

Michigan U.S. Representative District 2

General Election: November 6, 2018

3 Candidates on the ballot

Duties: U.S. Representatives share the responsibility with U.S. Senators for enactment of the nation's laws as provided in the U.S. Constitution. Laws that require payment of taxes are initiated in the House of Representatives.

Qualifications: A Representative must be at least 25 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least 7 years. There are 435 Representative based on Congressional Districts apportioned after each census. Michigan has 14 districts as of 2012.

Term: 2 years **Vote for ONE (1).**

BILL HUIZENGA, Republican **Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion**

ROB DAVIDSON, Democrat



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Occupation / Current Position: Chief of Emergency Services, Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial

Education: MD, College of Human Medicine/Michigan State University

Qualifications / Experience: Nearly 20 years of experience as an emergency physician; international medical experience (Haiti, New Zealand); assistant clinical faculty, MSU; Spring Lake Public Schools Board of Trustees.

Questions:

1. PRIORITIES: What are your top three national legislative priorities and how would you address them?

A: 1. Healthcare: I support healthcare for all. 2. Economy/jobs: I will work to create an economy that provides access to opportunities for middle-income and working families, including a progressive tax. I support paid parental leave, paid family/sick leave, childcare support, pay equity, and a \$15-an-hour minimum wage, providing incentives for companies that provide these and other family-friendly benefits such as 401(k)/retirement. 3. Education: I support quality universal early childhood education; low-interest loans/scholarships for education beyond high school; strong gun reforms to keep schools safe.

2. IMMIGRATION: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policy?

A: 1. A fair, humane and responsible pathway for law-abiding immigrants—documented and undocumented—to receive legal status. 2. Keeping immigrant families together 3. Protecting children who come to America as undocumented minors 4. Continued robust screening of refugees, in coordination with U.S. domestic and international law enforcement agencies as well as international organizations to protect national security and public safety while allowing legitimate victims of war, persecution and terror to find safe haven.

3. HEALTH CARE: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health care policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?

A: Too many Americans are underinsured and uninsured. Americans with insurance are struggling with increasingly high healthcare costs. Our infant and maternal mortality rate remains unacceptably high. To address these issues, I support: 1. Providing a Medicare-style program for all 2. No copays or deductibles 3. Protecting people with pre-existing conditions 4. Covering general healthcare, maternal and child health, nutrition support for underinsured populations, mental health, addictions and substance abuse prevention/treatment 5. Ending lifetime coverage caps 6. Ensuring low-cost prescription medication

4. ECONOMY: What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?

A: We must close the gap between the rich and the rest of America. I support: 1. A fair, balanced tax system that rewards people whose income is derived from labor, not from other sources such as investments and stocks 2. A system that ensures low- and middle-income families get the most tax breaks 3. Raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour 4. Closing the gender pay gap so women don't earn 79 cents for every \$1 a man earns 5. A federal repeal of so-called "right-to-work" laws

6. Incentives for workers in critical public safety or national security roles, including police, firefighters, EMS and military personnel

5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.

A: To protect our Great Lakes from large corporations that want to take our water or threaten to pollute it, and reduce pollution of our water and air, I support: 1. Stopping large-scale water diversion through a per-gallon water withdrawal charge 2. Making polluters pay for clean-ups 3. Rebuilding critical water infrastructure so every Michigan household has safe, affordable drinking water 4. Increasing America's energy independence by using wind and solar, which are more cost-competitive than coal, oil and natural gas 5. Implementing a CO2 charge on all fossil fuels and greenhouse gas emissions

6. ELECTIONS: What federal policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?

A: 1. End gerrymandering. 2. Keep foreign money out of U.S. elections 3. Strengthen disclosure laws 4. Fully restore the Voting Rights Act so states and local governments can't implement laws that disproportionately discriminate against Latino and African-American voters

RONALD E GRAESER, U.S. Taxpayers



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Occupation / Current Position: physician

Education: 1) bachelors degree in electrical engineering. 2) doctors degree in osteopathic medicine

Qualifications / Experience: Medical examiner for 23 years. Retired Army Medical Corps. General practice and emergency room practice of medicine for 47 years.

Questions:

1. PRIORITIES: What are your top three national legislative priorities and how would you address them?

A: Build the wall. Repeal as many laws as possible that are outside activities allowed by the U.S. Constitution. Allow the states to completely outlaw abortion without federal interference.

2. IMMIGRATION: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. immigration policy?

A: Stop immigration until the present crisis is resolved.

3. HEALTH CARE: What are your concerns and plans regarding U.S. health care policies and programs, including those affecting maternal and child health?

A: Except for military medicine and indian reservation medicine the FEDERAL government has no authority to be involved in medicine.

4. ECONOMY: What federal policies do you support to help members of all strata of the American public improve their economic positions?

A: Interfere as little as possible in the free market.

5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What policies do you support to meet U.S. energy needs while protecting our water, air and land for current and future generations? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of the Great Lakes.

A: Allow the free market unfettered by federal action to supply energy. Do not legislate laws involving intrastate waters. Maintain the health of interstate (e.g. Great Lakes) as dictated by current events (e.g. fight alewives when they're a problem, etc).

6. ELECTIONS: What federal policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?

A: Allow only real, living people to donate to candidates. Do not allow corporations, unions and other artificial, legal "persons" to donate. Right now "we have the best congress money can buy."

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