

Greater Philadelphia ZOA

2022 U.S. Senate and U.S. House Candidate Questionnaire

Greater Philadelphia ZOA is pleased to publish the responses to our 2022 U.S. Senate and U.S. House Candidate Questionnaire. We do this as a service to the community as part of our mission to educate and inform the community. We are grateful to the candidates and campaigns who participated in this effort.

Senators and House members introduce, discuss and vote on legislation that concerns American foreign policy, relations with our allies, actions against our enemies and appropriations of funds. Political campaign websites and literature, and statements by candidates are limited in the issues that they cover – there are scores of issues related to both domestic and foreign policy. Some candidates and campaigns have issued position papers or have otherwise addressed Israel, the broader Middle East, and related issues and Jew-hatred – most have not. In the interest of informing voters about what a potential legislator's positions are on the issues that are important to ZOA members, supporters and friends of Israel, we have traditionally sought to get as many candidates within our region as possible on-the-record on these subjects.

In many instances, the winner of a particular primary contest will be the winner of the general election, and thus in competitive primaries it is important to learn a candidate's positions during primary season.

The Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) is a non-profit organization and thus by law, we are non-partisan. We do not endorse candidates, nor do we issue recommendations to vote against any specific candidates.

Background: *The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Zionist Organization of America encompasses an area that includes the eastern half of Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and all of Delaware.*

In Pennsylvania, candidates are vying for what will be an open Senate seat. Both major parties have contested primary races. Our chapter encompasses a geographic area that includes all or part of 11 U.S.

congressional districts in Pennsylvania, three districts in New Jersey and Delaware's lone district.

It is our chapter's objective to include the major-party candidates in the contests within our region. We based this on the candidate filings both at the Federal Election Commission and the FEC's equivalent in the three states. We look at the candidate's website, their filings and internet searching to locate accurate email addresses and phone numbers for each campaign with the goal to be as inclusive as possible. We sent each campaign or campaign representative we could find a contact for our questionnaire via email – and sometimes to multiple email addresses – and followed-up by phone to each campaign at least once to call their attention to our email and to remind them to participate. In many cases we left multiple voice mails. In cases where an incumbent is seeking re-election, when we could not find an email address and/or phone number, we called a congressional office in an attempt to get a contact for the campaign office.

In addition to encouraging each candidate/campaign to participate, we notified them that we would also publish the names of those candidates who we contacted but who did not respond.

Starting with the Senate races, the candidates and their responses are listed in alphabetical order, by party affiliation. The House contests are further broken down by state and by congressional district. Of the candidates who participated, each candidate's responses are published verbatim – as they sent them to us — with a “[sic]” as needed.

In Pennsylvania, the primaries will take place on May 17, with mail-in voting occurring earlier. In New Jersey, primary election day is June 7, with mail-in voting beginning earlier. Delaware's primary is later and their House candidates are not included.

Thank you for taking the time to read the responses and to be an informed voter.

U.S. Senate Primary, Pennsylvania:

Democrat Primary:

John Fetterman: Did not respond

Malcolm Kenyatta: Did Not respond

Connor Lamb: Did not respond

Republican Primary:

Kathy Barnette: **See responses below**

Jeff Bartos: Did not respond

George Bochetto: Did not respond

Sean Gale: Did not respond

David McCormick: Did not respond

Mehmet Oz: **See responses below**

Carla Sands: Did not respond

Kathy Barnette responses:

Q 1: Describe the significance of the U.S.-Israel relationship and should that relationship be strengthened?

A: "There is a deep, abiding and positive relationship between the United States and Israel. Israel is a beacon of stability and democracy in the Middle-East and an inspiration, not only to Americans, but also to all peace-loving people throughout the world."

Q 2: What is the one issue which, in your view, has impeded peace between Israel and the Palestinian-Arabs?

A: "Unfortunately, the United Nations has long been an impediment to peace between Israel and the Palestinian Arabs. For too long, the PLA[sic] has relied on demonizing Israel in the false hope that UN Resolutions will punish Israel and reward them. Each time the PLA had an opportunity to make peace they have rejected Israel's offers. President Trump was correct when he focused his efforts on the Abraham Accords without waiting for successful negotiations between Israel and the PLA before promoting peace and cooperation between Israel and its neighbors."

Q 3: The Palestinian Authority had received hundreds of millions of dollars in aid each year from the United States both directly and indirectly (such as through UNRWA). That aid was halted by President Trump but the Biden administration has reinstated some of it. Knowing that the Palestinian Authority incentivizes its people to murder and maim Jews by paying them a stipend or "pension" that far exceeds the average salary there, do you believe that all aid should be restored, some aid should be restored or no aid should be restored?

A: "No aid should be restored until the PLA stops promoting and rewarding violence. Also, they should stop teaching Arab children to hate the United States, Israel and Israelis before funding is restored."

Q 4: President Trump withdrew the United States from the "Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action" ("Iran deal") between Iran and the so-called P5+1. Do you believe that the United States should re-enter the

Iran deal and if so, why?

A: "No. Rewarding Iran, the world's greatest sponsor of terrorism, would do more harm to peace-loving people throughout the region. No negotiations until Iran stops promoting and funding hate and only when a verifiable change in their activities occurs."

Q 5: Would you vote in favor of any Iran deal that does not specifically prohibit Iran from having nuclear-weapons capability and that does not affirmatively specify that inspectors must have access to Iranian military installations?

A: "No"

Q 6: Would you insist that the Biden administration present a proposed Iran deal to the Senate as a treaty for ratification, as per the United States Constitution?

A: "Yes. This effort is the definition of a treaty and is required to be presented to the Senate for debate and with all the details of what the Administration has negotiated presented by the Administration with no part of the agreement hidden from the members of the Senate."

Q 7: President Biden made a campaign promise to re-open a United States Consulate in Jerusalem to exclusively serve the Palestinian-Arabs. This would be in contravention of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995. Would you vote to withhold funds for the operation of this Consulate and/or the State Department were the Biden administration to attempt to open this Consulate?

A: "Yes. Jerusalem is part of Israel."

Q 8: Attacks against Jews in America are at record numbers in many states and nationally, and open Jew-hatred seems more prevalent than ever in social media, on campuses and even among members of Congress. As a member of Congress, what would you do to stem this dangerous trend?

A: "I will call out all those who promote hate and violence against Jews in America. That includes extremists on the right and the left. I will also support resolutions condemning members of Congress who make derogatory statements and promote organizations that promote them."

Q 9: Should a member of Congress who engages in anti-Jewish activity or rhetoric or who speaks before anti-Jewish groups be censured? Should he or she be stripped of his or her committee assignments?

A: "Yes, to both questions."

Q 10: Christians throughout the broad Middle East and Africa are being persecuted and massacred, their churches destroyed and there have even been forced conversions. As a member of Congress, what would you do to call attention to this plight, help the victims and punish the governments that encourage and permit these atrocities?

A: "I will work with organizations that defend the rights of people throughout the world to practice their religion. I will work with other members of the Senate to call for a conference to review the persecution of Christians in the Middle East and Africa and demand action from the governments in the regions with the goal to protect members of minority Christian communities."

Mehmet Oz responses:

Q 1: Describe the significance of the U.S.-Israel relationship and should that relationship be strengthened?

A: "Israel is a vital American ally and a vibrant democracy in the world's most troubled region. The incredible friendship between our countries is carved into the bedrock of our shared values and common belief in God, liberty, equality, and human rights. As a United States Senator, I will work to strengthen the U.S.-Israel relationship by improving Israel's qualitative military edge, providing Israel with diplomatic backing on the world stage, and fighting against the anti-Semitic BDS movement."

Q 2: What is the one issue which, in your view, has impeded peace between Israel and the Palestinian-Arabs?

A: "Over the past month we have seen several terrorist attacks leaving many innocent Israelis dead. Hamas called these attacks "heroic." The radical jihadists leading these attacks have no interest in peace, rather than see[sic] the destruction of Israel."

Q 3: The Palestinian Authority had received hundreds of millions of dollars in aid each year from the United States both directly and indirectly (such as through UNRWA). That aid was halted by President Trump but the Biden administration has reinstated some of it. Knowing that the Palestinian Authority incentivizes its people to murder and maim Jews by paying them a stipend or "pension" that far exceeds the average salary there, do you believe that all aid should be restored, some aid should be restored or no aid should be restored?

A: "President Trump was right to halt this aid. Until we know exactly where taxpayer dollars are going, it is unwise to be sending money overseas that can potentially be making it's way into terrorist's hands. I am glad to see that several Republican leaders in the House and Senate have introduced legislation ensuring that funding for UNRWA undergoes strict scrutiny and transparency requirements."

Q 4: President Trump withdrew the United States from the "Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action" ("Iran deal") between Iran and the so-called P5+1. Do you believe that the United States should re-enter the Iran deal and if so, why?

A: "The Iran Nuclear-Deal (JCPOA) is a flawed agreement that would not deny Iran nuclear weapons, and President Trump was right to withdraw from it and impose maximum pressure sanctions. Pressure is the best way to get Iran to make concessions. Iran is working night and day to obtain nuclear weapons, and now is not the time to provide the regime in Tehran relief."

Q 5: Would you vote in favor of any Iran deal that does not specifically prohibit Iran from having nuclear-weapons capability and that does not affirmatively specify that inspectors must have access to Iranian military installations?

A: "No."

Q 6: Would you insist that the Biden administration present a proposed Iran deal to the Senate as a treaty for ratification, as per the United States Constitution?

A: "While I do not favor this deal, I believe President Biden must propose any deal to the Senate for

ratification. Congress must get serious about retaining control over foreign policy, an area that has been legislated away to the executive branch.”

Q 7: President Biden made a campaign promise to re-open a United States Consulate in Jerusalem to exclusively serve the Palestinian-Arabs. This would be in contravention of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995. Would you vote to withhold funds for the operation of this Consulate and/or the State Department were the Biden administration to attempt to open this Consulate?

A: “Opening this Consulate would be an absolute disaster. This move would challenge Israel’s sovereignty and threaten all progress made under the Trump Administration.”

Q 8: Attacks against Jews in America are at record numbers in many states and nationally, and open Jew-hatred seems more prevalent than ever in social media, on campuses and even among members of Congress. As a member of Congress, what would you do to stem this dangerous trend?

A: “Jews face rising antisemitism around the world and within the United States, as well. Because like any prejudice, antisemitism comes in all sorts of disguises, like being ‘anti-Israel.’ The first step is to identify the problem, and call it out for what it is. When elected to the U.S. Senate, I will fight the anti-Semitic BDS movement and oppose economic discrimination against Israel. I will oppose the grotesque cash rewards given to the families of terrorists who murder Israelis, being addressed by the Taylor Force Act.”

Q 9: Should a member of Congress who engages in anti-Jewish activity or rhetoric or who speaks before anti-Jewish groups be censured? Should he or she be stripped of his or her committee assignments?

A: “It is alarming that we have individuals in our government that espouse anti-Semitic beliefs. If elected to the Senate, I will not be afraid to say what I see and expose those who engage in hateful rhetoric. I do believe that there is a time for censuring members of Congress. I want to ensure that the censure process does not become a tool for majority parties for political gain but remains a powerful, bipartisan tool to combat hateful rhetoric.”

Q 10: Christians throughout the broad Middle East and Africa are being persecuted and massacred, their churches destroyed and there have even been forced conversions. As a member of Congress, what would you do to call attention to this plight, help the victims and punish the governments that encourage and permit these atrocities?

A: “Congress must work diligently with the State and Defense departments to understand where and when these acts of violence occur. Christian persecution is on the rise worldwide, and Congress must not turn a blind eye towards these heinous acts. Regimes that perpetuate or allow these attacks should not see a dime of American taxpayer funding until they take efforts to stop persecution of any religious group.”

U.S. House Primaries, Pennsylvania:

1st Congressional District

Democrat Primary:

Ashley Ehasz: Did not respond
Alex Entin: Did not respond

Republican Primary:

Brian Fitzpatrick: Did not respond

2nd Congressional District

Democrat Primary:

Brendan Boyle: Did not respond

Republican Primary:

Aaron Bashir: See responses below

Aaron Bashir responses:

Q 1: Describe the significance of the U.S.-Israel relationship and should that relationship be strengthened?

A: "Yes, the relationship between the US and Israel should continue to be strengthened. Both countries are bound together by their shared commitment to the principles of democratic government and robust economic prosperity. The strong US-Israel relationship is vital to preserving and enhancing each country's security."

Q 2: What is the one issue which, in your view, has impeded peace between Israel and the Palestinian-Arabs?

A: "Border disputes and reluctance to recognize Israel's sovereignty."

Q 3: The Palestinian Authority had received hundreds of millions of dollars in aid each year from the United States both directly and indirectly (such as through UNRWA). That aid was halted by President Trump but the Biden administration has reinstated some of it. Knowing that the Palestinian Authority incentivizes its people to murder and maim Jews by paying them a stipend or "pension" that far exceeds the average salary there, do you believe that all aid should be restored, some aid should be restored or no aid should be restored?

A: "No aid should be restored."

Q 4: President Trump withdrew the United States from the "Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action" ("Iran deal") between Iran and the so-called P5+1. Do you believe that the United States should re-enter the Iran deal and if so, why?

A: "I support setting strong limits and restrictions on Iran's ability to develop nuclear weapons, with the imposition of sanctions for non-compliance. JCPOA is inadequate with regard to curbing Iran's nuclear capabilities. The provisions of JCPOA have allowed Iran to retain their nuclear infrastructure. Nuclear facilities remain intact, with operational and available centrifuges. The limitations on uranium enrichment are insufficient and temporary. For these reasons, it is vital to begin negotiating a new and stronger agreement that will ensure that Iran's ability to develop nuclear weapons is sufficiently curtailed."

Q 5: Would you vote in favor of any Iran deal that does not specifically prohibit Iran from having nuclear-weapons capability and that does not affirmatively specify that inspectors must have access to Iranian military installations?

A: "No."

6. Would you insist the law be followed and any Iran agreement be submitted to the Congress as per the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015 (Public Law No: 114-17 (05/22/2015))?

A: "Yes."

Q 7: President Biden made a campaign promise to re-open a United States Consulate in Jerusalem to exclusively serve the Palestinian-Arabs. This would be in contravention of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995. Would you vote to withhold funds for the operation of this Consulate and/or the State Department were the Biden administration to attempt to open this Consulate?

A: "Yes."

Q 8: Attacks against Jews in America are at record numbers in many states and nationally, and open Jew-hatred seems more prevalent than ever in social media, on campuses and even among members of Congress. As a member of Congress, what would you do to stem this dangerous trend?

A: "I would lobby for the development of an action plan to address antisemitism in the US, along with appointing a designated official at the DOJ to investigate incidents of antisemitism and ensure that the perpetrators are prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

Q 9: Should a member of Congress who engages in anti-Jewish activity or rhetoric or who speaks before anti-Jewish groups be censured? Should he or she be stripped of his or her committee assignments?

A: "Yes."

Q 10: Christians throughout the broad Middle East and Africa are being persecuted and massacred, their churches destroyed and there have even been forced conversions. As a member of Congress, what would you do to call attention to this plight, help the victims and punish the governments that encourage and permit these atrocities?

A: "My initial action would be to insist that Nigeria, once again, be placed on the CPC/persecution watch list. Additionally, I would call for the Secretary of State to publicly justify and defend his reasoning for removing Nigeria from the list. I would propose sanctions against those countries engaging in this on-going persecution and genocide, and earmark funds for victim relief. I would lobby for the creation of a task force to coordinate efforts to educate the various Christian communities about the extent of this persecution, as many, if not most, appear to be unaware of the genocide that is taking place."

3rd Congressional District

Democrat Primary:

Michael Cogbill: Did not respond
Dwight Evans: Did not respond
Alexandra Hunt: Did not respond

Republican Primary:

No candidate

4th Congressional District

Democrat Primary:

Madeleine Dean: Did not respond

Republican Primary:

Daniel Burton: **See responses next page**
Christian Nascimento: Did not respond

Daniel Burton responses:

Q 1: Describe the significance of the U.S.-Israel relationship and should that relationship be strengthened?

A: "A[sic] we saw after World War 2, when Israel was given back to its people and was named its own sovereign nation, the United States played a key role in that. Israel stands among enemies who either don't believe they should exist or believe that they should be removed. If, as a Country, we believe in peace, then we should certainly strengthen a relationship with a country and people who believe the same."

Q 2: What is the one issue which, in your view, has impeded peace between Israel and the Palestinian-Arabs?

A: "Israel is surrounded by countries and peoples who believe, spiritually, that Israel is an abomination and should not exist as the Country does today. When there is a religious and foundational belief to that magnitude, I believe that is the largest impediment to peace that there could be."

Q 3: The Palestinian Authority had received hundreds of millions of dollars in aid each year from the United States both directly and indirectly (such as through UNRWA). That aid was halted by President Trump but the Biden administration has reinstated some of it. Knowing that the Palestinian Authority incentivizes its people to murder and maim Jews by paying them a stipend or "pension" that far exceeds the average salary there, do you believe that all aid should be restored, some aid should be restored or no aid should be restored?

A: "If a stipend to create and act out terror upon a people is indeed the case, through "aid", then that is a true definition of evil and must end. Taking the liberties and freedoms of any person, by any group, is morally wrong and evil. If the "aid" is being turned to those means, through corruption or not, then it needs to be corrected and if not, ended immediately[sic]. Silence in the face of evil, is evil. Giving money to someone to produce or incentivize[sic] more evil, is worse."

Q 4: President Trump withdrew the United States from the "Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action" ("Iran deal") between Iran and the so-called P5+1. Do you believe that the United States should re-enter the Iran deal and if so, why?

A: "No, trusting a country who has lied multiple times and their stated goal is to "create as much turmoil as possible and to erase Israel" is not a good sign. When will we start listening to threats?"

Q 5: Would you vote in favor of any Iran deal that does not specifically prohibit Iran from having nuclear-weapons capability and that does not affirmatively specify that inspectors must have access to Iranian military installations?

A: "No."

6. Would you insist the law be followed and any Iran agreement be submitted to the Congress as per the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015 (Public Law No: 114-17 (05/22/2015))?

A: "Yes."

Q 7: President Biden made a campaign promise to re-open a United States Consulate in Jerusalem to exclusively serve the Palestinian-Arabs. This would be in contravention of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995. Would you vote to withhold funds for the operation of this Consulate and/or the State Department

were the Biden administration to attempt to open this Consulate?

A: "Yes."

Q 8: Attacks against Jews in America are at record numbers in many states and nationally, and open Jew-hatred seems more prevalent than ever in social media, on campuses and even among members of Congress. As a member of Congress, what would you do to stem this dangerous trend?

A: "Seek and Speak the Truth! The root of these issues is the evil we are allowing to be perpetrated on our citizens... the defunding of law enforcement, the breakdown of education and the divisive edicts of the democrat[sic] party that have divided this country upon itself. Speak the truth in the darkness and that helps all of us against the hate."

Q 9: Should a member of Congress who engages in anti-Jewish activity or rhetoric or who speaks before anti-Jewish groups be censured? Should he or she be stripped of his or her committee assignments?

A: "As much as we don't like these actions, the words that are spoken, or the groups involved, Freedom[sic] of speech must never be infringed upon. If we do, who decides what can be said or not said? We are no longer free if we try to stop the people that have a differing opinion than ours be silenced, because we would be next. It doesn't mean that we have to like it, nor does it mean we have to listen. Voting should be the avenue to get rid of people like that...so we need to make sure Elections[sic] are true and accurate."

Q 10: Christians throughout the broad Middle East and Africa are being persecuted and massacred, their churches destroyed and there have even been forced conversions. As a member of Congress, what would you do to call attention to this plight, help the victims and punish the governments that encourage and permit these atrocities?

A: "These atrocities[sic] are happening today across the world. Unfortunately[sic], this is not new and has been happening a long time. We have more slavery in the world today, than we have ever had throughout history. Christians, Jews, Muslims, etc[sic] are all victim. Why are we not doing anything about it now? Because we live in ignorance. The truth is not popular, the narrative is. Millions of people in China alone are in concentration camps similar to Nazi Germany, and the world is turning a blind eye. What will I do? I will speak the truth. I will shine a light on that darkness and I will be the one that stands and says enough. I will gain traction from others in congress[sic] to help spread that truth and we will get the message to the greatest Country[sic] in the world. We will have the American People[sic] stand up against this evil and we will bring back the city on the hill status. Knowledge is power and change."

5th Congressional District

Democrat Primary:

Mary Gay Scanlon: Did not respond

Republican Primary:

Dave Galluch: **See responses next page**

Dave Galluch responses:

Q 1: Describe the significance of the U.S.-Israel relationship and should that relationship be strengthened?

A: "As the only vibrant democracy in the Middle East, the US-Israel relationship is indispensable to US security and to global stability more broadly. Economic, military, cultural, and political ties between Israel and the US, signal not only a relationship predicated on the alignment of interests, but shared values. Having twice deployed to the Greater Middle East, I understand firsthand the fundamental importance of Israel to the region. As a member of the US Congress I will steadfastly support and strengthen the US-Israel relationship."

Q 2: What is the one issue which, in your view, has impeded peace between Israel and the Palestinian-Arabs?

A: "I ardently desire peace in the Middle East and will remain committed to bringing it about as a member of Congress. But as long as states like Iran continue to enable, fund, and advocate for terrorist organizations, and Palestinian political authorities remain fractured, peace between Israel and Palestinian Arabs will continue to be impeded. Iran and other regional powers' support of Hamas and other extremist organizations that carry out attacks on Israeli civilians fatally undermines good faith negotiations. It is my belief that any long-term settlement between Israel and Palestinian Arabs must be done on the basis of peace for peace. For that to occur, Palestinian power cannot remain divided between the Palestinian Authority on the one hand, and Hamas on the other."

Q 3: The Palestinian Authority had received hundreds of millions of dollars in aid each year from the United States both directly and indirectly (such as through UNRWA). That aid was halted by President Trump but the Biden administration has reinstated some of it. Knowing that the Palestinian Authority incentivizes its people to murder and maim Jews by paying them a stipend or "pension" that far exceeds the average salary there, do you believe that all aid should be restored, some aid should be restored or no aid should be restored?

A: "It's simple - I believe taxpayer dollars appropriated for aid to other nations should not be used in ways that undermine our interests or those of our allies, or fund attacks or violence against innocents. As such, I am a firm supporter of the Taylor Force Act. Until the Palestinian Authority agrees to end stipends paid to terrorists and their families for committing acts of violence against innocents, I do not support the resumption of aid."

Q 4: President Trump withdrew the United States from the "Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action" ("Iran deal") between Iran and the so-called P5+1. Do you believe that the United States should re-enter the Iran deal and if so, why?

A: "I've deployed to the Greater Middle East twice. I've transited the Strait of Hormuz and been a witness to the provocations of the IRGCN firsthand. Iran has funded organizations who have killed and maimed my colleagues and brother and sister veterans. I understand the destabilizing force Iran is in the region, and the threat to global security its acquisition of a nuclear weapon would pose. I am opposed to enabling the Iranian regime on its path to a nuclear weapon and believe the JCPOA would do just that. Until Iran ceases its support for proxies that target Americans and our partners, and exhibits behavior which conveys its willingness to be a good-faith actor, I am opposed to re-entering the JCPOA."

Q 5: Would you vote in favor of any Iran deal that does not specifically prohibit Iran from having nuclear-weapons capability and that does not affirmatively specify that inspectors must have access to Iranian

military installations?

A: "No. Iran has yet to behave as a responsible, good-faith actor on the world stage and has taken ample opportunity to use proxies and other asymmetric means to undermine the security of the United States and our allies. Re-entering a deal without provisions for inspectors, and that explicitly bars Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon, grants a level of trust to a regime that has given us every reason not to trust it."

6. Would you insist the law be followed and any Iran agreement be submitted to the Congress as per the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015 (Public Law No: 114-17 (05/22/2015))?

A: "Yes."

Q 7: President Biden made a campaign promise to re-open a United States Consulate in Jerusalem to exclusively serve the Palestinian-Arabs. This would be in contravention of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995. Would you vote to withhold funds for the operation of this Consulate and/or the State Department were the Biden administration to attempt to open this Consulate?

A: "Yes. I believe the United States should have a consulate that supports the needs, concerns, and requests of Palestinians, but in line with existing legislation, I do not believe Jerusalem is the proper location for it."

Q 8: Attacks against Jews in America are at record numbers in many states and nationally, and open Jew-hatred seems more prevalent than ever in social media, on campuses and even among members of Congress. As a member of Congress, what would you do to stem this dangerous trend?

A: "I pledge to stand against violence directed toward any faith group, ethnicity, or other. Such actions run against the very fabric of our nation and should be strenuously opposed and countered. The recent rise in anti-Semitism is extremely concerning to me and I will not shy away from using my position in Congress as a bully pulpit to speak on the issue. Additionally, I am staunch supporter of efforts like the Never Again Education Act, which seek to inform and educate Americans on anti-Semitism and steps we can take to mitigate and eliminate it. Ultimately, however, combating anti-Semitism comes down to leadership and the courage to speak out when values demand it. I will be a leader on the issue - and I will never shy away from speaking out."

Q 9: Should a member of Congress who engages in anti-Jewish activity or rhetoric or who speaks before anti-Jewish groups be censured? Should he or she be stripped of his or her committee assignments?

A: "Brazen acts of anti-Semitism, anti-Jewish rhetoric, or alignment with groups holding extremist and intolerant views, when exhibited by members of Congress, should be condemned. I believe censure and/or the stripping of committee assignments are appropriate actions to take should such behavior occur, but believe each case should be evaluated individually and recourse determined based on the specifics of circumstance. As a member of Congress I will not shy away from speaking out about fellow members who exhibit behavior unbecoming not only of the high office they hold, but contributes to polarization and extremism, and inhibits our ability to solve problems as a legislative body."

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permit these atrocities?

A: "No faith or ethnic group should be persecuted or victimized. Similar to my commitment regarding anti-Semitism, I will use my position as a bully pulpit to speak about this important issue in order to raise attention to it. I would also consider sponsoring and supporting legislation that seeks to inform and educate Americans about these abuses, as well as seek ways to deny funding from governments and other organizations on whose watch these abuses occur."

6th Congressional District

Democrat Primary:

Chrissy Houlahan: Did not respond

Republican Primary:

Guy Ciarrochi: Did not respond

Stephen Fanelli: Did not respond

Regina Mauro: Did not respond

Ronald Vogel: Did not respond

7th Congressional District

Democrat Primary:

Susan Wild: Did not respond

Republican Primary:

Kevin Dellicker: **See responses below**

Lisa Scheller: **See responses below**

Kevin Dellicker responses:

Q 1: Describe the significance of the U.S.-Israel relationship and should that relationship be strengthened?

A: "Israel is our most important ally in the Middle East, a vibrant democracy, a bastion of freedom. America must stand with Israel."

Q 2: What is the one issue which, in your view, has impeded peace between Israel and the Palestinian-Arabs?

A: "It is impossible to have peace if one party is sworn to annihilate the other."

Q 3: The Palestinian Authority had received hundreds of millions of dollars in aid each year from the United States both directly and indirectly (such as through UNRWA). That aid was halted by President Trump but the Biden administration has reinstated some of it. Knowing that the Palestinian Authority incentivizes its people to murder and maim Jews by paying them a stipend or "pension" that far exceeds the average salary there, do you believe that all aid should be restored, some aid should be restored or no aid should be restored?

A: "The United States should not be sending foreign aid to terrorists."

Q 4: President Trump withdrew the United States from the "Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action" ("Iran deal") between Iran and the so-called P5+1. Do you believe that the United States should re-enter the Iran deal and if so, why?

A: "No. The JCPOA is opposed by Israel and increases the threat of a nuclear Iran. "

Q 5: Would you vote in favor of any Iran deal that does not specifically prohibit Iran from having nuclear-weapons capability and that does not affirmatively specify that inspectors must have access to Iranian military installations?

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A: "As a Member of Congress, I have two things at my disposal to fight antisemitism: a vote and a platform. I can vote to protect the religious freedom of Jews and people of all faith traditions. And I can speak out against antisemitism and hatred wherever it rears its ugly head."

Q 9: Should a member of Congress who engages in anti-Jewish activity or rhetoric or who speaks before anti-Jewish groups be censured? Should he or she be stripped of his or her committee assignments?

A: "No member of Congress should engage in antisemitic activity or rhetoric. Depending on the nature and severity of the behavior, Members of Congress should be censured and/or stripped of committee assignments."

Q 10: Christians throughout the broad Middle East and Africa are being persecuted and massacred, their churches destroyed and there have even been forced conversions. As a member of Congress, what would you do to call attention to this plight, help the victims and punish the governments that encourage and permit these atrocities?

A: "It's not just happening in the Middle East and Africa, and it's not just happening to Christians. China has been blowing up Christian churches that are not approved by the Communist regime and sending Uyghur Muslims to concentration camps. I am trained as a Christian minister. I would like everyone in the world to have the opportunity to hear the Gospel, as I'm sure members of other faith traditions would like everyone to hear about their own religious tenants. Religious freedom is a vital individual liberty, one that unfortunately is not valued in many parts of the world. The U.S. can do much more to promote [sic] and religious freedom, by calling out atrocities and countering the worst offenders. The U.S. has many tools of American power besides military options to promote religious freedom throughout the world."

Lisa Scheller responses:

Q 1: Describe the significance of the U.S.-Israel relationship and should that relationship be strengthened?

A: "Israel is one of our closest allies & the only democracy in the Middle East. Of course, it should be strengthened!"

Q 2: What is the one issue which, in your view, has impeded peace between Israel and the Palestinian-Arabs?

A: "With Hamas and PLA[sic] as governing bodies. Neither believes in the existence of the State of Israel, how could there be peace?"

Q 3: The Palestinian Authority had received hundreds of millions of dollars in aid each year from the United States both directly and indirectly (such as through UNRWA). That aid was halted by President Trump but the Biden administration has reinstated some of it. Knowing that the Palestinian Authority incentivizes its people to murder and maim Jews by paying them a stipend or "pension" that far exceeds the average salary there, do you believe that all aid should be restored, some aid should be restored or no aid should be restored?

A: "No aid should be restored."

Q 4: President Trump withdrew the United States from the "Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action" ("Iran deal") between Iran and the so-called P5+1. Do you believe that the United States should re-enter the Iran deal and if so, why?

A: "No. See Israel Policy Statement." *(Note: In addition to the responses to our questionnaire, the Scheller campaign emailed us the candidate's "Israel Policy Statement," which covers several topics. Under the section on Iran, the Israel Policy Statement notes the following:)* "Iran and its proxies pose an existential threat to Israel through Iran's terror network. Its goal is to create a solid flow of soldiers and military capabilities from Tehran to Israel through Hezbollah and Assad in Lebanon and Syria as well as Hamas. I support legislation that prevents Iran from ever achieving nuclear capabilities. The Iran agreement (JCPOA) signed by Obama was not just a flawed agreement – it made the world less safe by empowering and enriching a rogue regime bent on destroying Israel and the United States. The US withdrawal from JCPOA in 2018 was a good first step. Economic sanctions had a significant effect on Iran in the funding of Iran's proxies in the region. Instead of returning to the JCPOA and providing "aid" to terrorist groups, we need stronger sanctions and I would support continued sanctions and legislation."

Q 5: Would you vote in favor of any Iran deal that does not specifically prohibit Iran from having nuclear-weapons capability and that does not affirmatively specify that inspectors must have access to Iranian military installations?

A: "No. See Israel Policy Statement."

6. Would you insist the law be followed and any Iran agreement be submitted to the Congress as per the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015 (Public Law No: 114-17 (05/22/2015))?

A: "Yes- and vote no on a deal that gives money to our enemies!"

Q 7: President Biden made a campaign promise to re-open a United States Consulate in Jerusalem to

exclusively serve the Palestinian-Arabs. This would be in contravention of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995. Would you vote to withhold funds for the operation of this Consulate and/or the State Department were the Biden administration to attempt to open this Consulate?

A: "Yes."

Q 8: Attacks against Jews in America are at record numbers in many states and nationally, and open Jew-hatred seems more prevalent than ever in social media, on campuses and even among members of Congress. As a member of Congress, what would you do to stem this dangerous trend?

A: "Please see Israel Policy Statement!" (Note: In addition to the responses to our questionnaire, the Scheller campaign emailed us the candidate's "Israel Policy Statement," which covers several topics. There is no heading for or discussion in the statement addressing the candidate's positions on Jew-hatred in America or congressional remedies for the sharp rise in actions and rhetoric that are anti-Jewish.)

Q 9: Should a member of Congress who engages in anti-Jewish activity or rhetoric or who speaks before anti-Jewish groups be censured? Should he or she be stripped of his or her committee assignments?

A: "Yes & Yes. I would call out members of both parties and offer to sit down with them and educate the[sic]. I have dealt with Anti-Semitism my entire life."

Q 10: Christians throughout the broad Middle East and Africa are being persecuted and massacred, their churches destroyed and there have even been forced conversions. As a member of Congress, what would you do to call attention to this plight, help the victims and punish the governments that encourage and permit these atrocities?

A: "I will use my vote & my platform to always be an ally of religious freedom & to highlight those persecuted."

8th Congressional District

Democrat Primary:

Matt Cartwright: Did not respond

Republican Primary:

James Bognet: Did not respond

Michael Marsicano: Did not respond

9th Congressional District

Democrat Primary:

Amanda Waldman: Did not respond

Republican Primary:

Dan Meuser: Did not respond

10th Congressional District

Democrat Primary:

Richard Coplen: Did not respond
Shamaine Daniels: Did not respond

Republican Primary:

Scott Perry: See responses next page

Scott Perry responses:

Q 1: Describe the significance of the U.S.-Israel relationship and should that relationship be strengthened?

A: "Israel is the only creditable democracy in that area of the world, not to mention that she's beacon of hope throughout the world on how to fight – and survive – oppression. Our relationship with Israel should be strengthened in myriad ways; she is our most powerful, trustworthy, and loyal ally."

Q 2: What is the one issue which, in your view, has impeded peace between Israel and the Palestinian-Arabs?

A: "Simply put: the Palestinians – and their lack of leadership. Palestinian-Arabs have had multiple opportunities to reach diplomatic solutions and continue to refuse - each and every time."

Q 3: The Palestinian Authority had received hundreds of millions of dollars in aid each year from the United States both directly and indirectly (such as through UNRWA). That aid was halted by President Trump but the Biden administration has reinstated some of it. Knowing that the Palestinian Authority incentivizes its people to murder and maim Jews by paying them a stipend or "pension" that far exceeds the average salary there, do you believe that all aid should be restored, some aid should be restored or no aid should be restored?

A: "Under the Taylor Force Act, no "pay to slay" is acceptable. Until such time as the Palestinians end this practice, any US aid should be conditional or withheld."

Q 4: President Trump withdrew the United States from the "Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action" ("Iran deal") between Iran and the so-called P5+1. Do you believe that the United States should re-enter the Iran deal and if so, why?

A: "No."

Q 5: Would you vote in favor of any Iran deal that does not specifically prohibit Iran from having nuclear-weapons capability and that does not affirmatively specify that inspectors must have access to Iranian military installations?

A: "No."

Q 6. Would you insist the law be followed and any Iran agreement be submitted to the Congress as per the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015 (Public Law No: 114-17 (05/22/2015)?

A: "Yes."

Q 7: President Biden made a campaign promise to re-open a United States Consulate in Jerusalem to exclusively serve the Palestinian-Arabs. This would be in contravention of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995. Would you vote to withhold funds for the operation of this Consulate and/or the State Department were the Biden administration to attempt to open this Consulate?

A: "Yes."

Q 8: Attacks against Jews in America are at record numbers in many states and nationally, and open Jew-hatred seems more prevalent than ever in social media, on campuses and even among members of Congress. As a member of Congress, what would you do to stem this dangerous trend?

A: "*We must fully condemn any/all forms of anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism – PERIOD.*"

Q 9: Should a member of Congress who engages in anti-Jewish activity or rhetoric or who speaks before anti-Jewish groups be censured? Should he or she be stripped of his or her committee assignments?

A: "While each case must be adjudicated, anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism must be condemned and addressed."

Q 10: Christians throughout the broad Middle East and Africa are being persecuted and massacred, their churches destroyed and there have even been forced conversions. As a member of Congress, what would you do to call attention to this plight, help the victims and punish the governments that encourage and permit these atrocities?

A: "I would look to introduce/pass legislation that either sanctions or withholds foreign aid to any government that encourages/permits these atrocities."

11th Congressional District

Democrat Primary:

Robert Hollister: **See responses below**

Republican Primary:

Lloyd Smucker: Did not respond

Robert Hollister responses:

Q 1: Describe the significance of the U.S.-Israel relationship and should that relationship be strengthened?

A: "The US has had a long and strong relation with Israel. The ties are many; political, economic, security, and cultural. Occasional disagreements will occur, but both countries and the citizens of both countries benefit from the relationship that is important to continue."

Q 2: What is the one issue which, in your view, has impeded peace between Israel and the Palestinian-Arabs?

A: "This is an extremely complicated question because Israel and Palestine have had an extremely complicated history. I honestly do not believe any one issue can be identified. Peace is a necessity for both sides the long and violent history makes that difficult."

Q 3: The Palestinian Authority had received hundreds of millions of dollars in aid each year from the United States both directly and indirectly (such as through UNRWA). That aid was halted by President Trump but the Biden administration has reinstated some of it. Knowing that the Palestinian Authority incentivizes its people to murder and maim Jews by paying them a stipend or "pension" that far exceeds the average salary there, do you believe that all aid should be restored, some aid should be restored or no aid should be restored?

A: "I believe that aide[sic] is needed for basic human rights. However the aid should come with expectations that Palestine leadership will exert pressure on militants to cease activity AND to continue working with Israel on real and lasting solutions between the two bodies either with a third party negotiator or not."

Q 4: President Trump withdrew the United States from the "Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action" ("Iran deal") between Iran and the so-called P5+1. Do you believe that the United States should re-enter the Iran deal and if so, why?

A: "At this time the US should reenter, but the long-term goal should be to prevent Iran from developing

nuclear weapons at all costs.”

Q 5: Would you vote in favor of any Iran deal that does not specifically prohibit Iran from having nuclear-weapons capability and that does not affirmatively specify that inspectors must have access to Iranian military installations?

A: “[this questions is awkwardly written] Yes, I would vote to prevent Iran from having or developing nuclear weapons. Yes, inspectors must have unfettered access 24/7 with no warning.”

Q 6. Would you insist the law be followed and any Iran agreement be submitted to the Congress as per the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015 (Public Law No: 114-17 (05/22/2015))?

A: “Yes.”

Q 7: President Biden made a campaign promise to re-open a United States Consulate in Jerusalem to exclusively serve the Palestinian-Arabs. This would be in contravention of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995. Would you vote to withhold funds for the operation of this Consulate and/or the State Department were the Biden administration to attempt to open this Consulate?

A: “(I am not familiar with this plan, I need more information about this.)”

Q 8: Attacks against Jews in America are at record numbers in many states and nationally, and open Jew-hatred seems more prevalent than ever in social media, on campuses and even among members of Congress. As a member of Congress, what would you do to stem this dangerous trend?

A: “I would do anything and everything I could. This outrageous and a scourge. I would increase penalties for hate crimes, bolster undercover operations to specifically target these kinds of terrorists, promote the Jewish culture and contributions to this country, and continue meeting with local Jewish leaders for their input and council.”

Q 9: Should a member of Congress who engages in anti-Jewish activity or rhetoric or who speaks before anti-Jewish groups be censured? Should he or she be stripped of his or her committee assignments?

A: “YES. There should be no tolerance for this behavior and thought.”

Q 10: Christians throughout the broad Middle East and Africa are being persecuted and massacred, their churches destroyed and there have even been forced conversions. As a member of Congress, what would you do to call attention to this plight, help the victims and punish the governments that encourage and permit these atrocities?

A: “Protection on[sic] one’s faith, regardless of that faith is a fundamental human right that should transcend country borders.[sic] I would publicly denounce such activities, place sanctions of government leaders of these countries who contribute to I[sic] tor[sic] do nothing about.”

U.S. House Primaries, New Jersey:

1st Congressional District

Democrat Primary:

Mario DeSantis: Did not respond

Donald Norcross: Did not respond

Republican Primary:

Damon Galdo: No contact information

Claire Gustafson: Did not respond

2nd Congressional District

Democrat Primary:

Tim Alexander: Did not respond

Carolyn Rush: Did not respond

Republican Primary:

John Barker: **See responses below**

Jeff Van Drew: Did not respond

John Barker responses:

Q 1: Describe the significance of the U.S.-Israel relationship and should that relationship be strengthened?

A: "We share our desire for democracy and freedom. Having a democratic government in the Middle East as an ally strengthens our homeland securities. I think that the current relationship between our countries is solid, but can always be enhanced. The Abraham Accords, started under President Trump, enhances security. We should look into a defense treaty to strengthen our commitments."

Q 2: What is the one issue which, in your view, has impeded peace between Israel and the Palestinian-Arabs?

A: "Muslim extremism and religious zealots in power have always impeded any peace prospect. And I can not solve this decades old problem in this questionnaire."

Q 3: The Palestinian Authority had received hundreds of millions of dollars in aid each year from the United States both directly and indirectly (such as through UNRWA). That aid was halted by President Trump but the Biden administration has reinstated some of it. Knowing that the Palestinian Authority incentivizes its people to murder and maim Jews by paying them a stipend or "pension" that far exceeds the average salary there, do you believe that all aid should be restored, some aid should be restored or no aid should be restored?

A: "Absolutely NO aid should be restored. None. This aid should never have been given in the first place."

Q 4: President Trump withdrew the United States from the "Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action" ("Iran deal") between Iran and the so-called P5+1. Do you believe that the United States should re-enter the Iran deal and if so, why?

A: "No. The deal was a pathway for Iran to acquire nuclear weapons. It should never be re-entered into."

Q 5: Would you vote in favor of any Iran deal that does not specifically prohibit Iran from having nuclear-weapons capability and that does not affirmatively specify that inspectors must have access to Iranian military installations?

A: "I would never vote for any Iran deal that did not specify these stated terms."

Q 6. Would you insist the law be followed and any Iran agreement be submitted to the Congress as per the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015 (Public Law No: 114-17 (05/22/2015))?

A: "Yes. The law is the law, no matter what the Democrats say."

Q 7: President Biden made a campaign promise to re-open a United States Consulate in Jerusalem to exclusively serve the Palestinian-Arabs. This would be in contravention of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995. Would you vote to withhold funds for the operation of this Consulate and/or the State Department were the Biden administration to attempt to open this Consulate?

A: "Yes, if it is against the terms of the 1995 Act, I would vote to withhold funds. I do believe, however, if having a Consulate helps in any peace process, it is worth a discussion."

Q 8: Attacks against Jews in America are at record numbers in many states and nationally, and open Jew-hatred seems more prevalent than ever in social media, on campuses and even among members of Congress. As a member of Congress, what would you do to stem this dangerous trend?

A: "Congress needs to call out their anti-Semitic members and hold them accountable. Programs need to be created and training needs to be funded for programs in schools. All citizens should be empowered to fight this discrimination and hatefulness."

Q 9: Should a member of Congress who engages in anti-Jewish activity or rhetoric or who speaks before anti-Jewish groups be censured? Should he or she be stripped of his or her committee assignments?

A: "Easy enough. Yes. And yes. It is almost sad that a question like this needs to be asked."

Q 10: Christians throughout the broad Middle East and Africa are being persecuted and massacred, their churches destroyed and there have even been forced conversions. As a member of Congress, what would you do to call attention to this plight, help the victims and punish the governments that encourage and permit these atrocities?

A: "These atrocities are being done by Muslim extremists and religious zealots. Congress can not be afraid to call out countries, or groups, that abet this type of action, regardless of any financial or political ties. The time has come to end this nonsense. We need to sanction countries that do not follow these simple rules of societies. All must fight for this cause. The US Congress must lead the way."

3rd Congressional District

Democrat Primary:

Reuven Hendler: Did not respond

Andy Kim: Did not respond

Republican Primary:

Nicholas Ferrara: Did not respond

Bob Healey: Did not respond

Ian Smith: Did not respond

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