

**United States House of Representatives 2 Year Term - Vote for One (1)**

Candidates were asked to summarize their backgrounds in 75 words and were allotted 75 words to answer each question. If the candidate did not reply by the required date for publication, the words, "Did not respond in time for publication" appear under the candidate's name.

**QUESTION 1**

What should the federal government do, if anything, to ensure that every American has health coverage? (75 words)

**QUESTION 2**

What should be done, if anything, at the federal level to reduce our use of and dependence on fossil fuels? (75 words)

**QUESTION 3**

What measures would you support at the federal level that would help our Michigan economy? (75 words)



**★★★ District 1 ★★★**

**Tom Casperson, Republican**

Although I have legislative expertise through serving as a State Representative, authoring 20 public acts, the reason I am most qualified to act as the voice of the First District is that I have 27 years of experience operating a small business, struggling to make ends meet, and contending with the restrictions and irresponsibility of my government. I am a conservative legislator, focused on issues, sensible solutions and reasonable reforms, but not party lines.

Not all American's need major medical, comprehensive coverage. And, we should not be subsidizing health care to those that are here illegally. Our focus needs to be on providing major medical coverage to those that are less fortunate and entitled. For those within that classification, we must find a way to make them accountable, so there is cost containment by providing incentives through healthy lifestyle education and choices, as well by discouraging unnecessary, redundant treatment.

We must drill domestically. I am a conservationist - my family has depended on the environment for generations. However, too many politicians believe a conservationist can not be an environmentalist, which is untrue. We need a well rounded energy program that includes: 1) advancing the opportunities for alternative fuels; 2) streamlining the regulatory process so that it is reasonable, allowing for expeditious development of traditional energy, like nuclear; 3) examining sensible reforms to limit speculation.

We must embrace a comprehensive plan that's mindful of Reagan's description of how government operates: "if it moves, tax it, if it keeps moving regulate it, if it stops moving, subsidize it." To avoid that mentality, we must: rely on building business incentives over government regulation; strengthen education; build the national infrastructure; implement tort reform; lower the corporate tax rate; strive for energy independence; and reform government so that bureaucracy can't arbitrarily enforce unreasonable regulations.

**Bart Stupak, Democrat**

I represent Northern Michigan in Congress where I serve as Chairman of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the Energy and Commerce Committee. I will continue to hold corporations and government accountable on issues like food and drug safety and energy costs. I am a retired Michigan State Police Trooper and an attorney. While I work in Washington, I return home every weekend. I live in Menominee with my wife, Laurie. We have a son,...

Instead of cutting access to and support for Medicaid and SCHIP as President Bush has proposed, Congress should seriously consider allowing uninsured individuals and families the voluntary option to choose to enroll in Medicaid, MICHild, Medicare, and the Federal Employees Health Benefits Plan (FEHBP). Also, by allowing retirees starting at age 55 to buy into Medicare, we can give 3.5 million uninsured individuals the option of using Medicare to meet their health care needs.

I voted for the 2007 Energy bill, which will improve energy efficiency for appliances, lighting, buildings, and promote alternative fuels. Additionally, increased fuel economy standards in the bill will save families \$700 - \$1000 per year and reduce oil consumption by 1.1 million barrels per day in 2020, one-half of what we import from the Persian Gulf. I will continue working to promote alternative energy sources such as ethanol, biodiesel, wind, solar, geothermal, and nuclear.

Create new jobs by investing in emerging industries like medical research and clean energy. Stop giveaways to big oil and corporations that send jobs overseas. Invest in education so we can compete globally. Improve broadband access. Improve harbors, highways and other infrastructure. Michigan Democrats' American Manufacturing Initiative would provide tax credits to spur technological development while encouraging manufacturers to expand domestic facilities. AMI would also address unfair trade practices, currency manipulation, and unenforced trade laws.

**Daniel W. Grow, Libertarian**

Grow attended NMU, earned a degree in Public Administration from MSU, and a JD from the University of Detroit School of Law. He represents businesses and governments in state, federal, and administrative courts. Chairman, Libertarian Party of Southwest Michigan, since 2006, he was a Michigan National Convention delegate and on the national party's Platform Committee. He was elected as a committee member to the Libertarian Party of Michigan's Executive Committee in June of 2008.

The unnecessary burdens imposed on individuals and businesses by government limits consumers health care choices. Laws that force uninsurable risks to be pooled with genuine insurance risks must be repealed. Allowing a variety of insurance products would reduce costs and prices would fall, while restoring individual responsibility to health care. The current problems in health care are not solved, but primarily caused, by government. I oppose government provided health insurance and health care.

Far from being "dependant," individuals choose maligned fossil fuels as preferable over the alternatives. Combined with the private ownership of land and natural resources, it's the innovation of individuals and firms guided by the price system that provides the long-term availability of natural resources, affordable energy, health and prosperity. Like communism, the environmental movement attacks freedom and calls for centralized control, while making those able to command political favors rich at the taxpayers' expense.

Legislation enabling a state wide "enterprise zone" would allow Michigan's economy to operate unfettered by noisome federal regulations and absent the burden of federal taxation, free to trade with the world without limitations of any kind. I'd serve to reduce spending by the federal government to alleviate or eliminate any tax burden on Michigan citizens. Hearings would expose the unholy alliance between state and industry allowing political favoritism for the chosen sons of industry.

**Joshua J. Warren**

**US Taxpayers**

Did not respond in time for publication

**Jean Treacy, Green**

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