

1. Upon your victory in November, you will represent urban and rural residents in your District for the next two years. What are the top three priorities for you in Congress?

1. Gun safety legislation: background checks & safe storage.
2. Healthcare decisions to be between healthcare professionals and patients. Access to abortion for all.
3. Thriving for all: incentivizing the pursuit of meaningful economic growth for all. Child tax credit, attainable housing incentives, first time home buyer incentives, federal funding for infrastructure & waste water management and & resource management, incentives for small businesses. Overall, I will work to incentivize the economic thriving of our District 5 residents.

2. If elected, what specific immigration policy changes and legislation would you support?

As a second-generation immigrant, I not only understand the challenges that immigrant families face, I know what is possible when they re provided with opportunity. I believe most people want to achieve and accomplish for themselves and for their families, if allowed to do so, and District 5 immigrant communities are a testament to that.

We are told again and again that the immigrant population is a threat to our society in one way or another. What we all see, however, is that immigrants are the backbone of our incredible growth here in District 5 and contribute significantly to our communities, and are often working without any protections for their wages or safety.

In Congress, I will advocate for comprehensive immigration reform. There is a problem at our border. There is a solution that is humane and realistic. I will work to provide a clear, safe and fair way to manage the immense numbers at the border. I will advocate for pathways for legal status, with a clear process for legal immigration, as well as decreasing the crime that enters through our border including detection of fentanyl and other dangerous drugs. I will also support sanitary and safe conditions and more trained personnel at the border to humanely treat and process the historic numbers of people at the border.

Unfortunately, our current asylum system is overwhelmed, under-resourced, and often

unjust, leading to unnecessary suffering for those who are already in dire situations.

I will advocate for legislation that increases funding for immigration courts to reduce the backlog of asylum cases, ensuring that those seeking refuge are not left in limbo for years. We also need to expand legal assistance programs to help asylum seekers navigate the complex legal system, which can be particularly daunting for those who do not speak English or are unfamiliar with our laws.

3. Negotiating a budget in the House of Representatives is always tough. As you think about the needs and desires of the people who helped elect you, what area needs significantly more funding?

We need funding for our infrastructure including wastewater management, resource management, mental health support in our communities, education, small businesses, housing, childcare and healthcare.

In Tennessee, our healthcare system is crumbling due to the lack of Medicaid expansion which has led to the closure of rural hospitals and to measurable unnecessary illness and death. I plan to partner with District 5 cities and towns and the State of TN to identify important sources of federal funding for healthcare, education, and infrastructure.

4. Please complete this quote: As your representative in Congress, you can count on me to fight for the safety of women and children, fight for the middle class, and promote peace.

5. Our hope and prayer is that the conflict between Israel and Gaza will be resolved before the new session of Congress. If it has not, what steps would you support to bring peace to the region?

I would actively advocate for peace including hostage return, ceasefire, humanitarian aid, and accountability for military aid.

6. What issue or policy are you most concerned about and how do you plan to

address that topic and support legislation related to it in Congress?

I am very concerned about keeping our democracy intact and getting our rights back in Tennessee. I m concerned about fighting Project 2025 and the continuous curtailing of rights and investment in the people of District 5.