## Political Courage Test: 2020 Congressional Edition

Candidates are strongly encouraged to complete the Political Courage Test online at: [secure.votesmart.org](http://secure.votesmart.org)

Please indicate your positions on the following issues. If you would like to provide a more detailed response, please do so in the "Other or expanded principles" section (all responses must be under 100 words). **Should you choose not to respond, Vote Smart may research your public record to determine your likely positions on these issues.**

The Political Courage Test must be signed and returned to our office by 11:59 pm CT the day of the deadline. We can be reached at 515-989-6359 or by email at [politicalcourage@votesmart.org](mailto:politicalcourage@votesmart.org).

I, __________________________, am willing to tell citizens where I stand on the issues I may face if elected. I have demonstrated my Political Courage by indicating my position on the following issues.

Signed: ____________________________

State: ______________ District: __________ Date: ______________________

### Abortion:

Do you generally support pro-choice or pro-life legislation?  Pro-choice ____  Pro-life ____

Other or expanded principle _____________________________________________________________

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### Budget:

In order to balance the budget, do you support an income tax increase on any tax bracket?  Yes ____  No __

Do you support expanding federal funding to support entitlement programs such as Social Security and Medicare?  Yes ____  No __

Other or expanded principles _____________________________________________________________

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### Campaign Finance:

Do you support the regulation of indirect campaign contributions from corporations and unions?  Yes ____  No __

Other or expanded principles _____________________________________________________________

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**Defense:**
Do you support increasing defense spending?  
Yes ____  No ____  
Other or expanded principles ____________________________________________________________
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**Economy:**
Do you support federal spending as a means of promoting economic growth?  
Yes ____  No ____  
Do you support lowering corporate taxes as a means of promoting economic growth?  
Yes ____  No ____  
Do you support providing financial relief to businesses AND/OR corporations negatively impacted by the state of national emergency for COVID-19?  
Yes ____  No ____  
Other or expanded principles ____________________________________________________________
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**Education:**
Do you support requiring states to adopt federal education standards?  
Yes ____  No ____  
Other or expanded principles ____________________________________________________________
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**Energy & Environment:**
Do you support government funding for the development of renewable energy (for example: solar, wind, geo-thermal)?  
Yes ____  No ____  
Do you support the federal regulation of greenhouse gas emissions?  
Yes ____  No ____  
Other or expanded principles ____________________________________________________________
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**Guns:**
Do you generally support gun-control legislation?  
Yes ____  No ____  
Other or expanded principles ____________________________________________________________
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**Health Care:**
Do you support repealing the 2010 Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare")?  
Yes ____  No ____  
Do you support requiring businesses to provide paid medical leave during public health crises, such as COVID-19?  
Yes ____  No ____  
Other or expanded principles ____________________________________________________________
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Immigration:
Do you support the construction of a wall along the Mexican border? Yes ___ No ___
Do you support requiring immigrants who are unlawfully present to return to their country of origin before they are eligible for citizenship? Yes ___ No ___
Other or expanded principles _____________________________________________________________
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National Security:
Should the United States use military force to prevent governments hostile to the U.S. from possessing a weapon of mass destruction (for example: nuclear, biological, chemical)? Yes ___ No ___
Do you support reducing military intervention in Middle East conflicts? Yes ___ No ___
Other or expanded principles _____________________________________________________________
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Trade:
Do you generally support removing barriers to international trade (for example: tariffs, quotas, etc.)? Yes ___ No ___
Other or expanded principles _____________________________________________________________
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Administrative Priorities: Please explain in a total of 100 words or less, your top two or three priorities if elected. If they require additional funding for implementation, please explain how you would obtain this funding.
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