and hold the Department of Justice accountable if it fails to enforce it. I've long been a proponent of increasing access to voters through any-reason absentee voting, expanded early voting opportunities, and online registration, which I championed in the Michigan legislature. We must reduce the influence of special interest money in politics by enacting strict campaign finance laws and by establishing robust public financing of campaigns to incentivize candidates to agree to limit their spending.

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Occupation / Current Position: Congressional candidate

Education: University of Michigan-Dearborn, BBA, Information Systems Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management, MBA Northwestern University Law School, JD

Qualifications / Experience: At RISE, the company I founded with my brother, Dr. Sanjay Gupta, I used new technology to deliver affordable healthcare and in 2016, First Lady Michelle Obama made Rise her team's official technology partner. As Groupon's first VP of Product Development, I helped create thousands of good-paying jobs. I also worked at Mozilla to protect work on net neutrality.

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

A: We need to fix our healthcare system so that everyone has access to quality, affordable healthcare all while reducing costs for taxpayers, which can be done through allowing Medicare to negotiate down drug costs and putting greater focus on preventative care. I also believe that every child has a right to a world-class education regardless of zip code. We need to invest in our schools and teachers, and ensure that not a dime of taxpayer money goes to for-profit charter schools. It's also past time to tackle safety and equality, not just in the office, but on campus and in the public sphere.

2. IMMIGRATION: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policy?*

A: As the son of immigrants, I have seen firsthand how America is a land of hope and opportunity for many. Now, however, we are turning our backs on many who seek a legal way to reside in our country. We may have a broken immigration system in need of repair, but building an expensive and ineffective wall is not the way to remedy it. I support increased border security, while still having accessible pathways to citizenship so that anyone who wishes to be an American has a chance.

3. HEALTH CARE: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health care policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?*

A: Our healthcare system is in dire need of fixing, because as it currently exists, healthcare is neither accessible nor affordable for the average American. We need to allow Medicare to negotiate down the price of prescription drugs as well as import drugs from other countries with safe protections in place so that Americans are not forced to shoulder the outrageous costs of medicine. As for women's health, I fully support a woman's right to choose as well as increased investment for Planned Parenthood, as it serves as a comprehensive health resource for women.

4. ECONOMY: *What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?*

A: In today's day and age, high-paying jobs require some type of education, whether it be from four-year institutions or trade schools, but access to these institutions is becoming increasingly costly, with many Americans taking on tens of thousands of dollars in debt to receive this education. That is why I support making access to four-year institutions tuition-free for families making under \$125,000, as well as making community college free across the board.

5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: *What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.*

A: America currently depends on nonrenewable resources to power much of our country- a trend we need to change. We should be moving towards a country that depends exclusively on clean and renewable resources, like wind and solar energy, rather than use these limited, polluting resources like coal and oil. When we move towards greater utilization of clean energy sources, we are able to limit the pollutants entering our air and water systems, keeping our Great Lakes clean.

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

A: Democracy is the backbone of our nation, and when we allow corporations to freely contribute to campaigns to determine the outcome of the race, we are robbing voters of their voices and dismantle the democratic process. We must work to fight against unlimited corporate spending on behalf of campaigns to make sure that politicians are earning the votes of people, not corporations. We must also ensure that every American citizen has the right to vote. Laws implemented around the country to curb voting, especially that of minority and younger voters, are discriminatory and disenfranchise tens of thousands of voters.

FAYROUZ SAAD, Democrat

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Occupation / Current Position: Director of Immigrant Affairs, Detroit Mayor's Office (most recent)

Education: Harvard Kennedy School, Masters in Public Administration University of Michigan, B.A. in Psychology and Political Science

Qualifications / Experience: As Detroit's Director of Immigrant Affairs, Fayrouz worked with Mayor Mike Duggan to put inclusive values and small business development at the heart of the city's revival. And at the Dept. of Homeland Security under President Obama, she fought for the Gulf Coast recovery and fair, effective community policing. Fayrouz is the proud daughter of immigrants, and a graduate of Michigan public schools.

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

A: The stakes of this election are unbelievably high. Quality, affordable healthcare as a right, not a privilege. A living wage for all who work. And turning the tide on the Trump administration's daily assault on our values, our communities, and facts themselves. These fights are personal to me. And I'm the only candidate in this race with the local, state and national experience to take on the full breadth of challenges we face. The American Dream doesn't preserve itself. If we want to pass it on, we need a new generation of leadership—one that reflects America—fighting for it in Washington. And I'm ready to fight.

2. IMMIGRATION: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policy?*

A: My parents were fleeing violence when they arrived in Southeast Michigan. I won't flinch in the face of this President's hostility toward immigrants, and I'll fight tooth and nail against policies like family separation and the Muslim ban. I'll stand with the vulnerable: DREAMers, refugees, women & children fleeing violence. And I'll bring my experience as Director of Immigrant Affairs in Detroit to the fight for comprehensive immigration reform. We aren't going to deport 11 million law-abiding friends and neighbors—it's time to bring them out of the shadows, so they can contribute openly to our economy and society.

3. HEALTH CARE: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health care policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?*

A: In 2018, parents shouldn't have to start an online campaign to pay their kids' hospital bills. Seniors shouldn't be choosing between groceries and a prescription. And women who rely on Planned Parenthood shouldn't lose their care because powerful men don't like their choices. The GOP has undermined the Affordable Care Act for years. The result: medical debt is our leading cause of personal bankruptcy, and reliable, quality care remains unaffordable for millions. So I'm with the 60% of Americans who support "Medicare for All" as the fairest, most practical path to controlling costs and expanding access.

4. ECONOMY: *What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?*

A: If you work full-time, you deserve a fair return on your work. I support phasing in a \$15 minimum wage by 2024 and paid parental- and sick-leave. And I support debt-free college & trade school; consumer protections for student borrowers; and loan forgiveness for those in public service (e.g. teachers & social workers). The Trump tax law (by adding \$1.9 trillion to our national debt over the next ten years) will cripple a generation already struggling for a foothold. The 1% are doing fine. So let's roll back corporate and estate tax cuts with an eye to middle-class investments like infrastructure and public education.

5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: *What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.*

A: I'll never forget the Gulf Coast communities I worked with in the wake of Deepwater Horizon. Clean air, water, and soil must come before corporate self-interest—period. I'll hold Scott Pruitt to account for his unethical management of the EPA. I'll vote to fund the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, targeting threats to our Great Lakes ecosystem, including the long-overdue decommissioning of Line 5. And I'll push for re-entry to the Paris Agreement. Right now, we're ceding our lead in clean energy research and manufacturing to countries like China—that's bad for our economy, our environment, and our security.

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

A: Our political status quo benefits the 1%, who pay for and own it. To make progress, we have to flush hundreds of millions of dollars in dark money out of our system. That's why I support public financing for all federal elections, and why I'm not taking a dime of corporate PAC money. Recent efforts to purge voter rolls and restrict voting are a canary in the coal mine. Protecting and expanding voting rights will be a core issue in Congress: removing barriers to same-day & automatic registration; restoring voting rights to those who've served criminal sentences; and investing in the integrity of our voting systems.

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Occupation / Current Position: Climate Talk Radio on hiatus, I'm caregiver for my both my 87 yr. mom and Dad who passed on the 11th

Education: Bishop Foley High School, Madison Heights, Ross School of Business, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Qualifications / Experience: As a Finance major from U of M, I decided to use those skills to help transition a dirty fossil fuel economy to a clean energy one. I've won a Presidential award rebuilding flooded towns as models, helped business adopt sustainability, have a decade of communications experience on nat'l TV and radio, and have run twice before in this district in very close races in 2006 and 2014 so I can Flip 11th

Questions:

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

A: Climate Change is the biggest problem and the biggest opportunity to use innovation to create whole new industries; I support bi-partisan legislation that taxes the big carbon polluters and gives 100% of that tax back to taxpayers. I'll shut down Enbridge Line 5. Healthcare. My plan, "America" Choice" allows the federal gov't to compete with ALL private insurers. The buying power of the gov't will bring down the outrageous costs of health insurance and prescription drugs. Income Inequality: The biggest economic threat we face. A \$15 min wage, investment in sustainable infrastructure; smart grid, advanced roads =jobs

2. IMMIGRATION: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policy?*

A: My immigration concerns are the inhumane process of taking over 2000 children from their parents, some 1,400 of them lost now. I oppose the effort to deport Dreamers. There are 800,000 recipients who received the status since 2012. They had to be under 35, be in school or employed, have the equivalent of a high-school diploma and no criminal record. Distorters include "DACA eligible estimates" in their attempt to undermine majority support among Americans, which stands at 86%. I don't support a \$25 bill Concrete Wall, but do support building a wall of solar panels, that pays for itself, supplies power to both sides.

3. HEALTH CARE: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health care policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?*

A: Over 245 million still get employer-based or private healthcare. Medicare & Medicaid 115 million, with 28 million uninsured. The US started healthcare after WWII by Employers as a perk. Medicare, Medicaid and ACA cover more people with stronger policies. Trump recently ordered the elimination of pre-existing conditions, premiums are on the rise. My Plan, "America's Choice" allows Government to be allowed to use their buying power "to compete with" all private insurance. Competition will drastically bring costs for insurance, prescription drugs and if successful. All plans must have Health Essentials and Gender equity.

4. ECONOMY: *What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?*

A: Former Fed Chair Alan Greenspan said "Income Inequality" is the biggest threat to our economy. CBO now estimates the 2018 deficit will be \$242 billion higher than it had estimated last June, before the tax cuts. Over 43% went to wealthy foreign investors through a permanent corporate tax cut which does not spur growth. Consumer spending is 85% of GDP, and will drop as the bottom 90% are forced to cut back, or work 2 jobs. Increasing the minimum wage to \$15 is a start as that money will spur growth but we must also investment massively in rebuilding a sustainable infrastructure, create a high-paying jobs boom for all.

5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: *What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.*

A: Most Americans don't understand the urgency to Act on Climate. The Paris Agreement's 2C is the highest rise we can hit before abrupt climate feedback loops start runaway climate emergencies much faster than scientists first predicted. With business as usual, The WMO predicted a 4C to 6C rise, scientists call an unliveable hellscape. Renewable technologies are now often cheaper than fossil fuels. For the Great Lakes, I would shut down Enbridge Line 5 immediately with legislation that replaced it with vast Wind Farms far out of site, that could power the Midwest. I've spent 25 years of on Climate & Energy and will lead.

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

A: I've long supported Public Financing of Elections because when taxpayers pay, taxpayers get served. When Corporations and Billionaires pay, they get served. Today, we see on full display a Pay to Play Access. The Trump family being jetted around the world amassing fortunes, polluters who love Scott Pruitt's rollbacks of every clean water and air regulation. Citizens United decision opened the floodgates of dark, and now we know foreign money, into our elections. Voting machinery will not be safe until we remove all internet access transmission to tally's and voter access transmission to tally's and voter data rolls.

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Questions:

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

A: My priorities in Congress are clear: help create jobs, lower health care costs, and fix Michigan's roads. I remember 2009 -- economists were singing Detroit's swan song. The auto industry was in crisis. Analysts wanted to let Detroit go bankrupt. I disagreed: I believed then, as I do today, that Detroit hustles harder. So I went to Washington and hustled, serving as chief of staff for President Obama's auto rescue that helped save more than 200,000 jobs. Today we face a different kind of crisis -- his name is Donald Trump. I'm running for Congress to stand up to his reckless agenda and fight for Michigan again.

2. IMMIGRATION: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policy?*

A: For generations families have come to America seeking a better life for themselves, their children, and their grandchildren. We are a nation of immigrants, but sadly our immigration system today is broken. It can and must be fixed without tearing apart families who come here in pursuit of the American dream. Let's pass comprehensive immigration reform that includes increased border security and a long term solution for our DREAMERS. I do not believe Congress should be in the business of punishing children brought to America through no choice of their own.

3. HEALTH CARE: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health care policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?*

A: I believe that health care is a right, not a privilege. Every American deserves access to affordable, high-quality health care. We need to protect and improve the Affordable Care Act by fully implementing it. We also must take steps toward lowering prescription drug prices, first and foremost by letting the federal government use the full weight of its bargaining power to reduce costs for Medicare. And it is totally unacceptable that in the greatest country on earth any child goes without health care. We must improve and strengthen the Children's Health Insurance Program.

4. ECONOMY: *What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?*

A: First and foremost we need to pass an infrastructure bill that allows us to invest in the maintenance and repair of our built environment: roads, schools, bridges, and water mains. We also need an infrastructure package that supports public-private partnerships to modernize and capture opportunities to innovate through energy efficiency, a smart grid, and technologies that improve and build off our current system. Additionally we must raise the minimum wage -- by putting more money in working families' pockets we can boost spending power and improve our local economies.

5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: *What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.*

A: Like it or not, climate change is real and we need to start acting accordingly. During the Auto Rescue we not only helped save GM and Chrysler, we did it while improving fuel efficiency standards and spurring American auto companies to build the cars of the future. We implemented Cash for Clunkers, an incentive-based program that allowed consumers to trade in old, environmentally inefficient vehicles for 21st century models. We can have industry and a clean environment, but only with leaders in Congress who are willing to get the job done.

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

A: Our current system is set up to benefit the wealthy and well-connected. We need to fix that or Congress will continue to pass trillion dollar corporate giveaways like the Republicans' abhorrent tax bill. That's why we need to overturn Citizens United so that anonymous billionaires cannot buy our elections. Just as importantly, we need to expand access to the ballot. In a Democracy it is our fundamental right to vote, which is why we need to fully reinstate the Voting Rights Act and protect our citizens' ability to make our voices heard.

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Questions:

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

A: (1) End the war on herbal medicine, thereby reducing the opioid problem. (2) Repeal civil asset forfeiture laws, which allow the government to confiscate your property without even accusing you of committing a crime. (3) Oppose foreign quagmires & trade wars.

2. IMMIGRATION: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policy?*

A: Immigration policy should focus on people who threaten our safety or who want to sponge off our welfare system. Stop wasting taxpayer money trying to keep out honest people who want to contribute to our society.

3. HEALTH CARE: *What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health care policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?*

A: (1) End the war on herbal medicine, thereby reducing the opioid problem. Many people consider herbal medicines gifts from God or prefer herbal medicines as safer or more effective than synthetic drugs. Democrats & Republican care more about drug company profits than your health or prosperity. (2) Simplify laws that make healthcare expensive but not safer.

4. ECONOMY: *What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?*

A: Support the free market. Oppose trade wars. Oppose subsidies and other privileges to big business. Oppose the abuse of fines, forfeitures & imprisonment of people who mistakenly violate voluminous & incomprehensible laws. For example, doctors fear being prosecuted for violating this week's interpretation of this week's healthcare laws.

5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: *What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.*

A: (1) Protect the Great Lakes from invasive species. (2) Reduce the amount of fossil fuel used by the government by reducing government bureaucracies. (3) Democrats & Republicans agree that taxpayers should repeatedly pay to rebuild or repair buildings that are repeated damaged by floods. This encourages people to build on floodplains. I oppose this subsidy.

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

A: Secret ballots protect voters from retaliation. To further protect people from retaliation, campaign contributions from individuals (but not political action committees or other organizations) should likewise be secret.

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