



2016 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.

H.R. 1339 **Family and Medical Insurance Leave Act**

Sponsor: Rep. Rosa DeLauro

(Yes) No Comment? (50 word limit)

I believe that America is a stronger nation with a more robust and dependable safety net. A person's livelihood should not be put in jeopardy due to health issues

War and Peace

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

H.R. 1111 **Department of Peacebuilding Act of 2015**

Sponsor: Rep. Barbara Lee

(Yes) No Comment? (50 word limit)

As someone who has worked in international development during my time in Central America, I have seen the terrible consequences of violent conflict firsthand, and a greater investment in peace would be an important step to a safer world.

H.R. 1303 **Repeal of the Authorization for Use of Military Force**

Sponsor: Rep. Barbara Lee

(Yes) No Comment? (50 word limit)

Based on Article I of our Constitution, Congress has to own our mandate to approve acts of war, and stop abdicating our legal responsibilities to the Executive branch. I am committed to working with my colleagues to more effectively execute the responsibilities of Congress in matters of declaring war.

Global Warming/The Environment

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

H.R. 1930 **End Polluter Welfare Act of**

Sponsor: Rep. Keith Ellison

(Yes) No Comment? (50 word limit)

Throughout my life, I have advocated for greater environmental protections, including leading with the principle to *keep fossil fuels in the ground*, and to invest in clean technology as a way to improve our quality of life and spur economic growth. This bill helps to create disincentives to extractive industry.

H.R. 1902 Protect Our Public Lands Act
Sponsor: Rep. Mark Pocan

(Yes) No Comment? (50 word limit)

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I think that this is a great piece of legislation that is right in line with one of my guiding principles, which is to keep fossil fuels in the ground. The consequences of fracking are not fully understood, but we do understand the negative outcomes associated with the continued burning of fossil fuels.

H.R. 2202 Tax Pollution Not Profits Act
Sponsor: Rep. John Delaney

(Yes) No Comment? (50 word limit)

From the very beginning of my campaign, I have advocated for putting a price on the externalities associated with carbon emissions. The fact that this bill protects low-income households from potential increases in energy bills is a solid addition.

Election Integrity:

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

HJ Res. 25 Constitutional Right to Vote
Sponsor: Rep. Mark Pocan

(Yes) No Comment? (50 word limit)

As a state representative, I have successfully fought against the economic disenfranchisement of individuals based on past mistakes. This bill is an excellent vehicle to help America realize its democratic promise for all.

H.R. 12 Voter Empowerment Act of 2015
Sponsor: Rep. John Lewis

(Yes) No Comment? (50 word limit)

The more barriers to civic engagement that we can remove, the stronger our Republic will be. This is right in line with the progressive values that I believe in and have championed over my entire adult life.

H.R. 411 Streamlined and Improved Methods at Polling Locations
Sponsor: Rep. Steve Cohen

(Yes) No Comment? (50 word limit)

There is no reason that voting should only be for those privileged enough to take time away from work. We can and must do better to remove barriers to civic engagement, and this bill is a step in that direction.

Economic Justice:

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

H.R. 1464 Inclusive Prosperity Act of 2015

Sponsor: Rep. Keith Ellison

Yes No Comment? (50 word limit)

I would be very interested in working with Congressman Ellison and his staff on this bill, and on finding a way to amend our Internal Revenue Code to make it fairer for the majority of Americans. I definitely believe that we need to make sure that those with the most capital don't continue to grow their wealth at the expense of the middle class and working Americans.

H.R. 1000 Humphrey-Hawkins 21st Century Full Employment and Training Act of 2015

Sponsor: Rep. John Conyers

(Yes) No Comment? (50 word limit)

The federal government has an important role to play in stimulating growth, and historically has been an effective catalyst for driving employment in difficult times. I believe that this legislation with its checks will help Americans weather difficult economic times.

H.R. 3164 Pay Workers A Living Wage Act

Sponsor: Rep. Keith Ellison

(Yes) No Comment? (50 word limit)

Based on increased minimum wage laws recently passed in Seattle, we have seen none of the negative impacts that critics promised. For too long, the substantial gains from increased productivity have been captured by elites, and this bill helps to promise that workers will earn more for their labor.

H.R. 1391 Social Security Act of 2015

Sponsor: Rep. John Larson

(Yes) No Comment? (50 word limit)

I believe that the changes in this bill help Social Security to more accurately reflect the economic and health realities of the present, while helping to strengthen our safety net.

It is time for America to address the discrepancies in our criminal justice system. Since day one, I have advocated for implicit bias training for law enforcement to help our police officers to more effectively and fairly do their jobs for all of our fellow Americans.

H.R. 429 Grand Jury Reform Act

Sponsor: Rep. Hank Johnson

(Yes) No Comment? (50 word limit)

Demanding greater accountability from our police is an important step to improve faith in our criminal justice institutions. If an officer is involved in the death of a citizen, the review process should be transparent. Coupled with more training for police should help bridge the divide between communities and their police forces.

H.R. 2197 Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support and Education

Sponsor: Rep. Barbara Lee

(Yes) No Comment? (50 word limit)

As a state representative, and throughout my campaign for Congress, I have strongly advocated for diverting youth from prison towards restorative justice opportunities. Once a young person enters the prison pipeline, they are much more likely to remain stuck in that system, which ends dreams and costs taxpayers exorbitant amounts of state and federal funds.

Equality Issues

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

HJ Res 51 Removing the deadline for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment

Sponsor: Rep. Jackie Speier

(Yes) No Comment? (50 word limit)

An individual's prospects should not be dictated by their sex. This legislation is long overdue.

H.R. 1619 Paycheck Fairness

Sponsor: Rep. Rosa DeLauro

(Yes) No Comment? (50 word limit)

It is past time to address the wage disparity between the sexes. Greater transparency in the workplace is needed, and I would continue my advocacy and leadership on this issue, if I am elected to Congress.

H.R. 1404 Social Security and Marriage Equality Act

Sponsor: Rep. Ron Kind

(Yes) No Comment? (50 word limit)
Benefits shouldn't be dictated by gender identity or who the person lives.

Immigration

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

H.R. 2095 American Families United Act

Sponsor: Rep. Beto O'Rourke

(Yes) No Comment? (50 word limit)

I have consistently advocated for comprehensive immigration reform, and as the son of a Cuban immigrant, I am personally invested in ensuring that families can remain unified. Legal protection will allow our immigrants to contribute more formally to the American economy.

H.R. 2808 Protecting Taxpayers and Communities from Local Detention Quotas Act Sponsor: Rep. Ted Deutsch

(Yes) No Comment? (50 word limit)

Our current incentive system for refugee detention is inhumane and wasteful. This is the exact sort of policy that I would seek to drive forward with bipartisan support from fiscal conservatives and fellow progressives.

H.R. 3201 New American Success Act of 2015

Sponsor: Rep. Tony Cardenas

(Yes) No Comment? (50 word limit)
America does better when we invest in our people to help them unlock their potential. This is even more important in immigrant communities that may have additional cultural and language barriers. My maternal grandparents both achieved the American dream through hard work, and our community has benefitted tremendously. We should actively seek to keep lowering barriers for our newest community members.

H.R. 1959 College Options for Dreamers Act

Sponsor: Rep. Ruben Hinojosa

(Yes) No Comment? (50 word limit)
I have seen first hand the value of higher education as an investment in the future productivity of our community members. I am behind this 100%.

Education

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

H.R. 1352 Student Loan Borrowers' Bill of Rights Act of 2015
Sponsor: Rep. Frederica Wilson

(Yes) No Comment? (50 word limit)
Attending college should not be a financial albatross around a recent graduate's future. There are some important protections in the bill, but we do need to also make sure we address the root causes of increased student loan debt.

H.R. 2521 REAL Act of 2015
Sponsor: Rep. Donna Edwards

(Yes) No Comment? (50 word limit)
As a state representative, I was proud to co-sponsor legislation in the Washington State House to make community and technical college free in our state. Last year, I introduced legislation to open many career options to someone with a criminal history, because I believe that someone's past mistakes should not define their future. This bill is a natural extension of that personal philosophy.

H.R. 2192 Pro Students Act
Sponsor: Rep. Mark Takano

(Yes) No Comment? (50 word limit)
Students entering and exiting university should be set up for success, not for debilitating debt. What that means is that students need to have the necessary information to understand the financial ramifications of their investment. As a state representative, I have successfully passed legislation that removed similar financial barriers.

General

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

- 0 Your campaign plan with some detail
- 0 From the beginning of this race, our team has focusing on progressive causes such as criminal justice reform, protecting the environment, access to mental health reforms, and immigration reform. More than that, I have a proven track record of building bridges in order to pass effective legislation that encases our progressive values in durable laws. I have done this at the state level, and should we win, I will take that collaborative approach to Congress
- 0 Specifically, our team has focused on building relationships, listening to constituents, and inviting them to take part in the campaign through the connections they already have. We were successful in the primary by leveraging our supporters' networks, and by working with community groups and leaders to understand what is needed for this city and this district to thrive.
- 0 Your capacity to raise the necessary capital to fund the campaign,
- 0 So far in this campaign, we have raised roughly \$1.4 million with about 60% of our donations coming from inside of the 7th district, and 80% from within the state of Washington.
- 0 We have a wide base of support from this region that has funded this campaign so far, and will keep us going strong despite an expensive race.
- 0 grassroots support
- 0 Our campaign has been built with the help of local leaders, because those that I've worked with in Seattle and across the state know that I have a proven track record of delivering results on progressive causes ranging from criminal justice reform to affordable housing.
- 0 I have been endorsed by over 40 of my colleagues in the Washington State Legislature, as well as nearly a hundred local elected officials and community leaders, including the majority of Seattle City Council members, and several

current and former Mayors in the region. These people know how I work, and know that I will be able to deliver for this district and be a supportive federal partner.

0 I also have been endorsed by the Washington State Native American Caucus, the Environmental Caucus, local democratic organizations, and all the Young Democrats organizations.

0 your campaign staff in place

0 We currently have 9 campaign team members, not including the hundreds of individuals and groups that have contributed their time to our campaign.

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