

**Questions to Candidates in the Special Election  
for Arizona’s Congressional District 8**

Children’s Action Alliance (CAA) proudly provides non-partisan information to educate voters about children’s health, education, and security and to help them connect with candidates who share their values and priorities. As an independent voice for Arizona children in the community, CAA does not support or oppose candidates for public office.

There are several key issues facing our federal elected officials that will have the potential to significantly impact Arizona’s children and families. Voters in CD 8 would like to know where you stand on some of these critical issues.

Below is a brief survey that is being sent to all qualified candidates, regardless of party affiliation. Please complete and submit this survey to us by Monday, February 12, 2018. Please print and scan the completed survey and email to [purias@azchildren.org](mailto:purias@azchildren.org) or snail mail to Pati Urias, Children’s Action Alliance, 3030 N. Third St. #650, Phoenix, AZ 85012. All completed questionnaires will be posted, verbatim, on our CAA website ([www.azchildren.org](http://www.azchildren.org)) and social media, and may also be shared with members of the media.

Thank you for your interest in serving the people of Arizona. If you have any questions about the questionnaire, please contact Pati Urias at [purias@azchildren.org](mailto:purias@azchildren.org) or 602.266.0707 x209.

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1. Several Republican leaders have recently said that now that the tax bill has passed, they plan to turn to “welfare reform,” which is often code for cuts to health coverage and other supports that help everyday families make ends meet. Will you support or oppose legislation or budget proposals that cut or makes changes to Medicaid such as imposing block grants or per capita caps? I have to see a plan before making blanket statements.

\_\_\_\_\_ oppose

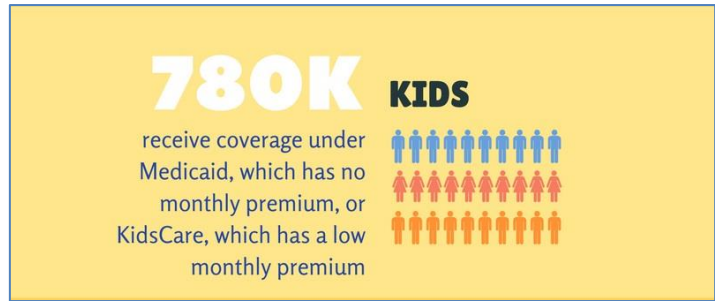
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**1.8+ MILLION ARIZONANS**

Veterans, children, seniors,  
people with disabilities,  
pregnant women and other  
Arizonans rely on Medicaid



2. Funding for the Children’s Health Insurance Plan (CHIP, or KidsCare here in Arizona) was recently funded through the Federal Fiscal Year 2023. KidsCare covers 25,000 children in Arizona, and any uncertainty to its funding is incredibly detrimental to the well-being of thousands of Arizonans.



In fact, the Congressional Budget Office estimated that a 10-year extension of CHIP would have saved \$6 billion. If elected to Congress, would you advocate for an extension of CHIP funding beyond 2023?

Must see Legislation and does it comply with the US Constitution before making a blanket statement.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes I support 10-year funding for CHIP

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I oppose 10-year funding for CHIP

Please circle “support” or “oppose” in the following statements to indicate your position.

**Arizona’s economy relies on federal funding more than most states. Hundreds of millions of dollars flow to Arizonans in the form of Social Security retirement checks and through paychecks to federal employees in places like Luke Air Force Base, the Forest Service and TSA. In addition, companies like Raytheon, McKesson, Verizon, Microsoft and Honeywell receive millions of dollars in contracts and employ hundreds of Arizonans in high-paying jobs.**

**Seven state agencies including the AHCCCS Medicaid health system, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, and the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety receive a majority of their funding from the federal government.**

**For each statement below, circle whether you support or oppose the described action:**

3.  support/oppose additional federal tax cuts.
4. I support/oppose cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) which would make it harder for many low-income households to afford adequate food.
5. I support/oppose cuts to the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program which provides basic income support to poor seniors and people with disabilities.
6. I support/oppose cuts to the major funding source for Pell Grants which help low or moderate-income students afford college.
7. I support/oppose using the budget reconciliation process for any of the possible budget cuts described above.

8. I support/oppose making budget decisions through the “regular order” which includes full committee hearings, opportunity for bipartisan input and transparency throughout the process.

**The debate around DACA and immigration continues to be a point of contention in Congress. Please check the statement below that most accurately reflects your positions on DACA and immigration:**

9. Yes I would oppose any pathway to legal citizenship for undocumented immigrants who currently reside in this county, regardless of their age or circumstances when they entered the United States. Illegal is illegal.

10. No I would support a plan to allow DACA-eligible immigrants to become full citizens of the United States since they came here through no fault of their own, have grown up as Americans, and have great potential to contribute to this nation.

I've read these questions and not able to make blanket statements without seeing the Legislation and how it complies with the US Constitution before voting yes or no, realize this may not be of much help to you, but I'd be doing a disservice if I did so, where I'm able to answer I did.

Thank you for your support, but also realize these issues aren't just decided by reading a sentence long statement and believe I'd be doing a disservice if I did so, where I'm able to answer I did.  
God Bless You; Clair VAN Steenwyk AZ CD 8 Candidate

