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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:	2050 is way to far in the future, we need a Marshall Plan for 100% clean, efficient and renewable electric by 2010 or 2015 and we should be carbon neutral by 2030 or 2035.
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:	Retraining displaced workers feels good but it hasn't worked in the past, check with Andrew Yang, he did the MATH. We should be educating and training tuition free for everyone, not just displaced workers, and what displaced workers really need is income and opportunities for meaningful future employment.
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?	No
You may elaborate on your position here:	If the Brits can build a safe tunnel under the English Channel, I'm pretty sure we can build one under the Straights of Mackinaw. This isn't just about fossil fuel, it is about electric and telecommunications. As much as I wish we were, we are NOT moving off fossil fuel soon (did you say 50 years?) Pipeline safety is a big concern for me. Look at all of the tankers that have rolled of rails because we won't build the pipelines! The oil move, the question is whether it will move safely. We need do replace old pipe with new.

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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:	To have the energy distribution grid of the future, we need to wrestle it away from the private sector and make it truly public sector ... publicly owned and managed. There is a great model for this in Texas, or at least there was when I lived there in in 2001-2002.
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:	
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:	Some initiatives in technology are bleeding edge and the private sector is unwilling to take a loss to implement them even when it is obvious that we must change. The public sector can pay an important roll in transitions by transitioning early at the high price and then the private sector can follow as the price drops.
Have you signed the No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge?	No
You may elaborate on your position here:	I am NOT taking money from any corporations, I am only asking for small-modest individual contributions. I will accept money from labor and certain progressive PACS but I am NOT actively seeking it. I may take the pledge later ... I will check it out.
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