

**Primary Election: August 7, 2018**  
**Michigan State Senate District 28**  
**Candidates: 1 Republican + 3 Democrats + 1 Libertarian**  
**Vote in one political party's primary only.**

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

**Qualifications:** State Senators may serve a maximum of two full terms. They must be at least 21 years of age and a registered voter in their district. There are 38 State Senate districts which are re-apportioned after each census.

**Term: 4 years VOTE for ONE (1)**

**PETER MacGREGOR, Republican**  
**Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion**

**CRAIG BEACH, Democrat**



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**Occupation / Current Position:** High School Social Studies Educator

**Education:** Graduated from Michigan State University

**Qualifications / Experience:** Educator for 32 years. Past Otisco township trustee and Otisco Township zoning board

**Questions:**

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

**A:** GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY Michigan is ranked last, 50th in governmental accountability and transparency.....last. This must change. Citizenry must be confident in the representatives they elect. Currently the citizens of Michigan do not trust the government they elected. Confidence comes from openness and transparency. When elected I will make public my daily schedule by posting on facebook and full transparency on finances. Environment We must protect our water resources. We must put people above profits. Education This is the foundation of a successful society. Educational reform is vital.

**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:** An educational system is the back bone to the success of all societies. The number of teachers applying for entry in educational degree programs in our state is plummeting. Precious few high school students consider pursuing a career in education. This is an ominous sign for the future of quality education in our state. Per pupil funding in Michigan has not kept up with the inflation rate and for many years was cut. I would provide strong and stable funding for school districts in our state. I also support the TeA+chers for Michigan education plan — a 21st-century overhaul of the state's K-12 schools.

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

**A:** Our state is plagued by a shrinking middle class and a growing wealth gap. A thriving middle class is essential to the health of our economy and more importantly the stability of our families. Individuals and families must take priority in developing economic policies which improve standards of living for all residents in Michigan. Join with me as I put people over profit and work to ensure that the citizens of our state are the number one priority of state government. From day one I will support the Michigan Jobs First Plan. This initiative would give in state companies and businesses priority in Michigan.

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

**A:** I support citizens movement to stop political gerrymandering. I demand stronger FOIA requirements for our elected officials. I oppose all dark money contributions and the revolving door policy of former politicians becoming lobbyists. I support more access to voting which would include on line voter registration and no cause early and absentee voting.

**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:** The Flint water crisis, PFAS water crisis in Rockford and the Nestle situation near Evart are symptoms of a problem that has ultimately diminished the health of many Michigan residents. These events illustrate a flawed system of state governance. Michiganders deserve more and better protection through the Department of Environmental Quality. A foundational function of the DEQ is the protection of the citizens of Michigan and the oversight of the purity of our states natural resources. This has not occurred under current leadership and as a result thousands have suffered. I support the shutdown of Line 5.

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

**A:** Diversity matters! It creates a dynamic, vibrant and talented state. I will make no windows into the souls of citizens. State government must create the framework for all to succeed. It must protect the rights of all citizens. Social and racial justice are key components of a thriving economy. Success sees no color, no sexual orientation or ethnic heritage. When all are treated fairly in the marketplace all have the ability to achieve their full potential. The foundation of justice is education. Education helps the individual to discern based on character.

**GIDGET GROENDYK, Democrat**  
**Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion**

**RYAN JEANETTE, Democrat**



**Website:** ryanforchange.com

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**Occupation / Current Position:** student

**Education:** some college

**Qualifications / Experience:** five years being homeless, years going without insurance while suffering from diabetes. three years studying alternative styles of governmental systems from different nation states through research of the united nations and in depth research of various nations.

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

**A:** Healthcare, Education, and Governmental Reform. I would oppose all reform to education that would change our education system to one where only charter and private education are the only choices. I would fight to make changes to our education system that would make for profit education harder. I would work to find a Medicare for all solution in Michigan. I would also fight for legislation that would lessen the burden on workers that have to pay a percentage of their healthcare costs. I would work to make it harder for corporations to buy their government and legislation that they have had a hand at writing.

**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:** Ending standardized testing, increased funding to education with increased funding to special education. finding ways to reduce the burden on people in secondary and post secondary education. direct funding for pre K and childcare. protecting students with debt from student load debt collectors. Making Michigan a sanctuary state to protect migrant children.

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

**A:** increasing minimum wage to 15 a hour, fight against rising housing and rental prices, repealing right to work.

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

**A:** universal absentee voting, hand counting of all votes, banning super PAC money in Michigan, candidates must release all tax returns and disclose all finances

**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:** Resending all approval for Nestle pumping permit, harsher punishments for corporations that pollute drinking water. I would fight for more renewable energy and protect it when it is in place. I would also write legislation that would ban the transportation of natural gas and oil under ground that is not meant for homes and shut down all lines that are currently in use. This action would shut down line five and prevent another one to be created or used.

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

**A:** Retraining and harsher punishment for police that abuse their power and assault citizens. Harsh punishment for police forces that have been found to target based on race. Eliminating the bond system, forcing courts to release nonviolent offenders when they are on trial. Eliminating the ticket system to prevent further systemic abuse of the system that unfairly targets Michigan's poor and minorities.

## **NATHAN HEWER, Libertarian Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion**

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