

Form Summary

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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:	Sometimes we are forced to state the obvious, so here goes: Climate change is real and humans are contributing to the problem. We must all work together to mitigate the damage that is being done.
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 have held public office for more than 30 years. As a public servant, my primary objective has always been to provide a voice for average people. Public health and safety is something we all deserve no matter our economic status.
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

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You may elaborate on your position here:	We must ensure the safety of our Great Lakes. We must also ensure that our neighbors in the Upper Peninsula have an affordable, reliable way to heat their homes. A tunnel through the bedrock well below the straits may not be a perfect solution, but it will provide plenty of good paying jobs, protect our waters and ensure our neighbors to the north stay warm in the winter.
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 understand the argument made by utilities that buying renewable energy from individual consumers is a less reliable and predictable way to power the grid. Having said that, it is the job of the government to promote sound policy and help to speed change. I believe returning to net metering would reduce carbon emissions and help to slow climate change.
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:	The cost of solar installations has dropped dramatically in the last decade. I believe community solar is great way for everyone to be able to take advantage of this opportunity to go green.
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 have always been a strong advocate for public transportation, and I am very pleased to be working on several pathway projects around Ypsilanti to encourage walking and biking. I am also proud of my advocacy for the American Center for Mobility (based in my district) which is testing autonomous and alternative fuel vehicles even as I write this.
Have you signed the No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge?	No

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You may elaborate on your position here:

Typically, I do not sign pledges. My constituents have elected me to make decisions and enact legislation based on their will and my own best judgment. As circumstances invariably change over time I feel it is counterproductive to bind myself to pledges, other than this one: I pledge to make decisions that I feel are in the best interests of my constituents and the people of Michigan. I will make these decisions in a transparent manor and only after gathering all of the relevant facts and listening to the opinions of all relevant stakeholders - especially my constituents.

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