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Political Courage Test: 2022 Congressional Edition

Candidates are strongly encouraged to complete the Political Courage Test online at:
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Please indicate your thoughts on the following fifteen issues. Vote Smart has identified these fifteen issues as top on voters' minds. Your responses will be posted will be posted on [our website](#) where millions of voters will be able to access and you can link to the posted responses for your own campaign materials.

If you would like to provide a more detailed response, please do so in the "Other or expanded principles" section (all responses must be under 100 words). **Should you choose not to respond, Vote Smart may research your public record to determine your likely positions on these issues.**

The Political Courage Test must be signed and returned to our office by 11:59 pm CT the day of the deadline. We can be reached at 515-989-6359 or by email at **politicalcourage@votesmart.org**.

I, _____, am willing to tell citizens where I stand on the issues I may face if elected. I have demonstrated my Political Courage by indicating my position on the following issues.

Signed: _____

State: _____ District: _____ Date: _____

Abortion:

Do you generally support pro-choice or pro-life legislation? Pro-choice ____ Pro-life ____

Other or expanded principles

Budget:

Do you support expanding federal funding to support social safety net programs such as Social Security and Medicare? Yes ____ No ____

Other or expanded principles

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Campaign Finance:

Do you support the regulation of indirect campaign contributions from corporations, unions, and individuals? Yes ____ No ____

Other or expanded principles

Crime:

Do you support protecting government officials, including law enforcement officers, from personal liability in civil lawsuits concerning alleged misconduct? Yes ____ No ____

Other or expanded principles

Defense:

Do you support increasing defense spending? Yes ____ No ____

Other or expanded principles

Economy:

Do you support federal spending as a means of promoting economic growth? Yes ____ No ____

Do you support providing financial relief to businesses AND/OR corporations negatively impacted by the state of national emergency for COVID-19? Yes ____ No ____

Do you support the federal government taking action, beyond those of the Federal Reserve, to alleviate inflation? Yes ____ No ____

Other or expanded principles

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Education:

Do you support the forgiveness of federal student loan debt? Yes ____ No ____

Other or expanded principles

Elections:

Do you support requiring a government-issued identification in order to vote at the polls? Yes ____ No ____

Other or expanded principles

Energy & Environment:

Do you support government funding for the development of renewable energy (for example: solar, wind, geo-thermal)? Yes ____ No ____

Do you support the federal regulation of greenhouse gas emissions? Yes ____ No ____

Other or expanded principles

Guns:

Do you generally support gun-control legislation? Yes ____ No ____

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Health Care:

Do you support a government-run (single-payer) healthcare program, such as Medicare-for-All? Yes ____ No ____

Do you support expanding paid family AND/OR medical leave opportunities? Yes ____ No ____

Do you support lowering the cost of prescription drugs? Yes ____ No ____

Other or expanded principles

Immigration:

Do you support increasing security along the southern US border? Yes ____ No ____

Do you support requiring immigrants who are unlawfully present to return to their country of origin before they are eligible for citizenship? Yes ____ No ____

Other or expanded principles

National Security:

Do you support economic intervention as a means of resolving international conflicts? Yes ____ No ____

Do you support the US providing increased offensive military aid to Ukraine? Yes ____ No ____

Other or expanded principles

Taxes:

Do you support raising taxes, on any income or on any entity, to promote economic growth? Yes ____ No ____

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