

## Form Summary

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<b>Do you support setting a goal for Michigan to transition to 100% renewable electricity by 2050?</b>	Yes
<b>Do you support setting a goal for Michigan to be carbon-neutral by 2050?</b>	Yes
<b>You may elaborate on your position here:</b>	As a Millennial ever-aware of the climate crisis which my generation faces most dauntingly, I am incredibly supportive of transitioning to 100% renewable energy as quickly as possible and by minimizing our reliance on carbon-intensive fuels methodically and expeditiously as we work our way there.
<b>Would you support state general funds or other state funding being directed to programs that support communities and workers most impacted by the climate crisis and the transition to renewables, including programs to retrain workers displaced by the transition off fossil fuels?</b>	Yes
<b>You may elaborate on your position here:</b>	I am glad to see the discussion of systemic inequity and environmental injustice extend to this questionnaire - this year has been a real awakening in districts like mine, and I am glad to see the conversation continued here.
<b>Do you support the decommissioning of the Line 5 oil pipeline in the Straits of Mackinac?</b>	Yes
<b>Do you oppose the building of a Line 5 oil tunnel under the Great Lakes bottomlands?</b>	No

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<b>You may elaborate on your position here:</b>	As I make clear in my Water Plan (b4mi.us), securing Michigan's fresh water is my highest priority, and a crumbling Line 5 in the Mackinac Straits absolutely threatens that security. Line 5 submarine pipelines have consistently failed inspections and must be shut down. Concurrently, however, it is fact that the fuel transported by Line 5 powers much of the U.P. as well as much of Metro Detroit. I believe a bedrock-buried utilities "umbilical cord" connecting our peninsulas is a good idea, with space available for many technologies including electrical, fiber optic, and things yet to be invented.
<b>Do you support lifting the cap on net metering to allow more residents and businesses to participate?</b>	No
<b>Do you support returning to net metering, and providing a fairer price to businesses and residents for the solar energy they generate?</b>	No
<b>You may elaborate on your position here:</b>	While I am all-for individuals and companies doing their part to generate supplemental clean energy on their own, this is a matter of scale, efficiency, and specialization in electricity distribution. Save for some parts of the U.P., Michigan utility companies are no where near hitting the 1% threshold, and individuals who have independent solar panels are still connected to, and rely on, the public electrical grid that all of us pay the maintenance for in our utility bills.
<b>Do you support policy that requires utilities to allow customers to build community renewable energy projects with fair rates?</b>	Yes
<b>You may elaborate on your position here:</b>	On face value, I think this sounds like a good policy. I am cautious, though, that these efforts, while good-intentioned, may backfire to diminish the sense of urgency for our utility companies to transition to renewable sources like solar at a mass-scale basis. Hopefully I am wrong, but I would honestly need to learn more about this policy proposal.
<b>Do you support policies to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs), including EV infrastructure like charging stations?</b>	Yes
<b>Do you support policies and investments of state funds to help local communities and schools switch to electric transit and school buses?</b>	Yes
<b>Do you support policies and investing state funding to increase non-motorized transportation (like walking and biking) in Michigan communities, and to increase access to public transportation?</b>	Yes

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**You may elaborate on your position here:**

While I am a fierce advocate for non-motorized transportation and high-density urban environments that limit the need to travel long distances, I am also the very proud owner/driver of an all-electric Chevrolet Bolt. I absolutely love my Bolt and have grown accustomed to the new lifestyle that having an EV requires. Michigan needs to continue being a leader in EV development, and we need a wide-spread charging network prepared to encourage more folks to transition to EVs.

**Have you signed the No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge?**

No

**You may elaborate on your position here:**

I have not, and thank you for reminding me about it, but rest assured, I have not received any fossil fuel money. I have already spoken at length with utilities like Consumers Energy about how important it is to transition to a carbon-neutral energy grid as soon as possible, and I am hopeful that we can do that here in Michigan within the next decade.

**LAST THING BEFORE YOU GO: Would like to sign up to receive email from Michigan Climate Action Network? We will keep you updated on news about the climate in Michigan, share actions you can take to move the needle, and occasional emails about events to attend.**

Yes, Please