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THE ISSUES

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ABORTION Ban or legal?	Ban. Supported the overturning of Roe v. Wade. “ Abortion laws should be determined at the state level.” Voted to introduce criminal penalties for healthcare practitioners who fail to provide the required degree of care for an infant who survives an attempted abortion. Voted to ban reimbursing abortion expenses for military members.	Legal. “Decisions about abortion should be made by a woman, her family, her faith, and her doctor.” Supports abortion access for veterans through the VA. Opposes the overturning of Roe v. Wade. In 2021 voted to prohibit states from restricting abortion access.
CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority?	Mixed. Voted to end Biden-era clean energy tax credits. Voted to repeal “programs for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.” Voted to repeal clean energy provisions in the Inflation Reduction Act. Supports the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind project. Is a member of the Conservative Climate Caucus . Voted to prohibit federal bans on fracking.	Yes. Would “combat the economic and national security impacts of climate change.” Voted for \$369 billion in clean energy investments. Supports the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind project. In 2021 introduced a bill to require federal “long-term nuclear power purchase agreements.” In 2019 voted to require the U.S. to stay in the Paris Agreement.
CRIMINAL JUSTICE How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	“ Soft on crime policies do not belong...in Virginia.” Voted to “[express] support for law enforcement officers.” Voted to expand federal grants “to support recruitment efforts by law enforcement agencies.” Opposes “efforts to defund the police.”	Sponsored a bill to give grants to small police forces for “de-escalation training...recruitment and retention.” In 2021 sponsored a bill to ban racial profiling and no-knock warrants, require body cameras, and limit qualified immunity .
ECONOMY Cut or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	Mostly cut. Supports reducing “ wasteful government spending ” and “ needless bureaucracy and endless red tape.” Voted for a \$4.5 trillion spending cut . Introduced a bill to boost the semiconductor industry by limiting regulatory review. Supported funding for infrastructure projects in Virginia.	Increase. Supports an “affordability package” that reverses policies that she says have raised prices. Voted to fund domestic production of semiconductor chips. In 2021 voted for \$1 trillion in infrastructure funding. Opposes cuts to “critical programs,” including SNAP . Would “reduce the influence that dark money” has “in our system.”
EDUCATION Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?	Yes. Is “a staunch advocate for school choice.” Voted for a bill that includes federal tax credits for donations to private school scholarships.	Likely no. In 2018 said , “I stand strongly against voucher systems...[and] against any type of charter schools that would remove funding from our public education.”
ENVIRONMENT Loosen or tighten environmental regulation?	Mixed. Sponsored a bill to establish an oyster reef conservation program. Introduced a bill “to preserve ...wildlife habitats” and to ban federal money from being used “to develop in ecologically sensitive coastal areas.” Voted to undo controls on companies emitting seven major hazardous pollutants. Voted to limit EPA regulation of new vehicle emissions.	Tighten. “ Protecting our environment is crucial to our regional economy.” Supports “clean air and water.” Opposes “offshore drilling.” In 2020 voted against reducing EPA funding. In 2019 introduced the Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization Act to protect “this invaluable economic and recreational resource.”

ISSUES	KIGGANS (R)	LURIA (D)
GUN LAWS Loosen or tighten gun laws?	Loosen. “ Never compromises our right to bear arms.” Sponsored a bill to allow concealed carry of guns across state lines. In 2020 in VA Senate, voted against a red flag law, against requiring background checks, and against allowing localities to ban guns in certain public spaces.	Tighten. “ We have to...get this epidemic of gun violence under control.” Voted to expand background checks and encourage states to pass red flag laws. In 2019 sponsored a ban on assault weapons. In 2019 voted to extend the time available to do background checks on gun buyers.
HEALTHCARE Increase or decrease government support for healthcare?	Mixed. Voted against extending Affordable Care Act subsidies for 3 years. Introduced a bill to extend ACA subsidies for 2 years and commit to reforming the ACA. Voted for a bill that cut Medicaid. Sponsored a bill expanding Medicare coverage of telehealth therapies.	Increase. Supports “restoring ACA premium subsidies.” Opposes cuts to Medicaid in the Big Beautiful Bill. Would “cut the cost of care, cut the complexity of care, and close the rural health care gap.” Voted to cap Medicare out-of-pocket costs and allow government negotiation of drug prices.
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration?	Voted to increase ICE funding by \$75 billion, then for \$70 billion more for DHS. Said the funding is for “personnel, resources, and technologies...to keep our border secure.” Voted to build 900 miles of border wall, limit asylum, and require employers use E-Verify for new employees.	“ A strong border is essential to strengthening our nation’s security,” would “deter illegal immigration.” In 2021 voted to give certain Dreamers a pathway to permanent residency. In 2019 opposed diverting military construction funding to building the border wall.
IRAN WAR Support the war in Iran?	Yes. “ Couldn't be a stauncher supporter of the action that we're taking against Iran.” Voted six times against requiring congressional authorization for U.S. military action in Iran. “Iran cannot have nuclear weapons.”	No. Calls for ending the war. Says the war in Iran is an “unnecessary...intervention in the Middle East.” “The Iranian regime is evil, and they should not be allowed to ever have a nuclear weapon. But...we didn’t have to go about it this way.”
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize workers?	Harder. Sponsored a National Right-to-Work bill to allow employees at a unionized workplace to not pay union dues. Voted against requiring companies to begin collective bargaining 10 days after union certification.	Easier. Would “protect good-paying union jobs ...and stand up for the collective bargaining rights.” In 2021 sponsored a bill to expand and protect employees’ organizing and collective bargaining rights.
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Mixed. Voted to deny coverage of transgender care for military personnel. Opposes transgender students competing in female sports. In VA Senate voted to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Voted to repeal Virginia’s ban on same-sex marriage.	Expand. Celebrated “our LGBTQ community.” Supports a community “where everyone can live openly and be proud of who they are.” Voted for federal recognition of same-sex marriages. In 2021 sponsored a bill to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.
MINIMUM WAGE Raise the federal minimum from \$7.25 per hour?	Likely no. In 2021 in the Virginia Senate voted against raising Virginia’s minimum wage to \$15 by 2026.	Likely yes. In 2019 voted to raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2025.
TAXES Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	Lower. Voted to extend the 2017 Trump tax cuts, which included the largest one-time cut in the corporate tax rate. Pledged “to oppose and vote against tax hikes.” Voted to retract IRS funding for increased tax enforcement on high earners.	Raise. Opposes “tax cuts to billionaires.” Supports overturning the 2017 Trump tax cuts. In 2021 voted to increase taxes on corporations and the wealthy to pay for family services, health, and environment programs.
VOTING RULES Make voting harder or easier?	Harder. Sponsored a bill to require proof of citizenship to register to vote in a federal election. Sponsored a bill to require voter ID, ban universal vote-by mail, limit delivering someone else’s mail-in ballot, ban ranked-choice voting, and require receipt of mail ballots by Election Day.	Easier. Voted to expand voter registration and voting access, and to limit removing voters from voter rolls. Opposes “attacks on mail-in voting and attempts to commandeer voter rolls.” In 2019 voted to require certain states to get preapproval for changes in voting practices.

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