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2018 Congressional Questionnaire

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CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION

Candidate Name: _____

Office Sought: _____

I have read the attached questionnaire responses and certify that the information provided is accurate and the opinions stated accurately reflect my own positions.

Candidate Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please complete, sign and return this form via mail to:

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BACKGROUND

1. What, if any, elected or appointed government office(s) have you held?

2. If you have previously held a government office:
 - a. What are the primary issue areas in which you were involved?
 - b. What committees, caucuses or working groups have you served on?
3. If you have not previously held a government office, what community or policy issues have you worked on, and in what capacity? (Please provide the names of two or three individuals who can provide information about your previous work.)
4. Please provide copies of all your significant campaign materials, including position papers, and information on your campaign strategy, expected funding sources, and endorsements.
5. What is your plan to win this race.

ISSUES

Please note: Although many of the following questions may be answered “yes” or “no” you should feel free to elaborate if doing so would provide a clearer statement of your position. If you believe you do not have enough information to answer a question, or have not formed an opinion, say so.

II. Income and Wealth Inequality, and Benefit Programs.

- 1) What is your position on the rate of the estate tax, and to whom it should apply?
- 2) Would you impose a tax on stock and bond transactions? If so, at what rate?
- 3) To what level and by what date would you raise the minimum wage to ensure it provides a sustainable living wage?
- 4) Would you support a single-payer health care system or seek to improve Obamacare, and if the latter, how?
- 5) Would you support universal child care, and/or universal pre-K to reduce poverty?

- 6) Would you support making the choice of union membership less bureaucratic?
- 7) What reforms do you support for the banking system?

III. Campaign Finance and Voting Rights.

- 1) Would you support a publicly financed system of campaign financing?
- 2) Would you support complete transparency regarding the funding of campaigns, including disclosure of all spending by wealthy donors?
- 3) Would you impose an individual and corporate cap on spending that applied to other types of political financing such as Super-PACs, advocacy groups and lobbyists?
- 4) Would you support a Constitutional Amendment establishing that corporations are not people and do not have the rights of citizens, such as free speech or religion?
- 5) What reforms would you support to make it easier to vote in Federal elections? (e.g., early voting, same day registration, a Federal Holiday on Election Day, Federal standards for voting rights in all states, a Constitutional Amendment establishing Voting Rights, restoration of the Voting Rights Act to its original scope)?

IV. Climate Change. Would you support:

- 1) A tax on carbon?
- 2) A full or partial ban on offshore drilling?
- 3) A ban, or other limitation, on fracking?
- 4) A ban on mountaintop removal?
- 5) Raising petroleum fuel economy standards to 65 miles per hour by 2025?
- 6) Legislation requiring 100% clean energy by a date certain and the funding needed to make it a reality?
- 7) Banning new nuclear plants and enacting plans for the ultimate shutdown of existing ones?

V. Immigration. Do you believe we should:

- 1) Provide a path toward citizenship for the 11 million residents who are here without papers?

- 2) Allow non-citizens to buy health insurance under Obamacare?
- 3) Provide humanitarian parole to return unjustly deported immigrants and unify broken families?
- 4) End the dumping of Central American immigrants in dangerous locations in their home countries?
- 5) Allow Syrian refugees and others subject to political violence to settle in this country?

VI. Racial Justice. Do you believe the federal government should:

- 1) Demilitarize local police forces?
- 2) Provide incentives, or mandates, to:
 - a. increase diversity in local police forces?
 - b. require police to use body cameras?
 - c. promote community policing?
- 3) Abolish minimum sentencing?
- 4) Decriminalize possession of marijuana?
- 5) Ban private prisons?
- 6) Ban the box that requires job applicants to declare prior arrests?
- 7) Require that the environmental analysis for a permit for a polluting facility must consider both the disparate and cumulative environmental burden borne by a community?

VII. Women's Rights. Do you believe the federal government should:

- 1) Enact legislation to end wage discrimination based on gender?
- 2) Guarantee affordable child care for every working parent?
- 3) Require employers to provide paid family leave, paid vacation and paid sick days to every American worker?
- 4) Only confirm judges who agree to uphold Roe v. Wade?
- 5) End the ban on federal funding for abortion services?

VIII. War and Peace. Do you think the federal government should:

- 1) Use economic incentives to pressure Israel to end the occupation?
- 2) Support a policy of reducing American military presence around the world?
- 3) Repeal or modify the Patriot Act?
- 4) Bar the US from torturing prisoners under any and all circumstances?
- 5) Cut the defense budget to support spending on social service priorities at home?
- 6) Close Guantanamo?
- 7) Pursue a different policy with North Korea?
- 8) Ban first use of nuclear weapons and renew arms negotiations to lower nuclear stockpiles?

IX. Corporate Tax Policy. Do you think we should:

- 1) Prevent corporations that are American for all practical purposes from avoiding U.S. taxes by claiming to be a foreign company through the establishment of a post office box in a tax haven country?
- 2) Repeal loopholes and tax subsidies throughout the federal tax code that benefit oil, natural gas, and coal special interests?
- 3) Ban corporate inversions that masquerade US corporations as foreign corporations to evade corporate taxes?
- 4) End the carried interest loophole?
- 5) Reverse or modify the Trump tax bill's corporate tax cuts in any particular way?

X. Education

- 1) What is your view of the appropriate role of testing in student and school evaluations?
- 2) How, if at all, should the federal government promote equity in school district funding?

- 3) What role should charter schools play in school districts and how do you believe the federal government should either promote them, restrict them or otherwise regulate them?
- 4) Do you support making public college tuition free? If not, do you have other proposals to reduce the cost of a college education?

XI. Miscellaneous

- 1) How would you repair the country's infrastructure, and to what extent by use of federal, state and local government funds, and to what extent by bringing in private investment?
- 2) How, if at all, do you think U.S. trade policy needs to change?
- 3) What measures would you support to reduce youth unemployment, particularly among minorities?
- 4) How would you reform or repair Social Security?

