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A Nonpartisan Resource for Voters in the 2024 Election

Catholic Social Justice teaches that we have a responsibility to participate in politics out of a concern for and commitment to the common good. We are called to engage with openness and empathy, inform ourselves about the issues of the day, partake in serious conversations about our nation’s future, and **vote**.

Here is where the Michigan U.S. Senate candidates stand on the issues.

We invite you to consider this information prayerfully.

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FREEDOM TO LIVE ON A HEALTHY PLANET	Yes. “Climate change is a national security issue.” Helped write the first Pentagon study of climate change impact on U.S. military. Voted for \$369 billion in climate and clean energy, big “ climate investments that will address extreme weather.”	Environment Should addressing climate change be a top priority?	No. Instead of “ mandates ,” invest in “a robust economy and... technology” for a “carbon free economy,... a long way in the future.” Claims building electric vehicles may eliminate “tens of thousands of good-paying jobs.”
	Increase. Supported a \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill and investment in domestic semiconductor chip manufacturing . Wants to keep Chinese-subsidized cars and trucks out of the U.S.	Economy Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	Decrease. “We can stop the spending in Washington that drove up prices.” “ Less regulation means better opportunity in business.” Opposes the electric vehicle push , saying it will cause a “bloodbath” in the auto industry.
FREEDOM FROM HARM	Tighten. Calls for “common-sense restrictions.” Says legislators should talk with young people who have faced gun violence. Sponsored an assault weapons ban. Voted to expand background checks, disarm domestic abusers, and support state “red flag laws.”	Gun Laws Loosen or tighten gun regulations?	Mostly loosen. Voted to prohibit product misuse lawsuits against gun manufacturers. Sponsored a bill to loosen restrictions on interstate gun purchases. Supports background checks but would focus not on guns but “root causes” like mental illness.
	Expand. Voted to enshrine same-sex marriage into federal law. Voted for “access to gender-affirming care for military families.” Voted to prohibit discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.	LGBTQ Rights Limit or expand rights for LGBTQ+ people?	Mixed. Opposes trans athletes in women’s sports. Says people should not be evicted or fired from their jobs for being LGBTQ+. Opposed gay marriage, but now says it’s the law.
	Supported more funding to train and recruit police and give mental health help. Supported bipartisan grants to small police departments. Voted to enhance police accountability. Calls for “fair and transparent policing.”	Criminal Justice How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	“Our families need strong leadership ” to combat “violent criminal gangs coming from Central America.” No position found on local policing.

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FREEDOM TO BE HEALTHY	Increase. "All Americans <u>should have access</u> to healthcare they can afford." <u>Supports</u> the Affordable Care Act. <u>Voted</u> to let Medicare negotiate for lower drug prices and cap insulin at \$35. Issue is " <u>personal</u> ": her mother had to fight insurance companies and declare bankruptcy while fighting ovarian cancer.	Health Care Increase or decrease government support for health care?	Decrease. Voted <u>against</u> the <u>Affordable Care Act</u> (Obamacare), then voted to <u>repeal</u> it. <u>Supported</u> Medicare <u>funding cuts</u> . <u>Opposed</u> federal government negotiating for lower <u>drug prices</u> .
FREEDOM TO LIVE IN A WELCOMING COUNTRY	Mixed: "We can <u>protect</u> our country and treat migrants humanely." <u>Supported</u> bipartisan border security and immigration reform bills. DACA <u>Dreamers</u> are "American in all but name."	Immigration Defend the right to asylum and support a path to citizenship for DACA participants brought to the U.S. as children?	Opposes. Criticizes Biden policies for "wide open border" and <u>allowing</u> "6.2 million illegal border crossings." <u>Reinstate</u> Trump's border policies. In 2014 <u>voted to limit</u> funding for new DACA permits.
FREEDOM TO PARTICIPATE IN A VIBRANT DEMOCRACY	Easier. <u>Sponsored</u> a bill to <u>expand</u> voting opportunities and access. Wants to " <u>protect</u> the vote of every American."	Voting Rights Make voting harder or easier?	Likely harder. About absentee voting and mail-in ballots: "The more they expand the ways you can vote, I <u>do worry</u> " about cheating.
FREEDOM TO CARE FOR OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES	Easier. <u>Voted</u> for the PRO Act, to <u>expand</u> workers' rights to organize and collectively bargain. <u>Bring</u> "critical supply chains and manufacturing" back to the U.S., to create "good-paying, union jobs."	Labor Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	Mixed. Voted <u>to limit</u> National Labor Relations Board action. <u>Voted to limit</u> federal prevailing wage laws on major construction projects. In 2007, <u>sided</u> with management during a strike at GM. <u>Expressed</u> support for a 2023 UAW strike in Michigan.
	Yes. "If you work 40 hours a week, you <u>should not live in poverty</u> ." Raise the minimum gradually to \$17 by 2028.	Minimum Wage Raise federal minimum from \$7.25/hour?	No recent position found. In 2007 <u>voted against</u> raising the minimum to <u>\$7.25</u> per hour.
	Mixed. <u>Voted to keep</u> a student loan payment pause and forgiveness. In response to Biden's debt forgiveness order, <u>said</u> that Congress, not the White House, should decide how to help students.	Student Financial Aid Support lowering interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?	Mostly no. <u>Opposes</u> "blanket forgiveness" on student loans. Borrowers should be able to " <u>get a little bit off</u> " on student loans" by enlisting in the military, becoming a doctor or nurse, or joining service programs.
	Raise. <u>Voted for</u> a 15% minimum tax on large corporations: make "corporations with billion-dollar profits finally pay their fair share in taxes." <u>Supported</u> eliminating tax deductions on ad spending by big drug companies.	Taxes Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	Lower. "There's <u>no tax cut</u> I don't like." A corporate tax is a tax on jobs. <u>Tax cuts</u> "are core, age-old Republican principles" that "hold true." <u>Would</u> consider a lower corporate tax to keep companies in the U.S.