

Primary Election: August 7, 2018

U. S. Congress District 5 – Michigan

Candidates: 1 Republican + 1 Democrat

Vote in one political party's primary only.

Duties: U. S. Representatives share the responsibility with 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 Representatives based on Congressional districts reapportioned after each census. Michigan has 14 districts as of 2012.

Term: 2 years VOTE for ONE (1).

TRAVIS WINES, Republican Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion

DANIEL T KILDEE, Democrat



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Occupation / Current Position: Member of Congress

Education: University of Michigan – Flint; B.S. Administration, Central Michigan University; Fannie Mae Foundation Fellow, Kennedy School, Harvard University, 2005

Qualifications / Experience: Work experience: Whaley Children's Center (1976 – 1985), Member, Flint School Board (1977 – 1985), Genesee County Board of Commissioners (1985 – 1997), Genesee County Treasurer (1997 – 2009), Chairman and CEO, Genesee County Land Bank (2002-2009), President and CEO, Center for Community Progress (2009 – 2012), Member of Congress (2013 – Present).

Questions:

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

A: The main concerns I hear about from my constituents are about creating more jobs, growing our economy and making sure that everyone in America who works hard and plays by the rules has a fair opportunity to succeed. We must make smart investments to help fix our crumbling roads, bridges and water systems and invest in a twenty-first century workforce, including universal preschool and improved K-12 education, increased access to higher education, and support of apprenticeship and job-training programs for workers.

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

A: Our current immigration system is broken. We need to encourage high-skilled immigrants to come to Michigan and the U.S. and ensure those that are already in our country can continue working, paying taxes and raising their families. In the 113th Congress, I was an original cosponsor of H.R. 15, the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act, which was a comprehensive immigration reform package that would have grown our economy, reduced our national deficit, secured our border and modernized our current broken system.

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 believe that hardworking American families deserve to know that when they get sick, they will have access to quality, affordable health care and prescription drugs. Although I was not in Congress when the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was enacted, I am eager to work with Democrats and Republicans in Congress to improve and strengthen our current health care laws and make it work better for families, workers and small businesses. Health care represents a large part of our nation's budget and we must find ways to increase quality and access to health care and to lower costs and reduce prescription drug prices.

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

A: Congress' top priority should be growing our economy and ensuring that everyone in America who works hard and plays by the rules has an opportunity to succeed. Hardworking families need good-paying jobs that allow them to own a home, invest in their kids' education, and save for a secure retirement. We need smart investments to help fix our crumbling infrastructure and invest in a twenty-first century workforce, including education and apprenticeship programs. We can also work to create opportunity by supporting small businesses through policies that encourage products to be made in America, not overseas.

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: We must support a clean energy economy to move Michigan toward a more secure energy future. Embracing renewable energy technologies will not only help to provide the power our country needs but also lessen our carbon footprint to protect our water, air and natural resources. It will also help to create tens of thousands of good-paying jobs. As a country, we must also ensure that every person has access to safe water, no matter where they live. The ongoing water crisis in my hometown of Flint demonstrates the need to make critical investments to improve water infrastructure, including replacing lead service lines.

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

A: Our election process is being distorted by billions of dollars that are being funneled into elections. In recent years, the role of money in politics has only grown due to recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions like the Citizens United decision. If we don't fix the underlying problem of the outsized role of money in our system, Congress will continue to be paralyzed and lurch from manufactured crisis to crisis. I believe we need a serious national conversation about meaningful and enforceable campaign finance reform which includes ensuring that donations to candidates, campaigns and committees are properly disclosed.

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