

Form Summary

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Do you support setting a goal for Michigan to transition to 100% renewable electricity by 2050?	Yes
Do you support setting a goal for Michigan to be carbon-neutral by 2050?	Yes
You may elaborate on your position here:	I have had solar hot water and space heating on my home for more than 15 years and have had solar electric since 2013, producing more electricity than we use every year since then. I am proof that it is possible to go 100% renewable in Michigan with existing technology.
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?	Yes
You may elaborate on your position here:	Investing in a green future can stimulate the economy and provide good paying jobs, helping communities that need it most.
Do you support the decommissioning of the Line 5 oil pipeline in the Straits of Mackinac?	Yes
Do you oppose the building of a Line 5 oil tunnel under the Great Lakes bottomlands?	Yes
You may elaborate on your position here:	I definitely oppose the existing Line 5. the proposed tunnel is a trickier question. It may be less risky than shipping oil by boat , truck or train so I am undecided. The perfect solution would be to lessen our dependence on oil to the point that a pipeline is not needed at all, absent that the tunnel *may be* the preferable option.
Do you support lifting the cap on net metering to allow more residents and businesses to participate?	Yes

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Do you support returning to net metering, and providing a fairer price to businesses and residents for the solar energy they generate?	Yes
You may elaborate on your position here:	I have benefited from net metering and helped craft the policy for our local municipal utility; so I understand the importance of providing this useful incentive.
Do you support policy that requires utilities to allow customers to build community renewable energy projects with fair rates?	Yes
You may elaborate on your position here:	Community solar would no only provide more options, but more competition- something both political parties should agree on!
Do you support policies to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs), including EV infrastructure like charging stations?	Yes
Do you support policies and investments of state funds to help local communities and schools switch to electric transit and school buses?	Yes
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?	Yes
You may elaborate on your position here:	<p>I have been an advocate for trails in my community, which have now connected Mishawaka and South Bend Indiana to my hometown of Niles, MI.</p> <p>I agree, as the car state, Michigan needs to led the way in the coming EV revolution.</p>
Have you signed the No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge?	No
You may elaborate on your position here:	First I heard of it, but I will be working on that!
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