



2018 Candidate Questionnaire - House

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Progressive Democrats of America (PDA) was founded in 2004 to transform the Democratic Party and our country. We seek to build a party and government controlled by citizens, not corporate elites - with policies that serve the broad public interest, not just private interests. As a grassroots PAC, PDA operates inside the Democratic Party, and outside in movements for peace and justice.

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The Congressional Progressive Caucus

Do you pledge, if elected to this office, to immediately join the Congressional Progressive Caucus?

Yes No If not, why not?

Lobbyist

Do you pledge, if elected to this office, to NOT become a paid lobbyist for at least 5 years after you leave Congress?

Yes No If not, why not?

PDA Issues

PDA focuses on fundamental issues of concern to voters. The questions are grouped, but all issues are equally important. Your answers to the questions below will be used to help determine whether to endorse you in the race for this office.

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Notice to Candidate:

The questions below refer to legislation introduced by bill number in the 115th Congress. By checking YES as your answer, you pledge that, if elected, you will immediately co-sponsor the reintroduced version of these bills in the 116th Congress.

Presidential Fitness

H.R. 1987 To establish the Oversight Commission on Presidential Capacity, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. Jamie Raskin

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

Healthcare:

Millions of Americans have no reliable access to health care and millions more have inadequate or overly expensive coverage. Despite spending twice as much as other developed nations on health care, our system performs poorly. Private U.S. insurance gatekeepers soak up one-third of expenditures. Pharmaceutical interests overcharge Americans by avoiding price competition.

H.R. 676 Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act
Sponsor: Rep. John Conyers

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 771 Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance
Sponsor: Rep. Barbara Lee

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 242 Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Peter Welch

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

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H.R. 1776 Improving Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs
Sponsor: Rep. Jan Schakowsky

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 947 Family and Medical Insurance Leave Act (The Family Act) of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Rosa DeLauro

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 934 Personal Drug Importation Fairness Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Keith Ellison

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

War and Peace

Terrorism should be treated as a crime, not as a pretext for war and global military expansion. Nuclear weapons are too dangerous to serve the strategic interests of any country and must be abolished. Initiatives to promote peace, disarmament, and the rule of international law will allow the US military budget to return to the 1998 peacetime level. We must bring our troops home to their families and redirect wasteful military spending to reinvest in America.

H.R. 1111 Department of Peacebuilding Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Barbara Lee

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 1229 Repeal of the Authorization for Use of Military Force
Sponsor: Rep. Barbara Lee

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 608 Stop Arming Terrorists Act
Sponsor: Rep. Tulsi Gabbard

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

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H.R. 4837 No Unconstitutional Strike against North Korea Act
Sponsor: Rep. Ro Khana

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 669 Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Ted Lieu

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

Global Warming/The Environment

Environmental degradation and global warming threaten human civilization. Science conclusively demonstrates that global warming results from human activity. Greed and corporate power dominate US policy imposing a nearsighted focus on short term profits instead of serving the welfare of future generations of Americans

H.R. 3671 Off Fossil Fuels for a Better Future Act (OFF Act)
Sponsor: Rep. Tulsi Gabbard

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 2014 Tax Pollution Not Profits Act
Sponsor: Rep. John Delaney

Yes **No** If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

I cannot support this legislation because I do not support cutting the corporate tax rate. ____

H.R. 3314 100 by '50 Act
Sponsor: Rep. Jared Polis

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 2242 Keep it in the Ground Act
Sponsor: Rep. Jared Huffman

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

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Election Integrity:

Big-money domination threatens our election system. Incumbents are unfairly insulated by district gerrymandering. Voters face political and racial obstacles to voting and getting their votes counted. Digital voting systems and internet voting are vulnerable to error and manipulation and defy verification. Only an auditable paper ballot can protect our right to vote.

HR 2840 Automatic Voter Registration Act
Sponsor: Rep. David Cicilline

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

HJ Res. 74 Constitutional Right to Vote
Sponsor: Rep. Mark Pocan

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

HR 1044 Same Day Registration Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Keith Ellison

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

HR 607 The Voter Access Protection Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Keith Ellison

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

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H.R. 12 Voter Empowerment Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. John Lewis

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 787 Streamlined and Improved Methods at Polling Locations and Early (SIMPLE) Voting Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Steve Cohen

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

Economic and Social Justice:

The enormous wealth disparity between the top 1% and the rest of America is an unsustainable economic and social injustice. Will you work for an economic recovery that employs all those willing and able, that houses all those needing shelter, and that imposes the cost based on the ability to pay.

H.R. 1144 Inclusive Prosperity Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Keith Ellison

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 15 Raise The Wage Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Robert C. "Bobby" Scott

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 1000 Jobs For All Act
Sponsor: Rep. John Conyers

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 1902 Social Security Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. John Larson

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

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H.R. 1114 Social Security Expansion Act
Sponsor: **Rep. Peter DeFazio**

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 40 Commission to Study Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act
Sponsor: Rep. John Conyers

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 4396 ME TOO Congress Act
Sponsor: Rep. Jackie Speier

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 4152 Fair Employment Protection Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Rosa DeLauro

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

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Do you support, and would you pledge to author and introduce legislation in the House of Representatives identical to current Senate bill as shown below:

S.2165 The Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands Equitable Rebuild Act
Sponsor: Sen. Bernie Sanders

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

Do you support, and would you pledge to author and introduce legislation in the House of Representatives identical to current Senate bill as shown below:

S.2095 Assault Weapons Ban of 2017
Sponsor: Sen. Dianne Feinstein

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

EMERGENCY AID FOR NATURAL DISASTERS

The climate change-intensified natural disasters of 2017 have laid bare the federal government’s current response as both politicized and racist. How would you identify and legislatively fix underlying structural flaws in federal disaster relief and preparedness funding to ensure more timely, equitable, and effective federal responses to future events? (No more than 250 words)

Due to the ecological disruptions caused by our warming climate, we have seen natural disasters increase in both frequency and severity. Every time there is a natural disaster, our government is faced with the same conundrum – how much funding will be provided for relief and reconstruction. Funding is dealt with on a case by case basis, which can lead to fundamental inequities in response. We have seen this on a severe scale with the recent response to Hurricane Maria’s devastation of Puerto Rico. Each disaster is unique in its devastation and the realities on the ground can be starkly different from one location to another. It is critical that we ensure that regardless of where disaster strikes, the response from our government is swift, efficient, and effective. Our current disaster relief system does not live up to this standard. I propose an evaluation of our current system with an eye to fixing inequities in funding and execution that lead to injustices like that which we have seen in Puerto Rico. From this evaluation we can determine the root causes of these inequities and develop a plan for legislation to remedy the unacceptable status quo.

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Corporate Rule

Big corporations and banks dominant our political process, spending billions to lobby for programs against the public interest, and to privatize public services for profit. This erodes the middle class, destroys vital services, increases poverty, and undermines our nation. Congress must work to return our government to the people, improve services, stand up to corporate lobbyists, and stop the privatization of public services. We need a constitutional amendment to establish that corporations are not people and that money does not equal speech.

H.R. 2585 21st Century Glass-Steagall Act of 2017

Sponsor: Rep. Michael Capuano

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

HJ Res 88 Constitutional Amendment to regulate corporations

Sponsor: Rep. Jim McGovern

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

HJ Res 31 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections

Sponsor: Ted Deutch

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

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Mass Criminalization

The United States houses 25% of the world's inmates despite having only 5% of the world's population. The prison industrial complex has a vested interest in keeping people locked up. The growth of private, for-profit prisons has placed incarceration beyond public view. The administration of justice system is prejudiced against the poor and minorities.

H.R. 3227 Justice Is Not For Sale Act
Sponsor: Rep. Raul Grijalva

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 1498 End Racial Profiling Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. John Conyers

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 65 Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support and Education (RAISE Act)
Sponsor: Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

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Equality Issues

The belief in equality, including religious equality, is a part of the founding documents of our nation and an important part of our national identity. Equality still has not been achieved by most groups in this country. We hope and expect that our endorsed Candidates will sponsor, co-sponsor, and/or support legislation that furthers the reach of equality to any and all groups seeking equal status.

HJ Res 53 Removing the deadline for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment
Sponsor: Rep. Jackie Speier

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 1869 Paycheck Fairness
Sponsor: Rep. Rosa DeLauro

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 489 No Religious Registry Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Suzan DelBene

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

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Immigration

We strongly support Comprehensive Immigration Reform that promotes fairness, equality, labor rights, family unification, integration, a program for legal residency and a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.

H.R. 3440 Dream Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 1036 American Families United Act
Sponsor: Rep. Beto O'Rourke

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 1006 To clarify the rights of all persons who are held or detained at a port of entry or at any detention facility overseen by U.S. Customs and Border Protection or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
Sponsor: **Rep.** Pramila Jayapal

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

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Education

Education in the USA is unaffordable for the majority of Americans. The securitization of student debt has placed our students at the mercy of corporate predators. Minorities are denied equal access to education. We work to make our education system accessible and affordable to all.

H.R. 1880 College For All Act
Sponsor: Rep. Pramila Jayapal

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

H.R. 3630 Student Loan Borrowers' Bill of Rights Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Frederica Wilson

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

General

Please provide us with information in the sections provided below, some information about your campaign:

- Your campaign plan with some *detail*

We are running a people powered campaign. Our path to victory is clear – we have to mobilize our supporters and grow our base through a robust field strategy. We win this race by outreaching to voters, not only in population dense Montgomery County, but throughout the entire district. The reason is clear – somebody who is asking to be entrusted to represent the 6th Congressional District should be outreaching to future constituents throughout the *entire* district. This is why we opened not only a campaign office in Gaithersburg, but also in Hagerstown. We have supporters throughout the entire district and will only work to increase those numbers through a robust field operation, which will be largely volunteer driven. I have been honored to be the only candidate in the race so far to receive any union endorsements, as well as a number of endorsements from progressive grassroots organizations. These labor unions and progressive organizations are people power. We intend to mobilize the support that we have received to bolster our volunteer networks. We will of course also engage in voter outreach through mail and media, however, it is through people power that we elect the only true progressive in the race for the 6th Congressional District.

- Your capacity to raise the necessary capital to fund the campaign,

We are running against a billionaire with 6,000 non-union employees. If winning a campaign was only about the money then our competitor would already be a member of Congress. While our democracy is currently tainted by the undue influence of big money, America is so much more. This election provides our citizens with another opportunity to prove that it takes much more than money to earn the honor of representing our citizens. That being said, money is a necessary part of campaigning and we are well aware of this fact. We are hard at work to raise the necessary capital to fund our grassroots, people-powered campaign.

- grassroots support

My campaign is proud to have the support of many grassroots organizations and labor unions, which represent thousands of members, as well as broad-based support within communities across the district.

Following is a list of some of the endorsements that my campaign has received to date. Each of these endorsing organizations represents the grassroots power of their members:

- Progressive Maryland
- Maryland Working Families
- Food and Water Action Fund (Food and Water Watch)
- National Nurses United
- Service Employees International Union Local 500
- Service Employees International Union Local 32BJ
- United Food and Commercial Workers Local 400
- United Food and Commercial Workers Local 27
- United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1994 (MCGEO)
- Communication Workers of America - Maryland State Council (all Maryland locals)
- Teamsters Joint Council 62
- Teamsters Joint Council 55
- Teamsters Joint Council 730
- Teamsters Local 639
- Baltimore Washington Building and Construction Trades (C.H.O.I.C.E)
- LiUNA Baltimore-Washington Labor Council
- International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees Local 22
- International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees Local 868
- International Association of Fire Fighters – Maryland
- Fraternal Order of Police – Maryland
- United Association (UA) International
- United Association Locals 5

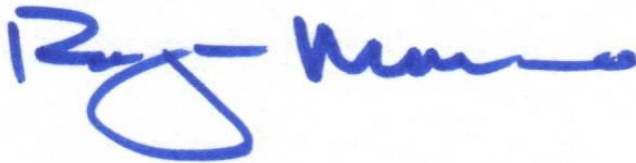
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- United Association Locals 486
 - United Association Locals 489
 - United Association Locals 602
 - United Association Locals 669
 - International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART)
 - International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 26
 - International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 24
 - International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 307
 - International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 51
 - International Union of Elevator Constructors
 - Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Local 24
 - International Union of Operating Engineers Local 77
 - Amalgamated Transit Union
 - Among others
- your campaign staff in place

Campaign Coordinator – Rachel Brown

Finance Director – Michael Lehman

Field Director – We are currently transitioning to new leadership in this area of the campaign.



Signature of Candidate

3/13/18

Date

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

**We believe that an informed electorate is
the greatest assurance of a strong democracy.**

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Addendum

Across the 6th Congressional District people are struggling, fighting to keep their families one step ahead of bill collectors and medical crises. The wealthy get wealthier as everyone else falls further behind. These people are the reason I'm running for Congress.

I was born in California in the 1960s, tear gassed on my Mom's shoulders at Berkley SDS rallies and at the age of five relocated across the country to New York. When I was seven, my father passed away from a preventable medical condition because we were unable to afford treatment. After that I spent time on the street, in group homes and- well it's a long story. What did I learn? Our country is capable of callousness and cruelty only the less privileged can understand, and only through the power of collective action is positive change possible.

I put myself through law school, and ultimately ended up with an internship in the White House followed by a position on Capitol Hill working for progressive leaders. Working in Congress I learned exactly why families like mine endured an American nightmare; because the wealthy have purchased large swaths of our democracy rightfully reserved for the American people. I also learned that Congress is not an easy place, but with dedication you really can help people- even if it's just through righting wrongs for individuals, one person at a time. Helping people ignited my passion to give more. I joined my local civic and progressive organizations before running to represent the folks who need advocating for in the Maryland House of Delegates. Since that time there has been no more passionate advocate for working men and women in Annapolis. In 2009, I was appointed by President Obama's Administration to serve on the White House Task Force of State Legislators for Health Reform, working specifically on healthcare discrimination. In 2010, with the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, we finally banned insurance corporations from denying coverage to people based on preexisting conditions. Later that year I was elected to the State Senate where I have worked every day since to improve the lives of vulnerable Marylanders.

My career in the Maryland legislature has been dedicated to those values I learned growing up. I successfully authored the first bills guaranteeing retail employees paid rest breaks, ensuring the academic careers of pregnant students are not derailed by medical absences, and providing funds for security measures at schools and child care centers at risk of hate crimes. My lifetime rating of 100% from the League of Conservation Voters is the longest of any member of the Maryland legislature, and I successfully blocked regulations to allow hydraulic fracturing in Maryland. From picket lines to the floor of the State Senate, I have fought for the right of workers to collectively bargain and I have stood up against measures that benefit the wealthy at the expense of working families- including in 2014 when I opposed our State cutting the estate tax for the wealthiest 0.2%.

I'm the only candidate in the race to:

- vote against the \$1.1 BILLION Estate Tax cut for the richest .2 percent of Americans.
- vote against allowing garbage burners to receive "clean energy" tax credits.
- vote against Governor Hogan's #1 priority: a multi-million corporate tax cut that gives nothing to hard-working blue-collar factory workers.

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