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## 2020 General Election Candidate Survey Responses U.S. Congressional District 2

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CA Dutch Ruppensberger* Democrat	Johnny Ray Salling Republican	SURVEY QUESTIONS <i>(candidate statements on next page, if provided)</i>
blank	DID NOT RESPOND	<b>EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS:</b> Congress should enact legislation that supports the ability of low-income families to choose the education best suited to their children’s needs, such as tax credits for business donations to organizations that provide scholarships for K-12 students to attend nonpublic schools.
✓		<b>POVERTY:</b> The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and other similar initiatives provide funding for millions of low-income Americans who cannot afford to adequately feed themselves or their families. Congress should oppose attempts to reduce funding for these, and similar anti-poverty initiatives through budget cuts.
✓		<b>HEALTHCARE:</b> Congress should reject structural changes to Medicaid, including changing the program into a block grant to the states, which would leave millions of people who rely on Medicaid at risk of losing access to health care. Any modification to the Medicaid system should prioritize improvement and affordable access to quality care over cost savings.
blank		<b>CONSCIENCE PROTECTION ON ABORTION:</b> Congress should pass legislation to strengthen the enforcement of existing conscience protection laws by establishing a private right of action allowing providers who are discriminated against because of their refusal to perform, refer for or pay for abortions to defend their rights in court.
✓		<b>IMMIGRATION:</b> Congress should pass comprehensive, bipartisan immigration reform providing a path to citizenship for undocumented persons in the U.S., while preserving family unity and restoring due process protections to enforcement policies.
✓		<b>POLICE REFORM:</b> Congress should pass comprehensive legislation that addresses patterns of discrimination and use-of-force by law enforcement officers, through initiatives such as enhanced training, increased accountability, and ending the use of chokeholds.
✓		<b>ENVIRONMENT:</b> In coming years, climate change is poised to impose significant impacts on all lives, especially among the world's poor. To combat this growing threat to our planet and to humanity, Congress should take up and pass legislation, such as a "carbon dividend" proposal that would impose fees on the sales of fossil fuels and distribute to households the funds raised, to encourage them to move away from fossil fuels.

\* = incumbent    ✓ = agree    ✗ = disagree    blank = no response

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**Why should Maryland Catholics vote for you to represent them in Congress?**

**CA Dutch Ruppertsberger\***

**Democrat**

I believe the two most important things in life are faith and family and I share many of the same values and priorities as the Catholic Church. I got into politics because I want to help people and now, more than ever, Washington needs champions for the poor and underserved. We must strengthen Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security and ensure all Americans can access affordable healthcare. I will fight for a fair and compassionate immigration system. I am fighting to preserve tax benefits for charitable giving and ensure programs like Catholic Charities, Head Start and Meals on Wheels get the resources they need.

**Johnny Ray Salling**

**Republican**

No statement provided