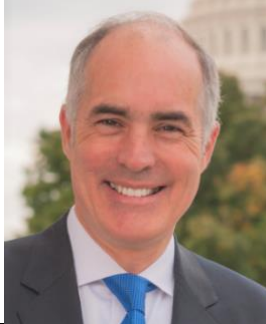


NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE: 2018 PENNSYLVANIA SENATE RACE

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Abortion: Mostly ban or mostly legal?	Ban after 20 weeks , except for rape, incest, & life of mother.	Ban after 20 weeks , except for rape, incest, & life of mother.
Campaign Finance: Require political ads to disclose their largest funders?	No . Did not support DISCLOSE Act of 2017, which provides for these disclosure requirements.	Yes . Supported original DISCLOSE Act in 2010. Cosponsored DISCLOSE Act of 2017.
Campaign Finance: Support <i>Citizens United</i> decision, allowing unlimited political donations from corporations & unions?	Unknown.	No. Says the ruling has enhanced the power of corporate special interests & a handful of wealthy individuals .
Climate Change: Consider climate change a critical threat?	No. “Climate science seems to not be settled.” “We are ... in a cooling trend.”	Yes .
Climate Change: Limit or tax production of greenhouse gases? Support US participation in Paris Climate Accord despite President Trump’s withdrawal?	No : Voted to bar EPA from regulating greenhouse gases. Opposes US participation in Paris Climate Accord & supported Trump’s withdrawal from it.	Yes to regulating greenhouse gases. Supports US participation in Paris Climate Accord & opposed Trump’s withdrawal from it.
Contraception: Allow employers to withhold contraceptive coverage from employees if disagree with it morally?	Yes. Supreme Court ruling on this is “a clear victory for religious liberty.”	No . Introduced <i>Access to Birth Control Act</i> , stating an employer has no right to deny a woman access to birth control.
Courts: Support President Trump’s choice of Brett Kavanaugh for Supreme Court nominee?	Yes. “Kavanaugh has proven himself to be a sound conservative with a healthy respect for judicial restraint.”	No. Shouldn’t come from a list provided by the far right, big corporations, & Washington special interests .
Economy: Support federal spending as a means of promoting economic growth?	No. “Key to job creation & economic recovery is found in small, private businesses, not in big government.”	Yes .
Economy: Support President Trump’s imposition of tariffs on Chinese steel & other products?	Yes. Supports Trump’s using tariffs as leverage to get better trade deals. Says if retaliatory tariffs hurt agriculture, Trump will help them .	Yes. We must go after “trade cheaters” to protect PA jobs .
Education: Provide vouchers to parents to send their children to private schools with public money?	Yes. Wants to “empower parents to choose the education environment for their children.”	No (stand from 2004).
Elections: Support nonpartisan redistricting to address charges of partisan gerrymandering ?	No . Among Republican congressmen who tried to stop PA Supreme Court from redistricting what they found to be unacceptably gerrymandered districts.	Unknown.
Environment: Support Environmental Protection Administration cutbacks?	Yes .	No .

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Gay Marriage: Support gay marriage?	No. Opposes gay marriage & Supreme Court decision to redefine marriage. Says it should be a state decision.	Yes. Position has shifted over time.
Gun Control: Support more restrictive gun control legislation? Restrict semi-automatic weapons?	No, except for bump stocks.	Yes. Position has shifted. Now supports expanded background checks, ban on bump stocks, & other restrictions.
Healthcare: Support or Repeal Affordable Care Act (ACA), known as Obamacare?	Repeal.	Support.
Healthcare: Let Planned Parenthood receive public funds for non-abortion health care?	No.	Yes.
Healthcare: Require people to work to receive Medicaid?	Yes.	No.
Immigration: Support DREAM Act (DACA), letting “Dreamers” who arrived illegally as children, then grew up in the US, to achieve legal status if meet certain conditions?	No. Has sponsored bills to defund & end DACA & “stop DACA in its tracks.” Introduced 2017 bill to remove Dreamers’ work eligibility permits.	Yes. Supported 2017 bill to let Dreamers become permanent residents if they meet certain qualifications.
Immigration: Support path to citizenship for America’s 11 million illegal immigrants?	No. Supports zero-tolerance policy to strengthen existing laws & protect borders. Against citizenship for US-born children of illegal immigrants.	Yes. Must secure our borders, but also finally address comprehensive immigration reform. Voted for 2013 comprehensive reform bill with earned path to citizenship, which failed.
Iran: Support Trump withdrawal from multinational treaty limiting Iran’s nuclear capability & lifting economic sanctions?	Yes. Applauds Trump’s decision.	No. Strongly opposes Trump’s decision.
Minimum Wage: Raise federal minimum wage?	Unknown.	Yes. Increase from current \$7.25 to \$12 by 2020 & index it to median wages.
Net Neutrality: Support making internet providers provide equal access to all users?	No.	Yes.
President Trump: Response to President Trump's actions & policies? Percentage of key votes supporting his positions?	Among Trump’s strongest supporters. Voted in support of Trump positions 98% of time as of August 2018.	Regularly opposes certain Trump actions & policies. Voted in support 30% of time as of August 2018.
Privatization: Support full or partial privatization of Social Security?	Supported 2011 Ryan budget that would have explored privatization.	No.
Renewable Energy: Support government subsidies for renewable energy?	No.	Yes.
Student debt & financial aid: Refinance student loans at lower rates, paid for by more taxes on high earners (Elizabeth Warren proposal)? Raise student financial aid, like Pell Grants?	Unknown.	Yes.
Taxes: Support President Trump’s tax cuts ?	Yes.	No.
Voting Rights: Support stricter voting rules like requiring voter ID or reducing registration times, even if prevent some people from voting?	Unknown.	No. Co-sponsored 2015 bill to restore <i>Voting Rights Act of 1965</i> protections cut by 2013 Supreme Court ruling.

Other senate candidates include [Neal Gale \(Green Party\)](#) & [Dale Kerns \(Libertarian\)](#). Due to limited space, we can’t include their responses, but encourage you to check out their websites.

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