

2008 New York State Legislative Questionnaire

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Candidacy Information

Candidate and campaign contact information: please list information EXACTLY as it will appear on your designating petition.

First Name:

Last Name:

Middle Initial:

Suffix:

Please select one ...

HOME ADDRESS:

Street Address

Municipality

ZIP

FOR PETITIONING PURPOSES:

Home City or Town:

Home County:

Street Address (ONLY IF DIFFERENT FROM HOME ADDRESS. THIS WILL BE ON YOUR PETITION):

Municipality:

ZIP:

Cell Phone:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Email Address (Political/Personal):

WORK ADDRESS:

Street Address:

City:

ZIP:

CAMPAIGN HQ ADDRESS:

Street Address:

City:

ZIP:

Campaign Manager Name:

Campaign Manager Cell Phone:

Campaign Manager E-Mail:

Which address should your endorsement paperwork be sent to? (Please make sure you have inputed the one you specify.)

Please select one ...

Candidacy Information

What office are you seeking?Please select one ... **In what district are you running?**Please select one ... **Are you the incumbent?**

Yes

No

If yes, year first elected:

Which of the major party lines are you seeking, if any? Democrat Republican None**What other party lines are you seeking, if any?** Independence Conservative None Other If "other" please specify:

Please note: Candidates seeking the Working Families endorsement are discouraged from running on the Conservative or Independence Party lines.

If you are planning to seek the endorsement of Conservative or Independence parties, please explain why:**With which party are you currently registered?** Working Families Democrat Republican Independence Conservative None/Other

Please note: Candidates may be responsible for filing their own paperwork with the Board of Elections.

You understand and agree with the above?

Yes

Please note: To participate in the endorsement process, you must agree that if you do not receive the Working Families endorsement, you will not seek the WFP line through an Opportunity to Ballot (OTB) or any other means.

Do you agree not to seek the WFP line through an OTB or any other means?

Yes

PRIORITY ISSUES: 2008

TAX FAIRNESS FOR WORKING FAMILIES: "Righting The Balance"

Priority '08

BACKGROUND: We believe the following statements are true:

- The state is not investing sufficiently in the 'public goods' that the society requires: health care, education, transportation, infrastructure. Deferred maintenance always costs more in the long run.
- Local property taxes are much too high for many working families. They must be reduced.
- The only way to resolve this contradiction is to ask the wealthiest New Yorkers – those who got the lion's share of the tax breaks of the last decades – to contribute a fairer share.

Do you support serious targeted property tax relief through a "circuit breaker" that would cap the portion of their incomes that New Yorkers could be asked to pay in property taxes?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support moving New York back in the direction of Tax Fairness with income tax increases on households earning \$250,000 and more?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

If yes, how might you help to pass this legislation?

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CLEAN ENERGY, GREEN JOBS: It Just Makes Sense

Priority '08

BACKGROUND: Greening our buildings will reduce energy consumption, return savings to owners and renters alike, reduce pressure on overburdened sewer systems, and mitigate both pollution and climate change. We need to get serious with public-private programs that will ensure that this multi-billion dollar effort will create quality jobs and job-linked training.

Among other things, this will include:

- Partnering with the Working Families Party to secure funds for retrofitting and weatherizing New York State housing units on a mass scale.
- Structuring energy efficiency retrofits as a state project, leveraging quality jobs and job-linked training for underemployed populations.

Do you support such an approach?

Yes

No

Not Sure

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PUBLIC FINANCING OF ELECTIONS: Democracy Actually Matters

Priority '08

BACKGROUND: To minimize the unfair "natural advantage" of wealthy people in policymaking, public money must be injected into politics – into electoral campaigns. Indeed, the NYS Assembly has a history of supporting public financing of elections, passing such legislation several times.

Do you support a system of full public financing for state elections, like the "clean money" system used in States like Maine, Arizona, and Connecticut.

Yes

No

Not Sure

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HOUSING: Two Easy Pieces*Priority '08*

BACKGROUND: Lack of affordable housing is a crushing problem in many portions of the state – and it is exacerbated in many areas by current policy. In New York City, the state's Vacancy Decontrol law perversely removes apartments from rent regulation even as rents rise further out of reach for middle- and lower-income renters.

Do you support the repeal of Vacancy Decontrol?

Yes

No

Not Sure

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BACKGROUND: The sub-prime mortgage crisis has already resulted in the loss of tens of thousands of homes for middle and lower-income New Yorkers; around 50,000 more foreclosures are predicted in New York State in 2008, with an economic impact of \$10 billion. Sub-prime lenders have had little incentive to restructure loans on fairer terms for owners in distress. A moratorium on foreclosures is needed to protect home ownership and bring lenders to the table.

Do you support A09695/S6724, which would impose a one-year delay in pending home foreclosures, and allow distressed homeowners to work out a payment schedule with lenders?

Yes

No

Not Sure

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HEALTH CARE: If Not Now, When?*Priority '08*

BACKGROUND: It is time for our State to make high quality health care affordable and accessible to us all. Today, more than 2.5 million New Yorkers are uninsured, millions more have high cost insurance or too little insurance, and the rest are worried about losing what they have.

Quality health care should be affordable and meet the following standards:

- Guarantees everyone access to quality health care, regardless of income, race, disability, or where they live.
- Is affordable to every family's budget (including all of the costs: premiums, co-pays, deductibles, prescriptions, etc)
- Provides comprehensive care, including the full range of benefits people need
- Shares costs fairly between families, businesses and government.
- Serves the public good, with Government an active regulator to ensure quality and efficiency, and with a high quality public insurance plan available to all.

Do you agree?

Yes

No

Not Sure

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PAID FAMILY LEAVE: What We Owe One Another

Priority '08

BACKGROUND: Although federal law provides employees with the right to take unpaid family leave for emergencies lasting a week or more, most workers can't afford to use it. Working families need Paid Family Leave – an insurance fund paid for by workers themselves – so employees aren't forced to choose between earning a paycheck and caring for their families.

Do you support passage of Paid Family Leave legislation? Such leave can be used for the birth or adoption of a child; care of an immediate family member with a serious health condition; or to take medical leave for a serious health condition?

Yes

No

Not Sure

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IDA REFORM: Putting an End to Subsidy Abuse

Priority '08

BACKGROUND: State subsidies for business, provided by Industrial Development Agencies or other programs, should provide real returns to the state economy in the form of quality jobs. To ensure that this happens, IDAs must have oversight from community stakeholders, and must hold subsidy recipients accountable for delivering real, equitable development outcomes. IDA reform should:

- Require prevailing wages on construction and for building services, and pay living wages for other jobs on projects or in buildings funded with IDA dollars.
- Require IDA recipients to report on the number of jobs created and wage and benefit levels.
- Reform IDA boards to ensure they include representatives of the full range of constituencies, including labor, education, environment and community representatives, and that they hold public hearings earlier in the review process.
- Include a "clawback" provision, requiring companies that fail to meet job-creation or other commitments to pay back their subsidy.

Do you agree?

Yes

No

Not Sure

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ACCOUNTABILITY ON WORKING FAMILIES ISSUES*Priority '08***If you are endorsed:****Will you, in all media ads and all literature, inform voters that you are running on Row E – Working Families Party, in addition to any other lines you may have?**

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

If you are elected:**Will you meet regularly (once every six months) with Working Families leaders and members to follow up on issue concerns?**

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

If you are elected:**Will you participate in an annual policy forum for Working Families elected officials?**

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

2008 - Other Issues By Topic Area**1. GOOD JOBS**

a. Minimum Wage

GOOD JOBS

BACKGROUND: The real value of the minimum wage has consistently fallen over the last forty years, even as we've won incremental increases. We must increase the minimum wage to restore its value, and secure its value by indexing it to inflation.

Do you support A.9168A (John), which raises the state minimum wage to \$8.25 by 2011 and then indexes it to inflation?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

b. Displaced Workers

GOOD JOBS

BACKGROUND: Building service and food service workers should not lose their jobs whenever buildings change ownership.

Do you support a statewide displaced-worker law similar to those in New York City and elsewhere, guaranteeing building service and food service workers continued employment when a building changes ownership or hires a new building-service contractor?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

c. Labor Law & Enforcement

GOOD JOBS

BACKGROUND: New York's labor laws are drastically weakened by poor enforcement and loopholes. Businesses increasingly avoid their obligation to pay prevailing wage and provide required benefits.

This denies workers the protection of the law, and creates a competitive disadvantage for law-abiding companies. But enforcement yields results: the state's investigations of employers who misclassify workers as "temporary" or "contract" workers restored full-time status to 12,000 misclassified workers in its first quarter.

Do you support expanding labor law enforcement operations to ensure that workers receive appropriate pay and benefits for the work they perform?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support increased enforcement of prevailing wage rules and the expansion of prevailing wage requirements to all projects funded by state economic development dollars?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

d. Right to Organize

GOOD JOBS

BACKGROUND: Unions are necessary to counterbalance the power of employers and defend the interests of workers. The right to join a union is fundamental to a free society. The WFP believes that increasing the proportion of workers in unions is one of the best routes to a more just and democratic society and to improving the quality of life of all Americans. Accordingly, the WFP supports the following steps to ensure that workers who wish to join unions are able to do so:

- Requiring neutrality and card-check recognition wherever the state has the power to do so.
- Taylor Law reform to eliminate punitive and excessive penalties for public workers.
- Penalties on public employers who fail to bargain in good faith.
- Workplace access (e.g. parking lots) for union organizers.
- Workplace free speech legislation.
- Compliance with labor law as a condition of state contracts and licenses, e.g. liquor licenses
- Granting farm workers full rights under labor law insofar as permitted under federal law

Do you agree?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

e. Unemployment Insurance/Workers Compensation

GOOD JOBS

BACKGROUND: Unemployment Insurance is the "first responder" to the crisis of individual unemployment: it's supposed to help avert economic disaster. But in real terms, UI has given less and less support to workers since benefit levels were frozen in 2000. Some critical supports – like benefits that continue through a job re-training period – are denied to most applicants because of spending caps and badly-written eligibility.

Do you support increasing maximum UI benefits to 50 percent of the state average weekly wage?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support extending UI coverage to part-time, contingent, and temporary workers, and to service workers at educational institutions who are laid off during school breaks?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support increasing the taxable wage base from \$8,500 to \$13,500 so as to restore solvency to the UI trust fund?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support expanding opportunities for unemployed workers to get job training, by funding 599 extensions beyond the \$20m cap, and rewriting eligibility requirements?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support an increase in UI benefits to workers with very low wages (below \$9.50 per hour)?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support legislation (A.4128) requiring employers to provide employees injured on the job with all the information necessary to file a workers' compensation claim?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

f. Security Officers

GOOD JOBS

Do you support municipalities' authority to establish training and licensing standards for security officers protecting critical infrastructure?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support increased bonding requirements and/or insurance rates for unlicensed security companies, to protect the public against "fly by night" operators?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support a quality bidding system, rather than the current low-bid system, for state procurement of security services?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

g. Work and Family

GOOD JOBS

BACKGROUND: 51% of New York workers don't have even a single paid sick day available to them. Hourly and part-time workers need to be able to accrue sick days, to protect workers and prevent the spread of illness by employees who come to work

sick.

Do you support legislation requiring a minimum number of paid sick days for all workers in New York State?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

h. Big-Box Stores

GOOD JOBS

BACKGROUND: Big box stores like Wal-Mart and warehouse "buyers clubs" have undermined labor standards in the communities where they've opened, pulled trillions of dollars out of local economies, and in many cases shifted the employer's role in providing worker benefits onto the state. Communities need strong, active support from elected officials to protect against such incursions.

Understanding the broad negative effects Wal-Mart and warehouse clubs will have on communities, will you actively work with the Party and its affiliates to block the construction of any Wal-Mart or warehouse club?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

2. TAX FAIRLY, SPEND WISELY

Do you support retaining the New York State estate tax?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support ending corporate tax deductions for very high salaries?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

3. FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY/GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

a. Living Wage

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY/GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

BACKGROUND: A "living wage" is a pay rate that would allow a full-time worker to support a family at a level that meets basic needs and avoids economic hardship.

Will you support the passage of strong, comprehensive local laws within your district that require businesses who benefit from public subsidies and tax breaks to pay the

prevailing industry wage where it applies, and a living wage to other workers?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

b. Job Retention

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY/GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Do you support the Consumer and Worker Protection Act (A. 645/S4129), which prohibits any governmental agency from engaging in the practice of outsourcing jobs and requires ratification by the legislature of state procurement contracts with multinational corporations?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

c. Eliminating Discriminatory Practices

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY/GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Do you support legislation (A. 8240/S.2661A) to compensate employees in state service equally for work of comparable value by eliminating inequality in job titles which have been segregated by sex, race or national origin?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

d. Management of Government Projects

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY/GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

BACKGROUND: A proprietary interest is one in which the city, state or county government owns fee title or a long term leasehold interest in the project or provides financing for the project (whether by direct loan or indirectly by a guarantee, subsidy, deposit, credit enhancement or similar method).

Will you support requiring labor peace agreements that will ensure that projects are not disrupted by labor disputes on any project in which city, state or county government has a proprietary interest?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

4. HEALTH CARE

a. Insurance Costs & Accountability

HEALTH CARE

BACKGROUND: Premiums for individual and small-group health insurance are jumping by double-digits each year. The law authorizing the NYS Insurance Department to deny rate increases of 10% or more, and to conduct public rate hearings, expired in 2000.

Do you support reinstating the requirement that insurers be subject to public hearings and SID approval for rate increases of more than 5%?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

b. Prescription Drugs

HEALTH CARE

BACKGROUND: The excessive prices charged by drug companies threaten New York's ability to operate drug coverage programs, like Medicaid and EPIC, for low-income and fixed-income New Yorkers. Studies show that if the state negotiated bulk purchase prices, these programs would save billions of dollars each year.

Do you support A.1868B/S.6342, the "Safe Staffing for Quality Care Act," which establishes a minimum nurse-patient ratio for New York hospitals, and allows nurses to make professional determinations about their own ability (in light of overtime/exhaustion) to provide competent care?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support a prescription drug purchasing pool that combines state employees, Medicaid and other public programs, plus employer- and union-sponsored benefit plans on a voluntary basis, to leverage lower drug prices from manufacturers?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support expanding EPIC prescription coverage to non-elderly individuals with disabilities?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support creating a prescription drug discount program, similar to the successful Maine Rx Plus, to leverage state drug purchases to win lower prices for people without drug coverage?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

c. Health Care Quality

HEALTH CARE

BACKGROUND: Abuses of mandatory overtime for nurses have escalated as facilities use this measure as a way to deal with the nursing shortage. Overwork of nurses threatens the quality of health care.

Do you support A.1868B/S.6342, the "Safe Staffing for Quality Care Act," which establishes a minimum nurse-patient ratio for New York hospitals, and allows nurses to make professional determinations about their own ability (in light of overtime/exhaustion) to provide competent care?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

5. EDUCATION

a. School Funding

EDUCATION

BACKGROUND: Last year NYS committed in law to increase state foundation aid (classroom operating aid) by \$5.5 billion over four years with 72% going to high need districts. The 2007 law includes a specific phase-in schedule to add \$1.25 billion in 2008, \$1.5 billion in 2009, & \$1.65 billion in 2010.

Do you support fully implementing the remainder of the multi-year phase in of the 2007 foundation aid formula, with no stretch out and no cut in the \$5.5 billion four year commitment in foundation aid?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

b. Charter Schools

EDUCATION

Do you support a moratorium on the creation of new charter schools until the larger issue of school funding is resolved?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support measures to keep funding for charter schools separate from the local school district budget, so that school districts are held harmless when more students attend charter schools?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

c. Higher Education

EDUCATION

Do you support expanding the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) to cover part-time students, and to eliminate the penalty for adult students?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support tuition caps at CUNY and SUNY schools?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

6. HOUSING

BACKGROUND: Affordable Housing - Downstate Efforts to stem the loss of affordable rental housing in New York City have been stymied in part by the City's lack of authority to regulate its own rental market. Funding for public housing, and new construction of affordable units in suburban areas of rapidly rising values, are also important for alleviating the housing crisis.

Do you support repeal of the Urstadt law to restore New York City's authority to regulate its own rental market?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support restored state funding for operating expenses of public housing built with state funds?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support legislation to require developers (in Long Island and Westchester, and possibly other areas with rapidly rising housing prices) to set aside at least ten percent of new units as affordable?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

7. CONSUMER PROTECTION

a. Civil Justice

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Will you support A.4029/S.51 or similar legislation, which holds insurers liable for bad-faith or negligent denial of claims?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Will you oppose any change to the law requiring auto insurers to respond to claims within 30 days?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Will you oppose any change to New York's "scaffold law," which holds building owners and general contractors strictly liable for unsafe construction sites?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Will you support solutions addressed to the real cause of New York's medical malpractice "crisis": namely, patient safety; and will you oppose efforts to protect negligent physicians by weakening the rights of injured patients in the civil justice system?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

b. Telecom Regulation

CONSUMER PROTECTION

BACKGROUND: Telecom companies are increasingly focused on developing broadband service for customers who can pay for it. Those who rely on "legacy" telephone lines – mostly rural, low-income and/or people of color – are increasingly disadvantaged by being shut out of communications developed for high-speed lines. The policies that made phone service universal must be revamped to cover broadband service as well, while protecting telephone service and quality.

Do you support state legislation to protect the 10 million New Yorkers who rely on the "legacy" (land-line) phone network by strengthening service standards and ensuring that telecom providers provide adequate investment and servicing for these networks?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support incentives and tax breaks (conditioned on good labor and workforce policies) to ensure that rural areas receive broadband service and truly high-speed internet (as in fiber optic networks?)

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support a public-private partnership to provide universal broadband access, modeled on ConnectKentucky?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support A.10043, which would require the Public Service Commission to conduct public interest analyses of proposed telecom mergers; evaluating mergers' contribution to infrastructure, returns to ratepayers, and impact on control of telecommunications systems?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

8. EQUAL RIGHTS

a. Drug Law Reform

EQUAL RIGHTS

BACKGROUND:

The Rockefeller Drug Laws have been a colossal failure. A just, effective drug policy must be based on best practices in public health, and remediate the impact – particularly on low-income communities of color – of poor past policies.

Do you support legislation to restore judicial discretion in drug cases and to reduce sentences for non-violent offenders to more humane and just levels?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support the expansion of community-based drug treatment, alternatives to incarceration and re-entry programs?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

b. Immigrant Affairs

EQUAL RIGHTS

Do you support measures to ensure that legal immigrants are eligible for all social services?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support creating a \$100 million New York State Citizenship Initiative, phased in over five years, that would provide grants to non-profit organizations to offer English classes, citizenship application assistance, and legal services for the 1.1 million eligible green-card holders and the 400,000 who will be eligible in the coming years?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

9. ENERGY, SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE CHANGE

a. Green Buildings

ENERGY, SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE CHANGE

BACKGROUND: Green Buildings Buildings are copious consumers of energy, and account for more greenhouse gas emissions than cars.

Do you support requiring all new and renovated public buildings to meet LEED Silver standards?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support retrofits of existing public buildings to bring them up to LEED Certified standards?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

b. Power Generation

ENERGY, SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE CHANGE

Do you support increased state support for the development of wind, solar and other sustainable forms of electricity generation?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support requiring utilities to purchase power from decentralized energy sources in commercial and industrial buildings (e.g. rooftop solar panels), just as they are currently required to from residential buildings?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

c. Environment

ENERGY, SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE CHANGE

Do you support S.3835, passed in the Assembly (A.7133), which would strengthen protections for freshwater wetlands?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support proposals (A08044/S5850) to expand the bottle bill to include deposits for sports drinks, bottled water, juice and iced tea?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

d. Sustainable Development

ENERGY, SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE CHANGE

Will you support "smart growth" strategies that preserve open space and land for agricultural use and reduce subsidies for new development, especially in the suburban fringe?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

Do you support Community Preservation legislation, like A9104 which specifically affects Ulster and Orange Counties, which gives municipalities the power to protect natural areas, water resources, working farms, and historic buildings?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

10. THE WAR IN IRAQ

BACKGROUND: The war in Iraq is illegal, immoral, and irrational. It has now cost over 4000 American dead, 70,000 wounded and hundreds of thousands of Iraqi casualties. Moreover, it is stupendously expensive, thus stifling important public investments at home.

Will you join with us in telling Congress and the Executive to end this war and bring our troops home?

Yes

No

Not Sure

If "not sure" please explain:

11. CANDIDATE EXPERIENCE

Please list organizations – community groups, unions, issues groups, etc. – whose support for you might be relevant to us?

What are your top 3 legislative priorities?

How would you describe your political philosophy?

Why do you want the Working Families endorsement?

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