



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN, MICHIGAN

Questionnaire for Michigan U.S. Senate Candidates

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire to educate the voters in our state. Please answer the following questions on specific areas of concern to our members, and email your completed questionnaire to ELECTION.NCJWMI@gmail.com by **Monday, October 5**. If you have questions, please contact Cathy Cantor at ELECTION.NCJWMI@gmail.com or call [248-355-3300, ext. 0](tel:248-355-3300).

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND JUSTICE

Questions:

1. Do you support or oppose restoration of a constitutional right to reproductive freedom, including the right to access abortion, regardless of income, insurance, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, age, or any other factor?

I strongly support statutory and constitutional protections for reproductive freedom, including the right to access abortion, regardless of income, insurance, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or immigration status. I am committed to co-sponsoring the Women's Health Protection Act to codify Roe v. Wade into federal law, passing the Equality Act to prohibit discrimination across healthcare, ensuring immigration status is never a barrier to reproductive healthcare, and guaranteeing full reproductive care with zero out-of-pocket costs for every person through Medicare for All.

2. Do you support or oppose legislation to reverse current law and permit abortion coverage for those who depend on Medicaid and other government-sponsored plans?

I support reversing current coverage restrictions by advocating for the repeal of the Hyde Amendment and the passage of the EACH (Equal Access to Abortion Coverage) Act. No individual should be denied access to safe, comprehensive reproductive healthcare simply because they rely on Medicaid or another government-sponsored health plan.

3. Do you support or oppose legislation to guarantee access to mifepristone (medication abortion) through telemedicine and mail?

I support expanded access to medication abortion (mifepristone) and explicitly oppose efforts to restrict its availability through bans on telemedicine, mail delivery, or off-label use. I stand firmly against ideological political interference in the FDA's scientific review process and oppose the weaponization of the outdated 1873 Comstock Act to block the mailing and distribution of mifepristone.

Please explain your positions and the factors that would guide your vote.

HATE CRIME PREVENTION

Questions:

1. Do you support or oppose federal funding for hate crime training and prevention initiatives designed to improve law enforcement response, assist victims, build community resilience, and enhance security for communities that are at increased risk of bias-motivated violence?

I strongly support federal funding for hate crime prevention, enforcement, and training initiatives. As a doctor and public health leader, I treat bias-motivated violence as a public safety crisis. I have consistently highlighted that hate crimes are severely underreported due to a historic breakdown in trust between law enforcement and marginalized communities, including Jewish, Muslim, Black, Asian, and LGBTQ+ Americans. To build genuine community trust and resilience, I advocate for pairing hate crime prevention resources with structural police accountability, co-sponsoring the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act to end racial profiling, and investing directly in local community violence intervention programs.

2. Do you support or oppose federal legislation to mandate hate crime data collection by the nation's federal, state, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies?

I support federal legislation and policy to ensure comprehensive data collection on hate crimes and civil rights violations across all levels of law enforcement. Drawing on my background in epidemiology and disease surveillance, I believe that accurate, transparent data collection is fundamental to identifying systemic disparities and deploying targeted public safety resources. I explicitly support fully funding federal civil rights offices, such as the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, to maintain extensive data collection, investigate systemic bias, and enforce anti-discrimination laws.

3. Do you support or oppose legislation designed to ensure that education initiatives about antisemitism, including teaching universal lessons about the Holocaust, are included alongside other federal anti-bias awareness and anti-discrimination initiatives?

I support federal education initiatives that teach universal lessons on antisemitism and the Holocaust alongside comprehensive anti-bias awareness. It is critical that we protect the cooption of antisemitism to oppose pro-Palestinian advocacy as inherently antisemitic. I view fighting antisemitism as a fundamental moral obligation and stand firmly against the white nationalist ideology fueling hate crimes against religious minorities. I support an honest, holistic public education curriculum that includes accurate historical instruction on religious, racial, and ethnic persecution.

Please explain your position and the factors that would guide your vote.

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Questions:

1. Do you support or oppose congressional legislation to require universal background checks for all firearm sales — including private sales, online purchases, and gun shows?

I fully support passing congressional legislation, such as the Bipartisan Background Checks Act, to mandate universal background checks on every gun sale in America, closing the dangerous loopholes that currently allow unlicensed sales online, at gun shows, and through private transfers.

2. Do you support or oppose congressional legislation that would prohibit guns at polling places and gun ownership by individuals engaged in domestic violence?

I strongly support federal legislation to prohibit firearms in polling places, government buildings, and other sensitive public spaces. Furthermore, because the presence of a firearm in a domestic dispute drastically increases the risk of homicide, I fully support laws that prohibit individuals convicted of domestic abuse or subject to domestic violence restraining orders from purchasing or possessing firearms.

3. Do you support or oppose federal appropriations to fund research into the nature and magnitude of our nation's epidemic of gun violence and effective prevention strategies.

As a doctor and epidemiologist, I believe we must study gun violence with the same scientific rigor we apply to any other epidemic. I support robust annual federal appropriations—at least \$100 million annually for agencies like the CDC and NIH—to study the root causes, magnitude, and public health impact of gun violence, as well as to evaluate the most effective life-saving prevention strategies.

Please explain your positions and the factors that would guide your vote.

VOTING RIGHTS

Questions:

1. Do you support or oppose congressional legislation designed to restore full Voting Rights Act protections?

I strongly support passing federal legislation to restore and protect the full power of the Voting Rights Act. In the U.S. Senate, I will co-sponsor and prioritize passing a transformative democracy package that includes the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, the Freedom to Vote Act, and the Native American Voting Rights Act to restore preclearance provisions, protect Indigenous communities, and safeguard equal access to the ballot box.

2. Do you believe that discriminatory barriers to voting exist in Michigan now?

If so, what steps would you take to remove those barriers if elected?

Yes, discriminatory barriers to voting continue to exist in Michigan and across the country. Working-class families, low-income communities, students, and voters of color face ongoing obstacles—such as long lines at urban polling sites, arbitrary registration deadlines, aggressive voter roll purges, strict voter ID requirements, and federal threats like the SAVE Act, which imposes onerous documentation requirements that disproportionately disenfranchise women, immigrants, and lower-income voters. If elected, I will fight to remove these barriers by:

- Passing federal standards for universal vote-by-mail, expanded early voting, and making Election Day a national holiday so working people do not have to choose between a paycheck and casting a ballot.
 - Restoring full voting rights to returning citizens exiting incarceration, dismantling Jim Crow-era felony disenfranchisement laws.
 - Fiercely opposing restrictive voter ID laws and proof-of-citizenship bills like the SAVE Act.
 - Eliminating the Senate filibuster so an anti-worker minority cannot block vital voting rights legislation.
 - Granting full D.C. Statehood to end the disenfranchisement of nearly 700,000 residents.
 - Overturning Citizens United and banning corporate dark money in elections so billionaires and special interests cannot buy our democracy.
3. Do you support voter registration reforms, such as automatic voter registration or same-day voter registration? Why or why not?

I fully support voter registration reforms, including automatic voter registration and same-day voter registration. Our democracy is strongest when every eligible citizen can participate fully and freely. Outdated registration requirements and arbitrary deadlines function as subtle forms of voter suppression, creating artificial hurdles for people with demanding work schedules or flexible living situations—who are disproportionately working-class, low-income, or young voters. Enacting automatic and same-day voter registration removes these bureaucratic obstacles, modernizes our election administration, and ensures that every citizen's voice is heard at the ballot box.

Please explain your positions and the factors that would guide your vote.

EDUCATION

Question: Do you support federal legislation to expand the use of public funds available to support students who attend private or religious schools?

I strongly oppose federal legislation to expand the use of public funds for private or religious schools. Education is a fundamental human right and a public good, not a commodity or a profit-generating business. Taxpayer dollars intended for education must remain in public schools to serve all students, rather than being siphoned off into private, religious, or for-profit institutions.

1. What types of legislative proposals would you be most likely to support or oppose, and why?

I would oppose private school vouchers & Education Savings Accounts (ESAs), and privatization & for-profit charter expansion. Siphoning public money into private and for-profit education drains vital resources from traditional public schools, weakens public accountability and transparency, and deepens racial and economic segregation.

I would support fully funding Title I & IDEA, equalizing school funding, universal Pre-K & early childhood care, fair pay for educators, wraparound services & safe infrastructure, and

debt-free higher education. Reinvesting directly in traditional public schools ensures that every child, regardless of race, income, or background, receives a world-class education in a safe, well-resourced environment

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