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THE ISSUES

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ABORTION Ban or legal?	Legal. Would “put Roe v. Wade back into federal law where it belongs and restore reproductive freedom for all Iowans.” Says Iowa’s six-week “fetal heartbeat” ban “ puts women’s lives...at risk.” Opposes the Life at Conception Act, which guarantees right to life beginning at fertilization; it leads to an “abortion ban with no exceptions.”	Ban. Is “pro-life.” Sponsored a 15-week abortion ban. Said the overturning of Roe v. Wade “helps us to bring [abortion decisions] back closer to the people.” In 2021, sponsored the Life at Conception Act guaranteeing “the right to life” at “the moment of fertilization.” Voted against barring governmental restrictions on abortion.
CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority?	Yes. Says climate change is “a threat to our children’s future.” Supports CO2 sequestering in farming. Would “make Iowa a superpower in renewable energy.” Sponsored a 2021 Iowa bill offering solar energy tax credits. “We have to take action on climate. We just do.”	Mixed. Would reduce “emissions for a cleaner, healthier planet.” Introduced a bill giving credits to ocean-going ships using renewable fuel. Voted to end Biden-era clean energy tax credits. Voted against \$369 billion in clean energy investments . Opposes “rapid” steps to address climate change “ without having affordable, available energy.”
CRIMINAL JUSTICE How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	Called for “good wages and benefits” and “training and resources [for police] to do a really difficult job safely.” Have health professionals deal with nonviolent incidents so police can focus on “violent crime.” In 2021, voted against an Iowa bill providing qualified immunity for police.	In 2021 voted against bans on racial profiling and no-knock warrants. Said the bill’s elimination of qualified immunity “would make recruitment and retention difficult.” Sponsored a bill to incentivize use of body cameras, improve training, and diminish chokeholds, without requiring such reforms. Supports body cameras.
ECONOMY Cut or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	Mixed. Would rein in federal spending. Said a \$1.7 trillion spending proposal was “too much all at once.” Would “increase resources and incentives for farmers.” Would invest in Iowa’s clean energy economy. Would “crack down on price gouging...in the agricultural industry.” Wants “action against...private equity firms...buying up our farmland, buying up housing in Iowa.”	Cut. Voted for a constitutional amendment to limit federal expenditures. Says Congress should “live within its means.” Voted against funding new infrastructure projects. Voted against supporting domestic production of semiconductors. Voted to loosen regulation of the crypto industry. Voted to ease regulations to make housing more affordable .
EDUCATION Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?	No. Opposes Iowa’s school voucher program: “It’s not right and it’s not fair.” Would “reinvest in public education at every level.”	Yes. Introduced a bill to provide tax credits for donations to school scholarships, including private and religious schools. Voted for a similar program .
ENVIRONMENT Loosen or tighten environmental regulation?	Tighten. “We... need to improve Iowa’s water quality, protect our natural resources, and safeguard our public health.” Would “take action to reduce PFAS and other chemicals in our water.”	Loosen. Sponsored a bill to speed permitting for large energy projects. Voted to end a 20-year protection against mining upstream from the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Voted to reverse expansion of which streams and wetlands are protected by the Clean Water Act; called it “ overreach .”

ISSUES	BOHANNAN (D)	MILLER-MEEKS (R)
GUN LAWS Loosen or tighten gun laws?	Mostly tighten. “As a gun owner...I believe in the Second Amendment, and I also believe we must take commonsense measures.” Supports expanding background checks. Calls for “tighter regulations” on semi-automatic assault-style rifles and bump stocks. Said “an outright ban” on these weapons is “a conversation we can have.”	Loosen. “I am proud to defend Iowans’ right to bear arms.” Sponsored a bill to allow concealed carry across state lines. Voted against raising the age to buy semiautomatic rifles to 21. In 2021, voted against two background check bills . In 2021 said “I am strongly opposed to ‘ red flag ’ laws,” which are unconstitutional.”
HEALTHCARE Increase or decrease government support for healthcare?	Mostly increase. “I oppose forcing everyone onto Medicare.... I want everyone to have health care coverage, and I want everyone to have choices ,” Medicare or private insurance. Would “reverse... Medicaid cuts and extend ACA subsidies.” Expand Medicare’s ability to negotiate lower drug prices.	Mixed. Voted against extending ACA payment subsidies for 3 years. The ACA is “unaffordable.” Introduced a bill to expand insurance choices and fund Cost Sharing Reduction payments. Supports federal investment in rural healthcare.
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration?	“We do need to secure our border, but we do need to provide a path to citizenship.” “Biden was too slow to act on immigration.” Supports “a timely process” to vet “legitimate asylum seekers.” Would raise the number of immigrants accepted for economic reasons, including foreign-born doctors. Wouldn’t abolish ICE; “but I do think that we need some real reform.”	Voted to build 900 miles of border wall, limit asylum, and require employers use E-Verify for new employees. Called immigration protests “manufactured outrage.” Reintroduced a bill to give a pathway to citizenship to documented Dreamers . Voted to increase ICE funding by \$75 billion, then for \$70 billion more for DHS.
IRAN WAR Support the war in Iran?	No. Calls the war “ senseless .” Says “our own soldiers” are “losing their lives,” and “increased fertilizer and gas prices...are hurting working Iowans.” “We must stop spending billions in taxpayer dollars to bomb other countries.” “It’s time to end this war.”	Mostly yes. Voted against requiring Congressional authorization for U.S. military action in Iran in March , April , May , and June . “The world cannot allow a nuclear armed Iran...but neither can we rush blindly into another endless conflict.” Opposed sending ground troops into Iran; said air strikes on Iran were “appropriate.”
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize workers?	Easier. Supported Case New Holland plant workers on strike: “They deserve a fair contract.” Opposed an Iowa state bill requiring stricter union recertification policies. Would “protect workers and unions in Congress.”	Mixed. In 2021, voted against protecting employees’ organizing and collective bargaining rights. Said the bill “would abolish right -to-work laws.” Voted for a bill to restore collective bargaining rights for federal employees.
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Expand. In 2020 wrote , “Before we are male, female, transgender, nonbinary, or another gender -- we are all human beings...entitled to be treated equally.” State “ should allow Medicaid funding to pay for gender confirmation surgery.”	Mostly limit. Voted to protect same-sex marriage in federal law. In 2021, voted against a bill that prohibits discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Voted to ban trans athletes in women’s or girls’ sports.
MINIMUM WAGE Raise the federal minimum from \$7.25 per hour?	No position found.	Likely no. In 2020, said the minimum wage is for “starting unskilled workers.” In 2021, questioned “how many small businesses will never start” if the minimum wage is raised.
TAXES Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	Raise. Opposes extending the 2017 Trump tax cuts, which included a break for the very wealthy and the largest one-time cut in the corporate tax rate. Opposes “giving tax cuts to billionaires.”	Lower. Voted to extend the 2017 Trump tax cuts, which included, among other cuts, a break for the very wealthy and the largest one-time cut in the corporate tax rate.
VOTING RULES Make voting harder or easier?	No position found.	Mostly harder. Supports voter ID. Voted twice to require proof of U.S. citizenship from anyone registering to vote in a federal election. In 2019, supported voting rights for former felons.

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