



## 2018 Congressional Questionnaire

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

1. **Raising the Wage:** Do you support the “Fight for \$15” movement and a national minimum wage of at least \$15/hour?

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. I've advocated for higher wages in the Iowa State House and will continue to do the same if fortunate enough to serve in Congress.

2. **Climate Justice:** As a member of Congress, would you sign on to – and organize more support for – HR 3671, the Off Fossil Fuels Act?

I fully support Iowa's clean energy economy, and we must continue to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels. I'd have to study this bill further, but climate change is a real and present danger we must address. We're already seeing the impact of irregular weather patterns on our farmers, who must adapt to survive. We currently have a Congressman who doesn't believe in the science behind climate change – we must elect someone who takes the threat seriously.

I've consistently fought for Iowa renewable energy at the State House, including fighting back against the recent Republican legislation to greatly damage our solar industry and exposing Republican efforts to neuter the Iowa Energy Center at Iowa State, which was a resource for our renewable energy sector. I'll continue to make renewable energy a priority in Congress by fighting for policies that boost its implementation.

3. **Private Prisons:** Once elected, what steps would you take to dismantle the private prison industry that profits off communities of color?

Private prisons are a boondoggle that enrich corporations and endanger the safety of our prison guards. 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.

4. **Fair Economy:** 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?

There's no question we need to increase enforcement and improve our regulations on Wall Street. I was outraged when Senate Republicans and Democrats alike recently voted to roll back some of the important protections of the Dodd-Frank Act – I'll fight to

hold Congress accountable to the people, not large banks. 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.

5. **Money in Politics:** Will you work to overturn Citizens United, and instead push for publicly-financed elections and real-time disclosure of campaign contributions during elections?

We must absolutely overturn Citizens United and reform our system. Money's role in politics is toxic, and I'm proud to be the only candidate in this race with the endorsement of End Citizens United. I support the DISCLOSE Act and real-time disclosure to clean up our elections and will fight hard for legislation that unrigs the system.

6. **Immigration:** 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?

Yes. It is abundantly clear that our current system is broken and is not working for our country. I strongly support DACA and we should not be kicking out such individuals who were brought to this country as children and are now building a better life through getting a college degree or serving in the military. 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.

7. **Healthcare:** As a member of Congress, would you sign on to – and organize more support for – HR 676, the Medicare-for-All bill?

Healthcare is a human right, and extending access to quality and affordable care to every American must be a top priority in Congress. 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'll be willing to examine with an open mind any proposal that puts us on the path to universal coverage.

8. **Food & Ag Justice:** Will you push for and support a farm bill that puts independent family farmers first and fully funds the SNAP program?

We absolutely must ensure the farm bill considered in Congress every four years is based on sound policy designed to help farmers, rather than being subject to partisan political games as has too often happened in recent versions. It means fighting to give farmers access to the capital they need to grow and thrive, as modern farm equipment does not come cheaply. And it means making sure federal farm subsidies go to support family farms rather than huge corporate entities, and that federal programs like crop insurance programs that protect farmers are defended. It also means fully funding SNAP, which helps both families and farmers.