

SABRINA HAAKE in her own words ...

Climate Change

In Congress I will fight to: Declare a national emergency on climate change; Convert \$740 billion in US fossil fuel subsidies to renewable energy subsidies; Implement a carbon import stamp on all imported products that are also produced domestically; Factor emissions comparisons into any import tariffs; Reinststate protection for our air, land and water; Rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement; Reduce the federal Government's carbon footprint; Promote electric vehicles, hydroponics, and solar panels; Target R&D subsidies to industry-specific renewable energy conversion plans; Pass a ten-year carbon based import ban to provide steel with an economic cushion to convert to renewable energy; and Start a climate-fair trade labeling project.

Gun Law Reform

Like a majority of Americans, I support common sense gun regulation like red flag laws to keep guns out of the hands of domestic batterers and people who have demonstrated violence against other people, increased background checks, and closing the loopholes, like gun shows.

Healthcare

Everyone should have access to healthcare and I support a methodical conversion to Medicare for All. More than 27 million people are uninsured which means they're not getting necessary diagnoses or treatments, which spreads disease and viruses like Covid19. Another 87 million people are underinsured, which also increases the spread of disease, and which means high deductibles, out-of-pocket costs, and prescription drug costs could force them to choose between rent and health care. Once we get profits out of healthcare, costs will drop dramatically and we will have plenty of money to insure everyone.

Immigration

I don't support open and free borders, because we can't afford it and we can't manage fluid migrations. However, I strongly support immigrant rights. Last fall I went to the vineyards in Michigan and I sat with a farmer who said he farmed apples- dozens of different varieties. He said his fruit was rotting in the orchards because he couldn't find enough workers to pick it. Every client I've represented has had a strong workforce made up partly of immigrants, and to the person, every employer I know agrees that immigrants have an exceptionally strong work ethic. Immigrants are important to farmers, the medical industry, and industrial development- they also gave us Silicon Valley, and are part of our social and economic fabric.

Reproductive Rights

Whenever I hear about the sanctity of life, and the need to protect the unborn, it's almost always from the same people who adamantly champion the death penalty, the same people who want to deny early childhood education that would give poor infants a fighting chance in life. The argument sounds to me like 'life is precious'- but only until the moment the child is born. Maybe if people pushing to close the clinics cared more about poor children, or children of color, I wouldn't find their arguments so insincere. I will fight to codify Roe v Wade, and will defend a woman's right to control her own body, as long as there is breath in mine.

Economy/Taxation/Structural Change

The number of Fortune 100 companies who pay no federal income tax has exploded under this administration. The tax giveaways to the top 1% have not benefited the average American. The tax giveaway to corporations didn't trickle down; the company owners used it to enrich themselves by buying back their own stock and pumping millions into CEO compensation. Using taxpayer funded tax breaks to purchase stocks should not be allowed.

College Tuition/Student Loan Forgiveness/Public Education

We need to offer some debt relief for student loans. I believe state colleges should offer free tuition to any student whose parents earn under \$200,000 per year. But I do not agree with free and unlimited college for everyone. We can't afford to subsidize private tuition in ivy league schools, and we can't afford to pay for students whose parents are wealthy. We should explore cancelling the interest on all outstanding student debt.

Criminal Justice Reform/Racial Justice/Legalization

My ideas on closing the education gap, environmental justice, and increasing better paid jobs, would directly address racial disparities in our country. Racism in our criminal justice system needs to be addressed separately, because nowhere in our nation is racism more apparent. I have fought from an early age to keep mentally ill offenders, juvenile offenders, and non-violent offenders out of the prison system, where they only learn to become violent. I fully support legalization of marijuana, clemency and expungement for marijuana offenses, and criminal justice reform to end racial disparities in our criminal justice system.

Corporate PAC Money?

In addition to ending Citizens United, we have to END PAC MONEY altogether- it doesn't advance anything, it doesn't provide a service or help people in need, it only helps the politically connected stay politically connected; END IE accounts- these are individual expenditure accounts that allow "dark" ie, unknown political donors to anonymously pay for candidates' heavy lift expenses; LIMIT CAMPAIGN SPENDING- if every candidate were limited to twenty-five thousand dollars, they wouldn't need (and couldn't afford) slick footage of heroic helicopters, flags and puppies; and PASS TERM LIMITS FOR THE SENATE AND HOUSE- it's obvious that after too many years in office politicians lose new ideas and start focusing on their pensions.

Statehood for DC and Puerto Rico?

I don't know enough about Puerto Rico's economy, economic health, internal wishes, or people to have an opinion either way. I support statehood for DC if the majority of people who live there support it.

Are you now or have you ever been a lobbyist?

No, I have not.

Should lobbyists be allowed to run for public office? No