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Upload a photo/headshot of the Candidate (optional)	
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 am not the first to say that climate change is an existential crisis. It can no longer be paid lip service or ignored. I support clean energy initiatives, and I am in favor of increasing Michigan's renewable portfolio standard to 100% by 2050 and making Michigan carbon-neutral by 2050.
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:	A clean and healthy environment is essential to public health. As we are currently seeing, air pollution hurts the overall health of those living in it: those who live in polluted areas are more likely to have asthma, which is an aggravating factor for the COVID-19 infection. Failure to adequately address this issue contributes to the health disparity we see in Michigan for people of color and low-income people.
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:	Enbridge has demonstrated time and time again that they cannot be trusted with a precious natural resource like our Great Lakes. While I empathize with those who see prospective jobs in the construction of a tunnel, I think their faith in Enbridge is misplaced. What's more, the future of energy is not in fossil fuels. Instead of seeing a foreign corporation spend hundreds of millions of dollars on the energy source of the past, I would like to see more resources put into promoting and expanding renewable energy production and use, perhaps through a public-private partnership.
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:	
Do you support policy that requires utilities to allow customers to build community renewable energy projects with fair rates?	Yes
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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>Electric vehicles are the future. It is important to support their use by making it easy for drivers to conveniently charge the vehicles. I co-sponsored all four bills (House Bills 4786 - 4789) in the electric vehicle infrastructure package that was introduced last June. This package would create tax incentives to install EV charging stations, would create the Michigan Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council, and would allow the state to install EV charging stations at "park and ride" lots and state parks.</p> <p>Expanding the use of non-motorized modes of transportation and public transportation will create healthier, more equitable, more prosperous communities.</p>
Have you signed the No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge?	Yes

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Yes, Please