

United States Representative 2 Year Term – Vote for One (1)

Candidates were asked to summarize their backgrounds in 75 words and were allotted 75 words to answer each question. If the candidate did not reply by the required date for publication, the words, "Did not respond in time for publication" appear under the candidate's name.

QUESTION 1
Are you concerned about the size of the federal deficit? Explain your answer.

QUESTION 2
What government measures would you propose to improve access to affordable health care?

QUESTION 3
The United States uses a great deal of fossil fuel for power generation and transportation. What measures would you support to tackle the ever increasing need for energy?

★★★★★ **13th District** ★★★★★

Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, Democrat

Did not respond in time for publication.

★★★★★ **14th District** ★★★★★

Chad Miles, Republican

Did not respond in time for publication.

John Conyers, Jr., Democrat

Did not submit response.

I am concerned about the size of the federal deficit. The \$500 billion dollar deficit is the result of Republicans spending needless dollars in an ill conceived war in Iraq. Deficit spending causes interest rates to increase, hurting citizens in Michigan who need lower interest rates to finance the purchases of homes and automobiles. Higher deficits also lead to a loss of jobs due to a decrease in consumer demand from higher interest rates.

Congress must pass HR 676, the United States National Health Insurance Act, which would create a single payer universal health care system in the United States by expanding Medicare for all Americans, without co-pays, deductibles, or bills. In order to maintain quality, I would expand the numbers of nurses and physicians in the health care system by creating more scholarships for physicians and nurses, and investing needed dollars in nursing schools so they can expand capacity.

Make a dramatic investment in clean car technology such as ethanol and fuel cells. Provide tax incentives to private sector businesses, think tanks, and universities who are making serious advances in making clean automobile technologies usable and affordable. This would include direct federal investment to the Big Three auto companies to come up with automobiles that run strictly on fuel cells or ethanol that can be brought to the market in the next 2-3 years.

★★★★★ **15th District** ★★★★★

John D. Dingell, Democrat

Did not respond in time for publication.

Aimee Smith, Green

I have been active in movements against U.S. militarism and corporate globalization since 2000. That same year I joined the Green Party and, in 2003, ran for Cambridge City council. In 2002, I was a founding member of the New England Committee to Defend Palestine. I hold a PhD from MIT, where I researched solar cells. I am co-chair of the Huron Valley Greens chapter. My husband, daughter, and I live in Ann Arbor.

Yes. Greens believe we have to live within the finite limits of our environment with a focus on how our decisions today will impact future generations. Our astronomical debt is the financial parallel to our consumer society that plunders the resources of the earth today without a thought for the future. Current generations in foreign countries are being devastated by our use of war as a means of securing the resources in their lands.

No one should be without health care; health care is a right. Because our way of life exposes us to certain hazards, we have a collective responsibility to address the harms. The way to make health care available to all is to transform it from an industry that profits from treatment to a network of locally based collective non-profit organizations that exist to prevent and cure illness and injury to maximize our health.

The U.S. uses more than 1/4 of the world's fossil fuel yet makes up less than 5% of its population. This is neither sustainable nor just. Development of alternative energies such as wind and solar is important, but there is no technological solution to the fact that our earth is finite. Conservation is key. Global warming is real. We can live well on our share and stop the wasteful and immoral practice of empire.

Robert F. Czak, US Taxpayers

I was born on 22 Sept. 37. I am a H.S. Graduate. I'm married to Judith Elayne 25 years. I spent 2 years in the Army as a military policeman/stockade guard. I ran for Wayne County sheriff in 2000 and 2004. I'm a born-again believer in Christ Jesus and I'm in good physical and mental health.

I'm very concerned about our federal deficit and national debt. I'm so concerned that I believe we're in a state of receivership to the world bankers thanks to our spineless congress and presidents: all republic-crats who care little about the American people and only their own pocketbooks!!! Let's shake up our congress!!

I believe we should make congress do their jobs of handling our money system and get rid of the Federal Reserve System and the I.R.S.! We should go to a 10% flat tax so that the American taxpayer can afford to pay their own health care and their children's education!!! Congress wake up!!

Market demand for energy will spur competition to invest in new infrastructure and new technologies. Left unhampered by government, there's no telling what energy technologies will be achieved by innovators eager to supply the world's increasing appetites for energy. It may seem stranger than fiction, but it's a documented fact: The eco-socialist movement is financed by the super-rich as part of an agenda for global control. P.S. May God bless America – He's our only chance!

Gregory Stempfle, Libertarian

I am a life-long resident of Southeast Michigan and now reside in Dearborn Heights with my wife. Education: Wayne State University with a major in Biology. I have been active in politics since college in the Libertarian Party and in local city government. During the past few years I have done Infectious Diseases research at the University of Michigan and have returned to Wayne State this fall to pursue a degree in Clinical Laboratory Sciences.

Yes, I am very concerned about the federal deficit. I had hoped that with the Republicans controlling all three branches of the federal government, that spending would finally be brought under control. The GOP cannot claim to be the party of smaller government. Congress should be required to balance the budget period. We need people who are not career politicians in office who are willing to make the tough decisions and finally reduce federal spending.

The cause of high drug costs is that the FDA has a monopoly on the drug approval process. The medical industry is already the most regulated industry in the United States. No law or subsidy passed by Congress will have the desired effect. The Federal government should stay out of the medical business entirely. The FDA should be eliminated and private regulatory agencies be allowed to take over its functions.

I would open up more parts of the United States to fuel exploration including the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and offshore drilling. I would encourage the growth of nuclear energy which is the cleanest fuel. Only when renewable fuel becomes cheaper than fossil fuels will they be replaced. When costs do reach that point, it will be market forces, not government programs that will lead to more efficient vehicles and cheaper methods of energy production.