

# Alaska Senate



## THE ISSUES

**AL GROSS**

INDEPENDENT



**DAN SULLIVAN**

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<b>ABORTION</b> Legal or ban?	Legal. <a href="#">"I'll defend a woman's right to choose, and fight attacks on safe, affordable reproductive health care."</a>	Highly restrict. <a href="#">"Life begins at conception and we must fight to protect the lives of the unborn."</a> <a href="#">Ban abortions</a> after 20 weeks.
<b>AFFORDABLE CARE ACT</b> Support Obamacare (ACA) and/or expansion of Medicaid and Medicare?	Yes. <a href="#">Running because Sullivan voted repeatedly to scrap the ACA.</a> Favors offering <a href="#">public option, though not Medicare for all,</a> and focusing more <a href="#">on addressing costs.</a>	No. <a href="#">Supported repeal of the ACA and eliminating the requirement for individuals to enroll in health insurance.</a>
<b>BUDGET CUTBACKS</b> Support Gov. Dunleavy's <a href="#">cutbacks to Marine Highway system, University of Alaska, and other state programs</a> to shift money to Permanent Fund dividend?	No. <a href="#">"Ferries play such an integral role in the way of life in Southeast Alaska, and defunding them threatens the prosperity and health of our coastal communities and villages."</a>	<a href="#">Has declined to comment</a> on specific cuts, like Marine Highway system, but would prioritize the dividend. <a href="#">"One thing I have learned about government is that it will spend every dime you give it, justify it, and ask for more."</a> Supported including ferry system in federal transportation funding.
<b>CAMPAIGN FINANCE</b> Support <i>Citizens United</i> and unlimited corporate political contributions?	No. <a href="#">"I will fight to end Citizens United and get dark money out of politics."</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Supported Citizens United,</a> while proposing to reject <a href="#">"outside money"</a> in 2014 Senate race.
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b> Consider human-caused climate change a serious threat?	Yes. <a href="#">"With a background in science, I know what a serious threat climate change is to the state of Alaska, where we are literally losing villages to the ocean."</a>	Mixed. Unclear <a href="#">if human-caused.</a> Both threat and benefit. <a href="#">"Climate change ... in Alaska ... is opening up opportunities": more fishing, commerce and shipping as sea ice recedes. But melting permafrost harms roads.</a>
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b> Address as a top priority by limiting output of greenhouse gases?	Yes. <a href="#">"Enormous potential to develop wind, hydroelectric, solar, and tidal power. ... Reducing energy costs in rural Alaska creates new jobs."</a> Supports <a href="#">re-entering the Paris Climate Agreement.</a> Does support ANWR drilling <a href="#">"in an environmentally safe way."</a>	No. Against <a href="#">any ban on hydrocarbon production.</a> Asked Trump to pressure financial institutions benefiting from CARES Act to <a href="#">keep "investing in U.S. coal" and oil and gas development.</a> Strong supporter of <a href="#">Arctic National Wildlife Refuge drilling.</a>
<b>CORONAVIRUS</b> Support administration's response to coronavirus?	No. Trump <a href="#">"lost months of preparedness that will be paid for in American lives."</a> <a href="#">"The federal government has failed promoting an organized national response."</a> Also felt <a href="#">Alaska fishermen left out of COVID economic response.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Praised Trump's COVID task force, though said country needed to "get focused" on more testing. Praises investment in vaccines.</a> On CARES Act, <a href="#">said he fought for inclusion of aid to fishermen.</a>

ISSUES	GROSS (I)	SULLIVAN (R)
<b>COURTS</b> Supported Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court?	No position found. See CEEP <a href="#">Supreme Court guide</a> .	Yes. Called Kavanaugh's nomination " <a href="#">an inspired choice, ... a man who's got a lot of humility.</a> " See CEEP <a href="#">Supreme Court guide</a> .
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> Support development of major gold and copper Pebble Mine in Bristol Bay?	No. Early opponent. Calls Pebble Mine " <a href="#">the epicenter of crony capitalism,</a> " the " <a href="#">single greatest threat to our Alaska wild salmon</a> " and an " <a href="#">act of cultural genocide against Alaska Native peoples in Bristol Bay.</a> " Alaska Democratic Party has <a href="#">opposed the mine</a> .	Unclear. Has said he would support if <a href="#">adequate permitting process endorsed it</a> . Opposed Obama administration's " <a href="#">preemptive veto of the project,</a> " and <a href="#">supported Trump EPA's repeal of Obama Clean Power Plan, removing a major obstacle</a> . Alaska Republican Party <a href="#">supports the mine</a> .
<b>FINANCIAL REGULATION</b> Tighten or loosen regulation of banks and credit card companies?	No position found.	Loosen. Co-sponsored <a href="#">2019 act</a> to weaken Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.
<b>GAY RIGHTS</b> Support gay marriage and other gay rights issues?	Yes. " <a href="#">As a doctor, I worked for the health and well-being of my patients regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. As a senator, I will do the same.</a> "	No. Has <a href="#">opposed gay marriage</a> . <a href="#">Sponsored 2015 act</a> that would prevent government sanctions against contractors whose religious beliefs led them to discriminate against gay couples.
<b>GUN CONTROL</b> Enact more restrictive gun legislation?	<a href="#">No. Is pro-gun rights. Opposes assault weapons ban.</a>	No. " <a href="#">Instead of infringing on Americans' constitutional rights, we can work harder to enforce existing laws and keep guns out of the hands of those with mental illness.</a> "
<b>IMMIGRATION</b> Path to citizenship for DACA recipients, or "DREAMers" brought to the U.S. as children?	<a href="#">Yes. Will place a priority on protecting DACA recipients.</a>	Mixed. <a href="#">Supported</a> Trump proposal <a href="#">offering DACA recipients path to citizenship in return for major border wall funding and major cuts in legal immigration</a> .
<b>IRAN</b> Prohibit military attacks on Iran without congressional approval? Support Trump's withdrawal from Iran nuclear deal.	No position found on military attacks. Opposed withdrawal from nuclear deal: " <a href="#">Go back to the table with them and negotiate ... rather than just unilaterally pull out of a pre-arranged agreement.</a> "	No on requiring congressional approval for attacks. <a href="#">Voted against February 2020 measure</a> that would have required this. Supported withdrawal from " <a href="#">fundamentally flawed</a> " Iran nuclear deal.
<b>MINIMUM WAGE</b> Raise federal hourly minimum wage above current \$7.25?	Yes. Says good-paying jobs in Alaska start " <a href="#">by raising the minimum wage and defending collective bargaining rights for our workers and unions.</a> "	Unclear. <a href="#">In 2014 changed position to support increasing state minimum wage</a> by \$2 an hour, but said he <a href="#">opposed federal minimum wages</a> . In 2019 <a href="#">opposed</a> \$15-an-hour wage.
<b>PLANNED PARENTHOOD</b> Can Planned Parenthood receive public funds for non-abortion-related care?	Likely yes. <a href="#">Planned Parenthood</a> endorses as someone "who believes health care decisions are between a patient and their doctor."	No. <a href="#">Voted to defund Planned Parenthood</a> in 2015. <a href="#">Has continued to support defunding Planned Parenthood</a> .
<b>SAUDI ARABIA</b> Block arms sales to Saudi Arabia?	No position found.	No. <a href="#">Voted against senate measure to block sale of precision bombs to Saudi Arabia</a> .
<b>STUDENT FINANCIAL AID</b> Support free or subsidized tuition for lower-income individuals?	Likely yes. " <a href="#">I will fight to make college more affordable and accessible for all Alaskans.</a> "	No position found.
<b>TAXES</b> Position on Measure 1 to increase taxes on oil production? Supported Trump administration's \$1.9 trillion tax cuts?	<a href="#">Supports Measure 1</a> . No position found on Trump tax cuts.	Opposes Measure 1. <a href="#">Keep the structure of SB 21, which Sullivan helped create as incentive for oil production. Voted yes on Trump tax cuts and Jobs Act.</a>

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