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THE ISSUES

THE ENVIRONMENT:

SUPPORTS RENEWABLE ENERGY EXPANSION
SUPPORTS POLICIES DESIGNED TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE
COMPREHENSIVE CLEAN POWER
OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE DRILLING
SUPPORTS CLEAN COAL AND PENSIONS FOR COAL MINERS
PROTECT NATURAL LAND(NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION AREAS)

IMMIGRATION

SUPPORTS DREAMERS, SUPPORTS DACA
SUPPORTS COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM
SUPPORTS THE DREAM ACT
PROTECTS THE TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR REFUGEES

EDUCATION

INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION

INCREASED FUNDING FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

SUPPORTS THE EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT

INCREASE QUALITY OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION OFFERED

MY OPINION:

ALMOST ALL OF THESE POSITIONS THAT TIM KAINE HOLDS. I REALLY LIKE HIS PROGRESSIVE STANCE ON IMMIGRATION AND EDUCATION, MOSTLY HIS SUPPORT OF INCREASED FUNDING FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION. I ALSO REALLY LIKE THAT HE SUPPORTS DACA AND DREAMERS, AND SUPPORTS COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM. I THINK THAT AS A COUNTRY, WE NEED TO INVEST A LOT MORE MONEY INTO OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM, AND OUR IMMIGRATION SYSTEM IS VERY UNFAIR AND COMPLICATED. MOST OF HIS ENVIRONMENTAL OPINIONS I AGREE WITH, SUCH AS SUPPORTING RENEWABLE ENERGY AND INCREASING PUBLIC LANDS. HOWEVER, I DO NOT AGREE WITH HIS OPINION ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF CLEAN COAL. I THINK THAT WE SHOULD BE FOCUSING ON GETTING AWAY FROM COAL, AND THERE REALLY IS NO SUCH THING AS CLEAN COAL. THESE ISSUES ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO ME, BECAUSE I THINK THEY ARE SOME OF THE MOST HOTLY CONTESTED ONES IN OUR CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE. THE ENVIRONMENT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT TO ME, BECAUSE WE NEED TO PROTECT OUR PLANET OR IT WILL BE DESTROYED! IMMIGRATION AND EDUCATION ARE HUGE ISSUES FACING OUR COUNTRY TODAY, AND WE HAVE A CHANCE RIGHT NOW TO REFORM OUR EDUCATION AND IMMIGRATION SYSTEMS IN A POSITIVE AND PRODUCTIVE WAY!

LESLIE COCKBURN(D)- US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, REPRESENTING VIRGINIA'S 5TH DISTRICT



THE ISSUES

THE ENVIRONMENT:

ANTI-PIPELINE

SUPPORTS LAND EASEMENTS AND CONSERVATION

REJOIN THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT

SUPPORTS THE US CLIMATE ALLIANCE

WOMEN:

SUPPORTS EQUAL PAY AND THE PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT

PROMOTE WOMEN'S RETIREMENT SECURITY

SUPPORTS WOMEN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE

END "GLOBAL GAG RULE" IN ORDER TO PROVIDE AID TO NGOS PROVIDING CONTRACEPTION/FAMILY PLANNING IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

RESTORE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

EDUCATION:

SUPPORTS STRONG PUBLIC EDUCATION

INCREASE TEACHERS SALARIES

EXPAND PRE-K EDUCATION AND FUNDING

SUPPORTS FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MY OPINION:

I FULLY SUPPORT ALL OF THESE OPINIONS. I REALLY LIKE LESLIE'S FOCUS ON REJOINING THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT, AS WELL AS HER ANTI-PIPELINE STANCE. I ALSO REALLY LIKE THAT SHE SUPPORTS INCREASED LAND CONSERVATION, BECAUSE I THINK THAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT. AS A WOMAN, I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT SHE WANTS TO FIGHT FOR WOMEN'S EQUAL PAY IN THE WORKFORCE. I ALSO REALLY SUPPORT THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE, AND GIVING AID TO NGOS WHO PROVIDE FAMILY PLANNING IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. OVERPOPULATION IS A HUGE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE, AND THAT CAN REALLY HELP WITH THAT. I ALSO REALLY AGREE WITH HER STANCE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INCREASING TEACHERS SALARIES AND FUNDING FOR SCHOOL. I THINK THAT WOULD BE VERY COOL TO HAVE FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BECAUSE A MORE EDUCATED POPULATION IS A BETTER ONE! I CHOSE THESE ISSUES BECAUSE THEY ARE THE ONES THAT MOST DIRECTLY IMPACT ME: I AM A FEMALE COLLEGE STUDENT, WHO IS VERY INTERESTED IN ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY. I ALSO THINK THAT THESE ISSUES AFFECT EVERYONE, AND WE SHOULD ALL BE PAYING ATTENTION TO THEM.

MY POSITION:

IF I WAS IN THE GOVERNMENT, MY POSITION WOULD BE VERY SIMILAR TO THESE PARTY PLATFORMS. I WOULD SUPPORT A TRANSITION TO CARBON NEUTRALITY AND 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY. I WOULD ALSO SUPPORT A HUGE EXPANSION OF LAND CONSERVATION. I SUPPORT GREATLY INCREASED FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL, ESPECIALLY IN IMPOVERISHED AREAS AND IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION. I ALSO SUPPORT PAY RAISES FOR TEACHERS. I SUPPORT DACA AND DREAMERS, AND I WANT THE US TO HAVE A MORE OPEN IMMIGRATION POLICY. AFTER ALL, WE ARE A NATION OF IMMIGRANTS! I ALSO SUPPORT WOMEN'S EQUAL PAY AND EQUALITY IN ALL WAYS, AS WELL AS WOMEN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE. I ALSO WOULD INCREASE FUNDING FOR NGOS WHO SUPPORT FAMILY PLANNING IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, TIM Kaine AND LESLIE COCKBURN HAVE VERY SIMILAR IDEAS TO ME, AND I AM VERY HAPPY TO HAVE THEM REPRESENT ME!

VERDICT:

I WILL BE VOTING FOR BOTH TIM Kaine AND LESLIE COCKBURN IN NOVEMBER! I FEEL MUCH MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THEIR STANCE ON ISSUES, WHICH HAS CEMENTED HOW I AM GOING TO VOTE.