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THE ISSUES

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ABORTION Ban or legal?	Ban. Voted to introduce criminal penalties for healthcare practitioners who fail to provide the required degree of care for an infant who survives an attempted abortion. In 2022, said he was “ 100% pro-life — no exceptions.” In 2019 in the Michigan Senate introduced a “dismemberment” ban for second-trimester abortions.	Legal. “I will defend women’s right to choose an abortion, and seek to codify this right in federal law.” Says “reproductive healthcare is a deeply personal decision” and government should not try to “control” it. Opposes “federal cuts” that are “closing Planned Parenthood locations.”
CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority?	Likely no. Calls for “an all-of-the-above energy strategy” including oil, natural gas, nuclear, solar, and wind. Opposes “mandates that push the state towards 100% renewable energy by 2040.” Voted to end Biden-era clean energy tax credits. Opposes the Green New Deal .	Yes. Calls for “tackling the climate crisis.” “I began my career focused on stopping climate change and creating green jobs.” Supported \$369 billion in clean energy investments. Was a co-founder of the Sunrise Movement . “ Global warming...is a nightmare scenario.” Supports Green New Deal .
CRIMINAL JUSTICE How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	Would “oppose all efforts to defund our police.” Opposes “soft-on-crime prosecutors.” In 2021 introduced a Michigan bill to create “correctional officer wellness agency.” Voted to “[enhance] how we collect and report data on violent attacks against law enforcement officers.”	Supports “criminal justice reform.” “We have too many people incarcerated in this country.” Supports “increased funding for...community violence intervention, working in collaboration with law enforcement.” Opposes Flock cameras: “the potential for abuse will grow even greater.”
ECONOMY Cut or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	Mostly cut. Supports “cutting government spending.” Voted to loosen regulation of the crypto industry. Supports “cutting red tape to help small businesses.” Secured \$15.3 million in federal funding for “infrastructure projects... and development investments.” In 2021, voted against a bill to attract thousands of auto manufacturing jobs to Michigan.	Increase. Calls for “major federal investment in quality housing.” Supported the Inflation Reduction Act for its “investment in green jobs and infrastructure.” Would “support small businesses,” “regulate AI,” and regulate “surveillance by corporations.”
EDUCATION Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?	Yes. Voted to give federal tax credits for donations to private school scholarships. In 2021 introduced Michigan bills to provide tax credits for donations to private school scholarships.	No position found.
ENVIRONMENT Loosen or tighten environmental regulation?	Loosen. Voted to limit the scope of the Clean Water Act. Voted to undo controls on companies emitting seven major hazardous pollutants. Voted to increase forest thinning in fire-prone areas by easing environmental laws. Voted to prevent “a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing.” Introduced bills to ban federal override of local zoning decisions on data centers.	Tighten. Would “protect Michigan’s water by restoring wetlands & rivers,” “preserve game & wildlife areas,” and “hold polluters accountable.” Says Line 5 pipeline , a 645-mile oil and natural gas pipeline running through Michigan, should be shut down. Calls it an “ecological catastrophe in waiting.” Supports “a 12-month federal moratorium on new data centers.”

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GUN LAWS Loosen or tighten gun laws?	Loosen. Sponsored a bill to allow concealed carry of guns across state lines. Supports “protecting veterans’ 2nd Amendment right.” In 2021, sponsored a resolution to reject federal restrictions on gun laws. In 2021, sponsored a bill to allow concealed carry without a license.	Unclear. “I follow the lead of...gun violence prevention advocates...who support increased funding for...community violence intervention.”
HEALTHCARE Increase or decrease government support for healthcare?	Mostly decrease. Voted for a bill that cut Medicaid. Voted against extending Affordable Care Act subsidies by 3 years. Would “expand access to tax-free health savings accounts” and “take on insurers who...profit off bankrupting Americans.” Introduced bills to fight insurance fraud, expand access to health savings accounts.	Increase. “I support Medicare for All, which would remove the profit motive from health insurance.” Opposes cuts to Medicaid. Supports extending Affordable Care Act subsidies. “ Every one of us...should be covered for life, and our families too.” Calls for “investment in community, in care” to address mental health issues.
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration?	“ Our Southern Border is out-of-control.” Voted to increase ICE funding by \$75 billion, then for \$70 billion more for DHS. Supported funding \$20 million for body-worn cameras for ICE for “more transparency .” Supports completing the border wall to prevent illegal immigration. Voted against extending temporary protected status for Haitian migrants through 2029.	Regarding immigrant deportation, says it’s “ un-American ” to have “masked unidentified agents in American cities, kidnapping people and throwing them into unmarked vans.” “ Immigrants pay taxes, enrich our communities.” Supports “a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants...to level the playing field for all workers in the United States.”
IRAN WAR Support the war in Iran?	Mixed. “I pray for a decisive and swift resolution to this conflict.” Introduced a resolution authorizing the use of military force against Iran in May. Voted against requiring congressional authorization for U.S. military action in Iran in March and April ; then for it in May , June , and July . Opposes Iran acquiring a nuclear weapon.	No. Calls for ending “the illegal & expensive war on Iran.” Supports requiring congressional authorization for U.S. military action in Iran. Calls the war “reckless, preemptive,” and “pointless.” “ This outrageous war in Iran...is causing the cost of gas and groceries to go through the roof.”
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize workers?	Harder. Voted against restoring the collective bargaining rights of federal workers. Sponsored a National Right-to-Work bill that would allow employees in a unionized workplace to not pay union dues.	Easier. Supports the Protecting the Right to Organize Act , to expand and protect employees’ organizing and collective bargaining rights. “ Unions are proven to increase wages, benefits, and job security...I will always stand with labor.”
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Likely limit. Said he’s “not someone that favors” gay marriage. Would “ not vote to ban gay marriage at the federal level.... That is an issue for the states to decide.” Opposed “teaching young children about dangerous transgender ideologies.”	Expand. “I’ll stand up to bullies who want to blame...the LGBT community for our problems.” Opposes “political attacks” that “target transgender people, roll back LGBTQ civil rights, and attack personal autonomy.”
TAXES Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	Mostly lower. Voted to extend the 2017 Trump tax cuts, which included the largest one-time cut in the corporate tax rate. Signed the Taxpayer’s Protection Pledge , a promise to oppose all tax increases. Opposes “taxpayer subsidies of giant corporations,” calling it “corporate welfare.”	Raise. Supports “a billionaire minimum tax, which is a minimum wealth tax rate that the mega-wealthy must pay.” Opposes “billionaire tax breaks.” “ It’s disgraceful that small businesses pay a higher effective tax rate than the largest companies in the world.”
VOTING RULES Make voting harder or easier?	Harder. Voted to require anyone registering to vote in a federal election show proof of U.S. citizenship. Supports voter ID. Supports “strengthening election integrity, restoring confidence in the voting process, and protecting the sacred right to vote.”	Easier. Supports “the right to vote securely and easily.” Opposes a bill requiring anyone registering to vote in a federal election show proof of U.S. citizenship. Would “oppose any attempt to roll back civil rights legislation.”

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