

# Texas US Senate 2024

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### ABORTION

Ban or legal?

**Legal.** Would work “to [protect](#) the freedoms and rights of women.” Calls Texas’s abortion ban “[cruel](#).” [Sponsored](#) bills to enshrine federal rights to [abortion](#) and [out-of-state](#) services.

**Ban.** Supreme Court reversing Roe v. Wade is “a [massive victory](#) for life.” [Opposed](#) putting the right to abortion into federal law. In 2016 [said](#) there should be no exceptions for rape or incest. [Sponsored](#) a bill [criminalizing](#) performing abortions after 20 weeks.

### CLIMATE

Should climate change be a top priority?

**Yes.** Is “incredibly [concerned](#)” about climate. Supports being “[aggressive](#)” about emission reductions while being “[realistic](#)” and [innovative](#). [Natural gas](#) is “important,” but “we can find...reductions” and increase carbon capture.

**No.** Voted [against](#) funding [\\$369 billion](#) in climate and clean energy initiatives. [Pushed](#) for Trump to pull out of the Paris pact to reduce global warming. A tax on methane emissions represents a “[radical climate agenda](#).”

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE

How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?

Supports “[common-sense reforms](#) that will restore trust in our law enforcement and ensure justice.” [Voted for](#) holding police [accountable](#), addressing racial profiling, and limiting use of force. [Sponsored](#) a bill to encourage police use of “[de-escalation](#) tools.”

Police are “[under attack](#).” [Sponsored](#) bills strengthening [protections](#) for police and [having](#) recruits work in their own communities. Said January 6 U.S. Capitol stormers were [prosecuted](#) more than Black Lives Matter protesters he called “[terrorists](#).”

### ECONOMY

Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?

**Increase.** [Voted for](#) a bipartisan bill to provide [funding](#) for infrastructure.

**Decrease.** [Voted against](#) the bipartisan infrastructure bill, calling it “[reckless](#).”

### ELECTIONS

Did Joe Biden win the 2020 Presidential election?

**Yes.** In November 2020, [said](#) “After voting in record numbers, Americans have chosen Joe Biden as their President.”

**No.** In 2021 [rejected](#) Electoral College results from some states; [called](#) for a commission to audit results. Voted [against impeaching](#) Trump for inciting insurrection.

### ENVIRONMENT

Loosen or tighten environmental regulations?

**Tighten.** [Voted](#) for fund [to plug](#) orphaned oil and gas wells and to [track](#) greenhouse gases. [Voted to keep](#) aid to low-income areas for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and to keep a tax on methane emissions.

**Loosen.** [Opposed](#) EPA’s air quality regulations. [Opposed](#) a NASA rule requiring contractors to disclose greenhouse gas emissions. [Sponsored](#) a bill to [repeal](#) an EPA limit on vehicle emissions.

### GUN LAWS

Loosen or tighten gun regulation?

**Tighten.** [Supports](#) “common-sense” laws to “[reduce](#) gun violence and save lives.” [Voted](#) to implement “[red flag](#)” laws, [raise](#) the legal age to buy some rifles, & [expand](#) background checks. [Sponsored](#) an assault weapons [ban](#).

**Loosen.** [Opposed](#) bipartisan [gun safety bill](#), with [expanded](#) background checks; it would “keep guns from [law-abiding](#) owners.” Wants “[more](#) police officers” in schools. The Second Amendment “shall [not](#) be infringed.”

ISSUES	ALLRED (D)	CRUZ (R)
<b>HEALTHCARE</b> Increase or decrease government support for healthcare? Support or oppose Obamacare?	<b>Increase.</b> <a href="#">Supported lowering</a> drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries. <a href="#">Sponsored</a> a bill directing \$442 million to <a href="#">upgrade</a> veterans' healthcare facilities in Texas. <a href="#">Supports</a> Obamacare, and in 2019 <a href="#">condemned</a> repeal attempt.	<b>Decrease.</b> People should "manage their own healthcare, <a href="#">not</a> the bureaucracy." <a href="#">Opposed</a> a bill <a href="#">reducing</a> drug prices. Would "revisit" the effort to <a href="#">replace</a> Obamacare.
<b>IMMIGRATION</b> How to handle immigration and the border? Support a path to citizenship for "DACA" participants brought to the US as children?	Supports a <a href="#">federal</a> , bipartisan policy that " <a href="#">secures</a> the border" and " <a href="#">modernizes</a> our asylum system." Supports Biden's expanded <a href="#">border wall</a> . <a href="#">Denounced</a> open-borders policies. <a href="#">Sponsored</a> a bill to secure the border and grant a <a href="#">phased pathway</a> to legal status. " <a href="#">Border security</a> does not mean being brutal." Would <a href="#">protect</a> DACA.	<a href="#">Supports</a> a wall, harsher asylum and visa standards, more border patrol agents. <a href="#">Calls</a> Biden's expanded border wall "window dressing." <a href="#">Sponsored</a> a bill to <a href="#">end</a> benefits and increase fines and fees on migrants and build a wall. <a href="#">Sponsored</a> a bill letting local law enforcement cooperate with DHS. Opposes DACA: "Obama's executive amnesty was <a href="#">illegal</a> ."
<b>LABOR</b> Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	<b>Easier.</b> "It's critical that we <a href="#">protect</a> the right to organize." <a href="#">Supported</a> the PRO Act providing protections for workers trying to <a href="#">organize</a> . Is <a href="#">endorsed</a> by the Texas AFL-CIO.	<b>Mixed.</b> <a href="#">Opposed</a> USDA's partnering with a farmworkers' union in an agricultural pilot program. <a href="#">Supported</a> increasing rail union workers' <a href="#">number of paid sick days</a> .
<b>LGBTQ RIGHTS</b> Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	<b>Expand.</b> "LGBTQ+ Texans deserve a Senator who will listen to and <a href="#">fight</a> for them." <a href="#">Sponsored</a> two <a href="#">bills</a> guaranteeing federal <a href="#">civil rights</a> protections for LGBTQ+ Americans and <a href="#">same-sex</a> couples.	<b>Limit.</b> <a href="#">Opposed</a> a ban on discrimination against LGBTQ+ people. <a href="#">Opposed</a> federal protection of same-sex marriage: <a href="#">each state</a> should decide. <a href="#">Sponsored</a> a bill <a href="#">banning</a> trans athletes in women's sports.
<b>MARIJUANA</b> Ban or legal.	<b>Legal.</b> <a href="#">Praised</a> Biden's pardoning of federal offenses of marijuana possession. <a href="#">Voted to streamline</a> research on marijuana and <a href="#">to decriminalize</a> it nationally.	<b>No recent position found.</b> In 2018: " <a href="#">Different states</a> can resolve it differently. So in Texas...I would vote <a href="#">against</a> legalizing it," but Texans should "make that decision."
<b>MINIMUM WAGE</b> Raise federal minimum from \$7.25/hr?	<b>Yes.</b> "I'm running for Senate to <a href="#">fight for</a> \$15/hr." In 2019 <a href="#">voted</a> to raise the federal minimum wage to <a href="#">\$15</a> per hour.	<b>No.</b> <a href="#">Opposed raising</a> the minimum wage to \$15 an hour. <a href="#">Wage increases</a> mean that people lose jobs; "the most vulnerable" are hurt.
<b>STUDENT FINANCIAL AID</b> Support lowering interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?	<b>Yes.</b> Supports reducing and forgiving loans. "Too many Texans are <a href="#">burdened</a> by student loan debt." <a href="#">Supports</a> Biden's SAVE plan to <a href="#">cut</a> monthly repayments.	<b>No.</b> "Biden's decision to 'cancel' student loan debt is <a href="#">illegal</a> ." People getting loans canceled are " <a href="#">slacker baristas</a> ." Voted to <a href="#">repeal</a> loan payment suspension.
<b>TAXES</b> Should corporations and wealthier individuals pay less or more taxes?	<b>More.</b> <a href="#">Voted to</a> require a 15% <a href="#">corporate minimum tax</a> . <a href="#">Criticized</a> the 2017 Trump tax bill for prioritizing "tax cuts to billionaires and corporations." <a href="#">Supports</a> a bill "to <a href="#">expand and extend</a> the Child Tax Credit."	<b>Less.</b> <a href="#">Voted against</a> requiring a 15% <a href="#">corporate minimum tax</a> . <a href="#">Supported</a> the 2017 Trump tax bill with the largest corporate tax <a href="#">cut</a> in US history. "We should stop the weaponization of the tax code, <a href="#">abolish the IRS</a> , and start over."
<b>VOTING RULES</b> Make voting harder or easier?	<b>Easier.</b> Supports "making it <a href="#">easier</a> " to vote. <a href="#">Opposes</a> restricting "access to polling places." Supports voting by <a href="#">mail</a> and <a href="#">early</a> voting. <a href="#">Voted to expand</a> registration and voting access, and make states get federal <a href="#">preclearance</a> for voting law changes.	<b>Harder.</b> <a href="#">Opposed</a> banning states from restricting voting access, saying it " <a href="#">strikes down</a> virtually every voter integrity law" and allows "ballot harvesting." <a href="#">Would require citizenship</a> proof for mail-in voter registration. <a href="#">Opposed expanding</a> voting access.

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