



2018 Candidate Questionnaire - Senate

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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 5 years after you leave Congress?

✓ Yes No If not, why not?

My Platform calls for ending the revolving door permanently, which means I would never become a paid lobbyist after leaving office, and I would write legislation to that effect.

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 the nomination 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 co-sponsor the reintroduced version of these bills in the 116th Congress.

Presidential Fitness

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

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)

The presidency is the highest office in the U.S., and decisions made by the president affect the entire world. We must ensure that our presidents are fit to serve, and that they are never beyond reproach or question.

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Healthcare:

60 million 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.

S. 1804 Medicare For All Act of 2017
Sponsor: Sen. Bernie Sanders

Yes **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

I volunteered over 70 hours a week to get Bernie Sanders elected because of this issue. I have also worked on the SB 562 (Single-Payer in CA) campaign through canvassing.

S. 2011 Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2017
Sponsor: Sen. Bernie Sanders

Yes **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

I hope that there are also prescription drug price controls in any single-payer bill that we pass.

S. 41 Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2017
Sponsor: Sen. Amy Klobuchar

Yes **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

S. 771 Improving Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs
Sponsor: Sen. Al Franken

Yes **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

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S. 337 Family Act
Sponsor: Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand

✓ **Yes** **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

It is important that parents bond with their children when they are young. I hope that we can join the rest of the industrialized nations and pass paid family leave for all workers.

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.

S. 532 Stop Arming Terrorists Act
Sponsor: Sen. Rand Paul

✓ **Yes** **No** **Comment? (50 word limit)**

I was an early supporter of the Stop Arming Terrorists Act, and publicly promote the Act.

S. 2016 To prevent an unconstitutional strike against North Korea
Sponsor: Sen. Ed Markey

✓ **Yes** **No** **Comment? (50 word limit)**

I firmly believe that the power to declare war is constitutionally grounded in congress, and not in the presidency. Our founding fathers made this very clear.

S. 200 To prohibit the conduct of a first-use nuclear strike absent a declaration of war by Congress
Sponsor: Sen. Ed Markey

✓ **Yes** **No** **Comment? (50 word limit)**

I do not support a first-use nuclear strike in any situation, whether through the presidency or congress.

S. 2047 Preventing Preemptive War in North Korea Act of 2017
Sponsor: Sen. Patrick Murphy

✓ **Yes** **No** **Comment? (50 word limit)**

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S. 1723 Strengthening Veterans Health Care Act of 2017

Sponsor: Sen. Bernie Sanders

✓ **Yes** **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

We must fully-fund the V.A. and ensure all of our veterans receive care.

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

H.R. 1229 Repeal of the Authorization for Use of Military Force

Sponsor: Rep. Barbara Lee

✓ **Yes** **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

I have been against the AUMF from the beginning and hope to see its repeal. We had a chance to repeal the AUMF recently, and our representatives failed.

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

H.R. 1111 Department of Peacebuilding Act of 2017

Sponsor: Rep. Barbara Lee

✓ **Yes** **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

I fully support any effort toward building a more peaceful world, and steering our society away from unnecessary wars and violence.

S. 1723 Strengthening Veterans Health Care Act of 2017

Sponsor: **Sen. Bernie Sanders**

✓ **Yes** **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

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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.

S. 987 100 By '50 Act
Sponsor: Sen. Jeff Merkley

Yes **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

I support this Act, but I believe that we can get to 100% clean renewable energy sooner, which is why I prefer Tulsi Gabbard's OFF Act.

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

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)

I believe this is singularly THE Act that can mitigate the most damage from global warming. We cannot take incremental approaches to an issue like global warming.

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

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

I would vote in favor of this bill, but I do not believe that there is a need to reduce corporate profits to tax pollution. This is only acceptable to me in an environment where we secure passage of the OFF Act.

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

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

I support this Act, but I believe that we can get to 100% clean renewable energy sooner, which is why I prefer Tulsi Gabbard's OFF Act.

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

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

I believe that we should stop extracting fossil fuels tomorrow, and since we cannot realistically evolve our infrastructure overnight, as soon as possible. I would never sign a bill allowing more mining or pipelines.

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.

S. 1588 Democracy Restoration Act
Sponsor: Sen. Ben Cardin

✓ **Yes** **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

I actually support allowing convicts to vote from prison, so yes, I would support this bill as well.

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

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

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✓ **Yes** **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

We have made amazing advances in California through the Voter Free Choice Act. I hope to increase the ability to vote to all communities, including the disabled.

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

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

We have automatic voter registration in California. I would be a leader in the movement to push this program nationwide.

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

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

It is important to secure the right to vote for all Americans as a precursor to state laws that may be written to curtail voting rights.

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

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

We recently passed same-day voter registration in California through the Voter Free Choice Act. It is important that we ensure everyone's right to vote, even if they decide to vote at the last minute.

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

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

It has been proven repeatedly that voter fraud is so rare that it is statistically insignificant. We need to increase voter participation, not bar citizens from voting because they cannot afford, or lost their identification.

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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.

S. 805 Inclusive Prosperity Act of 2017
Sponsor: Sen. Bernie Sanders

Yes **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

It's well passed the time for wall street to pay main street back for the Great Recession.

S. 427 Social Security Expansion Act
Sponsor: Sen. Bernie Sanders

Yes **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

I am also for removing the cap on individuals who pay into on social security, while maintaining it for benefit recipients. Every income earner should be paying into social security, while those who are wealthy enough to not need it, should not benefit from it.

S. 2159 ME TOO Congress Act
Sponsor: Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand

Yes **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

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As an employee with the State of California, I have taken mandatory sexual harassment courses annually. It is time for those trainings to be required at every workplace.

S. 2019 Fair Employment Protection Act of 2017
Sponsor: Sen. Tammy Baldwin

✓ **Yes** **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

We must ensure that every workplace is safe, and free from any kind of harassment. Not only because it is the right thing to do, but because workplace toxicity reduces morale and decreases efficiency. No one should feel unsafe at work.

S. 1076 Keep Our Pension Promises Act
Sponsor: Sen. Bernie Sanders

✓ **Yes** **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

As a state worker, I pay into a pension that is constantly under attack from the right. We must do what we can to defend the pensions we have, while ensuring retirement security for all Americans.

S. 1590 Employ Young Americans Act
Sponsor: Sen. Bernie Sanders

✓ **Yes** **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

Having worked through college, I know personally how much greater value experience has to employers than only holding a degree. We must ensure a strong future workforce by investing in our youth today.

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

✓ **Yes** **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

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We do not need military weapons on our streets.

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

✓ **Yes** **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

We must come to the aid of citizens in Puerto Rico as soon, and as completely as possible. We cannot allow corporations to undermine the success of the recovery process by leaching profits out of a disaster.

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, a effective federal responses to future events? (No more than 250 words)

We must first want to help. Currently many legislators would be happy to see Puerto Rico, and even areas within the 50 states suffer than receive aid. Any legislation that we write must be enshrined and protected to ensure an automatic, instant action to relieve suffering areas as soon as the disaster ends. This way, politics can never play a role in disaster relief.

We can employ our military infrastructure to help both citizens in U.S. territories and abroad instead of using it to maim, kill, and destroy.

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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.

S.J. Res 8 A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

Sponsor: Sen. Tom Udall

Yes **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

We must end Citizens United, and I would vote yes on this bill. However, I am calling for publicly-funded elections that prohibit any corporate or Super-PAC money from influencing elections in any way.

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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.

S. 411 End Racial and Religious Profiling Act of 2017
Sponsor: Sen. Ben Cardin

Yes **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

All men are created equal, and its well passed the time our actions reflected that.

S. 1127 Justice Safety Valve Act of 2017
Sponsor: Sen. Rand Paul

Yes **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

I would support this legislation as we seek to reduce mandatory minimums.

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

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H.R. 65 Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support and Education of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee

✓ **Yes** **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

I believe the most important part of this bill are the skills training, mental health care, and diversion aspects. I worked in mental health for several years and have seen the success stories that come through care. Skills training allows youth to become successful when they leave incarceration.

Equality Issues

The belief in 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.

S.J. Res 5 Removing the deadline for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment 2017
Sponsor: Sen. Ben Cardin

✓ **Yes** **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

Guaranteeing equal rights should never wait.

S. 819 Paycheck Fairness Act of 2017
Sponsor: Sen. Patti Murray

✓ **Yes** **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

Transparency is required to work toward wage parity, not only for gender, but for all minority groups.

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.

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If elected to this office, do you pledge to cosponsor the following legislation as an original cosponsor, or within 2 weeks of its introduction?

S. 806 College for All Act
Sponsor: Sen. Bernie Sanders

Yes **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

This bill encapsulates one of the main planks of my platform.

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.

S. 1615 DREAM Act of 2017
Sponsor: Sen. Lindsay Graham

Yes **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

We must ensure a clean Dream Act, and ensure a path to citizenship for all undocumented immigrants. This bill, and its identical counterpart, H.R. 3440 are an important first step. I would not accept a bill with funds for a border wall in exchange for DACA protections.

S. 349 A bill 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: **Sen. Kamala Harris**

Yes **No** **Comment?** (50 word limit)

Every person arrested for any reason deserves representation and fair and humane treatment when incarcerated.

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

H.R. 1036 American Families United Act of 2017
Sponsor: Rep. Beto O'Rourke

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✓ Yes No Comment? (50 word limit)

As previously mentioned, I am for a path to citizenship for all undocumented immigrants.

General

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

- Your campaign plan with some *detail*

We plan to build support an name recognition through meeting locally with voters across the state, sending out bumper stickers, television commercials, and social media outreach, all of which we have accomplished. In the next couple weeks we will be ramping up our canvassing and phone-banking efforts statewide to include all voters, not selected party voters. We will continue to travel the state and build interest as we move forward.

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

We are a grassroots campaign and have already accomplished amazing reach with little funds. We look forward to building our corporate-free campaign through small, independent donations, used wisely.

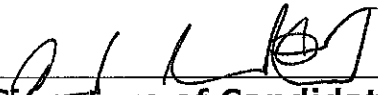
- grassroots support

Our campaign has had the most support on the grassroots level in this race. With other campaigns in other races ending their campaigns, we are seeing more volunteers join us and increase our momentum.

- your campaign staff in place

We currently have a treasurer, a press contact, a statewide field canvassing lead, several local canvassing leads, two photographers, a graphic designer, a videographer, and several consultants. Our entire operation is run on a completely volunteer basis. Because of this we have avoided unnecessary financial pitfalls during the campaign.

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Signature of Candidate

03-25-18
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.