

NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE: 2018 INDIANA SENATE RACE

	Mike Braun (R)	Joe Donnelly (Incumbent - D)
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Abortion: Mostly ban or mostly legal?	Ban. No exceptions, including rape, incest, or life of the mother. "I'm 100 percent pro-life... Abortion should never be legal."	Mostly ban, except for rape, incest, & life of mother. Reduce abortions "by promoting access to quality affordable health care."
Campaign Finance: Require political ads to disclose largest funders? Support <i>Citizens United</i> decision, allowing unlimited political donations from corporations & unions?	No public statements found.	Yes. Supported DISCLOSE Act . Opposed <i>Citizens United</i> , concerned about "unprecedented spending by special interest groups."
Climate Change: Consider climate change a critical threat? Limit or tax production of greenhouse gases?	No public statements found.	Yes. "Climate change is a serious issue." Has supported tax credits for renewable energy but voted against allowing EPA to regulate greenhouse gases.
Contraception: Can employers withhold contraceptive coverage from employees if disagree with it morally?	No public statements found.	No. Voted to prevent for-profit corporations from withholding coverage on religious grounds.
Courts: Support President Trump's choice of Brett Kavanaugh for Supreme Court ?	Yes. An "outstanding justice...who will interpret the constitution as written."	Undecided. Will make decision after hearings.
Economy: Support federal spending as a means of promoting economic growth?	No. Government isn't the driver of new job creation or economic prosperity.	Yes. Supported anti-recession stimulus & supports infrastructure investment.
Economy: Support President Trump's tariffs on Chinese steel & other products?	At first opposed. Now supports & trusts Trump to negotiate.	Support steel producers but concerned will cause harm to Hoosier farmers.
Economy: Support restrictions on offshoring jobs?	Opposed law to recoup public financial incentives when companies move jobs abroad.	Yes. Restrict tax incentives for these companies & penalize in awarding government contracts.
Environment: Support cutbacks of Environmental Protection Administration?	No public statements found.	No. Expressed concern about budget cutbacks.
Financial Regulation: Support cutbacks of Consumer Protection Bureau, created by Dodd-Frank financial reform law?	No public statements found.	Voted for Dodd-Frank. Recently backed easing regulations for smaller banks. Opposed attempts to ease lending protections for military members.
Gay Issues: Support gay marriage? Allow business owners not to serve gay customers on religious grounds?	Traditional marriage should be between a man & a woman. Backed Indiana Religious Freedom Restoration Act, letting businesses deny services to gays.	Supports gay marriage after earlier opposition. "One of the best things we can do is to try & make everyone feel welcome."
Gun Control: Support more restrictive gun control legislation?	No. "100% pro-Second Amendment."	Mostly no. Opposes assault weapons ban, but supports expanded background checks.

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Healthcare: Support or Repeal Affordable Care Act (ACA), known as Obamacare? Support Medicaid expansion?	Repeal. “There is no repairing this broken law...Repeal & replace every word & regulation.” Voted against Medicaid expansion.	Support. “Healthcare is a basic human right for every single American.” Supports ACA, Indiana’s Medicaid expansion & subsidies to make insurance more affordable.
Healthcare: Allow Planned Parenthood to receive public funds for non-abortion health services?	No. “I don’t believe it should be funded federally...When it comes down to abortion, they clearly promote it.”	Yes. Supports because “sometimes Planned Parenthood is the only health care provider.”
Immigration: Support path to citizenship for “DACA” recipients or “Dreamers,” who grew up in the US after being brought here as children? General views on immigration?	No. DACA recipients should be in the same pool as other illegal immigrants. Build border wall, ban sanctuary cities, demand businesses verify employees’ immigrant status, & end chain migration.	Supported 3-year protection for DACA recipients that deferred question of citizenship. Supports border wall. Voted for broader immigration bill with more border security & possible citizenship after 13-year waiting period.
Iran: Support President Trump withdrawing from treaty limiting Iran’s nuclear capability in return for lifting economic sanctions?	Yes. Also supports re-imposing sanctions.	No. Concerned about resumption of nuclear development. Sees new sanctions as “a good backup plan.”
Marijuana: Legalize or decriminalize marijuana?	Supports medical use, framing issue in terms of “free markets & freedom of choice” for patients.	Open to medical, no for now to recreational use, though hasn’t ruled out. Backs researching marijuana to treat veterans for PTSD & pain.
Minimum Wage: Raise the federal minimum wage beyond current \$7.25/hr?	Likely no. In 2015 opposed increasing Indiana minimum wage to \$10.10.	Yes. Voted to increase from \$7.25 to \$10.10, opposed raising to \$15.00.
Net Neutrality: Require internet providers to provide equal access to all users?	No public statement found.	Yes. Voted to keep Net Neutrality.
President Trump: Response to President Trump's actions & policies?	Said Trump was inspiration for his run for office.	Voted with Trump 55% as of Aug 27. “My job is to vote for whatever is in the interest of the state of Indiana.”
Privatization: Support full or partial privatization of Social Security and/or VA?	No public statements found.	No. Opposes any privatization.
Renewable Energy: Support government subsidies for renewable energy?	No public statements found.	Yes. Has supported funding renewable energy, but also oil, gas, & coal.
Student Debt: Refinance student loans at lower rates, paid for by increasing taxes on high earners (Elizabeth Warren proposal)?	No public statements found.	Backed Warren bill. Also voted to keep student loan interest rates at 3.4% rather than 6.8%, and to give students accurate info on loan costs.
Taxes: Support President Trump’s tax cuts ?	Yes. Government too often gets in the way, so need a tax code that is simple & fair.” “The results are clearly great for our economy.”	No. “Allows Wall Street hedge fund managers to pay a lower rate than a Hoosier firefighter, a Hoosier teacher, a Hoosier police officer, or a Hoosier steelworker.”
Voting Rights: Restore voting rights protections erased by Supreme Court?	Unknown.	Work together to ensure that the right to vote is not denied.

Other senate candidates include [Lucy Brenton \(L\)](#), & [Nathan Altman](#) (Write-in: Independent). Due to limited space, we can only include candidates polling 15% or more, but encourage you to check out their websites.

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