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THE ISSUES

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ABORTION Ban or legal?	Ban. Voted against shielding patients from criminal investigations in their home states for traveling to Washington for abortion care. Voted against requiring health insurance to cover reproductive care, including lawful abortions. Said “the people have spoken” in passing a state law allowing abortions up to about 24 weeks.	Legal. Would “do whatever it takes to prevent a national abortion ban.” Twice sponsored bills to protect access to out-of-state abortion services. Introduced a bill protecting access to medication abortion, as in via telehealth. “ Reproductive care is already scarce in rural communities like mine. A ban on mifepristone will only make that worse.”
CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority?	Mostly no. In 2021 voted against reducing carbon intensity in transportation fuel. Voted against the Climate Commitment Act, requiring net zero emissions by 2050. In 2025 said there was no “proof” these policies lowered “greenhouse-gas emissions.” Proposed expanding state’s “clean hydropower” and enabling carbon capture.	Mixed. “Climate change is real and is man-made.” Introduced a bill to bolster climate adaptation and mitigation practices on farmland. Said the WA Climate Commitment Act “got the equation wrong.” Proposed “making greener energy cheaper than fossil fuels.” Voted to repeal clean energy provisions in the Inflation Reduction Act.
CRIMINAL JUSTICE How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	“I’ll always stand with law enforcement.” Opposes “soft-on-crime bills” that “hinder...prosecution, limit penalties, and let criminals get out of custody early.” In 2021 voted against banning chokeholds and no-knock warrants , and requiring probable cause for police vehicle pursuits.	Sponsored a bill to fund small police departments for de-escalation training, recruitment, and retention. Supports “stricter punishments for sale and possession” of drugs and “expanded access to treatment.” Voted to lower the age to 14 for juveniles to be tried as adults in Washington, D.C.
ECONOMY Cut or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	Decrease. Would “cut wasteful spending that feeds inflation” and “reduce red tape on small manufacturers.” Would “push for a pro-growth, pro-work agenda.” Would “stop adding taxes and regulations.” Rent control laws “ will ...increase the cost of rent in the long run.” Introduced a bill to “ prevent unfair inside access to housing grants” in a program funding economic & housing options.	Mostly increase. Helped secure \$600 million in federal funds to repair the I-5 Bridge. Introduced a bill to stop big box corporations from “using their size to force suppliers into charging smaller businesses more.” Introduced a right-to-repair bill: “We deserve the right to fix our own stuff.” Voted to loosen regulation of the crypto industry. “ Streamline ... application process for SBA loans.”
EDUCATION Limit teaching about racism and gender identity?	Yes. Voted against requiring the teaching of LGBTQ and diverse racial & ethnic histories and contributions in PA schools. Sponsored a bill to give parents the right to inspect school materials.	Unclear. Voted against giving parents the right to review elementary and secondary school curriculum and inspect reading materials.
ENVIRONMENT Loosen or tighten environmental regulation?	Mixed. Says “environmental extremism” has harmed timber industry. “We can log effectively ...while protecting our environment.” Opposed a bill increasing recyclable items. Sponsored a bill to increase funding for “clean air, clean water, toxic cleanup.” Supports “funding for removal” of “sea lions on the Columbia” for salmon returns.	Mixed. Voted to give mining companies more access to federal lands. Voted to repeal a federal policy to enhance the conservation of public lands. Opposes the use of “environment-killing plastics.” Introduced a bill to allow Tribes to kill sea lions that prey on endangered salmon in the Lower Columbia River.

ISSUES	BRAUN (R)	GLUESENKAMP PEREZ (D)
GUN LAWS Loosen or tighten gun laws?	Loosen. “I will defend the Second Amendment.” Voted against an assault weapon ban . Voted against requiring background checks , a 10-day waiting period, and safety training before purchasing a gun. Said blaming crime on access to guns “isn’t making our communities safer.”	Mixed. “I support the 2nd Amendment.” Opposes an assault weapons ban. Supports raising the assault weapon age to 21. Supports background checks and “red flag” laws. Sponsored bills to exempt firearm silencers and “less-than-lethal” weapons from regulation under Gun Control Act.
HEALTHCARE Increase or decrease government support for healthcare?	Decrease. Supports a bill that cut Medicaid. Says the new eligibility requirements for Medicaid “prevent waste, fraud and abuse of tax dollars.” Says the Affordable Care Act allowed “able-bodied, working age” adults into Medicaid. Voted against creating a prescription drug affordability board to lower prescription drug costs.	Increase. Voted against a bill that cut Medicaid: “It strips even more Americans of healthcare coverage.” Sponsored a bill to extend Affordable Care Act subsidies. Introduced a bill to lower healthcare costs by ending “unauthorized” plan changes and “hidden” prices. “ Affordable health insurance and prescription drugs are imperative.”
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration?	Says the Trump administration has secured our borders “in a good way.” Would “tighten asylum loopholes” and “hire and equip more agents.” Sponsored a bill to limit local law enforcement’s role in immigration enforcement. Supports “a legal immigration system...within the rule of law.”	In 2025, voted against increasing ICE funding by \$75 billion. In early 2026, voted for a DHS funding package; says she supported the “reforms” and “ guardrails ” on ICE in the bill. In June of 2026, voted against raising DHS funding by \$70 billion. Supports a “secure border.”
IRAN WAR Support the war in Iran?	Mostly yes. Says “ peace in the Middle East” can’t be achieved while “Iran has nuclear weapons.” “It’s a problem we have to deal with.” Says the war is “not something I think our country will support long term.” “We get in, we accomplish our objectives, and we get out.”	No. “I do not support this war. It doesn’t make America more secure or prosperous.” Voted five times to require Congressional authorization for U.S. military action in Iran. “It should not be discounted [that] Iran has been the largest state sponsor of terrorism in the globe.”
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize workers?	Mostly harder. Voted to deny unemployment benefits to striking workers; called such benefits “deeply unfair.” Voted against expanding bargaining rights for certain student employees. “I’m not anti-union.”	Easier. Sponsored the PRO Act , protecting employees’ organizing and bargaining rights. Sponsored a bill giving public employees the right to join a union and bargain collectively. Voted to restore federal employees’ bargaining rights.
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Limit. Voted against giving unsheltered minors access to gender-affirming care without notifying their estranged parents. In 2018, voted against banning conversion therapy in Washington state. “Biological men DO NOT belong in women’s sports. Period.”	Mostly expand. Sponsored a bill banning discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Voted against banning transgender students from competing in girls’ or women’s sports. Voted to block Medicaid from covering gender-affirming care for minors.
MINIMUM WAGE Raise the federal minimum from \$7.25 per hour?	No. Says a higher minimum wage “is not really solving the problem” and “has the risk of doing real harm.” Says employers hire “at what the market demands” which is “a better mechanism.”	Yes. “ Higher wages for workers will increase the labor force.” Introduced a bill to tie the federal minimum wage to the cost of living in different regions. Said it would tailor to “families’ needs.”
TAXES Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	Lower. Voted against a new millionaire tax. Voted against raising the capital gains tax. Supports extending the Trump 2017 tax cuts, which included the largest one-time cut in the corporate tax rate. Keep taxes “low and competitive.”	Raise. Voted against extending the 2017 Trump tax cuts . Calls for “prioritizing tax cuts for working families over tax breaks for the wealthy.” Introduced a bill to tax carried interest income at the same rate as ordinary wages.
VOTING RULES Make voting harder or easier?	Mostly harder. Questioned expanding WA automatic voter registration. Voted against a WA bill requiring preclearance for limiting voting access. Supports WA vote-by-mail system, would enforce voter ID. “We have the ability to...require verification of citizenship prior to registration.”	Mixed. Voted in 2024 and 2025 for the SAVE Act , requiring proof of citizenship to register to vote in federal elections. In 2026 voted against a similar bill that added a photo I.D. requirement, saying it would create “nonsensical bureaucratic hoops.” Supports the state’s vote-by-mail system.

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