

Indivisible OH12: Ohio 12th Congressional District

Candidate Questionnaire

Thank you for completing this questionnaire for Indivisible OH12, a non-partisan, grassroots organization of 4,000 members living across the 12th District's seven counties. Please save the completed document (add your last name to the file name) and return as an attachment to indivisibleoh12@gmail.com by Monday 2/19. Your completed questionnaire is an invitation to participate in our candidates' forum, co-sponsored by Progress Ohio, to be held Monday, 2/26, 7pm at the First UU Church, 93 W Weisheimer Rd, Columbus. All candidates who have filed to run for the 12th congressional seat are being invited to participate. Please feel free to contact us via email us with questions.

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What endorsements, if any, have you received for your candidacy in this race?
Green Party of Ohio and Green Party of the United States

Have you ever run for or held an elective Office?

If so, please list here:

Office	Dates
Representative to U.S. House of Representatives	2016
Ohio's 12th Congressional District	

Please answer each of the following questions in **60 words or less**.

- Which experiences have prepared you to run for and hold the office of Representative for Ohio's 12th Congressional District?

I have been a member of the Green Party of the United States ever since I voted for Green Party candidate Ralph Nader for president the first time in 1996. I have also been a resident of Ohio's 12th Congressional District ever since the 1970s. Ever since Pat Tiberi was elected to represent the residents of Ohio's 12th Congressional District in 2000, I have been totally disgusted with his lies and his failure to represent the good people of Ohio. This is why I decided to try to try to unseat him in 2016 and this is why I decided to run for Congress once again today. The good people of Ohio's 12th Congressional District need someone who will actually fight for the people and not for the corporations that own the Democratic Party and the Republican Party, and this is why I am running for Congress with the Green Party of the United States. Unlike the two parties of war and Wall Street, we in the Green Party of the United States pledge not to accept donations from any corporations. No matter what the Supreme Court of the United States says, we believe that corporations are not people and we will only work for and represent the people who support us with their votes. Once elected, corporate lobbyists will not be welcomed into my office.

- Understanding that voting is primarily legislated at the state level, how do you see your role in expanding the franchise and protecting voting rights as a member of Congress?

Once elected, I plan on sponsoring legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives to completely eliminate the electronic voting machines, electronic paper ballot scanners and other electronic scamming devices that the corrupt, corporate owned Democratic-Republican Duopoly Party has illegally forced upon the American people. We need to go back to using paper ballots once again that are hand-counted and verified in a public forum that anyone and everyone may attend, in order to ensure absolute integrity in our electoral process once again.

- As an elected member of Congress, how will you seek to protect and expand access to healthcare for all Americans?

The Green Party of the United States is the only political party in America that has endorsed universal, single payer "Medicare for All" healthcare and made it a part of their political platform. The Democratic Party and the Republican Party have not. When I am elected as a Green Party member to the U.S. House of Representatives, I plan to sign on as a sponsor of U.S. House Resolution 676 (H.R.676), which will indeed provide universal, single payer "Medicare for All" Healthcare for all Americans.

- What role do you believe science should play in environmental policy? As a member of Congress, how would you support an American role in responsible climate policy?

Science has proven that climate change is a real problem and that we must address this problem immediately for the long term survival of the human species on this planet. In my view, the primary cause of climate change is the burning of fossil fuels, as well as the release of radioactive fallout from nuclear power plants across the globe, primarily from Fukushima in Japan and Chernobyl in Russia today. In order to combat climate change, the United States needs to lead the fight against it by implementing a massive expansion of American manufactured solar and wind power technology all across America. Scotland, Germany, Costa Rica and several other countries around that globe are already meeting most of their energy requirements through the use of solar and wind power technology and I believe that we should be doing this in the United States also. Once we accomplish this goal, it should also make America's ugly wars for oil obsolete.

- What role do you see for the federal government in the public education system? What policies would you support to improve public schools and expand access to higher education for all students?

Prior to America's ugly war in Vietnam, a college education was almost free for everyone in America, and in my view America's ugly wars for oil today are the primary reason why students are graduating from college with hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt from student loans. This needs to change and it needs to change now. We need to end America's ugly wars for oil through a massive expansion of American manufactured solar and wind power technology, which will free up billions of dollars annually to fund our public education system. When elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, I also plan on sponsoring legislation to utilize quantitative easing to completely eliminate existing student debt and to make a free college education available for all Americans.

- How would you describe your stance on gun safety? What ideas could you bring to Congress to push through the gridlock and create safer neighborhoods and schools for Ohio and the US?

I support mandatory background checks and strict licensening for all gun sales in America. I also support a ban on the sale of all automatic and semi-automatic firearms in America. Automatic and semi-automatic firearms are weapons of war and they have no place on the streets of America. I also support mandatory training of our law enforcement officers that will enable them to neutralize dangerous situations without the use of firearms or dangerous tazers.

- What does comprehensive immigration reform look like to you? What do you see as the key elements of such reform?

In my view, legal and illegal aliens currently residing in this country who wish to remain in this country should be provided an opportunity to become citizens of the United States as soon as possible. If they fail to apply for citizenship, they should be deported.

- List and very briefly discuss the two or three other top concerns that would be priorities for you if you were elected.

As a member of the Green Party of the United States, we have several Green Party legislative goals that we will attempt to push through Congress. These legislative goals are also my top concerns that will be priorities for me because they will give the American people a voice in our out of control government once again.



My top concern at this time is getting the corporate money out of our political system in America. In order to correct this problem, I plan on sponsoring legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives that will lead to an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States that will reverse the Supreme Court's 2010 decision on Citizens United v. FEC and totally eliminate the concept of corporate personhood that Citizens United created in America.

Another major concern that I have that is the fact that the minimum wage in America is a poverty wage today. In order to correct this problem, we need to initially raise the minimum wage to at least \$15.00 per hour.

In addition to that, we need to eliminate the prison industrial complex in America. We can accomplish this by nationalizing the private, for-profit prison system in America. We also need to go beyond legalizing cannabis and hemp by totally repealing all laws regulating it. Cannabis and hemp are very useful vegetable products that should not be regulated. Instead, the production of hemp should be greatly increased and encouraged, in order to reduce or replace our requirements for wood and wood pulp products. Expanded use of cannabis will greatly reduce the use of opiates and other dangerous opiate derivatives.

- Have you made public statements, written articles, or taken formal positions on any of the issues covered in this questionnaire? If so, please provide electronic copies or links to the leadership of Indivisible OH12 via email before 2/19. This helps us to provide our members with a breadth of resources on potential candidates.

I have written much on my positions and the issues covered in this questionnaire, and you can find all of this on my website by clicking on the "Home", "My Platform", "Domestic Policy" and "Foreign Policy" links that you will find at the top of the page on my website by following this link: <https://manchikforcongress.wordpress.com/>