

NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE 2018: NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT #9

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Abortion: Mostly ban or mostly legal?	Legal. Not the government's job "to get between a woman & her doctor."	Ban. "Pro-life." No exceptions for rape or incest. Favors overturn of Roe v. Wade.
Campaign Finance: Require political ads to disclose largest funders? Stand on <i>Citizens United</i> decision, allowing unlimited political donations from corporations & unions?	Yes. "Will fight to rid our politics of dark & corporate money." "Will work to overturn Citizens United."	No stand found on disclosure. Supports regulating indirect campaign contributions.
Climate Change: Consider climate change a serious threat?	Yes. "As a solar energy entrepreneur, Dan knows that we can protect our environment while creating good jobs for North Carolina." Supports Paris Climate accord. Withdrawal "would hurt the children of 7 billion people."	No. "There's no question earth is getting warmer" but doesn't "buy into" the idea that humans are responsible. We should "be good stewards of the earth." The federal government should play no role in addressing the problem, man-made or not.
Courts: Support choice of Brett Kavanaugh for Supreme Court? (Before allegations)	No position found.	Yes. "Impeccable credentials & will be a great addition to the court."
Economy: Support federal spending as a means of promoting economic growth?	Yes. "With business-minded & forward-looking leadership... we can create so many more of these good-paying trade jobs in growing sectors like advanced manufacturing, clean energy & smart infrastructure."	No. Believes lowering corporate taxes will produce more growth than federal spending. In 2013 said wouldn't have increased debt limit without a plan to cut government spending & lower taxes.
Economy: Support President Trump's imposition of tariffs on Chinese steel & other products?	No. "Trade wars are bad for the economy & bad for North Carolina jobs."	Yes. "Not a fan" of tariffs, but "cautiously optimistic that this won't be a long-term solution but... a negotiating tool."
Education: Help parents to send children to private schools with public money?	Unclear. Supports the right to go to a "great public school."	Yes. Supports school choice.
Elections: Support nonpartisan redistricting to address charges of partisan gerrymandering ?	Yes. "Will fight for independent redistricting commissions, not politicians, to draw district lines."	No position found.
Environment: Support cutbacks in Environmental Protection Administration (EPA)?	No. "Politicians in the pockets of polluters are taking a hatchet to the EPA... looking the other way while chemical company executives pollute eastern North Carolina's drinking water."	Likely yes. "We must eliminate the regulatory red tape that handcuffs our energy production & allow states more control of their own resources along with fast-track drilling permits."

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Gay Marriage: Support gay marriage? Stand on related GLBT issues?	Yes. “Everybody deserves equality under the law.” “I do not think the government should have any place in our bedrooms.”	No. “I believe marriage is between 1 man & 1 woman.” Also considers homosexuality a sin & a choice. One of prime movers behind “bathroom bill” preventing local bans on discrimination based on sexual orientation.
Gun Control: Support more restrictive gun control legislation? Restrict semi-automatic weapons?	Some. Supports comprehensive background checks & closing gun show & online loopholes. He’d rather focus on areas of consensus than divisive areas like banning assault weapons.	No. “More gun laws are not the answer.”
Healthcare: Support or Repeal Affordable Care Act (ACA), known as Obamacare?	Support. Keep but repair. Stand up to big drug companies to lower prescription costs. Strengthen Medicare. Stop insurance companies from continually raising premiums.	Repeal. Congress must keep its promise to repeal & replace Obamacare. “Need reform that is market based & patient driven,” that would foster competition.
Immigration: Support DACA, allowing “Dreamers” who arrived illegally as children, to achieve legal status?	Yes. DACA recipients should have a path to citizenship, based on thresholds like holding a job.	No. Pathway to citizenship for DACA recipients rewards lawbreaking.
Minimum Wage: Raise the federal minimum wage above the current \$7.25 hour?	Probable yes. Talks of lifting wages, but reservations about \$15/hour.	No. Opposes minimum wage increase.
Net Neutrality: Require internet providers to provide equal access to all users?	No position found.	No. Would not support net neutrality.
President Trump: Response to his positions.	“It’s no secret I have disagreements with the president.”	Calls President Trump “extraordinarily successful.”
Renewable Energy: Support government subsidies for renewable energy?	Yes. Background is developing utility-scale solar farms. Help “bring good-paying jobs in growing sectors like clean energy & smart infrastructure.”	No. “The government should not pick winners & losers.” Solar tax credits add to national debt.
Social Security: Support full or partial privatization of Social Security. How to address Social Security solvency?	No. “Will oppose any efforts... to turn Social Security over to the stock market & gamble seniors’ retirement.” Have higher earners pay in more to increase solvency.	Has said he supports gradual privatization of Social Security. Might support private options for people who haven’t retired yet. Can’t fix Social Security by raising taxes.
Taxes: Support President Trump’s tax cuts?	No. Rescind cuts for top 1%. The bill didn’t do enough to cut middle-class taxes. Created 1.9 trillion debt. “This is not a real reform. It’s a failure.”	Yes. Called the tax cuts “vital.” Said they made it possible for small businesses to hire new workers. General support for cutting personal & corporate taxes.
Voting Rules: Support stricter voting rules such as voter ID requirements, even if they prevent some people from voting?	No. Criticizes politicians who try to “disenfranchise African Americans & roll back voting rights.”	No position found.

Other senate candidates include [Tom Bailey \(L\)](#). Due to limited space, we can’t include candidates polling at less than 15%, but encourage you to check his website for more information

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