

Primary Election: August 7, 2018

U. S. Congress District 12 – 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).

JEFF JONES, Republican



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Occupation / Current Position: Pastor God's Family Room; Financial Adviser Mass Mutual; Entrepreneur 812 Enterprise.

Education: Crestwood High School Dbn Hts,MI; University of Michigan EE; Hyles-Anderson College Crown Point,IN

Qualifications / Experience: 30+ years Executive Management; Vice-President PPS, Inc. President CTI; RVP Health Insurance; 10 years Urban Ministry; 25 Years Suburban Ministries & Pastorate; 20 years Landscape Design Build; 5 Years Rural Pastorate; 10 years Life Targeting Coach; Independent Candidate U.S. Senate 2014; GOP Candidate U.S. House MI-12 2016; GOP Candidate U.S. House MI-12 2018.

Questions:

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

A: 1) Educational Renaissance... It is about allowing students to experience education, teachers to draw out knowledge, and equipping the teachers and student with necessary funding to accomplish those goals. 2) Economic Revitalization... New technologies exist that I have worked on that can bring great diversification and flexibility to the workforce, research, and new industries awaiting opportunity to bring great economic growth and resourceful environment and clean, renewable, and sustainable energy to our communities. 3) Health Care Reform for all Americans that become budget based, supplemental, and cost effective

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

A: Amnesties, new implementation of technology for entry and tracking, reduction of time to qualify, assimilate, and continue the great opportunities of legal immigration, while securing the safety of community. I have a plan that will lighten the burdens of U.S expenses and expand the international accountability of refugees and genuine relocation and assimilation of the international community. There is growth and opportunity in genuine reconstruction of our borders that would add jobs, ethical resolve, and innovation. Legal immigration gives opportunity to innovation, migrant workers, and shared education.

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: Accountable and Affordable Health Care is very possible in the United States through educational, fiscal appropriations, and responsible management. Health care involves everybody. The healthy. Alternative choices. Social responsibility. Maternal. Paternal. Child Care. Veterans, Seniors. Mental health. Addicted. And billing. These are all impacted by agencies, pharmaceuticals, FDA, USDA, EPA, DFIS, and even the Dept of Labor. Automotive No Fault is extremely impacted. There is ethical resolve available for each circumstance. The healthy should not be penalized for their lifestyle and choices available to everyone.

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

A: Keeping jobs in America is a priority. NAFTA & the TPA are destructive to the community of the 12th. So, foreign trade, funding the TPA, and the EX/IM Bank are extremely detrimental to American jobs. While Wall Street has proven prosperous in the recent short term, but education and an understanding of statistics run a cycle. Simple math and the education of the rules of 72, understanding debt, and how money works globally play an important part of overall economics. Most are unfamiliar with what the Federal Reserve represents and how our economic system works. What is relative about the price of tea in China?

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: Understanding what has caused the algae problems in Erie, the lower water levels and erosion in Lake Michigan, The Asian Carp in Huron and Ontario, and the eco-system of Superior are extremely important to the next generation, as well as, the immediate of concerns to us all can be overwhelming. Some has to do with what is happening inland to our lakes and streams. Unfortunately, lobbying dollars impacts us all and our environment and the payback of debt in elections. There are new innovative systems to assure zero pollution output, while maintaining maximum performance locally and independence on foreign energy.

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

A: It was the GOP that led the recognition of all Americans to vote, the Suffrage Cause, and the abuses of federal campaign dollars. Most do not realize that based on population and census, we waste billions possibly trillions, on Congressional Districting that does not even represent U.S. Citizens. Based on Undocumented residents, almost 14 Congressional Districts are funded in this abuse of Taxpayer dollars. The Congress terms should be 6 years and limited to 2 cycles. Lobbying dollars should be limited on actual placement. I have suggestions on how to preserve our voting rights and expose the abuses.

DEBBIE DINGELL, Democrat



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Occupation / Current Position: U.S. Representative, MI-12

Education: BSFS, Foreign Service, Georgetown University, 1975 and MA, Liberal Studies, Georgetown University, 1998

Qualifications / Experience: President, General Motors Foundation and Executive Director of Public Affairs, GM; Chair, Manufacturing Initiative at the American Automotive Policy Council; President, D2 Strategies U.S. Representative, 12th District; Wayne State Board of Governors (2007-2014 – Chair, 2012-2014)

Questions:

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

A: My constituents aren't asking for much; they want to make a decent living and provide for their family. They want to be able to buy a home and live in a safe neighborhood, be able to educate their children, put food on the table, see a doctor when they need to, afford their medicine and have a secure retirement. To this end, my top 3 priorities are ensuring every American has access to quality affordable health insurance, supporting our economy by strengthening manufacturing, ending bad trade deals that ship jobs overseas, and protecting our environment, and putting worker's pensions back on solid ground.

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

A: We need comprehensive immigration reform. Our national security must always be our top priority. We are a nation of immigrants, and my district has diverse and thriving communities. Comprehensive reform should also offer a pathway to citizenship to people who have been here for years, paid taxes and not committed crimes, fill economic needs including in agriculture, hospitality and construction, and protect Dreamers – young adults brought here by their parents when they were children.

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: Every American has the right to affordable, quality healthcare. Protecting and improving the Affordable Care Act is one of my top priorities in Congress; we need to address increasing premiums and high deductibles, to reduce the cost of medicines and repeal the “Cadillac” tax among others. We must ensure we have strong paid sick and family leave, support the Children’s Health Insurance Program and protect the Medicaid expansion which is critical to many Michigan families. I am also a cosponsor of HR 676, the Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act – which I believe is a good vision for the future of healthcare.

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

A: We need to ensure every American has equal economic opportunity. This means making sure we have good affordable housing and clean air to breathe and clean water to drink. It means making sure college is affordable for all families, and that every American has a right to affordable, quality healthcare. It means protecting our safety net, like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, to ensure that families can still put food on the table, see a doctor and afford medicine during an economic downturn. It also means we should raise the national minimum wage and fix our bad trade deals that ship jobs 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 need an all-of-the-above energy strategy with an emphasis on renewable energy. I opposed President Trump’s decision to repeal the Clean Power Plan and to withdraw from the Paris Accords, both of which will have negative impacts on both our economy and our environment. The most important thing we can do to protect the Great Lakes is to fund the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative at \$300 million per year and continue to reject misguided calls to eliminate the program.

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

A: Our democracy depends on free and fair elections. I co-sponsored the Government by the People Act which increases transparency, encourages small contributions and establishes public financing. I introduced the Safeguarding Election Infrastructure Act which mandates a paper receipt for every ballot cast among other things. I also co-sponsored the Voter Empowerment Act of 2017, which requires states to make available online voter registration and protects against ballot tampering, and the Voting Rights Advancement Act, which restores voter protections in states with a history of discriminatory activity.

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