

## NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE FOR ILLINOIS SENATE RACE

	Tammy Duckworth (D)	Mark Kirk (Incumbent – R)
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<b>Abortion:</b> Should abortion be highly restricted?	No	No
<b>Campaign Finance:</b> Support the DISCLOSE Act, which requires key funders of political ads to put their names on those ads?	Yes	No
<b>Campaign Finance:</b> Support Supreme Court’s <i>Citizens United</i> decision, which allows unlimited independent political expenditures by corporations and unions?	No	Yes <sup>1</sup>
<b>Climate Change:</b> Believe human activity is the major factor driving climate change?	Yes	Has said climate change is real, but questions the role of industrial emissions. <sup>2</sup>
<b>Climate Change:</b> Should government limit the levels of greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere?	Yes	No. Opposes carbon tax and EPA regulation of greenhouse gases.
<b>Contraception:</b> Should employers be able to withhold contraceptive coverage from employees if they disagree with it morally?	No	No
<b>Economy:</b> Support federal spending as a means of promoting economic growth?	Yes	No <sup>3</sup>
<b>Financial Regulation:</b> Support Dodd-Frank Act, which established Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and increases regulation of Wall Street corporations and financial institutions?	Yes	No
<b>Gay Marriage:</b> Support gay marriage?	Yes	Yes
<b>Gun Control:</b> Support enacting more restrictive gun control legislation?	Yes	Yes
<b>Healthcare:</b> Support repealing the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare?	No	Yes
<b>Healthcare:</b> Did you support shutting down the federal government in order to defund Obamacare in 2013?	No	Voted for several bills that contributed to shut down, then for compromise that ended it.
<b>Healthcare:</b> Should Planned Parenthood be eligible to receive public funds for non-abortion health services?	Yes	Yes
<b>Immigration:</b> Support the DREAM Act, which would allow children brought into the country illegally to achieve legal status if meet certain conditions? <sup>4</sup>	Yes	Voted against it in 2010, but now supports it.
<b>Immigration:</b> Should America’s 11 million undocumented residents have an earned path to citizenship?	Yes	Only as part of a two-step reform: first secure the border and then create a path to citizenship.

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<b>Iran:</b> Support the US-Iran treaty that limits Iran’s nuclear capability in return for lifting economic sanctions?	Yes	No
<b>Iraq:</b> Should the US recommit significant additional ground troops to Iraq to combat the success of ISIS?	Only as part of long-term plan and exit strategy drawing on all facets of U.S. power <sup>5</sup>	Supports Obama request to fight ISIS for limited engagement of three years.
<b>Marijuana:</b> Support efforts to decriminalize and/or legalize marijuana?	Yes	No, including for medical marijuana.
<b>Minimum Wage:</b> Support raising the federal minimum wage?	Yes	No
<b>Prisons:</b> Should money be switched from prisons to preventive measures like education and social services?	Yes	Unknown <sup>6</sup>
<b>Renewable Energy:</b> Support government mandates and/or subsidies for renewable energy?	Yes	Yes. Also supports fossil fuel subsidies.
<b>Social Security:</b> Support full or partial Social Security privatization?	No	Yes
<b>Student Debt:</b> Support refinancing of student loans at lower rates, paid for by increasing taxes on high earners?	Yes	No
<b>Student Financial Aid:</b> Should federal student financial aid, like Pell Grants, be increased?	Yes	Has supported some expansions, opposed others. <sup>7</sup>
<b>Supreme Court:</b> Support the Senate holding hearings to consider Obama Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland?	Yes	Yes
<b>Taxes:</b> Signed Americans for Tax Reform Pledge to oppose any tax increases to raise revenue?	No	Yes
<b>Taxes:</b> Increase taxes on corporations and/or high-income individuals to pay for public services?	Yes	No
<b>Voting Rights:</b> Support stricter voting rules such as voter ID requirements or reduced registration times, even if they prevent some people from voting?	No	Voted to require photo ID in federal elections. <sup>8</sup>

Other senate candidates include [Chris Aguayo \(Veterans Party of America\)](#), [Chad Koppie \(Constitution Party\)](#), [Kent McMillen \(L\)](#), and [Scott Summers \(G\)](#). Due to limited space, we can’t include their position, but invite you to check out their websites.

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<sup>1</sup> History of support, but is [remaining silent](#) on the issue during 2016 campaign.

<sup>2</sup> Recently acknowledged that human activity contributes to climate change, but historically has questioned this and voted against bills that would have addressed climate change. See [Chicago Tribune](#) overview.

<sup>3</sup> Supported 2009 federal stimulus package, but opposed subsequent packages. Advocates for [across the board federal spending cuts](#).

<sup>4</sup> Need to have graduated from high school, have a clean legal record, and attend college or serve in the military.

<sup>5</sup> See [Chicago Tribune](#) article detailing Duckworth’s extensive criteria for further intervention.

<sup>6</sup> History of tough positions on crime, but supports sentencing reform. No clear statements on shifting resources to preventive measures.

<sup>7</sup> Has supported some Pell Grant expansion and increases in flexibility, but [opposed legislation cutting subsidies to private lenders](#) and using the savings to increase Pell Grants, describing as “a complete government takeover.”

<sup>8</sup> States that he “strongly favors making voter registration easier” but voted for requiring photo ID in federal elections in 2006.