

Arizona Senate



THE ISSUES

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CAMPAIGN FINANCE Require more disclosure of political donations?	Unclear. Refuses corporate PAC money because its influence has "poisoned our democracy." However, has taken lobbyist money.	No. In 2016 voted against making it easier to see who was funding TV ads. In 2020 called for help from "conservative outside groups."
CLIMATE CHANGE Consider human-caused climate change a serious threat?	Yes. "Left unchecked, climate change poses a threat to Arizona's economy and our way of life. ... In 2018, Phoenix had 128 days over 100 degrees."	No. In 2016 voted against making it easier to see who was funding TV ads. In 2020 called for help from "conservative outside groups."
CLIMATE CHANGE Address as a top priority by taxing or limiting output of greenhouse gases?	Mostly yes. Says "massive investments" in research and development into renewable technology will "create thousands of good-paying jobs in Arizona."	No. Opposed Obama Clean Power Plan , citing impact on Apache generating station. Voted against carbon tax . Opposes "a heavy-handed government approach."
CONTRACEPTION Require health plans to cover birth control?	Unclear. "I'm running to protect health care for all Arizonans," including "any threat to women's reproductive rights."	No. Co-sponsored 2018 legislation that might make birth control more accessible but would free health plans from covering it .
COURTS – SUPREME COURT Pick Ruth Bader Ginsburg replacement now or let November winner choose? See CEEP Supreme Court guide .	"Arizonans will begin casting their ballots in a few weeks and I believe the people elected to the presidency and Senate in November should fill this vacancy."	"This U.S. Senate should vote on President Trump's next nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court."
COVID-19 Agree with Trump administration's reaction to the coronavirus pandemic?	No. Need more testing and access to care . Should have used Defense Production Act to instruct U.S. companies to build critical medical equipment .	Yes. Blames the virus outbreak on China and World Health Organization. In U.S. "everybody is trying to do the best they can" to save lives . Supported using the Defense Production Act.
COVID-19 Support federal financial aid to help states and cities?	Yes. "Congress cannot let Arizona cities and towns go bankrupt in their fight against COVID-19 — that would only hurt Arizonans and our economy."	No. "This is not the time for states and cities ... who have mismanaged their budgets over the course of many decades ... to see you, as a taxpayer in Arizona, as a cash cow."
EDUCATION Support free or subsidized tuition for lower-income people?	Yes. Wants students to have access to higher education without facing "crushing debt" by providing more financial aid and lowering interest rates on federal student loans .	No recent stand found. In 2012 opposed higher-ed funding but in 2014 said Congress should "bring the cost of education down and make it affordable and available."
ENVIRONMENT Tighten or loosen regulations?	Tighten. Calls loosening of regulations on power plants, drilling, and auto efficiency "an unequivocal disaster" for the planet.	Loosen. Led an effort in Congress to "rein in ... overreaching EPA regulations" on water quality, carbon emissions, and ozone.

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FINANCIAL REGULATION Tighten or loosen oversight of banks and credit card companies?	No position found.	Loosen. Voted for 2017 Financial Choice Act , which would have weakened Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.
FOREIGN POLICY Prohibit military attacks on Iran without Congressional approval?	Unclear. Supported U.S. killing of Iranian General Soleimani without such approval. “It’s good that he’s dead.”	No. Voted against requiring Congressional authorization of attacks on Iran.
FOREIGN POLICY Block arms sales to Saudi Arabia?	No position found.	No. Voted against blocking arms sales to Saudi Arabia .
GUN RULES Enact more restrictive legislation on firearms?	Yes. Gun owner co-launched “Giffords,” urging universal background checks to limit mass shootings and “keep guns out of the hands of stalkers and domestic abusers.”	Mixed. Opposed closing loophole at gun show sales but has also supported banning bump stocks and denying guns to the mentally ill .
HEALTH CARE Support Affordable Care Act (ACA), also called Obamacare?	Yes. “400,000 Arizonans ... nearly got kicked off of their health care coverage when [House Republicans] voted to gut the Affordable Care Act. ”	No. Voted twice for repeal . “Obamacare is costing American jobs and driving up our debt.” Has said alternatives should protect pre-existing conditions .
IMMIGRATION Create path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, including “Dreamers” brought to U.S. as kids?	Yes. Says Senate should give a path to citizenship now for “Dreamers” who’ve grown up here and “are contributing to their communities — just like my kids.”	No. Previously supported path to citizenship, but now backs the “Securing America’s Future Act” that limits options to applying for “contingent non-immigrant status.”
IMMIGRATION Support border walls and reduced immigration by limiting visas and asylum?	Mixed. Would strengthen “border security” with tech investments, well-staffed ports of entry and physical barriers “where effective.” But wants “fair and efficient process for immigrants who qualify for asylum.”	Yes. Favored Trump decision to divert money from defense budget to help build the wall . Co-sponsored bill with tough immigration, visa, and border enforcement provisions.
IMPEACHMENT Supported Senate calling witnesses and voting to convict President Trump?	Yes. Says he would have voted Trump guilty on both articles of impeachment and “pushed to hear from firsthand witnesses.”	No. Voted against Trump’s impeachment conviction and against calling witnesses . Called impeachment “disruptive and divisive.”
LEGAL ABORTION Keep legal or ban?	Legal. “Supports every woman’s right to choose how and when to start her family.”	Ban. “I’m pro-life” with exceptions for rape, incest, and mother’s life.
LGBTQ RIGHTS Support same-sex marriage?	Yes. “It’s wrong that LGBTQ Arizonans can be married one day and fired for that marriage the next day.”	Mixed. Said in 2013 she believed marriage is between one man and one woman , but later accepted same-sex marriage as the law .
PLANNED PARENTHOOD Support Planned Parenthood receiving government funds for non-abortion-related care?	Yes. Endorsed by Planned Parenthood Action Fund. Will “reject efforts to make it harder for women to access vital health care services.”	No. Voted to let states deny Medicaid funding to health care providers who perform abortions. Supported health care plan that would have cut Planned Parenthood funding .
POLICE/COMMUNITY ISSUES Restrict police use of force and increase public oversight?	Mostly yes. Would reform policing with “action, transparency, and independent oversight,” and would address “racial justice issues in our country that threaten Black lives.”	Mixed. Supported incentives to not use chokeholds, add more bodycams, and improve de-escalation training, but not to ban chokeholds or no-knock warrants , or make it easier to sue for police brutality.
TAXES Supported administration’s \$1.9 trillion (2017) tax cuts?	No. Opposes tax cuts to the wealthy because “I think we need to be looking out for the middle class.”	Yes. Voted for tax cuts as U.S. Representative . Said average taxpayer in her congressional district saved \$1,029 .

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