

Voters Guide US House of Representatives November 6, 2018 General Election

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Candidates for US House of Representatives Congressional District 1

Office: U.S. House of Representatives Congressional District 1

Name: **Kendra Fershee**

County:

Party: Democrat

Biography

I am a working (family law professor) mom of two kids in public schools who is running for Congress because our representatives need to know what it's like to juggle life and work so they can serve us better and address real life problems for families, working people, seniors, and kids in West Virginia.

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- 1. What role should the U.S. government play in ensuring healthcare access for all?**
You can't live free without health care. West Virginians have served this country for centuries with their backbreaking labor and too many continue to suffer without medical care. It's not right, and we can fix this inefficient, expensive system by ensuring - through universal health care - that all people can go to the doctor when they need to so they can
- 2. In building a vibrant U.S. economy, would you emphasize reforming tax policies, addressing income inequality, or something else? What specific economic growth measures would you support?**
You can't live free without a well paying job. Too many West Virginians are working hard but not making enough money to pay for food, which means they have to rely on government assistance to live. Instead of using taxpayer dollars to help working people eat, we should require employers to pay a fair wage, which will also help West
- 3. What modifications to safety net/benefit programs such as Social Security and Medicare would you support?**
We West Virginians know it's only fair to ensure our elders can afford their needs as they age; they worked hard to earn Social Security and Medicare. This is a simple matter of political will. We must be loyal to our seniors and stop giving tax cuts to the ultra rich - that will bankrupt our future - and prioritize funding protections

Office: U.S. House of Representatives Congressional District 1

Name: **David B. McKinley**

County:

Party: Republican

No Reply

Candidates for US House of Representatives Congressional District 2

Office: U.S. House of Representatives Congressional District 2

Name: **Daniel P. "Danny" Lutz, Jr.**

County: Jefferson

Party: Mountain

Biography

Native West Virginian, ancestors arrived 1761, 102 years before Statehood. Progressive similar to Theodore Roosevelt, Walter Reuther, Henry Wallace, and Rachel Carson. WVU graduate (Agriculture/Economics) The American University(DC). USAF Commission. Conservation District Supervisor (2016). Prevented CLASS 5 INJECTION WELL on Jefferson County Property. Trustee, Eastern Panhandle Central Labor Council AFL-CIO. Wrote stageplay about Bill Blizzard Treason Trial (1922).

- 1. What role should the U.S. government play in ensuring healthcare access for all?**
My bill expands MEDICARE to cover all Americans, following a version of Veterans' Administration Model. My funding mechanism raises NO taxes on wage earners, Social Security, or businesses. No "PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS." Brings MEDICAID, WIC, SNAP, SENIOR SERVICES, etc., under "Healthcare umbrella." Less duplicating services; saving billions. Details revealed at Jefferson County LWV Debate, or where LWV may desire.
- 2. In building a vibrant U.S. economy, would you emphasize reforming tax policies, addressing income inequality, or something else? What specific economic growth measures would you support?**
Rethink American economic structure soon. There may not be jobs for every American who wants one. My plan confronts the realities we cannot change, i.e. automation and centralized wealth will make unskilled and semiskilled workers unemployable. Puritan Work Ethic will be gone. I wish to reveal the details of this plan at the venue in #1.
- 3. What modifications to safety net/benefit programs such as Social Security and Medicare would you support?**
My Progressive programs mentioned in Answers #1 and #2 assure an economic/social safety net by underwriting Healthcare, education, and economic security for all. My programs make America, and West Virginia, world leaders by creating:
 - a. Replacing "OBAMACARE" with my Universal Comprehensive National Healthcare
 - b. World Class American Education by 2025
 - c. A sustainable, renewable, American Infrastructure with a clean environment

Office: U.S. House of Representatives Congressional District 2

Name: **Alex X. Mooney**

County:

Party: Republican

No Reply

Office: U.S. 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. After paying her way through college, 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

- 1. What role should the U.S. government play in ensuring healthcare access for all?**
Health care is a human right and the federal government plays an important role in ensuring that every West Virginian and American has access to support affordable health care. First step to achieving that is to fix health care and open up Medicare to Americans ages, 50-64. In addition, I support a public option, to help lower premiums and take
- 2. In building a vibrant U.S. economy, would you emphasize reforming tax policies, addressing income inequality, or something else? What specific economic growth measures would you support?**
The tax code should be reformed, unfortunately, Congress just passed out tax giveaways to corporations who ship jobs overseas, leaving future generations to pay an exorbitant \$1.5 trillion debt. It's all about priorities - my priority is growing the middle class for working people and being a catalyst for growth for our small businesses. Trickle down doesn't work - we need fair tax
- 3. What modifications to safety net/benefit programs such as Social Security and Medicare would you support?**
I oppose Alex Mooney's efforts to pay for the \$1.5 trillion tax bill by cutting Medicare and Social Security. These are benefits that working West Virginians pay into - politicians in Washington need to stop robbing from working people and focus more on strengthening and protecting Medicare and Social Security, not weakening and cutting it.

Candidates for US House of Representatives Congressional District 3

Office: U.S. House of Representatives Congressional District 3
Name: **Carol Miller**
County: Cabell
Party: Republican

Biography

Carol Miller is a mother, grandmother, small business owner, and bison farmer who is running for Congress to bring our West Virginia values to Washington. Carol is pro-life, pro-Second Amendment, pro-coal, and she'll protect Medicare and Social Security. Carol is proud to be endorsed by President Trump. She'll work with President Trump to create good paying jobs in West Virginia.

- 1. What role should the U.S. government play in ensuring healthcare access for all?**

We must protect Social Security and Medicare, that's number one. We need to eliminate the bureaucracy that drives healthcare costs up and makes it harder for everyone to get the care they need. We must repeal the Obama-policies that have made healthcare less affordable and lower quality. We need to combat the opioid epidemic and invest in rehabilitation and recovery

- 2. In building a vibrant U.S. economy, would you emphasize reforming tax policies, addressing income inequality, or something else? What specific economic growth measures would you support?**

I support President Trump's Jobs Act that is already creating more jobs and rising wages, but we still have more work to do to bring good jobs to West Virginia. We need to strengthen our coal industry, expand our oil and natural gas energy production, and diversify our economy. We cannot afford to go back to Obama-era liberal, job-killing policies.

- 3. What modifications to safety net/benefit programs such as Social Security and Medicare would you support?**

Plain and simple: we need to protect Social Security and Medicare for all West Virginians. You worked hard and paid into these programs all your life and you deserve fully funded retirement and healthcare. In Congress, I'll ensure the promises of Social Security, Medicare, and all pensions are kept, and stop politicians from playing games with our retirement programs.

Office: U.S. House of Representatives Congressional District 3

Name: **Sen. Richard Ojeda**

County: Logan

Party: Democrat

Biography

Retired Major Richard Ojeda II is a West Virginian veteran, educator, and current state Senator. Following his service, Ojeda returned home to West Virginia. Upon return Richard and a few local residents established the Logan Empowerment Action and Development Community Organization (LEAD), and served as an educator of JROTC at Chapmanville High School.

- 1. What role should the U.S. government play in ensuring healthcare access for all?**

I believe that all Americans should have a affordable access to health care. I would give folks the option to buy into Medicare and create competition for the corporate insurance companies who's lobbyists run Washington DC.

- 2. In building a vibrant U.S. economy, would you emphasize reforming tax policies, addressing income inequality, or something else? What specific economic growth measures would you support?**

A strong U.S. economy starts with a strong West Virginia economy. We must bring modern opportunities to rural areas like Southern WV. and get America's heartland working again. I will fight to protect our coal jobs while diversifying our opportunities for employment with Technology and manufacturing. This will require broadband access and a bipartisan infrastructure program so employers see WV

3. What modifications to safety net/benefit programs such as Social Security and Medicare would you support?

Social Security and Medicare are earned benefits that working class West Virginians have broken their backs to receive. Government needs to keep its hand out of our senior's benefit funds and we must raise the cap on Social Security to ensure its solvency for our children when they need it.