

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:	It's my belief that the benefits of renewable energy, environmental and economic benefits stimulate energy that reduce carbon emission from fossil fuels and provide quality developmental structure to improve air pollution. Also, providing small market companies capabilities to provide adequate financial option to decrease energy cost across the State of Michigan.
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:	The state incentives for navigating General Purpose funding to renewable energy impact large and small communities and create job opportunities are my measure of success for our state. So, it's my responsibility to provide a direction to my colleagues that renewable energy will increase the state financial footprint and direct our efforts from fossil fuel to clean energy saving Michigan millions.
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:	I will stand against establishing Line 5 through our Great Lakes taking away the glamour our lakes and rivers provides to visitors and Michiganders. This pipeline will destroy a key component to our Michigan economy which increase financial sustainability through tourism.
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:	Renewable solar resources biggest benefits is the utility bill savings, and reduce your monthly bills.
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 look at Community solar as a opportunity to establish for profit companies and non-profits and others to install solar panels on its property and sell the energy.
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:	The use of plug-in electric vehicles has the potential to stimulate the reduction of oil usage, air pollution, and greenhouse emissions, while improving electricity demands.
Have you signed the No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge?	No
You may elaborate on your position here:	Make it 2001, I believe that providing Michigan with creative planning to provide healthy energy transitions enhances a stronger economy, environmental sustainability, and job and career training,

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Yes, Please