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THE ISSUES

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ABORTION Ban or legal?	Mixed. Supports New York's 24-week abortion law. Opposes codifying Roe v. Wade into federal law. Opposes a national ban on abortion; says states should decide. In 2019 voted against codifying abortion rights into New York State law.	Legal. Said overturning Roe v. Wade "would have devastating consequences for women." Voted to protect abortion access across state lines. Voted to prohibit governmental restrictions on abortion access. "Abortion must remain safe, legal."
CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority?	Mostly yes. "The weather is changing , that's a fact." Would "focus on building storm resiliency." Calls for wind, solar, batteries, and natural gas. Opposes "the Green New Deal, banning gas stoves" and EV mandates. In 2019 voted against a New York Climate Act , citing its " exorbitant cost " in subsidies for alternative energy.	Yes. "Climate change is real ." Voted for \$369 billion in clean energy investments. Sponsored a bill to " restore the clean energy tax credits." Opposes the EPA's rollback of its Endangerment Finding, which regulates greenhouse gas emissions. Is " fighting for [clean, reliable, and affordable energy] in Congress."
CRIMINAL JUSTICE How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	Supports "stronger penalties for violent crime and increased resources for law enforcement." In 2020 voted against criminalizing police chokeholds in New York that result in "serious physical injury or death." In 2020 said "bail 'reform' has brought mayhem to our streets."	"Fully funding our law enforcement...should be a top priority." Calls for "community policing." In 2021 sponsored a bill to ban racial profiling and no-knock warrants, require body cameras, and limit qualified immunity . Supports giving judges more discretion in setting bail.
ECONOMY Cut or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	Mixed. Supports "making it easier [for families] to buy a home" by cutting "red tape." Supports a "unified crypto regulatory framework that defends freedom." In 2019 sponsored a bill to "reduce regulatory burdens on small businesses" in New York. In 2019 called for \$150 million in additional state infrastructure funding.	Mostly increase. Voted for \$280 billion to boost the semiconductor chip industry. In 2021 voted for \$1 trillion in infrastructure funding. Voted to prevent energy price gouging during an emergency. Would "cut red tape" to "build energy projects faster." Would "rein in federal spending" to reduce "pressure on interest rates."
EDUCATION Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?	Yes. Supports "school choice, including school voucher programs, tax credits, charter schools, private schools, and home schools."	Likely no. In 2018 signed a letter opposing a "school voucher or privatization amendment" in a defense budget.
ENVIRONMENT Loosen or tighten environmental regulation?	Mostly tighten. Says " protecting our ecosystems, wildlife, and waterways" is a top priority. In 2019 co-chaired a NY task force to tackle water quality issues; "The time to act is now, and act we shall." In 2019 sponsored a state bill to ban a carcinogen. Voted against an amendment to the state constitution guaranteeing "a right to clean air and water, and a healthful environment."	Tighten. "I'm committed to ensuring our drinking water is clean, the Long Island Sound...is protected, and the air we breathe is free from pollution." Voted against undoing controls on companies emitting seven major hazardous pollutants. Sponsored a bill to fund conservation of threatened plants and wildlife. Voted against weakening the Clean Water Act.

ISSUES	LIPETRI (R)	SUOZZI (D)
GUN LAWS Loosen or tighten gun laws?	Mostly loosen. “I support the 2nd Amendment and defend the rights of law-abiding Americans.” Opposes an assault weapons ban. Sponsored a 2019 bill to allow off-duty peace officers to carry guns. In 2019 voted against establishing state red flag laws; voted to ban undetectable firearms.	Tighten. “I will continue working...to promote gun violence prevention.” In 2021 sponsored four bills to ban assault weapons, to establish federal red flag laws, to regulate ghost guns and undetectable firearms, and to extend wait periods for background checks on gun buyers.
HEALTHCARE Increase or decrease government support for healthcare?	Mixed. Says “individuals and families” should have “control,” not “insurance companies and bureaucrats.” Opposes federal Medicare for All and NY “ government run healthcare.” In 2019 sponsored a bill to require health insurance to cover annual mammograms for women over 35.	Increase. Voted against a bill that cut Medicaid; said the cut is “unacceptable.” Voted to extend Affordable Care Act subsidies for 3 years. Voted to allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices and cap insulin at \$35/month. “No one should have to choose between...health and...financial security.”
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration?	“We must... deport those criminals here illegally.” Supports ending “asylum loopholes” and “catch and release.” Opposes sanctuary cities. Would expand “legal pathways for merit-based immigration.” “I fully support ICE.” In 2019 supported having a process to give Dreamers “legal resident status.” In 2020 introduced a bill to permit the New York DMV to share immigration status information with ICE.	“We need to secure our border, fix the broken asylum system, and legalize people that have been living here peacefully for years.” Sponsored a bill to reform ICE and “fully fund DHS.” In 2021, voted to give certain Dreamers a pathway to permanent residence status.
IRAN WAR Support the war in Iran?	Yes. On the first day of the Iran war said, “We are defending American interests and bringing PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH.” Says the U.S.’s “future survival depends on this destruction of the IRGC .”	No. Said the war was “not really very well thought out.” Voted five times to require Congressional authorization for military action in Iran. “Iran can never be allowed to obtain nuclear capabilities.”
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize workers?	Likely easier. “I know that it’s the men and women of labor who keep this country moving!” Is “ honored to have the support of labor.”	Easier. “ Labor built this country.” Sponsored a bill in 2021 to expand and protect employees’ organizing and collective bargaining rights. Co-chaired the House Labor Caucus, which advances the priorities of workers and the labor movement.
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Mixed. Supported a Nassau County ban on transgender athletes in girls’ sports. “Biological men should never compete in female sports or use female locker rooms or bathrooms.” In 2019, voted to ban conversion therapy on minors.	Mostly expand. Sponsored a bill for federal recognition of same-sex marriages. In 2024 said “I don’t think biological boys should be playing in girls’ sports.” In 2025, voted against banning transgender students from women’s sports. In 2019 sponsored a bill banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.
MINIMUM WAGE Raise the federal minimum from \$7.25 per hour?	No position found.	Yes. Sponsored a bill to raise the federal minimum wage to \$17 by 2030.
TAXES Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	Lower. Supports the extension of the 2017 Trump tax cuts, which gave a break for the very wealthy and the largest one-time cut in the corporate tax rate. Would build “off the success” of those cuts.	Raise. Voted against extending the 2017 Trump tax cuts; “why would we be providing ...tax breaks for some of the wealthiest Americans in our country?” Voted to impose a corporate minimum tax.
VOTING RULES Make voting harder or easier?	Harder. Supports a bill to require proof of U.S. citizenship when registering to vote in a federal election. Supports voter ID. In 2019 voted against voter registration on election day, against early voting , against expanding vote by mail , and against voter pre-registration for 16-year-olds.	Easier. Voted against requiring proof of U.S. citizenship when registering to vote in a federal election. Sponsored a bill to require certain states to get preapproval for changes in voting practices. “We must push to protect and expand the right to vote.”

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