

ACLU of Michigan General Election Guide | 2008

The importance of electing officials who understand the importance of our civil liberties and promise to uphold them is perhaps more crucial now than ever before. The ACLU of Michigan as a nonpartisan organization is dedicated to the informed and active participation of our members in the political process through education and advocacy.

The following questionnaire was sent to all state legislative candidates who will appear on the November ballot. The ACLU position is given after each question. The ratings column indicates the degree to which the candidate is in agreement with ACLU policy.

Due to space constraints, candidates were limited to “yes” or “no” responses. Questions for which no response (NR) is listed indicates that the candidate chose not to respond or responded with a narrative not direct enough to determine his/her position.

If you have a question regarding any of the responses, we encourage you to contact the candidate directly. For more information about this and other voting rights issues, including important dates, please visit: www.aclumich.org/pdf/voterempowermentcard.pdf.

We truly hope that this 2008 general election guide helps you make the crucial decisions that will help us shape civil liberties in Michigan for years to come.

1. Do you support legislation to require health insurers to cover FDA-approved prescription contraceptives in the same way other prescriptions are a covered benefit (contraceptive equity)? **YES**
2. Do you support upholding Roe V. Wade? **YES**
3. Do you support comprehensive sex education that includes the discussion of abstinence and contraception? **YES**
4. Do you support public funding, such as tuition tax credits or vouchers, to support students attending private or parochial schools? **NO**
5. Do you support reductions of or alternative penalties imposed for non-violent drug crimes, like possession and use of illegal drugs? **YES**
6. Do you support legislative restrictions on adult access to literature, movies, internet communications or broadcasts that may be considered indecent or offensive by some, but which are not legally obscene? **NO**
7. Do you support wiretapping of citizens without probable cause or a court order? **NO**
8. Do you support legislative *limitations* on the mass collection and maintenance by the government of individuals’ personal data from private and public sources, often referred to as “data mining”? **YES**
9. Do you believe legislation that requires Internet Service Providers to maintain records on each of their subscribers’ online activities is a violation of privacy rights? **YES**
10. Do you support amending civil rights laws to prohibit discrimination based upon sexual orientation and gender identity? **YES**

KEY

NA – not applicable

REP – Republican Party

DEM – Democratic Party

LIB – Libertarian Party

GRN – Green Party

Party	Candidate Name	Questions										Rating
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
	ACLU	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	
	UNITED STATES SENATOR											
DEM	Levin, Carl	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
LIB	Boman, Scotty	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	80%
GRN	Mikkelson, Harley	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
	2ND DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS											
LIB	Dan Johnson	Y	NA	N	NA	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	60%
UST	Graeser, Ronald E.	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	50%
	3RD DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS											
LIB	Haas, Erwin	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	60%
	5TH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS											
GRN	Mathenia, Ken	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
LIB	Schawartz, Leonard	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	80%
	6TH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS											
LIB	Merle, Greg	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	50%
	8TH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS											
DEM	Alexander, Robert D.	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
UST	Zimmer, George	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	40%
LIB	White, Tyler	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	90%
	9TH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS											
LIB	Goodman, Adam	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	80%
GRN	Campbell, Douglas	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
	10TH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS											
GRN	Caveny, Candace	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	90%
LIB	Stephenson, Neil K.	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	70%
	12TH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS											
UST	Townsend, Les	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	60%
LIB	Vico, John	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
	13TH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS											
DEM	Kilpatrick, Carolyn Cheeks	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
LIB	Creswell, Gregory	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	60%
GRN	Corsetti, George	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%

	1ST DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
DEM	Bledsoe, Timothy	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
	3RD DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
DEM	Scott, Bettie Cook	Y	Y	Y	NA	Y	NA	Y	Y	Y	NA	70%
LIB	Beck, Tim	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
	5TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
DEM	Johnson, Bert	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
	6TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
DEM	Durhal, Jr., Fred	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	90%
	7TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
GRN	Grigsby, Derek	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
LIB	Proctor, Kenneth	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	90%
	8TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
DEM	Cushingberry, Jr., George	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	90%
LIB	Jones, Thomas	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	70%
	10TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
DEM	Leland, Gabe	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	90%
	11TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
DEM	Pollard, Gary S.	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	90%
GRN	Shelley, Erik	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
	12TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
DEM	Tlaib, Rashida	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
	14TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
REP	O'Connell, Patrick D.	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
LIB	Secula, Richard	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	50%
	15TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
DEM	Polidori, Gino H.	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
	19TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
DEM	King, Steve	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	NA	80%
	22ND DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
REP	Mc Neill, Darrell	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	0%

	25TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
GRN	Kuszmar, Richard	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%	
	26TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
REP	Goodman, Michael	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	70%	
	27TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	Lipton, Ellen Cogen	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%	
LIB	Skosnik, John	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	60%	
	28TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	Liss, Lesia	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%	
	29TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	Melton, Tim	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%	
	30TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	Hughes, Grant E.	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	90%	
	31ST DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
LIB	Miller, James	Y	Y	NA	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	NA	40%	
	32ND DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
LIB	Zemens, Josepg	N	Y	N	NA	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	70%	
	34TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
REP	Ford, Adam	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	60%	
DEM	Stanley, Woodrow	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	80%	
	36TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	Murphy, Robert	Y	NA	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	90%	
	37TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	Barnett, Vicki	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%	
	38TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
REP	Crawford, Hugh D.	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	70%	
DEM	Tindall, Chuck	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	80%	
	40TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	Candler, Julie	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%	

	42ND DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
DEM	Haugh, Harold L.	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
LIB	Flamand, Daniel J.	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	60%
	43RD DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
DEM	Hudson, Scott	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	90%
UST	Greenwalt, Paul	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	60%
	49TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
DEM	Gonzales, Lee	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
	51ST DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
DEM	Thorp, Michael J.	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	90%
	52ND DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
DEM	Byrnes, Pam	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
LIB	Boyle, John	NA	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	80%
	53RD DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
DEM	Warren, Rebekah	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
	58TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
DEM	Kennedy-Windsor, Jean Anne	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	90%
	59TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
DEM	Higgins, Carol L.	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
	60TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
REP	Ybema, Charles	NA	N	NA	Y	Y	NA	N	Y	NA	N	30%
DEM	Jones, Robert B.	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
	61ST DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
DEM	Rogers, Julie M.	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
	64TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
REP	Prebble, Leland	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	NA	N	20%
	66TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
DEM	Anderson, Donna G.	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%
	67TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE											
LIB	Dragonetti, Vince	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	70%

	68TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	Bauer, Joan	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%	
	69TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	Meadows, Mark S.	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%	
	70TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	Huckleberry, Mike	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%	
	71ST DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	Eagle, Mark	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%	
	72ND DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	Abbase, Albert S.	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	90%	
	73RD DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	Hawley, Bruce A.	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	70%	
	76TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
LIB	Friar, Matthew	N	NA	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	70%	
UST	Mohr, Bill	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	30%	
	77TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	Geerlings, Charles J.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	90%	
	79TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	Hahn, Jim	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%	
	80TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	Olson, Jessie N.	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%	
	85TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
UST	Gould, James	N	NA	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	30%	
	87TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	Grieves, Greg	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	80%	
UST	Adams, Phillip P.	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	40%	
LIB	Gillote, Joseph	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	60%	
	88TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	Clark, Tom	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%	
	89TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	Winslow, Tim	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	90%	

	90TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	Stauffer, Clay W.	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%	
	93RD DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
LIB	Schmitz, Darryl	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	60%	
	98TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	Lewis, Garnet	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%	
	99TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	White, Nancy J.	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%	
	100TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	Richards, Bill	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	80%	
	102ND DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	Heffron, Nate	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	90%	
LIB	Thomas, Hren	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	90%	
	104TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	Grucz, Roman	Y	NA	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	90%	
	105TH DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE												
DEM	Saltonstall, Connie	Y	Y	Y	N	T	N	N	Y	Y	Y	100%	