

Michigan US Senate 2024

THE ISSUES

**MIKE
ROGERS**

REPUBLICAN



**ELISSA
SLOTKIN**

DEMOCRAT



See guides.vote for online guides with links and sources.	rogersforsenate.com	elissaslotkin.org
ABORTION Ban or legal?	Ban. Praised overturning of Roe v Wade. Sponsored bills: life starts at conception, only a parent can take a minor across some state lines for abortion. Tried to reverse abortion pill approval. In 2010: Ban except to protect life of mother. Now says states should decide .	Legal. Voted to prohibit restrictions on access to abortion services. " No issue... motivates me more. " Warns of "back door" efforts to limit "lifesaving care," IVF, abortion medication, and contraception.
CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority?	No. Instead of " mandates ," invest in "a robust economy and... technology" for a "carbon free economy,... a long way in the future." Building EVs may eliminate "tens of thousands of good-paying jobs."	Yes. "Climate change is a national security issue." Helped write the first Pentagon study of climate change impact on US military. Voted for \$369 billion in climate and clean energy, big " climate investments that will address extreme weather."
CRIMINAL JUSTICE How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	"Our families need strong leadership " to combat "violent criminal gangs coming from Central America." No position found on local policing.	Supported more funding to train and recruit police and give mental health help. Supported bipartisan grants to small police departments. Voted to enhance police accountability. Calls for "fair and transparent policing."
ECONOMY Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	Decrease. "We can stop the spending in Washington that drove up prices." " Less regulation means better opportunity in business." Opposes the EV push , which will cause a "bloodbath" in the auto industry.	Increase. Supported a \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill and investment in domestic semiconductor chip manufacturing . Wants to keep Chinese-subsidized cars and trucks out of the US.
EDUCATION Limit teaching of issues around racism and gender identity?	Likely yes. Opposes the 2024 Title IX rule with explicit protection against sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination at schools.	No. Republicans "are focusing on... dog whistle cultural issues, to drum up political enthusiasm instead of focusing on protecting our children."
ENVIRONMENT Loosen or tighten environmental regulations?	Loosen. Opposes environmental mandates. Voted to limit EPA enforcement of the Clean Water Act. Voted to limit regulation of pesticides in waterways and limit federal environmental and other regulations . In 2009 voted against creating the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative .	Tighten. Supports reducing PFAS ("forever chemicals") and speeding cleanup. Supports helping farmers plant cover crops for conservation. Sponsored a five-year extension of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative . "Environmental security is homeland security ."
GUN LAWS Loosen or tighten gun regulation?	Mostly loosen. Voted to prohibit product misuse lawsuits against gun manufacturers. Sponsored a bill to loosen restrictions on interstate gun purchases. Supports background checks but would focus not on guns but "root causes" like mental illness.	Tighten. Calls for "common-sense restrictions." Legislators should talk with young people who've faced gun violence. Sponsored an assault weapons ban. Voted to expand background checks, disarm domestic abusers, support state "red flag laws."

ISSUES	ROGERS (R)	SLOTKIN (D)
HEALTH CARE Increase/decrease government support?	Decrease. Voted against the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), then voted to repeal it. Supported Medicare funding cuts . Opposed federal government negotiating for lower drug prices .	Increase. “All Americans should have access to healthcare they can afford.” Supports the Affordable Care Act. Voted to let Medicare negotiate for lower drug prices and cap insulin at \$35. Issue is “ personal ”: Her mother had to fight insurance companies and declare bankruptcy while fighting ovarian cancer.
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for “DACA” participants brought to the US as children?	Criticizes Biden policies for “wide open border” and allowing “6.2 million illegal border crossings.” Reinstate Trump’s border policies. In 2014 voted to limit funding for new DACA permits.	“We can protect our country and treat migrants humanely.” Worked “to ensure that basic necessities are provided to migrants in detention.” Supported bipartisan border security and immigration reform bills. DACA Dreamers are “American in all but name.”
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	Mixed. Voted to limit National Labor Relations Board action. Voted to limit federal prevailing wage laws on major construction projects. In 2007, sided with management during a strike at GM. Expressed support for a 2023 UAW strike in Michigan.	Easier. Voted for the PRO Act, to expand workers’ rights to organize and collectively bargain. Bring “critical supply chains and manufacturing” back to the US, to create “good-paying, union jobs.”
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Mixed. Opposes trans athletes in women’s sports. Says people should not be evicted or fired from their jobs for being LGBTQ+. Opposed gay marriage, but now says it’s the law.	Expand. Voted to enshrine same-sex marriage into federal law. Voted for “access to gender-affirming care for military families.” Voted to prohibit discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.
MARIJUANA Ban or legal?	Likely ban. Medical marijuana has “some benefits,” but “a more permissive culture of drug use has serious consequences .”	Legal. Voted to decriminalize marijuana. Voted to make it easier to do research on marijuana.
MINIMUM WAGE Raise the federal minimum from \$7.25 per hour?	No recent position found. In 2007 voted against raising the minimum to \$7.25 per hour.	Yes. “If you work 40 hours a week, you should not live in poverty .” Raise the minimum gradually to \$17 by 2028.
SOCIAL SECURITY Cut Social Security and raise the retirement age?	Potentially. Looking for fixes to Social Security, “ every option is going to have to be on the table.” Would have a bipartisan commission consider options.	No. Republican lawmakers “say that they love Social Security”—then vote against it. “These guys are desperate to privatize Medicare” and have voted to do so “a million times.”
STUDENT FINANCIAL AID Support lowering interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?	Mostly no. Opposes “blanket forgiveness” on student loans. Borrowers should be able to “ get a little bit off on my student loan” by enlisting in the military, becoming a doctor or nurse, or joining service programs.	Mixed. Voted to keep a student loan payment pause and forgiveness. In response to Biden’s debt forgiveness order, said Congress, not the White House, should decide how to help students.
TAXES Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	Lower. “There’s no tax cut I don’t like.” A corporate tax is a tax on jobs. Tax cuts “are core, age-old Republican principles” that “hold true.” Would consider a lower corporate tax to keep companies in the US.	Raise. Voted for a 15% minimum tax on large corporations: Make “corporations with billion-dollar profits finally pay their fair share in taxes.” Supported eliminating tax deductions on ad spending by big drug companies.
VOTING RULES Make voting harder or easier?	Likely harder. About absentee voting and mail-in ballots: “The more they expand the ways you can vote, I do get a worry ” about cheating.	Easier. Sponsored a bill to expand voting opportunities and access. Wants to “ protect the vote of every American.”

[guides.vote](#) is a nonpartisan effort to show where candidates stand. We do not support or oppose any political party or candidate. We have space for candidates polling 15% or more; use the QR code on the right for online versions, including links to credible sources and other candidates. [Vote411.org](#) offers guides to local races and how to vote. For campuses, see Campus Vote Project’s [state-specific guides](#) to student voting rules.

