



## **2018 Candidate Questionnaire - House**

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Date of Election: Primary is August 7th, 2018, General is November 6th, 2018

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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

### **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

### **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.

## Notice to Candidate:

The questions below refer to legislation introduced by bill number in the 115<sup>th</sup> 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 116<sup>th</sup> Congress.

### Presidential Fitness

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

**Sponsor:** Rep. Jamie Raskin

Yes

### 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

**H.R. 771** Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance

**Sponsor:** Rep. Barbara Lee

Yes

**H.R. 242** Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2017

**Sponsor:** Rep. Peter Welch

Yes

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**H.R. 1776**

Improving Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs

**Sponsor:**

Rep. Jan Schakowsky

**Yes**

**H.R. 947** Family and Medical Insurance Leave Act (The Family Act) of 2017

**Sponsor:** Rep. Rosa DeLauro

**Yes**

**H.R. 934** Personal Drug Importation Fairness Act of 2017

**Sponsor:** Rep. Keith Ellison

**Yes**

## **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**

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

**Sponsor:** Rep. Barbara Lee

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**Yes**

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

**Yes**

**H.R. 4867** No Unconstitutional Strike against North Korea Act  
**Sponsor:** Rep. Ro Khana

**Yes**

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

**Yes**

## **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**

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

**Yes**

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

**Yes**

## **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**

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

**Yes**

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

**Yes**

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

**Yes**

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

**Yes**

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

**Yes**

## **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**

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

**Yes**

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

**Yes**

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

**Yes**

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

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**Yes**

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

**Yes**

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

**Yes**

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

**Yes**

**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**

**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**

### **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

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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)

I have worked in disaster relief and have completed numerous trainings on the federal emergency response to natural disasters. The systems we have are very complex and often too centralized to react in an effective and timely manner. I would pass laws that broadened the shared responsibility of response to natural disasters between local and federal entities. It will be necessary to partner with businesses to be able to handle the demands of emergency response effectively and in a costly manner. There will need to be stringent regulations and penalties in place to avoid corruption of the system to maintain the public trust in the system and the relationship between local, county, state and federal agencies responsible for managing relief efforts. I think that there is plenty of room to create creative systems of response to disasters. Some ideas, not necessarily viable but to demonstrate the concept, could include rotating stored supplies and food into communities before those items pass their expiration dates as well as creating and supporting cooperative entities to produce and manage emergency response materials and supplies. Funding for disaster relief could come from our bloated defense budget. Disaster relief and defense budgets are more closely related than some would like to believe. We should be prepared to respond to the needs of our affected communities and avoid getting involved in unnecessary wars.

## **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**

**HJ Res 88** Constitutional Amendment to regulate corporations  
**Sponsor:** Rep. Jim McGovern

**Yes**

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**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

## **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

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

Yes

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

Yes

## **Equality Issues**

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***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**

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

**Yes**

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

**Yes**

## **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**

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

**Yes**

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**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

## 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

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

Yes

## General

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

- Your campaign plan with some *detail*

This campaign is completely grassroots supported and operated. We are planning on reaching out to all regular Democratic Party Primary Voters as well as many thousands of people who are disaffected and underrepresented in our politics.

We have organized a grassroots campaign committee which acts as a Campaign Manager would in traditional campaigns.

Because we are taking no corporate PAC donations and are only accepting donations from individuals, we are being very frugal, creative and focused with our efforts to connect with voters.

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We are engaging networked grassroots organizations that are aligned with the platform and mission of this movement and are enlisting their help and support to find thousands of volunteers to reach deep into our communities to find support for this and other progressive campaigns.

We expect to surprise the Democratic Party establishment by being removed from the mainstream portions of the establishment apparatus.

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

As stated above, we have come up with some creative ways to make every campaign dollar stretch further than a traditional campaign may, for example, literature that costs \$.046 each versus \$.33 each to increase our ability to reach more potential voters.

We have also come up with some very creative ways to fundraise and are implementing a robust house party system and creative online campaigns.

- grassroots support

We are networked with over 110 grassroots organizations in the state of Michigan and have engaged with their membership to educate them about the platform and mission of this movement as well as to establish meaningful reciprocal relationships of support that ensure that this will be the largest grassroots campaign since the Bernie Sanders campaign of 2016.

- your campaign staff in place

Hailey Richards

Ryan Flaherty

Mariko Rymar

Ayman Khafagi

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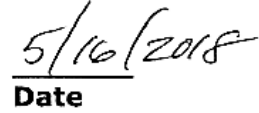
Tanya Reza

Ryan Carnovsky

Sarah McAdam

Martha Guenette Simmons

  
**Signature of Candidate**

  
**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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