

Michigan U.S. Senator

General Election: November 6, 2018

5 Candidates on the ballot

Duties: U.S. Senators share the responsibility with U.S. Representatives for enactment of the nation's laws as provided in the U.S. Constitution. Senators ratify international treaties and confirm Presidential appointments of Cabinet members, federal judges, and foreign ambassadors.

Qualifications: A Senator must be at least 30 years of age and a U.S. Citizen for at least 9 years. There are 100 Senators, two from each state.

Term: 6 years **Vote for ONE (1).**

JOHN JAMES, Republican



Website: johnjamesforsenate.com

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/JohnJamesMI/>

Twitter: twitter.com/JohnJamesMI

Occupation / Current Position: President of James Group International and CEO of Renaissance Global Logistics

Education: United States Military Academy, Bachelor of Science Penn State University, Master of Supply Chain Management and Information Systems University of Michigan, Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)

Qualifications / Experience: I spent half of my adult life serving this country. I led two platoons in Iraq and brought all my men home to their families. The other half of my adult life was spent serving my community and creating jobs right here in Michigan. I served on the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund and the Board of Directors of the Jalen Rose Leadership Academy.

Questions:

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

A: 1. Economic Opportunity. Putting in place a tax policy that helps create the environment where jobs can be created and where families keep more of what they earn to meet their needs. 2. National Security and Veterans. We also have to take care of our veterans. The toughest fight our forces face should not be in a VA hospital. This in particular is a priority for me when I reach the Senate. 3. Infrastructure. Upgrading the Soo Locks and our roads must become a national priority.

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

A: We are a nation of immigrants and a nation of laws. Our economy and national identity depend on a workable legal immigration system. But it needs to be tough as well. I oppose sanctuary cities and would work to ensure sanctuary cities are defunded. I also would work to ensure we have secure borders. I will work to support reform of the legal immigration system that provides greater security while supporting our economy.

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

A: We need to look at everything that comes in between a patient and their doctor. We must keep the decision making ability in the hands of doctors and health professionals. After that, we need to look at everything that happens after that patient walks out of the doctors office and has to pay for the care. We need to focus on patient-centered, market based solutions. Mothers and children across Michigan deserve better. Our Veterans deserve better.

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

A: Michigan is one of the most innovative states in America. We are home to some of the most innovative manufacturing innovators in the world, and one of the most diverse agriculture sectors in the nation. Both of these important industries are sensitive to government regulation, tax and trade policy. The best thing the federal government can do in many cases is get out of the way. That means reducing regulation instead of increasing regulation. Putting in place a tax policy that helps create the environment where jobs can be created and where families keep more of what they earn to meet their needs.

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: Our Great Lakes are a national treasure. They support a robust fish and tourism industry here in Michigan. We must protect the lakeshore and update infrastructure such as the Soo Locks to ensure the economic impact of the lakes to our state is not interrupted. I will champion policies and programs that protects environmental quality throughout the Great Lakes and protects them from invasive species like Asian Carp. The same applies to the land we farm and live on and the air we breathe. We enjoy an incredible agricultural diversity in this state and need to guarantee it for future seasons.

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

A: As a cadet in the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, I swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution. Voting and sharing our opinions and values is how we pass on our democracy to future generations. We must protect the integrity of our elections and protect against voter fraud. It is equally important that we maintain a campaign finance system that is honest, transparent and accessible by every American citizen. When you take away an American's right to vote or their right to share their views, you hurt our democracy.

DEBBIE STABENOW, Democrat



Website: debbiestabenow.com

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/stabenow/>

Twitter: twitter.com/stabenow

Occupation / Current Position: U.S. Senator

Education: Michigan State University, B.A, MSW

Qualifications / Experience: As the first woman elected to the United States Senate from Michigan, I have a strong record of getting things done for Michigan families. I will continue to be a champion for Michigan and to work across the aisle to help move Michigan forward.

Questions:

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

A: One of my top priorities is helping create jobs in Michigan. I am focused on growing a diverse economy that includes manufacturing and technology, small business creation and agriculture, education and career training. The first bill I passed into law as a U.S. Senator banned oil and gas drilling in the Great Lakes. I authored the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative that has been successful in cleaning up our waters and led the fight to restore funding after President Trump tried to zero it out. I have been a champion for Michigan agriculture and rural communities and authored the 2014 and 2018 bipartisan Farm Bills.

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

A: I have heard from thousands of Michigan citizens about their concerns with our broken immigration system and there is no question that we need comprehensive immigration reform that works for our families, workers, businesses, and farmers each and every day. I support the DREAM Act, the Keep Families Together Act, and comprehensive immigration reform.

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

A: Health care is a human right and everyone should have affordable, quality health care. I helped lead the fight to stop Republicans from dismantling our health care system and taking away health care from millions of Americans, and am focused on lowering health care and drug costs for Michigan families. I led bipartisan efforts to increase funding for community health centers and extend the Children's Health Insurance Program, which 100,000 children in Michigan rely on, and am working to pass my Quality Care for Moms and Babies Act to provide funding for new partnerships to improve maternity and infant care.

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

A: Everyone deserves a fair shot to work hard and be successful. And right now, that fair shot is not available to everyone in Michigan or our country. Work should be rewarded – in our tax code, in our wages, and in our quality of life. If you work full time, you should not be in poverty. I know that not every young person will pursue a four-year college degree. I am working with businesses, building and construction trades, parents, students, and educators to promote job opportunities in

skilled trades and technical careers. If we make things and grow things in Michigan, our families will be able to stay in Michigan.

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 have lived in Michigan my whole life and understand that our Great Lakes are vital to our economy and Michigan way of life. That is why I authored the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, which has been successful in cleaning up our waters. I will continue working to protect the Great Lakes for the next generation. We can protect our environment while creating new clean energy jobs. It's critical that we reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. We should continue investing in clean energy technologies – a wind turbine is made with over 8,000 parts, every one of which can be made in Michigan.

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

A: All voters must be able to cast their votes without barriers, fear, or intimidation. That is why I am a cosponsor of the Voting Rights Advancement Act, and will continue pushing to make sure elections are fair and transparent. It's so important that we reduce the influence of special interests in our election. I strongly oppose the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision. I also cosponsored and voted for the DISCLOSE Act that would cut down on dark money. You can count on me to continue fighting for the people of Michigan every day in the U.S. Senate.

GEORGE E HUFFMAN III, U.S. Taxpayers

Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

MARCIA SQUIER, Green



Website: MarciaSquier.com

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/MarciaSquier4Senate/>

Twitter: twitter.com/triple_marcia

Occupation / Current Position: Instructor, Sales & Equipment Mgr for Tumblebunnies, a mobile, on-demand exercise company for kids

Education: Bachelor of Science Degree from Wayne State University on a full academic scholarship, Majoring in Psychology

Qualifications / Experience: *2 Terms on the Board of Directors for Ingleside-Grossedale Park Association (2nd Vice President & former Chairman of the Board)*
2016 U.S. House Candidate for Michigan's 14th District *Lifelong Michigander who cares more about People than Megacorporations*

Questions:

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

A: My top 3 national legislative priorities are: 1- Retroactively ending the War on Drugs. 2- Ending Foreign Interventionism & endless war-for-profit. 3- Giving the People the representation in government that they deserve. I would like to repeal and replace the following pieces of legislation: Help America Vote Act (HAVA), Patriot Act, Controlled Substances Act, DARK Act, Authorized Use of Military Force (AUMF), National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), Telecommunications Act & Federal Reserve Act. I would support the expansion of Medicare & Public Education for All.

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

A: If we end the wars on drugs and terror, we would reduce our overbloated and unsustainable military industrial complex. We would also see a positive shift in immigration patterns, as people from other countries might be more inclined to stay in their homeland, easing the refugee crisis. Drug cartels would see their power and influence diminish, reducing undocumented immigration and crime in general. As for those who are migrating to the U.S. legally, they should have to pass background checks for violence. In addition, if we shift away from fossil fuels and towards renewables, we would benefit the entire world.

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

A: Millions of people are not getting the health care they deserve because of cost. We deserve Medicare for All & access to life saving remedies. We should shift funding away from more death & destruction and towards more worthwhile endeavors like healthcare & education. We are dying

from lack of proper healthcare, while millions of people overseas have also died as a result of our weaponry & interventionism. Right now, we offer publicly funded healthcare to minors, seniors, & pregnant women. We need to stop discriminating against everyone else and ensure their rights to life, liberty & the pursuit of happiness too.

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

A: I support publicly funded health-care for All people, regardless of age, and education for All, from preK to PhD, plus skilled trades. I support a jobs program focusing on what I call #HIRE, which stands for Healthcare, Infrastructure, Renewables and Education. We should be our healthiest, most educated selves in order to reduce income inequality and further civilization.

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 want to shift away from fossil fuels and towards renewable off-grid energy, which would bring an end to all the leaky oil pipelines that criss cross our waterways and land, causing pollution and environmental damage. We should offer incentives and tax breaks to small businesses that are in the environmental and energy industries. This would be very beneficial to the future of the Great Lakes, as well as the environment as a whole.

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

A: I support banning SuperPAC's and Corporate donations, lowering the voting age to 16 or 17, and having automatic voter registration, up to and including election day. I also support hand-counted paper ballots with citizen oversight, not machine-counted ballots with government oversight. In addition, I'm the only candidate for US Senate in Michigan who has pledged to file for recounts in any and all suspicious precincts in my race, since our voting machines and central tabulators are extremely easy to manipulate in order to produce fraudulent results.

JOHN HOWARD WILHELM, Natural Law

Website: .Upcoming campaign site www.nationalrenewalparty.org and voting reform site www.nationalrenewal.org

Occupation / Current Position: Retired

Education: Ph.D., Economics University of Michigan 1974

Qualifications / Experience: By training a Soviet/Russia specialist in addition to my training in economics. I have been working with third parties, the most recent the Modern Whig and Green Parties, on the issue of voting system reform to open up our political processes to third parties.

Questions:

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

A: 1. Voting reform at the federal level to open up our political processes to third parties. 2. Promoting a better discussion of the policy issues we face especially in a post peak-oil period. 3. Working to get better Russia and Middle East policies. Get Elected.

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

A: My concerns are that we have not had an honest discussion of this issue. Given the impending reality of peak oil we face some troubling issues concerning population sustainability on which the issue of immigration looms large. On this issue I have been much informed by articles published in the Social Contract in Petoskey, Michigan by Dr. John Tanton. It is outrageous that groups like Southern Law Poverty Center have labeled John Tanton a racist for his efforts on immigration reform. Political correctness in this area has done a lot of damage to a much needed honest discussion of this issue.

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

A: My concerns is that we have done a very poor job of intelligently discussion this issue. If elected I would support a bill putting a sunset on Obama Care, if and only if as part of that effort a hard copy of David Goldhill's 2009 Atlantic article on health reform were given to every American taxpayer. That would make it much more difficult for the two parties to peddle a lot of nonsense about this issue which is dumbing down our electorate and preventing us to get good health care for all of these categories.

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

A: None. There are certain strata whose economic position public policy ought to help. But besides this all the evidence indicates that we are consuming beyond sustainable levels, especially given impending peak oil. On this score, our compelling need is to develop stabilization policies for a sustainable economy. If elected, I would push for the Joint Economic Committee to initiate a discussion of this issue. As Tim Jackson of the British Sustainable Development Commission has pointed out we have virtually no economic scholarship on this vital issue.

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: A stiff carbon tax with the revenue going towards supporting good public transportation in central cities like Detroit, research on alternative sustainable energy sources and reducing our blooming national debt

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

A: Our most important voting right in addition to the right to vote is to have a good voting system not our current plurality voting system which is the worst. I support approval voting (see my website www.nationalrenewal.org) to open up our political process to third parties. On campaign finance reform. We need to repeal all campaign finance laws and start over again. The current ones are very discriminatory against third parties and have done a lot to undermine the effectiveness of our political system. Our focus has been on the supply side, not on the demand side of the problem. I want to change that.