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THE ISSUES

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ABORTION Ban or legal?	No position found.	Legal. Supports putting Roe v. Wade into law . Introduced a bill to “establish a nationwide right to access IVF, lower the costs.” Sponsored a bill to protect access to contraceptives. Voted against introducing criminal penalties for health care practitioners who fail to exercise the required degree of care for an infant who survives an attempted abortion .
CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority?	Unclear. Supports the One Big Beautiful Bill , which ended Biden-era clean energy tax credits.	Mostly yes. “Climate change is wreaking havoc around the globe.” Voted against ending Biden-era clean energy tax credits. Supports “embracing renewables.” Supports “the NESE natural gas pipeline project to increase energy supply and drive down costs.”
CRIMINAL JUSTICE How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	Would “support law enforcement.” Opposes “[cutting] the hiring of 600 NYPD officers from the budget.” “If you don’t have law and order, the communities fall apart.” Supports “fully funded” police departments.	Sponsored a bill to increase funding for “ small and midsize [police] departments,” including for de-escalation training. Sponsored a bill “to protect law enforcement, prosecutors, judges...from doxxing.” Supports funding law enforcement assistance grant programs.
ECONOMY Cut or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	Mixed. Says New York state spending is “outrageous.” It should fund “veterans...in poverty” and “homeless.” Supports senior citizen programs. Would “fight for Long Island’s fair share of federal infrastructure funding.” Would “slash utility bills.”	Increase. Sponsored a bill to limit utility rate increases. Opposed freezing funds for the Gateway Tunnel project. Secured federal funding to upgrade the Nassau Inter-County Express Bus system. Supports increasing “federal funding for infrastructure improvements and road safety.”
ENVIRONMENT Loosen or tighten environmental regulation?	Likely tighten. “ Water quality is an extremely important issue.” Supports protecting “our sole source aquifer by preventing and remediating groundwater contamination.” Supports cleaning up the Bethpage Plume, a large underground water contamination .	Tighten. Voted to keep controls on companies emitting seven major hazardous pollutants. Proposed a water quality amendment “to stop cancer-causing PFAS discharges in local water.” Opposes “legacy pollution.” Created the Town of Hempstead’s first sustainability panel.

ISSUES	DRISCOLL (R)	GILLEN (D)
GUN LAWS Loosen or tighten gun laws?	Likely loosen. Highlighted her endorsement from Donald Trump saying she would “Defend our always under siege Second Amendment.”	Tighten. Supports “background checks, an assault weapons ban, and stronger red flag laws.” Sponsored a bill with “new background check requirements for firearm transfers between... unlicensed individuals.” Sponsored a bill to increase penalties for firearm thefts. Supports gun rights “for law-abiding citizens.” Opposes “military-grade assault weapons...in gun shops.”
HEALTHCARE Increase or decrease government support for healthcare?	No position found.	Increase. “ Affordable health care should not be out of reach.” Voted against a bill that included Medicaid cuts . “ Medicaid is not a luxury. It is a lifeline.” Voted to extend Affordable Care Act subsidies by 3 years. Supports insulin cost caps.
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration?	Says Biden-era “open borders” led to “a very bad situation.” Opposes birthright citizenship. Would allow local police to work with federal authorities to “remove dangerous illegal immigrants.” Opposes sanctuary states. Would “ensure the southern border can never be opened again.”	Says Biden-era “inaction on the border led to a full-blown crisis.” Voted against increasing ICE funding by \$75 billion. Introduced a bill to “extend Temporary Protected Status for Haitians.” Sponsored a bill to establish “a path to lawful permanent resident status for” DACA Dreamers.
IRAN WAR Support the war in Iran?	Yes. Supports U.S. military action in Iran without requiring Congressional authorization.	No. Calls the war in Iran “a complete disaster.” Says Trump’s “current strategy” may cause “irreparable damage.” Voted five times to require congressional authorization for U.S. military action in Iran. Opposes “a nuclear-armed Iran.” Supports strikes on Iranian “military capabilities.”
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize workers?	Unclear. “We need common sense elected officials who stand with the working class and our unions.”	Mostly easier. “America was built by labor.” Sponsored a bill to expand and protect workers’ organizing and collective bargaining rights. Voted to restore federal employees’ collective bargaining rights. During the 2026 LIRR strike, said “MTA and LIRR workers must...bargain in good faith to end this strike.”
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Limit. Opposes state legislation replacing the terms “mother” and “father” with gender-neutral language in family court and legal documents. Says the bill is a “direct attack on our family values.” Opposes transgender athletes competing in women’s sports.	Mostly expand. Sponsored a bill to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in “public accommodations.” Voted to require parental permission before public schools accommodate a student’s preferred identity. “I believe informed parents are best equipped to support their children’s needs.”
TAXES Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	Lower. “I am a proven tax cutter.” Supports extending the 2017 Trump tax cuts, which included the largest one-time cut in the corporate tax rate. “ Lower budgets...may...lower property taxes.”	Mixed. Voted against extending the 2017 Trump tax cuts, which included the largest one-time cut in the corporate tax rate. Says Trump’s tariffs policy is “disastrous.” Called raising taxes on wealthy individuals in New York City “not realistic.”
VOTING RULES Make voting harder or easier?	No position found.	Easier. Sponsored a bill to require certain states to get preapproval for changes in voting practices that would affect voting access. Voted against requiring proof of U.S. citizenship when registering to vote in federal elections. Supports mail-in voting.

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