

Michigan State Representative District 98

2 Candidates on the November 6, 2018 ballot

Duties: The Michigan House of Representatives shares responsibility with the Michigan Senate to enact new laws and amend or repeal existing laws.

Qualifications: State Representatives may serve a maximum of three full terms. They must be at least 21 years of age and a registered voter in their district. There are 110 State House districts which are re-apportioned after each census.

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

ANNETTE GLENN, Republican



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Occupation / Current Position: Business owner and homemaker

Education: BA, Public Administration, Boise State University

Qualifications / Experience: College Republican state and national officer. State chair, Youth for Reagan. County GOP chair. Staff, U.S. House. Managed campaigns for Lt. Governor, state Supreme Court, and legislative races. Staff, U.S. Senate campaign and Bob Dole for President. Business owner. Board member, Marketing Research Institute. Scouting volunteer. Treasurer, Midland youth basketball and track teams.

Questions:

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

A: * Reduce the cost of automobile insurance. I'll work to give drivers the freedom to choose the level of insurance coverage they believe works best for their needs. * Improve 3rd grade reading scores. Students can't succeed if they can't read. I've talked at length with the director of the Bay City Dyslexia Center about how to help children learn how to read. I'll continue to work closely with educators to ensure they have the necessary resources to comply with the new law requiring that children be able to read before leaving 3rd grade. * Fulfill decade-old promise to reduce our state income tax.

2. EDUCATION: What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes and accessibility for Michigan students from early childhood through post-secondary education?

A: Focus on skilled trades training in the classroom and through local internship opportunities. Ensure teachers have resources to comply with the new 3rd grade reading law -- authored in part by the director of the Bay City Dyslexia Center -- requiring schools to use methods scientifically proven to bring students to grade level reading. Work to expand the new \$500,000-a-year funding for "at risk" students in Midland Public Schools, which until this budget year had never received that funding. Expand state "electricity choice" program to let all school districts save money by choosing a less expensive supplier.

3. ECONOMY: What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?

A: * Reduce the cost of automobile insurance by offering motorists a tiered system from which they can choose the level of coverage they want with lower premiums. * Reduce taxes on individuals and businesses, leaving more money available for private investment and job creation that will result in a net increase in tax revenue. * Restore full Electricity Choice so that all homeowners, businesses, agricultural operations, and manufacturers are free to choose where to buy electricity, forcing multiple providers to compete for business by lowering what are now the highest electricity rates in the Midwest.

4. ELECTIONS: What state policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?

A: * Require photo I.D. in order to vote * Require proof of U.S. citizenship for new voter registration * Purge Michigan voter rolls of any voter also registered in another state * Use the Social Security database to purge deceased voters * Eliminate straight-ticket voting as 40 other states have * Any corporation that the state guarantees a certain market share or profit by law should not be allowed to engage in the election or defeat of legislators who would vote on whether to maintain such guarantees. (Michigan law already prohibits state-licensed casinos from making campaign contributions, for example).

5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What actions or policies do you support to protect Michigan's water, air and land for current and future generations, while meeting the state's energy needs? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of Enbridge Pipeline 5.

A: * Eliminate existing utility monopoly so that homeowners, businesses, farms, and schools are free to develop alternative sources of electricity -- such as solar shingles -- without facing major financial disincentives. * Eliminate the state mandate requiring that 15 percent of all electricity generated in Michigan must be from so-called "renewable" sources such as wind and solar. * Prohibit local planning commissioners or elected officials from voting on proposed wind development projects if they've signed a personal income-producing lease with the developer. * Require Line 5 to be encased in a concrete tunnel.

6. JUSTICE: What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our state?

A: Strongly support retention of Michigan's Right to Work law, a civil rights protection which prohibits job discrimination on the basis of union affiliation or financial support. Support legislation to protect the lives of prenatal children, which is the basis of my having been endorsed by Right to Life of Michigan.

SARAH SCHULZ, Democracy



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Occupation / Current Position: Vice President of People Services for City Year Inc. one of the largest education-based non-profits.

Education: Michigan State University, Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Government. Michigan State University, Master's Degree in Human Resources and Labor Relations.

Qualifications / Experience: I have over 17 years of executive non-profit experience. My focus in human resources has taught me that everyone has worth and can contribute to society and that everyone deserves a voice. I will bring those values to Lansing to represent the people of this district.

Questions:

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

A: My first priority is Strong School by reviewing accountability standards, raising teacher salaries and holding for-profit charter schools accountable. Second, we must focus on Working Families by working on policies that lead to economic security. Legislatively this means a repeal of right to work, instituting a living wage, and working to achieve equal pay. Third, we must focus on Complete Care by ensuring that all Michiganders have adequate health care regardless of their economic status and providing support for loved ones including individuals with disabilities, young children, and elderly parents.

2. EDUCATION: What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes and accessibility for Michigan students from early childhood through post-secondary education?

A: Education is my top priority since my children are in public school, my husband is a public school teacher, and I work for an education-focused nonprofit. Michigan ranks last among Midwestern states in all areas of education. We must reinvest in our schools in teachers and support staff, but it also in health, nutrition, and counseling support. Teacher accountability standards must be realistic and reduce the emphasis on standardized tests to determine student and school success. As our children graduate from public schools, they should be supported in continuing education whether in trade schools or higher education.

3. ECONOMY: What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?

A: We no longer should be focused on just bringing jobs to Michigan, but we should be focused on bringing good high paying jobs to Michigan. This means that we need to focus on repealing Right to Work, a living wage for all Michiganders, instituting requirements for businesses to achieve equal pay and raising the overtime eligibility threshold to 2x the annualized full-time minimum wage. It also means investments in our education system, including secondary education and trade schools. Michigan is the state that created the middle classMidwesternand we can do it again.

4. ELECTIONS: What state policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?

A: We must make sure that our elections are fair. I support reasonable changes to our campaign finance system. I also support the ballot initiatives that allow for more fair elections. This includes the "Voters not Politicians" initiative to make sure our districts are created fairly. As well as the "Promote the Vote" initiative to make sure that everyone has a voice. Voting is the most important part of our democracy.

5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What actions or policies do you support to protect Michigan's water, air and land for current and future generations, while meeting the state's energy needs? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of Enbridge Pipeline 5.

A: Our environment is the legacy we leave for our children and it is our duty to take care of it. I support current provisions that allow Michigan's energy companies to reduce energy waste and increase renewable energy sources in Michigan. I also support investments in the green industry that will both create jobs in renewable energy and also help preserve our environment. The issue of Enbridge line 5 must be addressed because the water in Michigan's Great Lakes is our most valuable resource. We must determine a viable plan to decommission line 5 in the Straits of Mackinac and create an alternative solution.

6. JUSTICE: What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our state?

A: Social justice has been at the core of my entire career in the nonprofit sector. As such, I believe firmly in policies that create economic equity for individuals such as living wage, repealing right-to-work, and pay equity. Racial justice is addressed in social justice policies that target the inequality that has been created by institutionalized racism. In addition, we need to focus on eliminating racial bias in the criminal justice system and recognizing that pay inequality is far more acute for women of color. I will work on policies that solve these institutionalized problems.

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