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AFFORDABLE CARE ACT Support Affordable Care Act (ACA), including Medicaid expansion?	Yes. Build on ACA. As state senator, sponsored legislation to expand Medicaid eligibility. "I have been always about expanding Kansans' access to health care." Leading push to end surprise medical bills.	No. Opposed Medicaid expansion, saying it would bankrupt health care system while failing to provide "meaningful health care for the most vulnerable." Voted to "repeal and replace" Obamacare. "Morally, spiritually, socially," some "just don't want health care."
CAMPAIGN FINANCE Make political ads disclose their largest funders?	Yes. "Elections should be decided by candidates campaigning out in the open, not by mysterious special-interest groups."	No position found. Voted against SHIELD Act, which would make campaigns report election interference from foreign powers.
CLIMATE CHANGE Consider human-caused climate change a serious threat?	Yes. "Climate change and extreme weather are some of the most significant challenges facing Kansas' farmers and ranchers." … "Without action, … our grandchildren will come of age in an unrecognizable world."	No. "I'm not sure … there is … even climate change. … It's something that we should continue to study and make sure our ecology continues to improve."
CLIMATE CHANGE Address as a top priority by taxing or limiting output of greenhouse gases?	Yes. Supports "a comprehensive plan to reduce carbon emissions." Opposed efforts to repeal state renewable energy standard. Would harness state's wind energy potential.	No. Voted for a resolution opposing a carbon tax. "Innovating our way to solutions has been a trademark of the American spirit since our country's inception."
COURTS — SUPREME COURT Support picking Ginsburg replacement now or letting November winner select?	No. Avoid rushing replacement. "Now is not the time to politicize the Supreme Court." See CEEP Supreme Court guide.	Yes. Calls for quick action. See CEEP Supreme Court guide.
COVID-19 Support administration's response to coronavirus pandemic?	No. Opposes statewide mask mandate, but says Marshall's unmasked campaign events show more concern "with his political health than" Kansans' health. "Potentially dangerous … to promote unproven medicine" like hydroxychloroquine as a cure.	Yes. Trump is standing up "for our rights." More would have died from shutting down the economy than the virus itself. "We are winning the war against this invisible enemy." Says he is taking hydroxychloroquine for prevention.
EDUCATION Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?	No. "Private schools have no requirements for accountability" and are not required to take all students, unlike public institutions.	No position found.
ENVIRONMENT Tighten or loosen environmental regulations?	Tighten. "We must reduce carbon emissions," but doesn't support Green New Deal. League of Conservation Voters endorsed.	Loosen. "Agriculture is the lifeblood of Kansas, and we Kansans know our land better than federal bureaucrats."
FINANCIAL REGULATION Tighten or loosen bank regulation?	No position found.	Loosen. "Overregulation of community banks limits consumer access to credit."

ISSUES	BOLLIER (D)	MARSHALL (R)
GUN RULES Enact more restrictive legislation on guns?	Yes. "Like almost everyone, including the majority of NRA members, I support universal background checks and reasonable gun safety training standards."	No. "I believe all Americans have a right to keep and bear arms and I refuse to support legislation that would strip that right away from law-abiding citizens."
IMMIGRATION Support path to citizenship for undocumented residents, including those brought to the U.S. as children? Position on expanding border wall?	Yes. "Immigrants play a critical role in Kansas' economy." Need "pathway to citizenship for those … who have stayed out of trouble and… are contributing to our society." Supports strong border security; unclear on wall.	No. Opposed path to citizenship for DACA participants. "Build a wall." "Turn off magnets that attract, promote, encourage and allow migrants to enter our country under false pretenses."
IRAN Require congressional approval for military attacks on Iran?	No position found.	No. Voted against requiring Congressional approval.
LABOR Support "right to work" laws, barring unions from mandating dues?	No position found, but historically supportive of union positions.	Yes. Co-sponsored 2019-2020 National Right-to-Work Act.
LEGAL ABORTION Ban or keep legal?	Legal. Voted against requiring telling patients that abortions using a pill can be reversed. When "making complex medical decisions," no one wants "a politician in the middle."	Ban. Overturn *Roe v. Wade*. No exceptions for rape or incest. Could never "in my heart, find any reason to end a life."
LGBT RIGHTS Support same-sex marriage and other LGBT rights issues?	Yes. "I support the people of Kansas. I do not condemn whoever they are."	No. Supported ban on transgender people serving in the military because Trump said that his generals supported the ban.
MARIJUANA Keep illegal or decriminalize?	Decriminalize. Supports decriminalization of marijuana.	Keep illegal. Willing to consider medical use, but "not convinced … it's medically proven."
MINIMUM WAGE Raise federal hourly minimum wage above current $7.25?	Yes. "I support raising the minimum wage to a living wage."	No. "Raising the minimum wage has a proven record of killing jobs," particularly "those held by lower-income individuals."
PLANNED PARENTHOOD Allow Planned Parenthood's receiving public funds for non-abortion care?	Yes. Has been endorsed by Planned Parenthood.	No. "Federal funds should never go to abortion providers."
POLICE/COMMUNITY Restrict police use of force and increase public oversight?	Yes. Supports the Justice in Policing Act. Against defunding police, but supports reforms to "help end inequities in our systems that harm communities of color."	No. "I'm going to do everything I can to make sure that the police have everything that they need to protect property and life."
SAUDI ARABIA Block arms sales to Saudi Arabia?	No position found.	No. Voted against blocking arms sales to Saudi Arabia.
STUDENT FINANCIAL AID Support free or subsidized tuition or loan subsidies for lower-income individuals?	No. Doesn't support free college, but more financial support for students and let students refinance loans.	Unclear. Supported public service loan forgiveness program.
TAXES Support administration's $1.9 trillion (2017) tax cuts?	No. Tax cuts ballooned the deficit and benefited wealthy over middle class Kansans. Opposed similar Kansas tax cuts.	Yes. Voted in favor of the tax cuts. Average Kansas family kept "$2,000 of their hard-earned money."
VOTING RIGHTS Support stricter ID requirements and other rules on voting?	No. Make it easier to vote, including early voting, same-day registration for eligible voters, and postage-paid return envelopes for mail-in ballots.	Yes. Opposed HR1, which included various measures to make voting easier. Opponents said this risked voter fraud and gave government undue power to interfere.