



Omaha Together One Community

Sept 18, 2018 Candidate Accountability Session with Candidates for US Congress 2



	Responses by Ms. Eastman	Responses by Mr. Bacon
	Immigration	Immigration
What are three things you will advocate for to reform our outdated immigration system?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pass a clean Dream act NOW 2. Pathway to citizenship for people in the TPS program 3. Comprehensive reform “solid guest worker system, a place where we can bring immigrants to this country safely, securely, morally ” 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Don’t Deport DACA- create permanent lawful it residency and pathway to citizenship 2. Fix root causes- Expand H1, H2, H4 Visas- allow a little more legal immigration 3. *Infrastructure to support the immigration process- includes not separating families but increasing security
Will you take a leadership role, co- sponsor and work to advance legislation to create permanent status for TPS holders?	<p>Yes- there’s a strong moral argument, strong economic argument. Time to revoke TPS and enact PPS (permanent protected status). Would have co-signed the American Promise Act</p>	<p>“I commit to be a leader” Endorsed ESPERER bill for 4 countries with TPS longer than 6 years. Appreciate being reached out to by TPS in his district. “We have to start sharing this with the rest of our district, the rest of our citizens. Many folks do not understand the TPS program”</p>
	Improving Access to Health Care	Improving Access to Health Care
Will you support maintaining the structure, funding, and continuation of the current Medicaid Expansion program?	<p>“Yes, I am committed to expanding Medicaid, absolutely” Has personal experience with unaffordable health care Healthcare is a right; we can afford to provide it to everybody. Medicaid Expansion in Nebraska is one of the ways to do that. The economics of not expanding are bad for Nebraska. Missing out on \$900,092 a day from Federal Government, 5 billion boost to our economy, and 47,000 jobs.</p>	<p>“I am not yet ready to commit to what you are asking” but is committed to more affordable health insurance and proving options. Supported community clinics and fought for extending CHIP. Supports lowering the subsidy level to 100% instead of 138%* Two concerns with Medicaid Expansion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where will Nebraska get the money to pay for it? 2. Concerned about loss of coverage for current Medicaid recipients*
Do you support mental health parity and coverage of pre-existing conditions in all health insurance policies?	<p>“I do support both mental health coverage and pre-existing conditions” Mental Health services are dwindling- seen in professional experience as a provider. Number of kids who have contemplated suicide- need more mental health in schools and focus on prevention as a way to keep costs low and prevent illness and suicides</p>	<p>“Yes, I believe it should be an essential health benefit” We have to stop the cycle of going to jail and getting treatment, and then losing treatment when they leave and getting sent back Helped fully fund “21st Century Cares Act” bill for prevention, research, and care Concerned and worked on bill about military and veterans- working to increase mental health care to them, especially for PTSD. Essential health benefits includes both mental health care and pre-existing conditions.</p>



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	Promoting Environmental Sustainability	Promoting Environmental Sustainability
What are one or two of most significant pieces of Federal legislation or policy you support to address climate change, and what are the carbon emissions reductions expected from these policies?	Climate change is the number one moral issue for our children Ways to address that: -Supports cap and trade -Would support carbon fee and dividend -Invest in green, safe healthy housing -Invest in wind and solar	OPPD is doing a great job- third of energy coming from renewable and climbing* Tax incentive programs for wind, solar, and geothermal- fought to maintain them. Expanded Energy Storage Research Bill- co-sponsored and passed- help research how to expand storage technology so the clean energy can be collected and stored
Will you commit to actively participate in the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus and work with OTOC on addressing climate change?	“Absolutely”	“Yes” I’ve actually chaired some of the meetings. I’ve enjoyed it, I’ve learned a lot.