

What PACS do or will you accept and reject support from and why?

I would accept donations from any group who I feel is working to make the lives of average Americans better and whose values and goals align with mine. Some examples include labor unions, groups advancing renewable energy, and those advocating for universal free pre-K. I will never accept money from AIPAC, groups representing the fossil fuel industry or Big Tobacco, because they are hurting average Americans. I am unlikely to accept money from PACs representing large corporate or billionaires' interests.

What is your stance on support to Israel?

I believe Israel has a right to exist and defend itself from violent threats. Unfortunately, it is currently run by a far-right, bigoted regime headed by a genocidal war criminal. Until the current regime is replaced by one that stands for equal rights for all people under Israeli rule and a two-state solution, we should not provide military aid or weapons.

Why did you decide to run for office?

I want to make a positive difference in people's lives. I also feel it's my civic duty to stand up against the advancing authoritarianism and corruption of the Trump (nee Republican) Party, to stand for the noble principles of our founding documents and the rule of law, all of which are under threat by the racist Trump/MAGA movement. I believe I have the intelligence, education and empathy needed to make an effective advocate for the constituents in Maryland's 5th Congressional district.

What do you think is the biggest issue facing the average American?

The rising cost of living.

What is your plan to address the rising cost of living and housing?

I advocate for Medicare for all, universal free pre-K, an expanded child tax credit, making inexpensive renewable energy available to every American, expanding the housing supply and other policies to slow the rise in housing costs, and strong labor unions.

What environmental issue is the most concerning for you?

We must quickly move toward a carbon-free energy system. This will bring down costs for everyday Americans. It will reduce pollution and make our air and water cleaner, which will also help reduce certain chronic conditions and thus make us healthier. It will also alleviate the worst negative impacts of climate change, and save money which will be needed to address those impacts.

How will you support green energy?

I support reinstating the consumer tax credits for EVs, solar panels, home electrification and other policies to accelerate the transition to a clean, inexpensive, carbon-free energy system. We must also end all preferential tax and policy treatment for the fossil fuel industry. And I support research investments to develop the clean energy technologies and infrastructure of the future.

What is your stance and approach to universal health care?

We desperately need it. It's absurd and morally indefensible that we live in the richest country ever, we spend twice what other first-world countries spend on health care, yet we get worse outcomes. Medicare for all is our best option, and I will fight like hell to make it a reality.

Which committee would you like to serve and how do you envision that supporting your district?

I would like to serve on the Oversight Committee, because by working to stop the corruption in the Trump administration, the Trump crime family and Trump's Epstein-billionaire pals, and by reinstating the rule of law, we can bring down costs for everyday Americans. I will also work to reinstate most if not all of the federal workers thrown out of work by this corrupt and incompetent regime.

What is your stance on big business integration with the government and how do you intend to address it?

What is your relationship with unions and intent towards supporting them?

I'm a former union member, so I know that it's vitally important that America have a strong labor movement and thriving unions. We need people on the NLRB who will actually advocate for working people. We need policies that make it easier, not harder, to organize union membership. And we need to end "right to work" laws, which are actually "corporations' right to exploit workers" laws.

What is your stance on addressing the rising national debt?

We can end the increase in our national debt and still support American families with the programs I'm proposing by reforming our tax system so corporations and billionaires pay their fair share, and by reprioritizing the federal budget away from helping the ultra-wealthy, corporations, the fossil fuel industry and other special interests. We can also maintain the world's most powerful and advanced military with far less than we currently spend; and we most definitely don't need to increase the military budget to \$1.5 trillion, as Trump and his sycophants want to do.

Do you see grassroots organizations as helpful, harmful, or neutral? Why?

If they are working for progressive causes and/or seeking to make average Americans' lives safer, more equitable and more affordable, then they are being helpful.