

Johnson County Public Policy Council
2018 U.S. Congressional 3rd District Candidate Questionnaire

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United States Congressman

If you are or have been affiliated with a chamber of commerce or other business organization, please list what organization(s) and any leadership positions you have held:

N/A

Other recent political/community experience? (25 words or less)

N/A

As a candidate, what are your top three policy issues? (10 words or less per issue)

Growing the economy, cleaning up government, protecting and defending our country

What are your views on the federal tax policy changes approved last December, known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act? (100 words or less)

Voted yes

What are your views on long-term funding solutions for transportation infrastructure? (75 words or less)

We should craft legislation that rebuilds our infrastructure and helps bring our economy further into the 21st century while utilizing public-private partnerships to help alleviate costs to the taxpayer. Not only roads and bridges, but human infrastructure like public education and biomedical research to cure diseases like cancer and Alzheimers.

What are your views on international trade and tariffs? (75 words or less)

Support free trade agreements that benefit American workers and open up new markets for our businesses, farmers, and ranchers to sell their goods. The Kansas economy heavily depends on trade to sustain thousands upon thousands of jobs.

What role should the federal government have in determining workplace employment practices and benefits offered to employees? (50 words or less)

As minimal as possible, other than to impose a baseline backstop to prevent against improper conduct or violation of the constitutional rights of employees on the basis of protected class status like race, gender, and others.

What are your views on national environmental policy? (50 words or less)

As a member of the Bipartisan Climate Change Caucus in the US House, working towards solutions to protect our environment without imposing undue burdens on businesses or the electric bills of low-income Americans.

What do you see as the federal government's role in workforce development? (50 words or less)

Voted for programs that help move non-violent inmates from prison to the workforce, as well as policies to reform our assistance programs to move people from welfare to work. Also supported programs to help veterans re-integrate into the workforce after serving our country abroad.

What are your views on national immigration policy? Do you support employment-based immigration reforms to assist with workforce shortages in specified industries? (50 words or less)

As Chairman of the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee in the US House, working towards solutions to secure our border, fix our system to encourage legal immigration, addressing the dreamer population and their status, as well as clear out the green card backlog for high skilled visa workers.

What are your views on the Affordable Care Act? (50 words or less)

Voted to repeal and replace with the American Health Care Act, to restore choice and competition to the health insurance marketplace and save our American health care system. Oppose efforts to move to a government-run, socialized medicine system that would throw 160+ million Americans off their private insurance.

What do you believe is the appropriate balance between data privacy and national security? (50 words or less)

Voted against the reauthorization of Section 702 of FISA. Government can and should balance national security with the constitutional rights of law abiding Americans.

What project have you been most proud to work on? (50 words or less)

Leading the charge to secure a 25% increase in medical research funding for cures to diseases like cancer and Alzheimers that affect all Americans, regardless of political affiliation.

What do you believe most distinguishes you from your opponent(s)? (50 words or less)

Experience as an independent problem solver, working for everyone in the district, even if they aren't supporters. Putting Kansas first, ahead of petty partisan differences. All opponents are running outside the mainstream and plan to obstruct any positive legislation from happening in Washington.