

Voters Guide US House of Representatives May 8, 2018 Primary Election

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Candidates for US House of Representatives Congressional District 1

Democratic Candidates for US House of Representatives Congressional District 1

Office US House of Representatives Congressional District 1

Name **Ralph Baxter**

County Ohio

Party **Democrat**

Biography

Ralph Baxter, of Wheeling, is a lawyer, businessman, and teacher. Baxter spent most of his career at Orrick, one of the world's largest law firms, he served as Chairman from 1990-2013. During that time he led the creation of over 1,000 jobs in WV, sparking the revitalization of Downtown Wheeling. Ralph is married and father of four adult children

1. What measures would you support to address the budget deficit and the national debt?

Budgets reflect our priorities. All options should be on the table in order to pass a responsible budget that doesn't pay for tax breaks for the rich and large corporations at the expense of working families, children and the poor. Corporations and the wealthy should pay their fair share in order to produce a just, fair and responsible budget.

2. What steps do you think Congress should take to insure access to affordable healthcare for all Americans?

Every American should have access to quality, affordable health care including birth control and the ability to make reproductive choices. The Affordable Care Act should be fixed in order to lower premiums while preserving and improving access to preventative, primary, mental health and acute long term care. Bringing younger people into the exchanges will lower costs for all.

3. West Virginia has been especially hard hit by the opioid abuse epidemic. What do you see as the role of Congress in addressing this crisis?

It's time we treated the opioid crisis like the national emergency that it is. Drug companies and distributors must be held accountable for creating pill mills and tearing our communities apart. We should strengthen the DEA's ability to monitor and crack down on manufacturers and distributors while allocating major resources to treatment, prevention and intervention programs.

Office US House of Representatives Congressional District 1

Name **Kendra Fershee**

County

Party **Democrat**

Biography

Biographical info: I am a law professor mom and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at WVU

College of Law. I have been happily married for nineteen years and have two great kids. My favorite bumper sticker reads: I wasn't born here, but I got here as quick as I could, and I am proud to call WV home. www.TeamKendraWV.com

1. What measures would you support to address the budget deficit and the national debt?

The recently-enacted tax package will saddle our children with massive debt and all of the economic problems that accompany bloated national debt for generations. Our national budget should be focused on spending that provides community-based support that builds a stable jobs base, not giant tax cuts for the wealthy.

2. What steps do you think Congress should take to insure access to affordable healthcare for all Americans?

A person's ability to get healthcare should not depend on her age or workplace. You are not living free if you don't have good healthcare, and our current system focuses too much on insurance and not enough on health. We need universal healthcare so people are free, among other things, to start new businesses and jump-start our economy.

3. West Virginia has been especially hard hit by the opioid abuse epidemic. What do you see as the role of Congress in addressing this crisis?

In addition to universal healthcare, which will help people beat opioid addiction, we need safe alternatives to pain management so people can avoid deadly addiction altogether. WV has legalized medical marijuana and I will work to get the federal government out of the way so we can plug this revenue driver into our economy and build healthy communities.

Office US House of Representatives Congressional District 1

Name **Tom Payne**

County

Party **Democrat**

No Reply

Republican Candidate for US House of Representatives Congressional District 1

Office US House of Representatives Congressional District 1

Name **David B McKinley**

County

Party **Republican**

No Reply

Candidates for US House of Representatives Congressional District 2

Democratic Candidates for US House of Representatives Congressional District 2

Office US House of Representatives Congressional District 2

Name **Aaron Scheinberg**

County Berkeley

Party **Democrat**

Biography

Aaron is a West Point graduate and Iraq war veteran raising his family in the home his grandfather built in Hedgesville. After returning home, Aaron graduated from Columbia Business School and Harvard Kennedy School and helped build The Mission Continues, a national organization that helps veterans reintegrate by serving their communities. Now, Aaron's continuing his service by running for Congress.

1. What measures would you support to address the budget deficit and the national debt?

I support meaningful tax reform that closes loopholes and ends tax breaks created for corporations and the super wealthy at the expense of middle class families. Options such as increasing the capital gains tax, closing the carried interest loophole, and eliminating tax breaks for companies that ship jobs overseas should be on the table.

2. What steps do you think Congress should take to insure access to affordable healthcare for all Americans?

We must first fight back against Trump's attacks and stabilize the insurance markets to lower premiums and protect those with preexisting conditions. Then, we must ensure everyone has access to quality, affordable care by lowering the Medicare age to 50, offering a public option when Americans lack good choices, and holding drug companies accountable by negotiating for lower prices.

3. West Virginia has been especially hard hit by the opioid abuse epidemic. What do you see as the role of Congress in addressing this crisis?

Congress must lead the charge to hold drug companies and distributors accountable for the opioid crisis that is tearing our communities apart. While we've spent billions of dollars overseas to build other countries, we must allocate the resources we need here at home to expand access to treatment and invest in the prevention and intervention programs that will save lives.

Office US House of Representatives Congressional District 2

Name **Talley Sergent**

County Kanawha

Party [Democrat](#)

Biography

Talley Sergent is a native, sixth generation West Virginian. The daughter of a West Virginia public school teacher, she is the third of six children. She built a career focused on service: as an aide to Senator Jay Rockefeller, as a diplomat at the U.S. Department of State, and at The Coca-Cola Company. She lives in Charleston..

1. What measures would you support to address the budget deficit and the national debt?

Balanced budgets and good governance are musts and it must be done in a bipartisan way. Our first priority should be to end corporate welfare - right now, we spend more money (e.g. the Congressional tax bill that added \$1.5 Trillion to the national debt) with giveaways to major corporations that just drive up our spending.

2. What steps do you think Congress should take to insure access to affordable healthcare for all Americans?

Health care is a human right and I support affordable and accessible health care for every West Virginian. First step to achieving that is to fix the Affordable Care Act and

open up Medicare to Americans ages, 50-64. In addition, I support a public option, to help lower premiums and take out profit motives, as well as negotiating prescription drugs,

3. West Virginia has been especially hard hit by the opioid abuse epidemic. What do you see as the role of Congress in addressing this crisis?

This is a personal issue for me, as my own family has been affected by the addiction epidemic. We need leaders that will bridge the partisan divide, create a fully-funded, national game plan to execute at the local, state and national levels that aggressively goes after the heart of the issue: cut supply (pharmaceutical companies), increase treatment (short and long-term)

Republican Candidate for US House of Representatives Congressional District 2

Office US House of Representatives Congressional District 2

Name **Alex X. Mooney**

County

Party **Republican**

No Reply

Candidates for US House of Representatives Congressional District 3

Democratic Candidates for US House of Representatives Congressional District 3

Office US House of Representatives Congressional District 3

Name **Paul E. Davis**

County Cabell

Party **Democrat**

Biography

I am a native of Huntington, WV. I have been married for 35 years and have two sons who are both graduates of Marshall University. I graduated from Marshall University with an undergraduate degree in Political Science (2004) and obtained a Master's Degree in Marshall's Executive MBA program (2009) while working full time as the General Manager of the Transit

1. What measures would you support to address the budget deficit and the national debt?

I'm concerned with the increasing deficit. We are passing this debt to future generations. As a nation, we must control costs and increase revenue. Increasing revenues could be done by a number of ways:

1. Leveling the playing field by increasing tariffs on international trade (i.e. steel and automobiles).
2. Creating more employment and better paying jobs.

2. What steps do you think Congress should take to insure access to affordable healthcare for all Americans?

I'm a proponent of affordable healthcare for all. Congress should revise certain aspects of the Healthcare Act to find a way to make it affordable and accessible to the working poor, seniors and middle class. Health care should be a right for very single man, woman and child in the United States of America.

3. West Virginia has been especially hard hit by the opioid abuse epidemic. What do you see as the role of Congress in addressing this crisis?

Congress must provide funds to fight the opioid epidemic. We only curtail this problem if we provide early education, mentors for our kids that need it, provide enough funds for quality rehab and give our police the resources they need to fight the drug dealers. Everyone, including myself, is frustrated with the alarming rate that this epidemic is rapidly growing.

Office US House of Representatives Congressional District 3

Name **Janice Hagerman**

County

Party [Democrat](#)

No Reply

Office US House of Representatives Congressional District 3

Name **Shirley Love**

County Fayette

Party [Democrat](#)

Biography

WV needs leadership who can navigate the political process effectively to bring funding, jobs and opportunity to our state. As your elected official, I use every opportunity to move West Virginia forward, putting petty differences aside for the good of our people. I carry with me a lifetime of experience and knowledge. I am a conservative democrat who believes in

1. What measures would you support to address the budget deficit and the national debt?

My wife and I have had to budget our household for 65 years. If you don't have it, you cannot spend it. The same goes for West Virginia and the same should go for the United States government. Our spending is wasteful and out of control. We give departments money and don't know how they spend it

2. What steps do you think Congress should take to insure access to affordable healthcare for all Americans?

The only answer I see is to put our BEST minds together in a summit and put them to the task. As elected officials, we are supposed to put aside petty differences and solve problems. We must create an opportunity for our best minds to create a new system which can bring healthcare to everyone at a reasonable cost.

3. West Virginia has been especially hard hit by the opioid abuse epidemic. What do you see as the role of Congress in addressing this crisis?

One of the primary duties of Congress is to protect the nation. Opioids and the companies who make them are a clear threat to our people. We must hold them accountable just like the tobacco companies . And drugs should not be advertised to our people either. Further, rehabilitation and education must be available to those who need help.

Office US House of Representatives Congressional District 3
Name **Richard Ojeda II**
County
Party Democrat
No Reply

Republican Candidates for US House of Representatives Congressional District 3

Office US House of Representatives Congressional District 3
Name **Ayne Amjad**
County Raleigh
Party Republican

Expect Honesty, Integrity, Compassion, and Purpose when you vote for Ayne Amjad. Patients trust me with their lives as their physician and I can be trusted to be your voice in Congress. I serve my community with integrity and took an oath to do no harm. I have compassion for people and the health of our state. Mountaineers can work

1. What measures would you support to address the budget deficit and the national debt?

I support measures focused on increasing preventive healthcare and policies promoting entrepreneurship and education. Responsible healthcare solutions must be considered and encouraging a healthy workforce is key for WV's future success. We must also invest in private entrepreneurship and education to create and sustain new revenue streams. The budget deficit and national debt must be mitigated for future generations

2. What steps do you think Congress should take to insure access to affordable healthcare for all Americans?

Congress must ensure stability and a commitment to healthcare to encourage individual market insurers to continue providing coverage. Congress should invest in programs promoting preventive care, especially in underserved and rural communities. Investing in programs like the National Health Service Corps creates more incentives for health professional graduates to serve in specific areas, which increases access and choices for patients.

3. West Virginia has been especially hard hit by the opioid abuse epidemic. What do you see as the role of Congress in addressing this crisis?

Congress should be direct and strategic in addressing opioid abuse in WV. As a physician, working daily on the opioid crises, I recommend first, to educate our children about the harms of drug abuse and provide them with afterschool activities. Second, we need to address underlying causes of drug abuse. WV could be a model for the nation

Office US House of Representatives Congressional District 3
Name **Marty Gearheart**
County Mercer
Party Republican

Biography

I am a lifelong resident of Bluefield, a small business owner and a battle tested conservative. I am running for Congress to give a voice to forgotten West Virginians. I was first elected to the House of Delegates in 2010 where I represent District 27 and serve as chair of the Roads & Transportation Committee. My campaign platform is the

1. What measures would you support to address the budget deficit and the national debt?

I am alarmed by the growth in national debt; the most straightforward solution is cutting wasteful spending. Also, I would gladly introduce or cosponsor a federal balanced budget amendment. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), 49 out of 50 states have some sort of balanced budget amendment. However, the federal government does not have such a provision.

2. What steps do you think Congress should take to insure access to affordable healthcare for all Americans?

First, I believe that Congress must repeal the Affordable Care Act as it has failed to reduce healthcare costs for everyday Americans. Second, Congress must utilize market-based solutions, such as purchasing insurance across state lines, in order to bring down costs and ensure access to affordable healthcare

3. West Virginia has been especially hard hit by the opioid abuse epidemic. What do you see as the role of Congress in addressing this crisis?

Congress's role in combating the opioid crisis is to focus on prevention, enforcement and treatment. Furthermore, legislators must collaborate with law enforcement, mental health professionals, and community leaders to explore measures such as reforming prescription quantities and prescribing limits in order to find a permanent solution to the epidemic.

Office US House of Representatives Congressional District 3

Name **Conrad Lucas**

County Cabell

Party **Republican**

Biography

Conrad Lucas was born in Huntington and raised in Southern West Virginia. Conrad and his family have called West Virginia home for thirteen generations. Conrad fought against the establishment to turn West Virginia red, his leadership as Chairman of the West Virginia Republican Party gave Donald Trump his largest victory of any state in America. Visit www.Lucasforcongress.com for more information.

1. What measures would you support to address the budget deficit and the national debt?

I will support conservative fiscal policies that reign in spending and eliminate wasteful, duplicative government bureaucracy. We have to defund Washington to defend West Virginia. The massive national debt will rob our children and grandchildren of any semblance of a future and must be addressed; I will fight for a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution.

2. What steps do you think Congress should take to insure access to affordable healthcare for all Americans?

Obamacare destroyed insurance markets and had a massively detrimental impact on West Virginia. Healthcare services have to be accessible and affordable for all. Congress should allow the sale of insurance policies across state lines, and I support a full repeal of Obamacare to bring our insurance markets, and thus our healthcare system, to a competitive, cost-reduced future

3. West Virginia has been especially hard hit by the opioid abuse epidemic. What do you see as the role of Congress in addressing this crisis?

I fully support stronger penalties against drug traffickers. We have to stand up to pharmaceutical companies and all bad actors involved that led to this crisis. West Virginia's Republican U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito co-sponsored the new Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA). I fully support this legislation, Congress should extend money to opioid treatment, empowering individuals to get off drugs.

Office US House of Representatives Congressional District 3

Name **Carol Miller**

County Cabell

Party **Republican**

Biography

Carol Miller is a small business owner, bison farmer, and State Delegate who is running for Congress to bring West Virginia values to Washington DC. Carol is pro-life, pro-Second Amendment, and pro-coal. Carol will work with President Trump to build the wall and end illegal immigration. In the State House, Carol prayed before every vote and she'll do the same

1. What measures would you support to address the budget deficit and the national debt?

Congress needs to go through the budget line by line, prioritize our needs and cut unnecessary spending, just like families do at kitchen tables across our nation. Congress must also eliminate the rampant waste, fraud, and abuse in our federal budget.

2. What steps do you think Congress should take to insure access to affordable healthcare for all Americans?

Congress must eliminate Obamacare's costly mandates and allow all American's to buy health insurance and care on the free and open market, across all state lines. Americans and our doctors should work to decide the care that best meets their individual needs, not the federal government.

3. West Virginia has been especially hard hit by the opioid abuse epidemic. What do you see as the role of Congress in addressing this crisis?

Congress must make resources available for rehabilitation and recovery, ensure law enforcement has the tools to crack down on drug dealers and eliminate international drug traffickers, and immediately repeal the destructive policies that have flooded our communities with opioids.

Office US House of Representatives Congressional District 3

Name **Philip Payton**

County

Party **Republican**

No Reply

Office US House of Representatives Congressional District 3

Name **Rupie Phillips**

County Logan

Party **Republican**

Biography

After high school I joined the US Air Force and have worked in the coal industry since. For the past eight sessions I have served as a delegate. We need a strong advocate in Congress. If elected, I'll always represent our district by bringing back good paying jobs, cutting job-killing regulations, and protecting the Second Amendment. More information at www.RupieforCongress.com.

1. What measures would you support to address the budget deficit and the national debt?

The federal government has a spending problem. If elected, I'd advocate for spending cuts through things like welfare reform and reducing the size of the federal government. Most importantly, we must bring jobs back to the US and West Virginia, to continue the trend of economic growth we've seen in the past year.

2. What steps do you think Congress should take to insure access to affordable healthcare for all Americans?

Congress needs to repeal Obamacare. By doing this and putting people back to work, the price of healthcare for all Americans will decrease.

3. West Virginia has been especially hard hit by the opioid abuse epidemic. What do you see as the role of Congress in addressing this crisis?

Congress needs to take action to address the opioid crisis, including reforming our criminal justice system, providing comprehensive treatment options, and holding pharmaceutical companies accountable.

Office US House of Representatives Congressional District 3

Name **Rick Snuffer**

County Raleigh

Party **Republican**

Biography

A laborer, carpenter, & electrician who worked his way up to become Vice-President of a construction company. Conservative former Legislator who effectively fought for smaller state government and transparency. A Job Creator who knows how to get Washington out of your way. Christian Conservative who has stood for Religious Freedoms and Traditional West Virginia Values. Rick's Top Issues: Protecting Life,

1. What measures would you support to address the budget deficit and the national debt?

Continue current economic growth. Pass Balanced Budget Amendment. Cut excess government

2. What steps do you think Congress should take to insure access to affordable healthcare for all Americans?

Get illegals and all healthy, able-bodied American men off the system. Repeal Obamacare fully. Go after Medical fraud: Insurance companies/ Pharmaceutical companies/ Providers who abuse system. See where these 3 simple steps have us before taking additional action

3. West Virginia has been especially hard hit by the opioid abuse epidemic. What do you see as the role of Congress in addressing this crisis?

Enacting policies that Strengthen Families ! Enforce the laws on the books. Go back to educating Students in early Elementary School. Drug test ALL elected officials and those on Public Assistance – get them drug intervention treatment. Embrace/encourage Faith-based Treatment Programs