



## NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE: 2018 INDIANA SENATE RACE

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

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

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