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ABORTION Ban or legal?	Mixed. “I respect the decisions made by the Supreme Court to push abortion down to the state level.” “Abortion should be safe, legal , and most importantly rare.” Opposes a federal abortion ban; it’s a state-level , not federal, issue. Would not say if she would support or oppose anti-abortion Supreme Court nominees.	Legal. “A woman has a right to make her own health care decisions without the government getting between her and her medical providers. That right should not depend on what state she lives in.” Introduced a bill federally funding expansion of abortion services where it remains legal. Supports access to the abortion pill mifepristone .
CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority?	Mostly no. Opposes “the radical climate change agenda.” “Oil and gas production is not the problem.... The problem is emissions.” Promises to be “the most pro-oil and gas senator.” Supports including oil, gas, nuclear, solar, and wind energy.	Yes. Climate change “poses an existential threat to our land and water.” Voted to commit \$369 billion to climate and clean energy, the biggest investment in US history. Urged the EPA to tighten emission standards. Added an electric appliance rebate to a major climate action bill in 2022.
CRIMINAL JUSTICE How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	“Will back law enforcement, making sure they have the support and resources they need to be successful.” “When law enforcement is unsupported crime increases.” “Albuquerque police officers are quitting... because they are hindered from doing their jobs effectively.”	“I’m focused on tools they need to both prevent violent crime & solve it.” Secured funding for police to track shell casings and track fentanyl . Sponsored bills to strengthen federal and state govts' ability to investigate “problematic police departments” and to ban police use of chokeholds & improve training.
ECONOMY Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	Decrease. “Right now, this country, this state, this city is suffering from inflation and high interest rates. That’s because we had massive federal spending.” “ Radical regulations ” are hurting job growth.	Increase. Will “ fight for ... investments that cut costs,” secure investments for agriculture, increase funding for technology and building infrastructure. Voted for federal funding increasing semiconductor manufacturing in the state.
EDUCATION Give teachers tax credits?	No. Opposes a “partisan, union-backed” bill to create tax credits for teachers.	Yes. Sponsored a bill to give tax credits to teachers to address a public school teacher shortage serving “high need” students.
ELECTIONS Did Joe Biden win the 2020 Presidential election?	Yes. “And our country and state are worse off because of it.” Earlier declined to answer questions about this and canceled a radio interview that asked the question in advance.	Yes. “The American people have elected Joe Biden fair and square.”
ENVIRONMENT Loosen or tighten environmental regulations?	Loosen. “The radical progressives overprioritize ” “environmental concerns.” “The ‘clean and green’ issue is no longer a priority concern for New Mexicans.” Opposes “never-ending regulations that impose costly compliance.” Opposes more wilderness areas.	Tighten. Calls for the EPA to set stronger regulations on emissions. Cosponsored a bill reducing “forever chemicals.” Introduced a bill protecting fish and wildlife habitat. Supported funding for a wetland conservation measure.

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GUN LAWS Loosen or tighten gun regulation?	Loosen. “ Supports the Second Amendment and the right of law-abiding citizens to ‘keep and bear arms.’” “ Will oppose gun bans.”	Tighten. “ Grew up inside gun culture.” Introduced a bill limiting the magazine size for assault rifles. Sponsored a bill banning the sale of bump stock devices. Voted to enhance background checks & support “red flag” laws.
HEALTHCARE Increase or decrease government support for healthcare?	Increase. “ Will prioritize ” lowering prescription drug costs, protecting Medicare and Medicaid, and upgrading healthcare quality. Supports mental health care for inmates.	Increase. Supported Obamacare. Supported empowering Medicare to negotiate drug prices. Sponsored a bill to expand Medicaid coverage for doulas and midwives for mothers. Voted for \$35 Medicare insulin cap .
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for “DACA” participants brought to the US as children?	“Open border policies have created mayhem ” and “invited lawlessness.” Fund “the Border Patrol,” build “physical barriers,” and end “the abuse of the asylum process.” Return to Trump’s “Remain in Mexico” policy. No position found on DACA.	Supports “border security” by increasing funding to combat fentanyl, hire additional border agents, and buy more surveillance technology. Voted for a bipartisan border security and immigration reform bill. Supports providing DACA “Dreamers a swift path to full citizenship.”
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	No position found.	Easier. “We need to make it easier to join a union, not harder. That means passing the PRO Act [protecting right to organize] once and for all and expanding worker’s rights.”
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	No position found.	Expand. “ Pass the #EqualityAct to ban discrimination against LGBTQ+ Americans.” Voted to federally recognize same-sex marriage.
MARIJUANA Ban or legal?	No position found.	Legal. “In New Mexico, cannabis is a billion dollar industry. Let's make that true across the U.S.” Sponsored a bill to protect financial institutions serving marijuana businesses.
MINIMUM WAGE Raise the federal minimum from \$7.25 per hour?	Unclear. “\$7 is very, very low . But when you talk about the minimum wage, you have to understand: Are we going to create jobs or lose jobs.” High labor costs are “a big problem for many companies.”	Yes. Voted in 2021 to raise to \$15 over five years. In 2015, sponsored a bill to raise it to \$12 by 2020: “It’s time we give families a fair shot to get ahead and raise the federal minimum wage.”
STUDENT FINANCIAL AID Support lowering interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?	No position found.	Yes. “ Canceling student loan debt is only part of the answer—we must make college more affordable.” Supported student loan payment forgiveness . In 2019 sponsored a bill to allow loan refinancing at lower rates.
TAXES Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	No position found.	Raise. Supports a tax code that is “no longer rigged in favor of corporations and the ultra-rich.” Opposed a 2017 \$1.5 trillion tax bill that lowered corporate & top-bracket tax rates. It rewards “wealthy friends and corporations.”
VOTING RULES Make voting harder or easier?	No position found.	Easier. “Right to vote” should be “secure, accessible, and easy to navigate.” Supported regulating discriminatory voting practices in states. Sponsored a bill expanding voter registration and voting access.

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