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Healthcare:

Do you support or oppose Medicare for All? **Yes** No

Comment:

Medicare's administrative expenses are on average about 3%.
This model is a cost efficient method that can be used to implement
universal health care.

Warfare:

Do you support reducing the military defense budget of all wasteful
and unnecessary military spending and redirecting those funds to
meeting human needs at home and abroad? **Yes** No

Comment: A reallocation of wasteful spending should also be directed to better services for returning soldiers, measures to promote peace and security and enhanced Intelligence.

Do you support the escalation of troops to Afghanistan as a means to ending our military involvement in Afghanistan? **Yes No**

Do you support redirecting most of the war funding to the rebuilding of Afghanistan's infrastructure, including schools, hospitals and clinics, roads and utilities, and providing employment to Afghanistan's unemployed as means to end US military involvement in Afghanistan and stabilizing the country? **Yes No**

Comment: With the "discovery" of vast amount of natural resources in Afghanistan (that may take many years to recover) all aid should be in the loans.

Do you support closing all military bases in Iraq and bringing home all US troops and military contractors? **Yes No**

Do you support a realignment of US policy towards Israel and Palestine to achieve a more balanced and fair approach between both parties? **Yes**

Comment: The US role must be one of working to secure peace and a two state solution through diplomacy. More honest dialogue and less rhetoric is needed between the Israeli government and Hamas and the Palestinian Authority. Peace, genuine power-sharing and trust are the only real avenues toward a tenable, long-term solution.

Elections:

Do you believe that every voter has the right to have his or her vote counted? **Yes No**

In the case of a too close to call election, or evidence of election tampering, do you support a manual recount of the ballots? **Yes No**

Will you support removing corporate control of elections by prohibiting closed-source voting machines? **Yes No**

Do you support the 2009 Fair Elections Now Act? **Yes No**

Comments: PAC money and corporate interests rather than interested citizens dominate the current election funding system. See my op-ed on Citizen's United and Fair Elections on my website.

Economic Social Justice

Do you support the Employee Free Choice Act? **Yes** No

Do you support the TRADE Act? **Yes** No

Do you support Fair trade as opposed to Free trade? **Yes** No

Do you support a budget freeze, which does not include military spending? Yes **No**

Do you support President Obama's bi-partisan National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, which some claim will be used to balance the budget by reducing the social safety net without reducing defense spending? Yes **No**

Do you support prosecuting individuals for their participation in the Wall Street crash of 2008? **Yes** No

Do you support tough new regulations on Wall Street like those in Glass-Steagall? **Yes** No

Do you support efforts to limit corporate speech? **Yes** No

Do you support gay rights to marry? **Yes** No

Do you support gays openly serving in the military? **Yes** No

Please define your position on Immigration and its relationship to NAFTA and foreign policy. How would you seek to reform this?

The United States is a nation composed of immigrants. My two sets of grandparents came from Italy and Ireland. It is part of what makes our country so strong and vibrant.

I am strongly opposed to the new Arizona law, which encourages racial profiling and may be subject to being abused. It will waste valuable law enforcement resources that can be better used targeting criminals.

With an estimated 12 million illegal aliens now living in our country, we need a clearly defined process to legal status and it needs to be fair and reasonable.

NAFTA has allowed big global corporations to decimate the economies of our trading partners. In Mexico, the agricultural sector has been decimated by cheap exports from American agribusiness. Poverty has increased, the middle class has declined and the gap between the rich and poor citizens has widened.

Trade is a good thing, but what we must begin by negotiating fair trade agreements that reflect the interests of working families in America and other countries, and not just large multinational corporations and the CEOs who help write these trade agreements.

Comments: Corporate greed and predatory lending practices and instruments led to the Wall Street crash of 2008. The corporate culture of greed was encouraged by lax regulations and regulators at the federal level.

Accountability

Will you introduce a bill instructing the House Judiciary Committee to begin impeachment proceedings for Jay Bybee?

Yes No

Will you publicly lobby the chairs of congressional committees to restore the power of subpoena by use of inherent contempt?

Yes No

Will you vote No on bills that fund illegal activities, such as the war in Iraq, the war in Afghanistan, drone attacks, lawless imprisonment, warrantless spying, and torture?

Yes No

Will your answers to the questions above be alterable by pressure from the leaders of your party, your major funders, or the opinions of the corporate media?

Yes **No**

Comments: Politics is the art of compromise to move forward on the issues you and your constituents feel most strongly about.

Energy and Environment

Will you support Larson's America's Energy Security Trust Fund Act of 2009? **Yes** No

Will you protect EPA's regulatory role? **Yes** No
Comment: EPA regulations (ie. allowable limit of toxins and particles) are often not protective of our environment-it is the role of Congress to push for adequate limits and enforcement.

Will you support efforts to encourage a transition to a green and sustainable economy to create new industrial jobs and industrial innovation? **Yes** No

Will you support direct carbon pricing and revenue recycling to households as the preferred mechanism to combat the climate crisis? **Yes** No

Will you support efforts to eliminate mountain-top mining, oil-shale development, and Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)? **Yes** No

Will you support establishing and maintaining tax breaks or credits to taxpayers for upgrading the energy efficiency of their homes, appliances, and automobiles? **Yes** No

Do you support the protection of American wild lands and species, and will you oppose efforts to open our pristine public lands to mineral and energy exploration, drilling, mining, and timber harvesting? **Yes** No

Will you support the Red Rocks Wilderness Act? **Yes** No

How would you address the current effects on commercial fishing caused by super industrial drag net fishing primarily by Russia and Japan? What policy changes would you advocate?

Deep-water trawlers or draggers account for about 80% of the bottom fishing catch from the high seas. In international waters beyond the 200 nautical mile Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs) of coastal countries, many of the fisheries are virtually unregulated. Here fishing fleets operate like roving bandits, using state of the art technologies to plunder the deep seas.

Ironically, this highly destructive form of fishing would be unprofitable without heavy government support.

From an ecological perspective we cannot afford to destroy the deep-sea. From an economic perspective, deep-sea fisheries cannot occur without government subsidies. And the bottom line is that current deep fisheries are not sustainable.

To save healthy marine ecosystems and future fish stocks, we need to see an end to destructive fishing practices and a move towards sustainable fisheries.