Candidate Questionnaire

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1. **Health Care:**

What federal policies or legislation would you support to expand timely, affordable access to primary care, behavioral health, emergency services, and providers in the Olympic Peninsula and other underserved parts of the 6th District?

Every neighbor should be able to get the care they need, when and where they need it – and access that requires driving hours or waiting months is not real access. I will keep fighting to protect Medicaid and Medicare, lower costs, strengthen rural and Tribal health systems, expand behavioral health and primary care, and build the health care workforce our communities need. Immediately: we need to overturn the so called "Big Beautiful Bill" and stop the bleeding. Next: we build a system in which everyone can count on care and coverage.

How would you measure success?

I measure success by whether our neighbors can actually get an appointment, afford their medications, access emergency and behavioral health care close to home, and receive specialty care without traveling hours. We should track wait times, provider shortages, hospital and clinic closures, insurance costs, and health outcomes, especially in rural and Tribal communities.

What would you do to ensure clinics and hospitals have the staffing and funding to stay open?

Our rural hospitals and clinics need reliable reimbursement, a strong workforce, and federal investment. I'll fight for Medicaid and Medicare funding, protect programs like 340B, expand workforce and training pipelines, and continue bringing federal resources directly home to facilities serving the Olympic Peninsula.

2. **Environment:**

What do you see as the biggest threats to Washington's forests and waters? What actions would you take to mitigate these threats?

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Climate change is already here, we see it in rising tides, worsening wildfires, flooding, and threats to salmon, forests, and Tribal communities. We need to protect clean water and habitat, invest in climate resilience and wildfire prevention, and give Tribes and local communities the resources they need to prepare for the changes already underway.

How would you propose to manage Washington's forests that are on federal land?

Federal forests should be managed using science, responsible stewardship, in true co-management with Tribal nations, and in collaboration the communities that live alongside them. That means investing in Forest Service staffing and research, restoring forest health, reducing wildfire risk, protecting critical habitat and old-growth ecosystems, and preserving these lands for generations to come.

How can local, state, and national governments best work together to mitigate the effects of climate change? What would you do to help promote this type of cooperation?

The federal government should be a partner, not another layer of red tape. I support bringing federal, state, local, and Tribal governments together around locally driven resilience projects — and making federal funding easier and faster for communities to access, which is exactly the approach I've taken with H.R. 3654, the TERRA Act and the Aberdeen-Hoquiam flood project.

3. **International relationships:**

Which countries do you consider the most important allies of the United States?

Our relationships with Canada, Mexico, our NATO allies, and other democratic partners are essential to our security and economic prosperity. Those alliances are strongest when they are rooted in mutual respect, democratic values, human rights, and a commitment to diplomacy.

As a member of Congress, what would you do to improve and support our relationships with these countries?

Congress has an important role in maintaining strategic relationships that last beyond any one President. I support sustained diplomatic engagement, responsible security and economic partnerships, and working alongside our allies to tackle shared challenges rather than abandoning the international institutions and relationships we helped build. I'm proud to work alongside elected officials in British Columbia on cross-border issues – especially related to our interconnected fisheries and economies. And recently I joined a delegation to Mexico to strengthen our relationship the elected officials and economic partners.

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Given the current conflicts in the Middle East, what is your stance on US military support for Israel?

Israelis and Palestinians both deserve safety, dignity, and a future free from violence. I oppose unconditional and unchecked funding for offensive weapons to the Netanyahu government, and I voted to end $3.3 billion in annual military aid while continuing to support humanitarian assistance and a diplomacy-first path toward lasting peace.

Do you accept campaign contributions from pro-Israel organizations? Why or why not?

I have accepted support from J Street, a pro-Israel, pro-peace organization that shares my commitment to diplomacy and a peaceful future for Israelis and Palestinians. Since elected in Congress, I have not accepted any AIPAC money. No contribution determines my vote, my responsibility is to my neighbors, my values, and the people affected by the decisions we make in Congress.

What Congressional actions would you support to reach resolution of the conflict with Iran?

Congress must reassert its constitutional authority over war and pursue diplomacy instead of allowing the Administration to drag Americans into open-ended, and unnecessary conflicts. I introduced a War Powers Resolution to end the unauthorized war with Iran, and I will continue pushing for diplomacy, de-escalation, congressional oversight, and a negotiated path that prevents nuclear proliferation and protects American servicemembers and interests at home and aboard.

4. **Government Accountability:**

What reforms to campaign finance disclosure, lobbying rules, conflicts of interest, public procurement, or public records access would you support to prevent corruption, increase transparency, and hold officials accountable?

Government works best when people can see who is influencing decisions and trust that taxpayer dollars are being spent responsibly. I support stronger campaign-finance and lobbying disclosure, tougher conflict-of-interest and revolving-door rules, independent Inspectors General, transparent federal contracting, and real consequences for people who defraud public programs.

What Congressional action is needed to restore the balance of power between the executive and legislative branches of government?

Congress cannot surrender its constitutional responsibility to oversee the executive branch, control federal spending, and decide when our country goes to war. We need to enforce subpoenas, protect independent watchdogs, defend Congress' power of the purse, and use the War Powers Act to ensure no President can unilaterally commit our servicemembers to war.

5. **Election Integrity:**

What do you see as the biggest threats to election integrity in Washington State?

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Our biggest threats are efforts to undermine public confidence in legitimate elections, spread disinformation, intimidate election workers, interfere with secure election systems including vote-by-mail, or make it harder for eligible voters to participate. Protecting election integrity means protecting both the security of the ballot and every eligible American's freedom to cast one.

What would you do to protect our elections?

I will fight to protect voting access, strengthen cybersecurity and election infrastructure, give local election officials the resources they need, and protect election workers from threats and intimidation – and that begins by working to pass H.R.1, the For the People Act, a comprehensive bill focused on voting rights, campaign finance, and ethics is government. Democracy only works when every eligible voter can participate and trust that their vote will be counted fairly.

Do you support voter identification legislation or rules at the Federal level?

I do not support federal voter-ID or documentary-proof requirements that create unnecessary barriers for eligible Americans trying to vote. I have opposed federal legislation that would make registration harder while continuing to support commonsense measures that keep our elections secure and accessible.

6. **Freedom of the Press:**

What Congressional action would you support to ensure continuity of a free press?

A free and independent press is fundamental to our democracy, especially when journalists are asking uncomfortable questions of people in power. I support strong federal protections for journalists and their confidential sources, protections against government retaliation or surveillance for legitimate reporting, and preserving the public's ability to access information about what their government is doing.