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ABORTION Ban or legal?	Legal. Sponsored a bill to “ make ” make Roe v. Wade the law of the land.” “It is crucial that we fight for reproductive rights and access to health care that includes fertility treatments.”	No position found..
CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority?	Yes. Voted against ending Biden-era clean energy tax credits . Sponsored a resolution “expressing strong disapproval” of Trump withdrawal from the Paris Agreement, an international pact to fight climate change. “I will fight for increased investment into climate solutions.”	Unclear. Supports “encouraging innovation and cleaner technology while keeping energy affordable.”
CRIMINAL JUSTICE How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	Supports more resources for police, including mental health support, increased pay, and more equipment. Sponsored a bill reauthorizing a federal community-oriented policing program . Wants more funding for “violence prevention and rehabilitation programs to address the root causes of crime.”	“We need to support law enforcement and crack down on drug traffickers.” Supports “body-worn cameras, de-escalation training, and proven community-policing tactics.” Wants stronger “penalties for organized crime and repeat offenders.” “People must feel safe in their homes.”
ECONOMY Cut or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	Mostly increase. Voted to loosen regulation on the crypto industry. Voted to create new rules promoting the use of crypto stablecoins. Voted against cuts to USAID foreign aid, NPR, and PBS. Introduced bills to support small businesses in trade negotiations and workforce development. Has sought more federal funds for rebuilding fire-ravaged communities.	Mixed. Would “ audit waste and fraud across all agencies” and streamline permitting for infrastructure projects. “I’ll vote to cut wasteful spending that fuels inflation.” Would work for disaster funding to address wildfire damage. “The goal should be to get help to families and communities trying to rebuild.”
EDUCATION Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?	No. Opposes public voucher programs for private schools. Calls for greater investment in public schools. Supports raising public teacher salaries.	No position found.
ENVIRONMENT Loosen or tighten environmental regulation?	Tighten. Voted against relaxing regulations on companies that emit hazardous pollutants. Voted to keep a 20-year protection against mining upstream from the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Sponsored bills to ban offshore drilling along California and the West Coast. Says drilling off California “would harm our coastline’s ecosystems.”	Unclear. “ Everyone wants clean air and clean water. The challenge is making sure environmental policies don’t end up punishing hard-working families, small businesses and drive jobs out of California.” “We can protect the environment and grow the economy at the same time if we focus on practical solutions.”

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GUN LAWS Loosen or tighten gun laws?	Tighten. Sponsored a bill banning semiautomatic assault weapons . Supports universal background checks. “We must... pass common sense gun legislation to ensure that every American can live safely.”	No position found.
HEALTHCARE Increase or decrease government support for healthcare?	Increase. Voted twice to extend Affordable Care Act subsidies . Sponsored a bill to permanently restore funding to Medicaid and ACA programs. Introduced a bill to lower prescription drug costs for Medicare recipients. “ Healthcare should be a right, not a privilege.”	Mixed. Supports the Trump administration bill that cut Medicaid, limited who can receive Medicare, and did not extend Affordable Care Act premium tax credits. Would “protect Social Security and Medicare for today’s seniors.”
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration?	Wants “a comprehensive solution” that will “secure our border” while “protecting legal pathways to citizenship.” Voted against funding for ICE, calling it “a rogue agency.” “I support DACA .” Voted to require DHS detention of any undocumented immigrant charged with theft.	“ We are not a country if we don’t enforce our immigration laws.” Wants greater border security and faster asylum decisions. Says ICE agents are “outstanding when it comes to the work they do.” “We...need agents to have the right tools, techniques, and accountability.”
IRAN WAR Support the war in Iran?	No. Voted to require Congressional approval for U.S. military action in Iran in March , April , May , and June ; sponsored the April resolution. Sponsored a bill to block additional war funding without a war declaration. “The American public must be a part of the debate.”	Unclear. “ Sustained military operations should involve congressional approval.” “ Boots on the ground should always be the last resort.” Would deploy troops only “for a clear mission with a realistic strategy for success.”
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize workers?	Easier. Sponsored a bill to expand and protect employees’ organizing and collective bargaining rights. Voted to require employers to begin contract negotiations with newly certified unions within 10 days. “ When workers win, we all win.”	Unclear. Says union workers should be able to join any union, not just the one where they work, “whatever they want.... Right now , there’s a stronghold.” Says teachers unions are “more involved in political issues” than in educating students.
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Expand. Sponsored the Equality Act , which bans discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity. “I remain committed to standing with the LGBTQ community in the continued fight for equality.” Voted to not ban transgender students from women’s and girls’ school sports.	No position found.
MINIMUM WAGE Raise the federal minimum from \$7.25 per hour?	Yes. Would make the minimum wage a “living wage so families can keep up with rising costs.”	No position found.
TAXES Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	Raise. Voted against extending the 2017 Trump tax cuts, which included the largest one-time cut in the corporate tax rate and large tax breaks for the wealthy. Says the tax cuts will give “tax breaks to the ultra-wealthy.”	Likely lower. Supports the extension of the Trump tax cuts: “ We got something back.” Would oppose tax hikes if elected. Wants to look at the whole tax system “and make sure that we’re doing it for the good of the order.”
VOTING RULES Make voting harder or easier?	Easier. Twice voted against bills that would require proof of US citizenship to register for federal elections. Sponsored a bill that would restore and strengthen the 1965 Voting Rights Act. “Our democracy thrives when every American citizen has access to the ballot box.”	Harder. “ Requiring proof of citizenship to vote is a basic safeguard.” Wants to “make it easy to vote and hard to cheat.” Says ID “should always be required” to vote.

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