



## Legislative Candidate Questionnaire 2018 General Election

Name: Brenda Brink

District: House District 49

Date: August 15, 2018

*Please limit your response to each question to 150 words or less.*

1. Clean Water: Iowa has a clean water crisis, and runoff from factory farms is a major cause. Do you support a moratorium on new or expanding factory farms until there are fewer than 100 polluted waterways, and local control of factory farms? Yes
2. Raising the wage: Living wages are good for workers, our families, our business and our communities. Do you support a statewide living wage of at least \$15/hour for all Iowa workers? Yes
3. Healthcare: Everyone has the right to quality healthcare, but Iowans are receiving worse healthcare than ever. As a legislator, will you push for a state-level program that guarantees universal, high-quality healthcare to all Iowans? Yes
4. **Plan to win: What is your plan to win in November? I have already personally knocked 3656 doors. I have raised \$29,813 for my "win chest", all from individuals. I have \$23,440 on hand for hiring a part-time field organizer, highway signs, more walk cards, 2 direct mailings in my district and volunteer canvasser materials, plus newspaper and radio ads. I have attended over 175 community events across my district in the last year. With the aid of the field organizer and volunteers, we plan to knock an additional 5000 doors before Election Day.**

5. **Co-governing:** The idea of "co-governing" is essential to our political work. By co-governing, we mean elected officials who will work hand-in-hand with CCI Action to do the hard work of implementing our shared vision. **If elected, how will you co-govern with CCI Action? I am excited to have the expertise of CCI Action staff because of my experience with citizen lobbying and seeing how The People have gotten less and less important at the State House. If co-governing allows me to serve the people of my district better, then that is what I want to be involved with. The issues I have been hearing at the doors have been, in approximate order of mentions:**
- 1) education funding (up through college)
  - 2) mental healthcare deficits
  - 3) healthcare mess in general
  - 4) lack of investment in "the rest of Iowa" (as opposed to Des Moines)
  - 5) concern that "public servants" are not listening to or caring about their constituents and prefer to simply help the rich get richer
  - 6) And, depending on what's reported that day: poor water quality, legislation on women's healthcare, collective bargaining, tax cuts despite budget cuts, cuts to Meals on Wheels and lack of support for adequate human services in general.