



**NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE:  
2018 MISSISSIPPI SENATE RACE – Baria v. Wicker**

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<b>Abortion:</b> Mostly ban or mostly legal?	Legal. <a href="#">Keep safe, legal &amp; woman’s choice. Could support reasonable restrictions on late-term abortions if exceptions for rape, incest, mother’s health &amp; viability of the fetus.</a>	Ban. <a href="#">Introduced bill to declare that constitutional right to life begins at moment of fertilization.</a> In 2011, said <a href="#">“Roe v Wade has led to a 3-&amp;-a-half decades-long holocaust.”</a>
<b>Campaign Finance:</b> Require political ads & contributions to disclose their largest funders? Limit political donations from corporations & unions?	Has offered numerous bills to increase <a href="#">more campaign finance disclosure</a> from lobbyists & candidates. <a href="#">Would limit political donations.</a>	No. <a href="#">Voted against 2012 DISCLOSE Act.</a> <a href="#">Also against limiting political donations.</a>
<b>Climate Change:</b> Consider climate change a serious crisis?	<a href="#">Yes. Has long supported state commission to address it.</a>	No. <a href="#">Human cause “isn’t settled.” In 2014, cast the only Senate vote against saying climate change was real.</a>
<b>Climate Change:</b> Limit or tax production of greenhouse gases?	<a href="#">Yes to limiting greenhouse gases. One of top priorities is protecting the environment.</a>	No <a href="#">on Obama greenhouse gas limits as assault on coal.</a> Urged withdrawing from Paris Climate Accord, saying <a href="#">does no good &amp; will harm US economy.</a>
<b>Contraception:</b> Allow employers to withhold contraceptive coverage if disagree with it?	No specific stand, but strong general supporter of women’s access to contraception.	Yes. <a href="#">“The federal government doesn’t have the right to force Americans to violate their faith.”</a>
<b>Courts:</b> <a href="#">Support Judge Kavanaugh nomination?</a> (before recent allegations)	<a href="#">Won’t prejudge before hearings—part of partisanship poisoning democracy.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">“A well-qualified jurist with a record of upholding the integrity of the law &amp; the Constitution.”</a>
<b>Economy:</b> Support federal spending as a means of promoting economic growth?	<a href="#">Yes. But some hesitancy on size of 2009 Obama stimulus to counter recession.</a>	<a href="#">Generally not, for instance opposed Obama stimulus.</a>
<b>Economy:</b> Support President Trump’s imposition of tariffs on Chinese steel & other products?	No. <a href="#">They have a negative impact on Mississippians.</a>	Knows Mississippi farmers are bracing for negative impacts, but hopes <a href="#">“end results will be greater opportunities”</a>
<b>Education:</b> Provide vouchers to send children to private schools with public money?	<a href="#">No.</a> Opposed.	<a href="#">Yes. Also supported tax-free savings accounts for private school costs in Trump tax plan.</a>
<b>Elections:</b> Support nonpartisan redistricting to address partisan <a href="#">gerrymandering?</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Introduced unsuccessful 2018 bill to create nonpartisan Commission.</a>	No position found.
<b>Financial Regulation:</b> Support cutbacks in Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)?	No. <a href="#">Will oppose any efforts to weaken CFPB.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">“CFPB has been a thinly veiled attempt... to expand federal control over Americans’ financial decisions.”</a>

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<b>Gay Marriage:</b> Support gay marriage?	Yes. <a href="#">Opposed 2016 bill to expand right of government employees &amp; private businesses to refuse services to same-sex couples.</a>	No. <a href="#">“I will continue to work to protect First Amendment rights of those who... oppose same-sex marriage.”</a>
<b>Gun Control:</b> Support more restrictive gun control legislation? Restrict semi-automatic weapons?	Yes to both. Gun owner & hunter, but <a href="#">“common sense gun safety measures” don’t mean “you’re anti-gun or anti-Second Amendment.”</a>	No to both. <a href="#">“Do not feel more gun control laws are the answer to the problems confronting our nation.”</a>
<b>Healthcare:</b> Support or Repeal Affordable Care Act (ACA), known as Obamacare?	Support. <a href="#">“Improving this plan, not weakening it, will be a top priority for me from day one.” Strong supporter of Medicaid expansion.</a>	Repeal. <a href="#">“I am doing everything in my power to delay &amp; repeal this massive overhaul of America’s healthcare system”</a>
<b>Healthcare:</b> Let Planned Parenthood receive public funds for non-abortion health care?	Yes. <a href="#">Allow continued funding. “Women should have access to the best healthcare available.”</a>	No. Signed on to <a href="#">Supreme Court brief arguing for defunding.</a>
<b>Immigration:</b> Support (DACA), allowing “Dreamers” who arrived illegally as children, to achieve legal status? Support earned path to citizenship for America’s 11 million illegal immigrants?	Yes. <a href="#">DACA kids have met the requirements we asked; are in school or working; are paying taxes. Supports practical border security &amp; earned path as part of comprehensive reform.</a>	No. <a href="#">Filed amendment barring the use of federal funds to administer DACA. Voted against immigration reform bills that included earned path to citizenship. Opposes amnesty.</a>
<b>Iran:</b> Support Trump withdrawing from treaty that limits Iran’s nuclear capability in return for lifting economic sanctions?	Unknown.	Yes. <a href="#">“The United States needs to go back to the drawing board &amp; work toward a better deal.”</a>
<b>Marijuana:</b> Legalize or decriminalize marijuana?	<a href="#">Supports medical marijuana legalization. Opposes recreational legalization.</a>	No. <a href="#">Supports federal intervention against states that have legalized medical or recreational marijuana.</a>
<b>Minimum Wage:</b> Raise the federal minimum wage from the current \$7.25/hr?	Yes. <a href="#">Also authored bill to increase Mississippi minimum wage for private employers to \$9 while keeping state employees at \$7.25 federal rate.</a>	Likely no. <a href="#">In 2007 voted against raising federal minimum wage to current \$7.25 level. Didn’t vote on proposed 2014 increase.</a>
<b>President Trump:</b> Response to President Trump’s actions & policies?	<a href="#">“I have been critical of President Trump &amp; will continue to be as long as he demeans the presidency.”</a>	Consistent & vocal supporter. Voted <a href="#">96% with Trump</a> as of October 1, 2018.
<b>Privatization:</b> Support full or partial privatization of Social Security?	No. <a href="#">Protect Social Security from privatization.</a>	No current statement found, but <a href="#">some previous support</a> for letting workers invest portion in private accounts.
<b>Renewable Energy:</b> Support government subsidies for renewable energy?	Yes. <a href="#">Introduced bill giving tax credits for renewable energy &amp; energy efficiency investments.</a>	<a href="#">Has voted against tax credits for renewables.</a> Supports all-of-the-above plan <a href="#">emphasizing liquified coal as a renewable approach.</a>
<b>Student Debt:</b> Refinance student loans at lower rates, paid for by increasing taxes on high earners (Elizabeth Warren bill)?	Unknown on Warren bill. But <a href="#">supports loan forgiveness program &amp; making 2-year colleges tuition free.</a>	No. <a href="#">Voted against Warren bill.</a>
<b>Taxes:</b> Support <a href="#">President Trump’s tax cuts</a> ?	No. Giveaway <a href="#">to top 1%</a> that increases long-term debt. Instead <a href="#">“require corporations &amp; the very wealthy to pay their fair share while providing real permanent tax relief for low &amp; moderate working people.”</a>	Yes. <a href="#">“An accomplishment of historic proportions... Job creators &amp; small businesses will have more capital to invest &amp; innovate.”</a>

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