

2018 Candidate Questionnaire - House

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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.

H.R. 1987

Presidential Fitness

To establish the Oversight Commission on Presidential Capacity, and for other purposes.
Rep. Jamie Raskin

Sponsor:

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

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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.

Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act

H.R. 676

Rep. John Conyers

Sponsor:

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

Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance

H.R. 771

Rep. Barbara Lee

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

Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2017

H.R. 242

Rep. Peter Welch

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

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H.R. 1776 Sponsor:

Improving Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs

Rep. Jan Schakowsky

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

Family and Medical Insurance Leave Act (The Family Act) of 2017

H.R. 947 Sponsor:

Rep. Rosa DeLauro

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

H.R. 934 Sponsor:

Personal Drug Importation Fairness Act of 2017

Rep. Keith Ellison

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

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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. 1229 Sponsor:

Repeal of the Authorization for Use of Military Force

Rep. Barbara Lee

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

Department of Peacebuilding Act of 2017

Rep. Barbara Lee

H.R. 1111 Sponsor:

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

H.R. 608 Sponsor:

Stop Arming Terrorists Act Rep. Tulsi Gabbard

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

H.R. 4140 Sponsor:

No Unconstitutional Strike against North Korea Act Rep. John Conyers

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

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H.R. 669 Sponsor:

Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017 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 Sponsor:

Off Fossil Fuels for a Better Future Act (OFF Act) Rep. Tulsi Gabbard

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

H.R. 3314 Sponsor:

100 by '50 Act Rep. Jared Polis

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

H.R. 2242 Sponsor:

Keep it in the Ground Act 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 Sponsor:

Automatic Voter Registration Act

Rep. David Cicilline

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

HJ Res. 74 Sponsor:

Constitutional Right to Vote

Rep. Mark Pocan

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

HR 1044

Same Day Registration Act of 2017 Rep. Keith Ellison

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

HR 607

The Voter Access Protection Act of 2017 Rep. Keith Ellison

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

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H.R. 12

Voter Empowerment Act of 2017

Rep. John Lewis

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

H.R. 787 Sponsor:

Streamlined and Improved Methods at Polling Locations and Early (SIMPLE) Voting Act of 2017

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.

Inclusive Prosperity Act of 2017

H.R. 1144

Rep. Keith Ellison

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

Raise The Wage Act of 2017

H.R. 15

Rep. Robert C. "Bobby" Scott

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

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Jobs For All Act

H.R. 1000 Rep. John Conyers

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

Social Security Act of 2017

H.R. 1902 Rep. John Larson

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

Social Security Expansion Act

H.R. 1114

Rep. Peter DeFazio

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

Commission to Study Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act

H.R. 40

Rep. John Conyers

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

ME TOO Congress Act

H.R. 4396 Sponsor:

Rep. Jackie Speier

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

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Fair Employment Protection Act of 2017

H.R. 4152

Rep. Rosa DeLauro

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

Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit) *If my colleagues believe that, as a freshman, I am the best representative to lead this legislation, yes. If, however, another House Member is better suited or if no one else will take the lead, then, yes, I will.*

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) *If my colleagues believe that, as a freshman, I am the best representative to lead this legislation, yes. If, however, another House Member is better suited or if no one else will take the lead, then, yes, I will. While this is a good bill, I believe we need to do more to enhance gun safety.*

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)

FEMA is not a proactive organization. They need to be a partner in the process BEFORE disaster strikes. We need to have teams of scientists who believe that climate change is real, forward thinking engineers and urban planners who are fluent in the current challenges. As our disasters are diverse – floods, hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes – so must our teams be. Perhaps regional teams who can work together to diminish not only the possibility of disaster striking but also eliminating the response time by working together. Additionally, we must understand that the disaster doesn't end when the weather changes. FEMA must help communities refocus on rebuilding when it is safe and provide the tools to do so. Americans are good at coming together in a

time of crisis. Let's give them the chance to do so by working with neighboring states when it's time to rebuild.

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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.

21st Century Glass-Steagall Act of 2017

H.R. 2585 Sponsor: Rep. Michael Capuano
Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

Constitutional Amendment to regulate corporations

HJ Res 88 Sponsor: Rep. Jim McGovern
Yes No If not, why not?? (50 word limit)

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

HJ Res 31 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 Sponsor:

Justice Is Not For Sale Act

Rep. Raul Grijalva

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

End Racial Profiling Act of 2017

H.R. 1498 Sponsor: Rep. John Conyers

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

Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support and Education (RAISE Act)

H.R. 65 Sponsor: Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee

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

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.

Removing the deadline for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment

HJ Res 53 Sponsor: Rep. Jackie Speier

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

Paycheck Fairness

H.R. 1869 Sponsor: Rep. Rosa DeLauro

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

No Religious Registry Act pf 2017

H.R. 489 Sponsor Rep. Suzan DelBene

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

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)

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.

H.R. 1006 Sponsor: Rep. Pramila Jayapal

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

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 Sponsor:

College For All Act Rep. Pramila Jayapal

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

H.R. 3630 Sponsor:

Student Loan Borrowers' Bill of Rights Act of 2017 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*
- Your capacity to raise the necessary capital to fund the campaign,
- grassroots support
- your campaign staff in place

We need to identify 12,342 votes to win the primary. We have two campaign offices and field staff in place to continue our voter ID program. We have a strong early vote/vote by mail plan and are putting our GOTV team together. We know who our targets are (older women and African Americans) and will continue to pursue them through all possible means.

Money is a struggle, but we are the people's campaign. We have over 950 individual donors who give, on average, less than \$100. We plan to continue to engage them while making our case to larger donors in state and nationally.

Our campaign has over 200 volunteers, many of whom are part of local grassroots organizations such as ATNJ, SJWPC.

Staffing we have two field directors – one focusing on the southern part of the district and one focusing on the northern half. I have a fundraiser, general consultant and campaign manager. In addition, I have an amazing number of dedicated volunteers who run our digital and social media as well as event logistics and our Letters to the Editor program.

Signature of Candidate Date

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tamie Youngblood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. We believe that an informed electorate is the greatest assurance of a strong democracy.