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The Affordable Care Act (ACA) has provided protections for 2.8 million Arizonans living with a pre-existing condition and has provisions that extend care to former foster youth, school-aged children, and hundreds of thousands for Arizonans. However, the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act is under review by the Supreme Court. Do you support efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act?

No

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Comments on the Affordable Care Act

More Americans are understanding the benefits of affordable access to healthcare and seeing the long-term positive impact it has on our communities. I oppose efforts to repeal the ACA.

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Medicaid is a major source of federal funds in Arizona, with every dollar of state investment drawing down \$3.20 in federal funds. The Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) projects a major state budget shortfall in the next state fiscal year (FY2021). Would you support cuts to Medicaid provider rates, member eligibility, or covered benefits in order to make up for state budget shortfalls?

No

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Comments on Medicaid

All Arizonans should have access to healthcare that is both timely and affordable, especially as Covid-19 will be affecting Arizonans for the foreseeable future.

Families should have access to not only physical healthcare, but have support for mental health. In light of failures of the federal government, Arizonans should work to ensure that children have comprehensive medical coverage.

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The Invest in Education Act is a ballot proposition that restores hundreds of millions of dollars annually in K-12 education funding to solve the teacher-shortage crisis, lower class sizes, hire aides and counselors, and expand career and technical education. It raises the state income tax rate for income above \$250,000 for individuals and for income above \$500,000 for households. Do you support the Invest in Education ballot proposition to raise new resources dedicated to public schools?

Yes

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Comments on Invest in Education

Public education has been chronically underfunded for decades even though our State Constitution mandates establishment and support of a public education system. As a state we are already woefully behind in compensating educators, support staff and we continue to push off infrastructure costs. We need to support the future of Arizona by supporting public education now. I support Invest in Ed.

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The Arizona Education Progress Meter recognizes that children with access to quality, early learning opportunities are more prepared for kindergarten. As they go forward in school and in life, they are less likely to need special education or be held back a grade. They are more likely to graduate high school and go on to college. But many children start kindergarten already behind their peers. Only 21 percent of Arizona preschool-aged children today benefit from quality, early learning in child care and preschool compared to the progress meter goal of 45 percent by 2030. Will you support using state and federal child care funds to connect more young children with quality, early learning in preschool and child care to move Arizona toward the progress meter goal?

Yes

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Comments on early learning

Children with access to quality early education are better prepared and have a higher educational trajectory. Arizona will be better for generations to come if we can engage more children in early learning.

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In 2018, 13 percent of children in Arizona (204,363) were being raised by their grandparents or other relatives. In many instances, these relatives have stepped up to care for children who were being abused and neglected, keeping them safe and out of the foster care system. Nationally, informal kinship caregivers keep millions of children out of the overburdened child welfare system and save taxpayers more than \$4 billion each year. Even prior to the COVID-19 crisis, these families faced barriers to securing adequate food, clothing, shelter, and medical care. Before the Great Recession, kinship caregivers were able to access "child-only" benefits through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (TANF), also known as cash assistance. These benefits helped these families meet the critical basic needs of the relative children in their care. Do you support restoring access to "child-only" TANF benefits for children who are being raised by kin?

Yes

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Comments on kinship families

It is unfortunate that so many grandparents and extended family members need to provide care especially after the budget cuts of 2008 stripped away support. Children who are raised with family have more stability but we need to ensure the family members providing support are also supported by the state. When I worked in Juvenile court many family members caring for children were receiving very little in subsidies.

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The events over the last few weeks have brought widespread focus on the systemic racism that is deeply embedded in our society. If elected, would you hold your colleagues and other elected officials accountable to specific criminal justice and police reforms for systemic change.

Yes

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A free space for your comments

Over the last two years I have been working with my colleagues on the House Judiciary committee for criminal justice and law enforcement reforms. Last year I served on the ad hoc committee on earned release credits for inmates. I am committed to continuing our work on reforms.

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