



**NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE:  
2018 WASHINGTON 5<sup>th</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT RACE**

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<b>Abortion:</b> Mostly ban or mostly legal?	Legal. <a href="#">“Roe v. Wade concluded... that women have a constitutional right of privacy over their reproductive health decisions,”</a> she said. <a href="#">“Abortion should be safe &amp; legal.”</a>	<a href="#">Ban, with exceptions for rape, incest, or threat to the life of the mother.</a>
<b>Campaign Finance:</b> Require political ads to disclose their largest funders?	Yes. <a href="#">Supports the DISCLOSE Act &amp; exposing “dark-money donations.”</a>	No. <a href="#">Called for more campaign finance transparency.</a> Voted against <a href="#">2010 DISCLOSE Act &amp; blocked debate on it in 2018.</a>
<b>Campaign Finance:</b> Support <i>Citizens United</i> decision, allowing unlimited political donations from corporations, unions & super PACs?	No. <a href="#">“I took the End Citizens United pledge to make it clear to people in the 5th District that PAC money won’t determine who gets in the door.”</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Blocked debate to reverse Citizens United.</a> <a href="#">Doesn’t support regulating indirect campaign contributions from corporations or unions.</a>
<b>Climate Change:</b> Consider climate change a serious threat?	Yes. <a href="#">“I believe in science &amp; that climate change is a major issue facing our planet. We need to find solutions to creating a clean-energy economy.”</a>	Unclear. <a href="#">“A number of variables drive the Earth’s cooling &amp; warming. Humans can play a role in reducing carbon emissions.”</a>
<b>Climate Change:</b> Limit or tax greenhouse gas production? Support US as part of Paris Accord despite Trump withdrawal?	<a href="#">Yes to taxing greenhouse gas emissions &amp; US participation in Paris Climate Accord.</a>	Mixed. <a href="#">Lower greenhouse gases by reducing regulations on carbon-free energy sources like hydro.</a> <a href="#">Opposes regulating greenhouse gases.</a> <a href="#">No on Paris Accord.</a>
<b>Courts:</b> <a href="#">Support President Trump’s choice of Brett Kavanaugh for Supreme Court nominee?</a>	<a href="#">Unclear. Don’t rush to confirm Kavanaugh. Asked Senate to conduct independent investigation.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">“Judge Kavanaugh has devoted his career to public service &amp; is certainly qualified for the job.”</a> <a href="#">Said trusted Senate process on allegations.</a>
<b>Economy:</b> Support federal spending as a means of promoting economic growth?	<a href="#">Yes. Supports investments in “infrastructure &amp; education.”</a>	<a href="#">No. Stop “burdensome” regulations. Cut spending. Balance budget.</a>
<b>Economy:</b> Support President Trump’s imposition of tariffs on Chinese imports?	<a href="#">No.</a>	Unclear. <a href="#">Opposed tariffs but didn’t back Republican bill to limit new Trump tariffs.</a>
<b>Environment:</b> Support cutbacks in Environmental Protection Administration (EPA)?	Likely no. Wants to <a href="#">“ensure strong environmental protections, support clean water, healthy forests.”</a>	<a href="#">Yes. Amended 2019 act to restrict funding from being used to implement EPA’s water quality standard.</a>
<b>Financial Regulation:</b> Support cutbacks in Consumer Financial Protection Bureau?	No statement found.	<a href="#">Yes.</a>
<b>Gay Marriage:</b> Support gay marriage?	<a href="#">Yes.</a>	<a href="#">No.</a>

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<b>Gun Control:</b> Support more restrictive gun control legislation, including semi-automatic weapons?	Yes. <a href="#">Favors “banning bump stocks, closing loopholes in background check system”</a> & raising legal age for owning semi-automatic weapons to 21.	Somewhat. <a href="#">Supports bump stock ban &amp; some background checks, but opposes others, like raising age limit for owning semi-automatic weapons.</a>
<b>Healthcare:</b> Support or Repeal Affordable Care Act (ACA), known as Obamacare?	Support. ACA is <a href="#">“far from perfect”</a> but has <a href="#">“greatly improved”</a> access to healthcare.	Repeal & replace. <a href="#">“Replace it with a system that puts the people—not the government—at the heart of healthcare.”</a>
<b>Healthcare:</b> Let Planned Parenthood get public funds for non-abortion healthcare?	<a href="#">Yes.</a>	<a href="#">No. Voted to take funding away from Planned Parenthood.</a>
<b>Healthcare:</b> Require people to work to receive Medicaid or SNAP?	<a href="#">No for Medicaid &amp; SNAP.</a>	No statement found.
<b>Immigration:</b> Support path to citizenship for illegal immigrants, including DACA recipients or "Dreamers," who grew up in US after being brought here as children?	<a href="#">Yes on DACA.</a> Unclear on other illegal immigrants. Calls for <a href="#">"comprehensive immigration bill that is negotiated between... Democrats &amp; Republicans."</a>	Unclear. <a href="#">Has supported path to citizenship for DACA recipients who meet certain criteria.</a> Open to <a href="#">“merit-based visa”</a> for other illegal immigrants.
<b>Iran:</b> Support President Trump withdrawing from multinational treaty limiting Iran’s nuclear capability in return for lifting economic sanctions?	<a href="#">No. Implementation &amp; enforcement issues need to be fixed, but unilaterally pulling out without a clear strategy was wrong.</a>	<a href="#">Yes. Treaty was flawed &amp; didn’t do enough to stop Iran. We need a new direction.</a>
<b>Marijuana:</b> Should it be legalized?	Yes. <a href="#">Supported Washington legalization. Federal government shouldn’t interfere with laws approved by voters.</a>	No. <a href="#">Marijuana contributes to drug addiction &amp; abuse. Supports Jeff Sessions in cracking down on states that have legalized.</a>
<b>Net Neutrality:</b> Require internet providers to give all users equal access?	Yes. <a href="#">Supports “keeping the Internet open &amp; fair for people &amp; businesses.”</a>	<a href="#">No. Says regulations hamper investment &amp; reduce consumer choice.</a>
<b>Privatization:</b> Support full or partial privatization of Veterans Affairs?	No for both <a href="#">Social Security</a> & <a href="#">VA.</a>	<a href="#">Yes to partially privatize VA.</a>
<b>Renewable Energy:</b> Support government subsidies for renewable energy?	Yes. <a href="#">“Encourage transition to cleaner energy systems through incentives &amp; taxes.”</a>	No. <a href="#">Opposes.</a>
<b>Student debt:</b> Refinance student loans at lower rates	Yes. <a href="#">Expand student loan forgiveness programs, support Federal Student Loan Refinancing Act to lower costs. “What does it say about our nation’s priorities when we make it easier to refinance a car loan than a student loan?”</a>	Mixed. <a href="#">Voted against 2014 amendment allowing refinancing at lower rates (though also including issues like minimum wage).</a> <a href="#">Didn’t sponsor Federal Student Loan Refinancing Act. Did extend loan rates in 2012 vote.</a>
<b>Student Financial Aid:</b> Increase federal student financial aid, like Pell Grants?	<a href="#">Yes. Federal Pell Grants haven’t kept pace with cost of college, forcing students to take on more debt as they pursue their dreams.</a>	Mostly no. <a href="#">Helped craft budget that cut Pell Grant funding. Did support legislation allowing Pell grants to be used year round.</a>
<b>Taxes:</b> Support <a href="#">President Trump’s tax cuts</a> ?	<a href="#">No. “83% percent of the benefits go to the top 1 %percent, and I don’t see that as pro-most families” or pro-economy.”</a>	<a href="#">Yes. “Since the Tax Cuts &amp; Jobs Act was passed, companies are investing in America again.”</a>
<b>Voting Rights:</b> Support voting rules that prioritize preventing the possibility of fraud, even if they limit access?	No. <a href="#">“Anything you can do, regardless of what side you are on, to get people to participate, that is really important.”</a>	Mixed. Voted for bipartisan legislation to extend original Voting Rights Act in 2006, but has also <a href="#">voted for stricter voter restrictions, including photo IDs.</a>

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