



2018 Congressional Questionnaire

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

- Raising the Wage:** Do you support the “Fight for \$15” movement and a national minimum wage of at least \$15/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. Small businesses would lag large corporations by one six month increment, to allow small businesses to see increased revenue before having to pay higher wages, reducing the possibility of wage increases putting small businesses out of business. Once we reach \$15 per hour, I support indexing it to inflation.
- Climate Justice:** As a member of Congress, would you sign on to – and organize more support for – HR 3671, the Off Fossil Fuels Act?
Yes I support the Off Fossil Fuels Act. I have also proposed a plan called the Homeowner Green Energy Plan, which allows homeowners to own their own clean energy by financing wind, solar, and other alternative clean energy systems as part of their mortgage.
- Private Prisons:** Once elected, what steps would you take to dismantle the private prison industry that profits off communities of color?
One I would legalize cannabis to ensure people of color are not unfairly imprisoned for something many people in our country use recreationally or for medicinal purposes. Two I support a Restorative Justice System, especially for people who have committed economically driven crimes (low level drug dealing, robbery, etc). The current justice system is completely broken proven by our over 60% recidivism rate within five years of being released from prison. Our goal should be to restore people as functional members of our society, not to label them as criminals for the rest of their lives.
- 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?
I am open to a small financial transactions tax to reduce speculation and increase tax revenue. The EU has done several economic models on the effect of this tax, and I want to study those more closely to ensure this does not cause greater economic

harm. I also want to ensure we protect 401(k) and pensions from negative impacts (the investments of regular people). I would also want the CBO (Congressional Budget Office) to put together their own economic models to assess this impact. Most wealthy people do not work for a paycheck, but rather live off of investments. Currently our system taxes investment income at lower rates than regular income. I would like to phase out that tax benefit for investment income above a million dollars.

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?

***Absolutely YES!!!** This is a primary point of my campaign. I am the only candidate who has committed from the beginning to not accept any PAC donations. We cannot change the way we legislate without changing the way we campaign. I support publicly funded elections, and will pass a constitutional amendment to get there.*

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?

I do support a clean DREAM Act and a path to citizenship for dreamers and refugees. Everyone in our country needs a legal status. This is important to reduce gang activity in providing forged paperwork and to reduce human trafficking. Also, people without a legal status are less likely to report crimes for fear of deportation. Anyone who has been here for more than ten years, and has established a productive tax paying life, should be able to register for a legal status in the U.S. We also need to ensure we have an immigration system that supports the labor needs of our country, and ensures no worker is abused by lack of legal status.

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

***Absolutely YES!!!** This is a primary point for my campaign. I am the only candidate in this race in support of Medicare for All. As a cancer survivor I have seen the reality and failings of our insurance system. No one who gets diagnosed with the big ‘C’, cancer, should then have to worry about the big ‘B’, bankruptcy. I will knock the doors of every congressional member of congress until this passes.*

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?

Yes. I also support reintroducing a crop price floor. You cannot survive off of farming alone. This means the only people making a profit from farming, are those who can use tax write offs to reduce their taxes on non farm income. This leads to the consolidation of farms to the wealthy. We need to support a living wage for our farmers, and help them farm sustainably.