



2018 Senate District 25 Questionnaire

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?**

Absolutely. Capitalism must have checks and balances; a strong minimum wage is one of those key checks. If left unchecked, capitalism will chew up and spit out all natural and human resources in its path to be the lowest cost provider. I also support a strong, progressive tax code and unfettered ability to organize labor.

3. **Healthcare:** Everyone has the right to quality healthcare but Iowans are receiving worse healthcare than ever. **As senator, will you push for a state-level program that guarantees universal, high-quality healthcare to all Iowans?**

Yes. Full stop. Little-known fact about me: I am licensed in Iowa as an individual, small-group, and large-group health insurance agent. Trump may not have known the issue was complex, but I've known it was for ten years.

4. **Plan to win:** This district is traditionally considered very red. **What is your plan to win the April 10th special election?**

First, the state is treating this special election as its highest priority and is providing me with as many resources as possible. More groups come into the efforts every day. Second, I have a full team of field staff coordinating door-knocking efforts that target Dems and liberal-leaning no-party voters. We are laser-focused on absentee ballots. Third, there is a multi-faceted, Dem-targeted, marketing campaign in place. This campaign includes, four mail pieces, two rounds of

postcards, yard signs, and digital ads. My campaign was already in full-swing, the special election simply meant I took the existing structure/network of contacts and revved the engine.

- 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 brought up this concept immediately to Evan when I first met him back in September 2017. Co-governance is what all government *should* be. It is the change I want to see and CCI is the only group I feel I am 99.9% aligned with (nothing is 100%, right? 😊). I will be your face anytime you need me in public and will discuss votes openly as they occur. In return I hope you will get boots on the ground to elect, and keep me elected, and we will stand together as future progressive debates evolve in my district and in Des Moines. I do indeed share your vision, I was a CCI member first - candidate second.