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Upload a photo/headshot of the Candidate (optional)	Tobey_under_2mb.png
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:	<p>I don't believe it should take until 2050 to reach carbon neutrality, as British Columbia has reached that benchmark in the public sector already. If Michigan can expedite its efforts at public sector carbon neutrality, that will pressure the private sector to follow suit.</p> <p>Further, there are other countries that have reached 100 percent renewable power and some who are nearing it. If they can do it this soon, there's little to no reason we can't. I believe 2050 is a good benchmark to set, but we should be able to achieve this before that date.</p>
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:	<p>It's going to be hard to determine where and how to reallocate funds, but this is an issue that's important enough to figure it out. Like other areas that I believe need attention, I'll look through the budget and figure out the best way to fund this process, because we can't forget about the real people who will be impacted in a transition. Oftentimes, forgetting to account for them is what delays or prevents progress.</p>
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

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You may elaborate on your position here:	Line 5 has already spilled over a million gallons in its lifetime... That's A MILLION GALLONS of oil into one of the largest source of fresh surface water on earth. We can't take this risk just so a company like Enbridge can profit. Michigan takes all the risk for none of the reward. It has to end.
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:	We should be doing everything possible to encourage more renewable energy use. Net metering was helping and there was no reason to go away from that. I'll do everything I can to persuade colleagues to support it.
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:	I find it interesting and encouraging that Illinois, a state so close to us, is pursuing this. It gives us a blueprint as they're a similar state to ours. I absolutely support this and will be looking into how other localities effectively accomplish.
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:	I want to see more vehicle-free public walkways in urban areas and more bus-only lanes as well as fight for better intra- and interstate mass transit to reduce commuting traffic.
Have you signed the No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge?	No
You may elaborate on your position here:	I don't recall receiving a pledge like that to sign. I have committed to signing no specific pledges, though no commitment negates me from making my own personal pledges to that effect. As I'm self-funding this campaign, it's a moot point, but I will still never take fossil fuel money regardless.

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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