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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 written extensively on renewable energy economics and policy. Here are a few op-eds that I have written: <a href="https://ensia.com/voices/climate-crisis-elinor-ostrom-common-pool-resources/">https://ensia.com/voices/climate-crisis-elinor-ostrom-common-pool-resources/</a> <a href="https://www.bridgemi.com/guest-commentary/how-michigan-can-save-money-while-reducing-greenhouse-gases">https://www.bridgemi.com/guest-commentary/how-michigan-can-save-money-while-reducing-greenhouse-gases</a> <a href="https://www.mlive.com/opinion/2014/12/guest_column_climate_policy_is.html">https://www.mlive.com/opinion/2014/12/guest_column_climate_policy_is.html</a>
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:	I wholeheartedly support a just transition to net zero energy systems. For example, I wrote about revenue neutral carbon pricing that recycles the revenue to households. This ensures that low-income households are not burdened by the transition. <a href="https://www.mlive.com/opinion/2014/12/guest_column_climate_policy_is.html">https://www.mlive.com/opinion/2014/12/guest_column_climate_policy_is.html</a>
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:	To reduce the risk of severe climate change and limit warming to 1.5 degrees C, the world needs to reduce its GHG emissions by about 50% by 2030. Building long-lived fossil fuel infrastructure, such as the Line 5 pipeline, is inconsistent with such a pathway.
Do you support lifting the cap on net metering to allow more residents and businesses to participate?	Yes
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 do support policies that encourage home and community scale solar. However, I also understand that the electric utilities pay for maintaining the grid and must have the capacity to take customers back at a moment's notice. Home and community scale solar generators should contribute, in some way, to the maintenance and reliability of the whole system. There are many ways to do that and I would support exploring them.
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:	My family participates in Consumers Energy's Solar Garden at GVSU. This has been a great way to support solar projects because our home site is unsuitable for solar energy. I would support legislation that facilitates more community solar projects as long as they appropriately contribute to the maintenance and stability of the grid.

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<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>	I support all kinds of carbon-free transport options. Public transit is great, but it is also linked to density and zoning. Public transit requires a critical mass of people to function well. Walking and biking are also great options, but land use plans must enable places worth walking and biking to. I drive a hybrid electric Chevy Volt. I definitely support policies that encourage the build-out of charging stations. This might be best done in coordination with the private sector and/or local communities.
<b>Have you signed the No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge?</b>	Yes
<b>You may elaborate on your position here:</b>	I've worked my entire career to build a clean energy system. I will not accept campaign donations from fossil fuel interests.
<b>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.</b>	Yes, Please