

Rochester Tea Party Patriots,

I recently received your Candidate Questionnaire concerning a list of important issues that you would like my position. Naturally, I would enjoy your support, but many of your questions demand more than simple 'Yes' or 'No' answers to fully understand my position. Hence, I will do my best to spell out brief, honest responses to your questions. I understand your hope to quantify candidates; however, my hope is for my yes to still be yes ten years from now. In other words, the integrity of the answer is as important as the answer. With these considerations in mind here they are:

- 1. Do you support increasing the national debt limit – HR 4314?**  
In the short term, I will only support increasing the national debt limit if there is a plan to pay the new debt back. I would even agree to as little as a debt commission or something comparable. In the long run the national debt should be capped as a percent of GDP.
- 2. Do you support the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 – HR 5140?**  
Even though I understand the concept of Keynesian Macroeconomics, I would not have voted for the bill because of its impact on the deficit and the amount being borrowed from foreign investors.
- 3. Do you support Education as a state's responsibility?**  
While states have a major responsibility in funding for education, I feel local districts should be more empowered to operate their schools. Federal control might sound good in theory, but its intrusion has a poor track record, especially with unfunded mandates.
- 4. Do you support counting non-citizens in the U.S. Census?**  
Only if the non-citizens are recorded as non-citizens.
- 5. Do you support Union Card Check, which eliminates the use of a secret ballot?**  
No.
- 6. Do you support implementing a Flat Tax?**  
No, I support the Fair Tax approach.
- 7. Do you support American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (Cap and Trade) – HR 2454?**  
No, while I have concerns about energy issues, I do not support this legislation.

**8. Do you support that states be in charge of health care issues, not the Federal government?**

Not sure how to respond. Does this mean all health care issues including Medicare, Part A, B, C, D and all Medicaid, drug certification, Centers for Disease Control, medical research grants, Institutes of Health, Veterans Health, Indian Health Service, hospital certification, etc. would be covered under state funding and regulation?

**9. Do you support the Fair Tax and repealing the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment?**

Yes, I support the Fair Tax concept.

**10. Do you support that Congress shall make no law that applies to the citizens of the United States that does not apply equally to the Senators or Representatives, and inversely that Congress shall make no law that applies to the Senators and Representatives that does not apply equally to the citizens of the United States?**

Yes

**11. Do you support eliminating any further Federal funding for Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac?**

I support phasing it out. While the government's recent involvement in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac is highly unfortunate, a move to end conservatorship, end additional equity purchases, and end access to Treasury loans to these organizations could be risky to an already fragile mortgage and housing market. I support this move, but I would like to see these organizations and markets stabilized.

**12. Do you support the United States pulling out of the United Nations?**

Such a question would need a tremendous amount of research to even begin to answer.

**13. Do you support Comprehensive Immigration Reform such as HR 4321 which would grant amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants?**

In HR 4321, I believe there is an offer of amnesty to 100,000 per year for three years, and in those cases, only through an application process. We need to make sure we are talking about the same legislation before answering.

I generally do not support amnesty; however, a one-time one percent amnesty is not going to be a deal breaker for me if a compromise is needed to pass a bill that will improve border security.

**14. Do you believe in "man-made" global warming?**

Like many people, I need to let the research play out before making a final conclusion.

**15. Do you support requiring all bills and attached amendments to be stand alone bills with a single purpose?**

Yes, I strongly support this approach. But I also see lots of opportunity for getting around any such rule change by simply using vague 'purpose' language.

**16. Do you support prevailing wage rate requirements (Davis-Bacon)?**

While I am uncomfortable with the added regulation, bureaucracy and inefficiencies created by Davis-Bacon, I would like to see more information.

**17. Do you support enforcing the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment thus returning the Federal Government to the limited powers granted it in the U.S. Constitution?**

Yes, I support limiting the powers of the Federal Government in principle, but it would require a lot of debate to decide how broadly or narrowly these powers are to be defined.

**18. Do you support eliminating the Department of Education?**

I support reducing the role of the U. S. Department of Education. Eliminating? Like many of these questions I need to hear from the voters first.

**If elected, briefly describe two bills you consider a top priority that you would author?**

My first priority would be to attack the deficit/debt problem. I would do this by writing or supporting legislation that would cap the total federal debt at 122% of Gross Domestic Product. The precedent for 122% was the record level of U.S. debt reached in 1946. One exception to this debt ceiling would be during time of war.

A second piece of legislation that I would promote would be to limit the amount of the debt that would be held by foreign interests. I feel this type of debt could lead to a threat on our national security.