

Michigan U.S. Representative District 6

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).**

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Occupation / Current Position: U.S. Representative (MI-06)

Education: University of Michigan

Qualifications / Experience: Currently serving Southwest Michigan as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives (MI-06)

Questions:

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

A: Keeping our economy moving. I supported landmark middle-class tax cuts. Already, we've seen major investments by employers in our district and wages rising at the fastest rates in close to a decade. Protecting and preserving our Great Lakes. I fought hard for full funding of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, new pipeline safety laws, and for full funding to dredge our harbors and rivers. Implementing the 21st Century Cures Act and combating the opioid crisis. "Cures" is making a real difference in the lives of patients and families. Our bill boosts research and development into cures and treatments.

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

A: I remain ever-committed to working in a bipartisan manner to fix our broken immigration system. During my time in Congress, I have actively discussed immigration reform with farmers, advocacy groups, business owners, law enforcement officials, and DACA recipients. We need a balanced, pragmatic, and comprehensive approach to immigration reform. I supported a discharge petition demanding debate and consideration of several immigration proposals, and I will continue to push for legislative solutions which include border security and long-term certainty for DACA recipients.

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: As a member of the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus, my focus remains on ensuring everyone has access to affordable, quality health care and those with pre-existing conditions are protected. Here's how: Passing the 21st Century Cures Act. Leading the effort to preserve Medicare and seniors' access to their doctors, and prevent spikes in Medicare Part B premiums. Renewing the Children's Health Insurance Program for the longest extension in the programs history and supporting community health centers for low-income families. Modernizing our mental illness health care and combating the opioid addiction epidemic.

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

A: Southwest Michigan's economy remains one of my top concerns. I supported landmark, middle-class tax reform for individuals and businesses to spur economic growth and create good-paying jobs. Already, we've seen major investment by employers in our district. Additionally, educating our students for the 21st Century economy is fundamental to providing upward mobility for all. This summer, Congress passed the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act which provides more than \$1 billion to fund school-based CTE programs to prepare students for the modern workforce.

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: I remain focused on an “all-of-the-above” energy strategy that focuses on emerging energy technologies like wind, solar, nuclear and hydropower mixed with traditional energy solutions. As a member of the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus we must continue to use innovation and common-sense policies to protect our environment. When it comes to the Great Lakes I helped deliver full funding of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative when it was on the chopping block. I also championed bipartisan pipeline safety legislation. We must continue to work together to protect our Great Lakes and environment.

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

A: I have a consistent, bipartisan record of supporting common-sense campaign finance laws to ensure transparency and accountability in our elections. I supported the landmark Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act, also known as McCain-Feingold, which limits donations to federal candidates and requires their public disclosure. I am also a longtime cosponsor of the bipartisan Voting Rights Amendment Act which would modernize the original Voting Rights Act to reflect today’s challenges. The bill would update part of the law struck down by the Supreme Court in 2013 to ensure that all Americans can exercise this fundamental right.

MATT LONGJOHN, Democrat



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Occupation / Current Position: Candidate for Congress in Michigan's 6th district

Education: Bachelor's of Science-Kalamazoo College; M.D, MPH-Tulane University

Qualifications / Experience: My qualifications for representing Michigan's 6th Congressional District include a deep attachment to the area (6 generations of family in SW MI); experience in building more than 250 coalitions across the country that implemented 39,000 community changes; and being recognized as one of the top healthcare innovators in the nation who created jobs and better health while saving Medicare billions.

Questions:

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

A: Improving the health and quality of life for everyone in the country. As a healthcare innovator, I have created jobs, prevented illness, saved lives and saved money. Our environment, our education, housing, transportation and food systems must also promote health. Fighting to make our government truly representative. We must get dark money out of politics and increase the influence of everyday people. Reforming the tax code to help families and small business. Washington’s ‘trickle down’ policies haven’t worked, and too many people are being left behind. Tax policy must prioritize working families and small business.

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

A: Immigrants have always been an important part of our society. We continue to need immigrants to help fuel and diversify our economy. We must protect our sovereignty and national security, but building a wall is a waste of money. No human is merely “an illegal,” and the rights of all immigrants need to be respected. I support DACA and a path to citizenship for Dreamers. I will protect and expand student and agricultural worker visa programs. Splitting up refugee families by placing adults in military detention while putting their kids in foster care is dangerously close to recreating the internment camps of WWII.

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: I’m running for Congress to improve people’s health and quality of life. Quality of life depends on affordable healthcare, a safe and healthy environment, and educational as well as economic opportunities. I believe in universal healthcare, keeping mental and reproductive health in all insurance plans, and expanding Medicare by offering it on the insurance exchanges as a public option. Medicare must also be able to negotiate lower drug prices. I believe it’s a women’s right to make her own reproductive health care decisions. I will always protect funding for children’s health insurance and community health centers.

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

A: Too many hard-working families are struggling to make ends meet. Washington's approach to stimulating the economy through 'Trickle Down' tax breaks for corporations and the wealthiest among us has resulted in a larger income gap. We need more balanced economic policy prioritizing workers and small business. Liveable wages and well-paying jobs need to be protected—not just created. I support "equal pay for equal work" for women and other groups experiencing discrimination, and believe trade agreements must not incentivize employers to leave the country or help them profit by devaluing American labor.

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: Clean air, water, and land is fundamental to our health and our economy. The Great Lakes and other natural resources in Michigan are treasures, fueling agriculture and tourism. Protecting them is a fundamental job of public leaders. We need to remove Line 5 responsibly and invest in creating green energy jobs at the same time, so we can ensure the protection of Lake Michigan while helping transition workers to sustainable well-paying jobs. We must continue to improve air-quality by maintaining emission standards. I also support agricultural innovation to diversify our food system, improve yields, and limit soil loss.

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

A: We must reform campaign financing and other aspects of our political system to reduce the risk of corruption and protect voters' rights. All political contributions must be transparent so we can hold policy-makers accountable to voters, not just their mysterious corporate donors. We must limit gerrymandering, and have public financing of elections to ensure small-dollar individual contributions aren't overwhelmed by corporate lobbyists and large-dollar contributions. Voter suppression is wrong. We must protect the integrity of our voting system, but never limit anyone's ability to exercise their right to vote.

STEPHEN J YOUNG, U.S. Taxpayers



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Occupation / Current Position: Facilities Maintenance Manager.

Education: US Naval Nuclear Power Program, Naval Electronics Technician; GE Boiling Water Reactor, Senior Reactor Operator NRC license; College Education 3 years of Nuclear Technology

Qualifications / Experience: A citizen of these united states of America, having taken an oath of office to uphold and defend the constitution. Something that will always be first as said citizen.

Questions:

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

A: 1. Stop all unconstitutional spending- Speak and vote against all unconstitutional bills. 2. Work to stop and remove federal government overreach for programs not authorized by the constitution. As nessecary, teach the Constitution to Congress. 3. Support President Trump in all of his constitutional acts.

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

A: The federal government is not fulfilling it's constitutional responsibility in protecting American borders. The constitutional law must be enforced.

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: Under the U.S. Constitution, there is no lawful authority to set up or administer health care to any individual, organization, corporation, state of country. Women and families have been giving birth for about seven thousand years, most of that without health insurance. Health insurance is a personal choice and responsibility.

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

A: Get the federal government out of private business and the economy will prosper. Cut income and corporate taxes and the economy will prosper.

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: Promote oil, coal energy, nuclear energy and other forms of practical, economical and reasonable forms of energy. The water belongs to We the People and the states in some cases, not to the federal government. The air belongs to our Creator. While not overly polluting our air and water is a concern to all reasonable people, it is not a lawful responsibility of the federal government under our constitution.

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

A: The more the federal government involves itself in attempting to control elections and funding, the more corrupt they have become.

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