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<b>Upload a photo/headshot of the Candidate (optional)</b>	<a href="#">chris_slat.jpg</a>
<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>	Frankly, 2050 may be too conservative a timeframe. 2050 is the scientific deadline for the world's emissions. Richer and more developed countries like ours will need to move more quickly, and getting to 100% renewable electricity is a precondition to bringing other industries to net zero.
<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'm a strong believer in programs that offer opportunity, especially educational opportunity, to adult workers. This is especially true when the workers are in declining industries like fossil fuel. It's vital that we make sure no worker is left behind in our energy transition. There are two major power plants in my district— a coal plant and a nuclear plant. They employ many people with good, union-backed jobs. We will not be able to pass the climate agenda we need if we can't bring these workers into the solution and make them comfortable with our plan.
<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>	Yes

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<b>You may elaborate on your position here:</b>	I oppose all new fossil fuel infrastructure. The timeline for the Line 5 tunnel is out of step with the timetable given to us for decarbonization by all the world's scientists. In addition, Enbridge (a foreign company) has a track record of accidents, lies, and neglect.
<b>Do you support lifting the cap on net metering to allow more residents and businesses to participate?</b>	Yes
<b>Do you support returning to net metering, and providing a fairer price to businesses and residents for the solar energy they generate?</b>	Yes
<b>You may elaborate on your position here:</b>	I support lifting the caps on renewable energy but we need to make sure it's priced in such a way that considers the costs of running the other infrastructure that makes up the electric grid, not just the costs of generation.
<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>	I think smaller grids and community electrical projects are the future and I think we need to encourage them in Michigan.
<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
<b>You may elaborate on your position here:</b>	Electric vehicles are great but we need to rethink our transportation systems in general and emphasize mass transit and better urban planning. We can't consume our way out of the climate crisis by simply buying more EVs (which are only as clean as the electric grid, and which rely on a lot of materials and precious metals that have their own carbon footprint). By building modern transit systems that don't rely so much on single-occupancy vehicles, we'll also make our communities better, safer places to live and improve the lives of people with disabilities.
<b>Have you signed the No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge?</b>	No
<b>You may elaborate on your position here:</b>	I will, I just haven't done it yet. I am conscious of the No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge and have followed it thus far in my fundraising (in addition to not taking any money from corporate PACs).

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**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