

2018 Iowa Congressional District 1 Candidate Survey



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RAISING THE WAGE	<i>Do you support the "Fight for \$15" movement and a national minimum wage of at least \$15/hour?</i>	I strongly support increasing the minimum wage to a living wage in which all those who work full time are able to support a family on their earnings and indexing that wage to inflation to prevent future political fights.	Yes, I support a federal minimum wage of \$15/hour.	Yes, I am all-in for raising the minimum wage to at least \$15 per hour.	Yes I support a \$15 minimum wage, and I have a three year phase in plan that would raise the wage in six month increments.
CLIMATE JUSTICE	<i>As a member of Congress, would you sign on to – and organize more support for – HR 3671, the Off Fossil Fuels Act?</i>	I'd have to study this bill further, but climate change is a real and present danger we must address.	I have publicly supported moving to 100 percent renewable energy by 2050.	[I] support the need for a moratorium on new fossil fuel projects which will aggressively move our current systems to 100% non-renewable energy.	Yes I support the Off Fossil Fuels Act.
PRIVATE PRISONS	<i>Once elected, what steps would you take to dismantle the private prison industry that profits off communities of color?</i>	I want to see more states follow Iowa's lead by limiting the use private prisons, and I'd support measures to do the same in Congress.	I strongly believe we need criminal justice reform in this country and will work to ensure that prisons are not a tool for corporate profits.	I believe it's important to continue to pressure the DOJ to cease to do business with private prisons which has seen an increase of more than 45% over a period of 15 years.	I would legalize cannabis [and] I support a Restorative Justice System, especially for people who have committed economically driven crimes.
FAIR ECONOMY	<i>Do you support the Robin Hood Tax that would tax Wall Street financial transactions to raise billions of dollars in much-needed revenue and rein in the abusive practices on Wall Street?</i>	I'll strongly support strengthening the measures in Dodd-Frank and I'll advocate for a leader of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau who isn't in the pocket of major corporations.	Yes, I support a Wall Street speculation tax to rein in abusive and risky practices that jeopardize our economy.	Yes, I support the Inclusive Prosperity Act [...] In a sense, it puts Wall Street to work for hard working Americans.	I am open to a small financial transactions tax to reduce speculation and increase tax revenue.
MONEY IN POLITICS	<i>Will you work to overturn Citizens United, and instead push for publicly-financed elections and real-time disclosure of campaign contributions during elections?</i>	We must absolutely overturn Citizens United and reform our system. I support the DISCLOSE Act and real-time disclosure to clean up our elections.	Yes, I support overturning Citizens United and will work to identify other ways to increase transparency and accountability in government.	Yes, campaigns should be free of misleading political agendas and dark money loopholes. I support the idea of publicly financed elections.	Absolutely YES!!! I support publicly funded elections, and will pass a constitutional amendment to get there.
IMMIGRATION	<i>How would you push for comprehensive immigration reform that includes a reasonable pathway to citizenship, and would you work for passage of a clean DREAM Act?</i>	Yes. In addition to a permanent DACA fix, we need comprehensive immigration reform that will allow millions to come out of the shadows and strengthen our country, while securing our borders to ensure we keep out criminals and those who would do us harm.	I support passage of a clean DREAM Act and will work toward comprehensive immigration reform that includes a reasonable pathway to citizenship.	Congress must pass a clean DREAM Act. [W]e must act to create a pathway that allows citizenship for those who only know the U.S. as home.	I do support a clean DREAM Act and a path to citizenship for dreamers and refugees.
HEALTHCARE	<i>As a member of Congress, would you sign on to – and organize more support for – HR 676, the Medicare-for-All bill?</i>	I am strongly supportive of the idea of a public option, which would increase competition in the marketplace and extend affordable and quality care to more Americans.	I support allowing anyone to buy-in to Medicare at the age of 50 and would allow anyone to buy-in to the same health coverage that members of Congress receive.	Yes, there is overwhelming support for this bill in Iowa's 1st Congressional District. As Congressman, I believe it's in the best interest our Iowans to sit and learn more about how we can provide the healthcare Iowans need to live healthy, prosperous lives.	Absolutely YES!!! I am the only candidate in this race in support of Medicare for All.
FOOD & AG JUSTICE	<i>Will you push for and support a farm bill that puts independent family farmers first and fully funds the SNAP program?</i>	[A good farm bill] means making sure federal farm subsidies go to support family farms rather than huge corporate entities, and that federal programs like crop insurance programs [...] are defended. It also means fully funding SNAP.	It's essential that we fund the SNAP program and support family farmers, conservation programs, and incentivize the next generation of farmers in America.	Yes, the farm bill should be one that supports farmers, makes healthy food available for everyone, and protect the environment.	Yes. I also support reintroducing a crop price floor... We need to support a living wage for our farmers, and help them farm sustainably.

Answers above are excerpts from an issue survey we sent to candidates. To read each candidate's full answers, visit: cciaction.org/2018congress



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