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- 1. Have you accepted contributions or donations from any fossil fuel, energy, plastics or related companies or PACs representing such interests? Will you commit not to accepting such contributions? Do you have any financial connections to any energy or power companies or their affiliates or attorneys?**

[Brandon Jolicoeur](#)

No I have not accepted any contributions from fossil fuel, energy or plastics related companies, nor do I have any connections to them financially, I do however have acquaintances, friends and extended family that work as welders, pipefitters, and buyers for those companies, but in no way are they in a position to offer me money on behalf of those organizations. I will however gladly accept and take all the money they wish to give me or spend on my campaign, however, they will most definitely know that I will use that money to ensure we are enforcing stricter regulations against them and be pushing for green/alternative energy and environmental justice and reform, therefore I doubt they are going to want to donate to my campaign or support me in any way, unless it is a green energy PAC.

[Lloyd Kelly](#)

No, I have not accepted any contributions or donations from any fossil fuel, energy, plastics or related companies or PACs. I cannot commit to not accepting donations in the future. That being said, I want to be able to work with these companies to create policies that protect the environment... I will do that by shutting down the adversarial mind set of them and us. I will use my office to create working relationships between organizations such as yours and the companies involved. Then I will use my office to facilitate the implantation of the solutions the COMMUNITY has developed. I want to always be considered as a bridge builder. Please make no mistake, I will never compromise on environmental policy... but I believe there is a way to achieve environmental and climate justice... and solution requires all of the parties to work together to achieve the solution.

[Jenette M. Porter](#)

A.) No , B.) No , C.) No

[Chelsea Ardoin](#)

I have not accepted such contributions or donations to date, though, as a first time candidate, I will take contributions and donations from credible sources that support my good campaign. I work full-time in the Human Resources department at Entergy

Corporation in New Orleans as the Benefits Project Manager, recently, implementing a new ERISA retiree health plan.

[Karen Carter Peterson](#)

Not to my knowledge and I signed the Sunrise Movements “No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge.” I am not aware of any financial connections I have with any energy or power companies or their attorneys. I was previously of-counsel for a large, international law firm that practices in hundreds of practice areas including some in the energy sector.

[Greg Lirette](#)

I have received no such donations from any company.

[J. Christopher Johnson](#)

We have no financial connections to fossil fuels, plastics, or any related companies in any way and we commit to keep it that way.

2. How will you support federal legislation to ban any new construction or expansion of existing plastic production plants in the river parishes, such as Formosa Plastics in St. James Parish and Shintech in Iberville and West Baton Rouge Parishes? How will you support and/or co-sponsor the Break Free From Plastics Pollution Act?

[Brandon Jolicoeur](#)

I'm going to work with the more progressive and moderate politicians in Congress to talk to the more conservative side in order to pass these regulations reducing the use of plastics within the US and encouraging recycling. In addition I will work with environmental experts, congress, the president and the EPA to develop the new standards and regulations that are needed to address pollution from the facilities. I will also investigate and work with experts to develop a national standardized labeling system for recycling. Additionally I will battle both sides of the House, if need be, to push and ensure that this bill makes it to the floor for a vote this time, where I will eagerly vote yes to enact.

[Lloyd Kelly](#)

Many times, permits for new plants or the expansion of existing plants require the support of the congressperson where the plant will be located. I will not support any project, which has not been developed with input (at every phase) from the community. In other words, If a company wants to expand in the district, they will have to fund a (COMPLETELY INDEPENDANT) community oversight panel. From the very beginning, the panel would

have to sign off on each phase. If the panel does not endorse the project, neither will my office.

Jenette M. Porter

Break Free From Plastics Pollution Act-Temporary Pause on New Plastic Company's Permit to give EPA valuable time to investigate, update and create , new regulations for nowCompanies

Chelsea Ardoin

One of my top priorities is economic development in Louisiana and my district. I will help with any legally qualified business operations that want to grow or expand in Louisiana. However, I do believe we should do everything possible to start transitioning away from a plastics dominant economy, enforce climate and environmental minimum restrictions on air quality, etc.

Karen Carter Peterson

I believe everyone has a right to clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment. Too many Louisiana communities surrounded by industrial plants face excessive and unsafe amounts of hazardous and toxic pollution. I support protections for fence-line and frontline communities like those in Cancer Alley and believe any proposed expansion whether a new facility or expanding an existing facility should be considered on a case by case basis and met with a heightened level of scrutiny than the rubber stamping that has gone on in our state for far too long. And I believe there needs to be greater community decision-making power and execution of stronger community benefits agreements. I will hear from all stakeholders and read any proposed legislation that is presented to me. I strongly support the Break Free from Plastic Pollution Act. It is past time that we have a comprehensive bill in Congress that adequately addresses the plastic pollution crisis. This bill shows a commitment to real solutions by reducing throwaway plastics and encouraging producer responsibility. I will also support legislation that obligates the USCG, EPA, and State Environmental Quality agencies to respond to and clean-up "nurdles" or plastic pollution.

Greg Lirette

I will support common sense legislation dealing with pollution and holding companies accountable

J. Christopher Johnson

We plan to cosponsor the BFFPP Act, as well as legislation to put strict regulations of pollutive development to prevent future development of oil and plastics production in the river parishes. Finally, our ONE FOR ONE JOB REPLACEMENT proposal would make

sure regulation and plant closure is accompanied by government investment in infrastructure and clean energy in the river parishes, creating jobs and closing off the region to more harmful forms of development.

3. **Since District 2 covers a lot of “Cancer/Death Alley” would you introduce legislation to ensure that EPA air/water/soil standards are health-based, rather than industry-based, and that these standards are protected from dismantling by executive order? We understand that you do not have jurisdiction of LDEQ (Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality), but will you publicly advocate that they do the same? How will you ensure that comprehensive air monitoring is conducted in St. John the Baptist Parish and around Dupont Denka plant? Are you willing to report and meet with communities on a regular basis to discuss progress on these issues, hear our concerns, and meet our demands?**

[Brandon Jolicoeur](#)

Short answer, yes. Long answer, Cancer Alley is a travesty and though I would not have jurisdiction over LDEQ, I would be able to introduce legislation into congress in order to mandate that all hazardous chemical and hazardous waste facilities install monitoring systems to warn not only residents nearby but also government agencies to warn them of contamination and dangerous levels with in the air and water. EPA standards should always be health-based as it is supposed to be an organization for the people and environment that ensures corporations are not taking advantage of the areas they are in. Additionally I would introduce a 1% non-negotiable, non-deductible tax on dirty corporations that would go to a dedicated trust for the people similar to the one set up in Norway. This trust would allow for funds to be immediately available to assist government agencies and the local population with man-made environmental disasters, such as evacuating people, re-homing/finding living accommodations for those affected, cleaning up pollution, chemical spills, oil spills, etc., as well as assisting with recovery and assisting those who depend on those effected areas for incomes (i.e. farmers, fishermen, tourism).

[Lloyd Kelly](#)

Yes I will introduce such legislation... as long as organizations such as yours are willing to work with my office to develop the language. I absolutely will publicly advocate for the LDEQ to follow suit. If the LDEQ, does not follow suit, where it is possible, I will use my office to withhold federal funding until they do. My office will meet regularly with all communities in the district. (I may be there, I may not). The purpose of these meetings will not be for me to get feedback from these communities, but instead, I will give feedback on their work. I will also use these meetings to develop strategies to implement the communities work.

[Jenette M. Porter](#)

A.) Yes , B.) Yes C.) these air quality is challenged, comprehensive monitoring must be required to zero it out . D.) Yes

Chelsea Ardoin

I will absolutely introduce legislation to ensure that air/water/soil standards are health-based and enforce protection of our nation's citizens. I will also work with LDEQ as a public advocate on these issues despite my jurisdiction. I absolutely intend on meeting with constituents across my district regarding all of their concerns including progress on environmental issues/concerns.

Karen Carter Peterson

In Congress, I will introduce legislation to ensure health-based standards and will also publicly advocate that DEQ and EPA also use health-based standards. As I always have in the state legislature, in Congress, I will support comprehensive air monitoring in any parish or county that has emitting facilities. I am willing to meet with communities throughout CD2 regularly to discuss progress on these issues and listen to concerns.

Greg Lirette

Yes to introducing legislation. Legislation should never be dismantled by EO. I am willing to meet with communities on a regular basis.

J. Christopher Johnson

We would absolutely support and participate in the drafting of a bill to change EPA standards to be health based. We would consider drafting a bill which requires the EPA do regular air monitoring in areas proven to have high rates of air pollution.. We fully plan to regularly meet and work with cancer alley communities.

- 4. Since District 2 is currently economically dependent on the oil/gas and petrochemical industry, will you introduce or support legislation that will transition the area to a green economy; for example, investigating how to retrofit factories for clean industries? How would you support President Biden's plan and ensure that disadvantaged communities receive 40% of overall benefits from clean energy and energy efficiency spending in Cancer Alley? If not, how do you plan to address environmental justice especially in Congressional District 2?**

Brandon Jolicoeur

I would have the oil/gas industry investigated within the district by the DA and push to ensure they are held liable for not disclosing the carcinogenic substances being released into the environment. I would also push to ensure that these corporations are liable for the health and medical expenses of people who have suffered because of their greed and negligence. Additionally, I would introduce legislation allowing for 10 year federal tax

exemptions for green energy companies in disadvantaged and high health risk communities with a stipulation that the local taxes must be paid and non-exempt. I will also establish a committee with green energy experts, engineers, and environmentalists to investigate the feasibility of using the Mississippi River as the main source of power, utilizing existing hydroelectric technology, and determining how to entice companies to invest in such infrastructure or if power can be provided in a similar fashion to how the Sewage and Waterboard provides for those services.

Lloyd Kelly

Yes 100%! I would support legislation to retrofit every single plant. To ensure that disadvantaged communities received 40% of the funding... I would amend to bill to make appropriations in the form of block grants. I would also add language that creates local advisory boards. These boards would be quasi-governmental agencies and the block grants would be issued to them... not to the state to be include in its annual budget. The boards would develop and fund their own local spending plans. In addition, I would also support, plans to leverage the initial funding to create more funding.

Jenette M. Porter

Yes , the United State is transitioning to an energy efficient Country. Getting rid of emission .

Chelsea Ardoin

I believe that an oil and gas economy is essential for Louisiana's short-term future, though, I also believe we should do everything possible to transition to renewable and alternative fuels that will support Louisiana's economy long-term. I hope to make Louisiana a state leader in those efforts. I do support President Biden's plan to ensure that disadvantaged communities receive 40% of overall benefits from clean energy and energy efficiency spending in Cancer Alley.

Karen Carter Peterson

I believe everyone has a right to clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment. Too many Louisiana communities surrounded by industrial plants face massive amounts of hazardous and toxic pollution. As a state legislator, I fought to establish real time monitoring and warning systems to alert first responders and neighbors of dangerous events. I authored legislation to get a handle on lead contamination in Louisiana drinking water systems and to require testing of drinking water systems at child care facilities, schools, and playgrounds. I fought for legislation to address ongoing contamination from abandoned oil and gas wells throughout the state. Too many low-income families and communities of color are drowning in cancer-causing pollutants in Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District and I believe our response to climate change has to be rooted in the understanding that climate justice is linked to racial justice, economic justice, and health justice. I believe that aggressive action is needed and that the Green New Deal

offers a path forward. I support measures in the GND to achieve net-zero U.S. greenhouse gas emissions through a fair and just transition for all communities and workers while creating millions of jobs. I support reducing the carbon emissions of all the major segments of the economy — power, manufacturing, buildings, transportation and more, and investments in climate-friendly infrastructure. I support protections for fence-line and frontline communities like those poor African American communities in Cancer Alley, and indigenous tribal communities in coastal Louisiana. I reject the false choice between growing our economy and combating climate change. We can build a thriving, equitable, and globally competitive clean energy economy that puts workers and communities first. In Louisiana, we've relied on oil and gas for too long without realizing our potential in wind and solar. In Congress, I will fight for federal incentives to expand production of the wind and solar industries, which will create thousands of new high-paying green jobs and reduce our carbon footprint.

[Greg Lirette](#)

I would support common sense legislation to do this yes. Keep in mind that any legislation I co-sponsor or vote on must be target based and not sending money elsewhere. IE including fat in the bill.

[J. Christopher Johnson](#)

From the beginning of this campaign we have touted our ONE FOR ONE JOB REPLACEMENT proposal, which would specifically target communities losing jobs in plastics and patrolon for federal investment in infrastructure development (which the second district desperately needs) and green energy programs. By legislating that areas like cancer ally be targeted for green energy funding, we make huge strides towards surpassing Biden's goal.

- 5. New Orleans children have always had higher blood lead levels than Flint, Michigan. Even when Flint was at the top of its crisis, our children had more lead poisoning. There is a bill in Congress we need passed that will provide jobs to us throughout the state to remove the lead water that pipes that are in just about all communities built before the 80s. As a Congress Member will you co-sponsor this bill and support funding for full lead service line replacement in environmental justice communities? The Moving Forward Act bill that passed the House last July included an amendment to provide \$22.5 billion for that purpose. Will you highlight this issue and work to rid Louisiana of lead and pass this legislation if you are elected?**

[Brandon Jolicoeur](#)

I will and I will stress the importance that this is an essential works project that needs to be completed and will provide for numerous jobs throughout the State that will help people recover from the trying economic times we are currently facing.

Lloyd Kelly

Yes I will enthusiastically co-sponsor the bill. Yes, I will highlight the issue. As a matter of fact I will allow organizations such as yours, to use my office as a resource to educate the citizens of Louisiana and the Country about the issue.

Jenette M. Porter

A.) Yes, Children are our future. B.) Yes

Chelsea Ardoin

Absolutely, I will work to highlight the lead issue in Louisiana and work to rid Louisiana of lead issues, passing such legislation. I support full lead service line replacement and infrastructure improvements in Louisiana to improve the health of our citizens.

Karen Carter Peterson

I will hear from all stakeholders and read any proposed legislation that is presented to me. As a state senator, I authored legislation to get a handle on lead contamination in Louisiana drinking water systems and to require testing of drinking water systems at child care facilities, schools, and playgrounds. What happened in Flint, Michigan should never happen in America -- the richest country on Earth. In Congress, I will prioritize the fight for environmental justice, which means turning the Moving Forward Act into law.

Greg Lirette

Yes

J. Christopher Johnson

Yes we will cosponcer this bill, support this funding, and highlight this issue.

6. **How will you center racial equity in climate change action? There are 4,000 documented abandoned wells (and probably many more) in LA & 20,000 in the Gulf of Mexico. Would you support and co-sponsor legislation creating an Abandoned Well Administration to oversee this effort, to put oil & gas workers back to work and create thousands of new jobs as proposed by author Megan Milliken Biven? (<https://www.currentaffairs.org/2021/01/the-wreckage-of-the-last-energy-epoch-abandoned-wells-and-workers> .)**

Brandon Jolicoeur

I feel as though this is two separate questions, but by doing the things I have mentioned, we will effectively create a better and healthier community for people to live in, and as the majority of these issues are found in predominately minority communities, most of the jobs being created would go to members of the local community and the quality of life in these areas which are currently underserved and at risk portions of the state, would greatly increase. I would fully support creating an Abandoned Well Administration but I would put a caveat in place to ensure that they also oversee/assume the retirement of wells to ensure work is being done correctly and that with the creation of any new well, a company must pay upfront for the permits and estimated costs to retire that well, which this Administration would then take charge of as soon as the company advises of its retirement. I would also like to ensure that a specialized team of divers and scientists would be able to study the abandoned rigs for leaks to ensure they are properly secured as well. Additionally, they would help to determine that rigs remain in place as this creates an artificial reef and would allow for easier identification of abandoned wells in open waters.

[Lloyd Kelly](#)

Yes, If your organization is willing to work to write the language, I will SPONSOR, CO-SPONSOR or SUPPORT it, whichever is necessary

[Jenette M. Porter](#)

Energy Efficient is putting more people to work also, and oil and gas

[Chelsea Ardoin](#)

I do support creating thousands of new jobs in Louisiana but I do not believe we need a new government agency to support that work.

[Karen Carter Peterson](#)

Too many low-income families and communities of color are drowning in cancer-causing pollutants in Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District, and I believe our response to climate change has to be rooted in the understanding that climate justice is linked to racial justice, economic justice, and health justice. I believe that aggressive action is needed and that the Green New Deal offers a path forward. I support measures in the GND to achieve net-zero U.S. greenhouse gas emissions through a fair and just transition for all communities and workers while creating millions of jobs. I support reducing the carbon emissions of all the major segments of the economy — power, manufacturing, buildings, transportation and more, and investments in climate-friendly infrastructure. I support protections for fence-line and frontline communities like those poor African American communities in Cancer Alley, and indigenous tribal communities in coastal Louisiana. Workers and communities of color endured the brunt of the effects of climate change. To counteract inequality, the Green New Deal will prioritize workers and communities of color by giving hard-hit communities priority access to new job opportunities, cost savings, pollution

cleanup projects, and climate resilience initiatives. That's why I enthusiastically support the Green New Deal. I would support and co-sponsor legislation creating an Abandoned Well Administration to oversee this effort, to put oil & gas workers back to work and create thousands of new jobs. I would not limit this to onshore wells though as there are over 26,000 abandoned or orphaned wells in the Gulf of Mexico as well.

[Greg Lirette](#)

Yes I would vote on a bill that included a Abandoned Well Administration to oversee the effort

[J. Christopher Johnson](#)

Yes we would support this legislation, and our ONE FOR ONE JOB REPLACEMENT proposal would contribute significantly to racial equity in climate change action.

- 7. Industrial canal expansion: the Army Corps continues to try to expand and move the lock at St Claude back to Galvez street risking floods and 20 years of useless, very heavy industrial construction. All of this is based on a 1997 Environmental Impact Statement that has been modified by legal changes, but it still is based on 1997 data and analysis that is 24 years out of date. We have learned much post-Hurricane Katrina about levees and flooding in the Lower 9th Ward. The Corps of Engineers keeps funding studies on this project which is a waste of taxpayers' money. What actions (budget measures) will you take to stop and defund this project?**

[Brandon Jolicoeur](#)

The Army Corps of Engineers continues to fund programs such as this canal as well as others including diversions of the Mississippi River which are not only damaging the land and causing erosion to occur faster, but we are also seeing the effects on wildlife and ecosystems such as the deaths of dolphins and River Sturgeon being found in areas like the rigolets. As Congressman, I aim to stop all projects involving the Army Corps of Engineers or that may affect our wetlands and coastline in order to make sure all decisions being made are being made using the most current and up-to-date information available including Environmental Impact Surveys. Then a new standard will be drafted for projects to comply with. After this is complete then all affected projects will need to submit a Plan of Action that corrects their project wherever inadequacies lie and conforms to the new information available and new standards. If projects are shown to be detrimental to our coastal security, environment or human lives, all funding will be revoked immediately and a Plan of Action will be developed and implemented to repair any damages done.

[Lloyd Kelly](#)

As a congressman, I will be asked to vote on 1000's of bills each year, It is not possible to be knowledgeable on every bill. Therefore, I will rely on organizations such as yours to advise me on certain positions I will take.

[Jenette M. Porter](#)

We need studies, once we reread the studies, you go from there.

[Chelsea Ardoin](#)

I will not support any new taxes until the national debt is addressed and we have passed a constitutional amendment requiring a fiscally responsible, balanced and transparent budget.

[Karen Carter Peterson](#)

I do not support expansion of the industrial canal. I will oppose any attempt to continue to fund this waste.

[Greg Lirette](#)

If we are not acting on current data it's near worthless and stop cease. Information we act on must be current.

[J. Christopher Johnson](#)

We can commit to advocating staunchly against the movement of the industrial canal lock if the project ever reaches that point. We can also commit to voting against any additional funding for the project in committee or in full senate votes. We will also look upon any future study proposals into moving the lock with severe scrutiny, and advocate against their funding if we believe they are extraneous. You have our word that if the Army Core seeks budget approval to move forward with the canal expansion, we will do everything in our power to prevent it.

- 8. Will you support President Biden's plan to require public companies to disclose climate-related financial risks and the greenhouse gas emissions in their operations and supply chains? Will you support President Biden's plan to require industrial polluters to bear the full cost of their climate pollution which includes using the EPA and Justice Department to pursue violations of these cases to the fullest extent permitted by the law? Please explain your answer.**

[Brandon Jolicoeur](#)

Yes, for far to long have corporations been able to take advantage of the average citizen and the environment and time has come where we can no longer continue to take for granted the things we once did. Time has come for corporations to fix the damages they

have caused and to pay for their mistakes. I agree this should take place as well as the 1% non-negotiable tax previously mentioned to be held in trust.

Lloyd Kelly

Yes, I will support the plan to require public companies to disclose the climate-related financial risks and the greenhouse gas emissions in their operations and supply chains. However, I would require the reports to be written in language that average, everyday people can understand. While I do support requiring industrial polluters to bear the full cost of their climate pollution, and while, I do support using the EPA and Justice Department to pursue violations of these cases to the fullest extent permitted by the law... I think it is important to create incentives for these companies to voluntarily retrofit their plants before we have to begin punishing them

Jenette M. Porter

People, Companies have rights

Chelsea Ardoin

I do support transparency in all aspects of public companies that infringes on the rights of all US citizens such as greenhouse gas emissions in their operations including their supply chains. However, I oppose lawsuit abuse, recognizing that public and deep-pocket entities are targets for plaintiff bar. Determining the full cost of such climate pollution for industrial polluters to bear and the minimum climate pollution exposure requirements to enact such lawsuits must first be determined prior to my issuing any support.

Karen Carter Peterson

I support President Biden's plan to require public companies to disclose climate-related financial risks and the greenhouse gases emissions of their operations and supply chains. This will help companies, investors and regulators make better-informed decisions and pursue decarbonization targets. I will also require polluters to bear the full cost of their climate pollution which includes the executive branch to pursue whatever remedy necessary when polluters do not. Allowing corporations to continue to pollute without consequences perpetuates an abuse of power. In Congress, I will hold these polluters' feet to the fire and hold them accountable.

Greg Lirette

Yes I support disclosers and industrial polluters bearing the full cost of their climate pollution

J. Christopher Johnson

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funding for the project in committee or in full senate votes. We will also look upon any future study proposals into moving the lock with severe scrutiny, and advocate against their funding if we believe they are extraneous. You have our word that if the Army Core seeks budget approval to move forward with the canal expansion, we will do everything in our power to prevent it.

9. Will you co-sponsor and support funding the Advanced Research Projects Agency on Climate (ARPA-C) to focus on the development of innovative technologies to achieve a 100% clean energy target? Please explain your answer.

[Brandon Jolicoeur](#)

I would support this, however I do agree that it may be more effective to expand the scope of the ARPA-E (Advanced Research Projects Agency on Energy) to include Climate (ARPA-E&C) due to the fact there are many overlapping goals. However, I feel there are some things within his plan that we can go a little further on, for which the technology already exists, and that is Net-Positive-Energy buildings instead of Zero-Net-Energy buildings, however it is a good start and better than what we have seen thus far, we just have to make sure these things are implemented sooner rather than later, because we are running out of time on the doomsday clock. We are 100 seconds to midnight.

[Lloyd Kelly](#)

Yes, I would co-sponsor and support funding the Advanced Research Projects Agency on Climate (ARPA-C) to focus on the development of innovative technologies to achieve a 100% clean energy target. This is a simple: if climate change is real... and it is, then we have to begin developing technologies that will reverse the damage. What else is left to say?

[Jenette M. Porter](#)

2050 the target is 80% clean air , energy efficient

[Chelsea Ardoin](#)

I do support the development of innovative technologies to address the appropriate clean energy target. I believe there should be a transitional period to ensure the recent blackouts that occurred during the ice storms are resolved. I will not support any new taxes until the national debt is addressed and we have passed a constitutional amendment requiring a fiscally responsible, balanced and transparent budget.

[Karen Carter Peterson](#)

I support the Biden Administration's acceleration of R&D investments and the strengthening of federal government-wide efforts to foster technologies that can help achieve net zero economy-wide emissions.

[Greg Lirette](#)

Yes I am for research and moving towards clean energy

[J. Christopher Johnson](#)

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10. Since at least 2 of the candidates are current state legislators, please indicate specifically what legislation (at the state level) you have sponsored or supported that promotes environmental or climate justice. For candidates who are not state legislators, if you have other governmental experience, please indicate your relevant experience with such legislation. If none of the above, please indicate your proposed relevant legislative agenda.

[Brandon Jolicoeur](#)

I have not held office, but I worked with Senator Vitter for a very brief time before and during Hurricane Isaac in 2012. I am not a republican as he is, and we didn't see the world in the same light I feel, but it was valuable experience. It was during this time we fought and argued with FEMA to get the resources distributed that they had just sitting in containers waiting to be used. Since then I became an Catastrophe Adjuster and for the past 5 years have dealt with Natural Disasters on almost a daily basis. And almost daily, I helped people going through the worst time in their life, and over the past 5 years the disasters have gotten worse and more frequent. I've even driven through, waded and boated through flood waters from Baton Rouge 2016 floods, Harvey, Michael, and Florence. In some cases, I was the first to see a person's destroyed home and would have to show them pictures of their home that they didn't have access to as they broke down in front of me. I have experienced first hand the devastating effects of a natural disaster with Katrina when I was a child, and on almost a daily basis I witness first-hand the frightening reality and effects of climate change. As such, I want to ensure that we are doing everything we can to move that clock backwards and issue strict pollution regulations with severe consequences that will make companies regret trying to take

advantage of the people. In addition to the 1% pollution tax to be put into trust, I propose stricter environmental regulations with legislation to be put into place requiring monitoring of hazardous chemical and waste plants to be installed at the expense of the company and if not in compliance all work shall be halted until such compliance is met, additionally I would call for and ensure the formation of an EPA Oversight Standing Committee to correct any actions or inactions of the EPA as well as to adjust, add or remove any regulations they have or don't have in place, and refer any wrongdoing to the justice department for possible criminal prosecution. I will sponsor legislation that ensures that the members, managers, owners and officers of a company are to be tried in a court of law if said company is involved in and found guilty of the misrepresentation, hiding, covering-up, or withholding of information that is detrimental to the company and effects the lives of people working at the company, the lives of those living around the company, or the environment around the company. I will ensure that no company receives a slap on the wrist for deceiving the American people and destroying our environment.

Lloyd Kelly

I am not now, nor ever been a legislator. I am also not the most educated person when it comes to environmental issues, but I don't have to be. I believe the job of an elected official is to use the office to facilitate the implementation of the people's will. That means, creating a platform that allows the constituents to have input in the development of the policies I put forth. I don't have to be an expert on environmental issues... Because I have your organization to guide me. In every answer, I have given in this questionnaire, I have tried to make it plain that I will create a situation in the 2nd Congressional District where, constituents create the legislation and I introduce it

Jenette M. Porter

I support climate adjustment, by buying energy efficient products , television, microwave, insulation

Chelsea Ardoin

I support Governor Edwards Climate Initiatives Taskforce which is currently making recommendations in this area. I support coastal protection for Louisiana and the Gulf Coast along with infrastructure development to course correct the frequent in-city flooding that occurs throughout the state.

Karen Carter Peterson

Having served as a state legislator for 21 years, there are far too many pro enviro and climate justice bills that I have supported to list them all here. Below are some highlights: CLIMATE: As a State legislator I authored and supported legislation to address the growing climate crisis: I authored legislation to establish the Louisiana Climate Change Policy Commission I authored legislation to provide for individual energy efficiency improvements and residential solar energy improvements I authored legislation to require

the construction of state buildings to include energy efficient measures I authored legislation to create an environmental health surveillance system I authored legislation to get a handle on lead contamination in drinking water systems I authored and legislation to require annual testing of drinking water at child care facilities and schools I strongly supported legislation to address the unsustainable industrial usage of the Southern Hills Aquifer, I strongly supported legislation to address the extensive issue of ongoing and potential contamination from the vast amount of abandoned oil and gas wells throughout the state I strongly supported legislation to address the problem that many Louisiana fence-line communities are subject to massive amounts of hazardous and potentially cancer causing pollution with no real time monitoring and warning system to alert first responders and neighbors of potentially dangerous events, and more. I have consistently received on an annual basis the lowest scores on my voting record by industry groups like the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI), LOGA and LMOGA.

Greg Lirette

I am for a common sense approach and any bill I co-sponsor or vote on must make sense and not have fat. I will have at least 1 full time attorney on staff.

J. Christopher Johnson

We have already detailed ONE FOR ONE JOB REPLACEMENT as our primary legislative goal in terms of climate justice. In addition, we give you our commitment to vigorously support and co-sponsor all legislation that we believe will contribute to the regulating and dismantling of pollutive corporations and the advance of alternative energy in a way which targets those most affected by pollution and most in need of industrial jobs.

--->>> Please add anything else you wish to share. Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

Brandon Jolicoeur

The time has come to where we can no longer take for granted the things we once did, things have to change and they have to change now. We cannot put our trust in the same people who have nothing but play party politics their entire political career. The same people who sat and watched Cancer Alley get worse and worse their entire political career. We must vote for change, and vote for a greener, healthier future. I really do hope I receive your support and endorsement, as I care for the people not only of this district, but of this state. I want Louisiana children to grow up happy and healthy, without their parents having to fear that their child has a high risk of getting lead poisoning and a high risk of getting cancer; where we don't have to worry if the seafood we pull out of the water is toxic or riddled with cancer. As a diver, hiker, and adventurer, the world we live in is the most precious and beautiful thing that I want to preserve and protect. I want to make sure

that my generation isn't the last to see a polar bear, or that my children and grandchildren can hike the same portions of the Appalachian Trail that I did. I want to make sure that we made enough efforts to guarantee that the coral reefs are still there in 100 years for divers, fishermen and of course the fish to enjoy. I want to make sure that the massive bleaching and die-offs were contained and that we ramp up the funding needed to support university and non-profit efforts to fragment and reintroduce the hardy coral that survived as well as the threatened and endangered ones that we unknowingly rely on so much. But I cannot accomplish this without your support. Out of all the Forums and Interviews that I am attending throughout this election, I can honestly say that this is the one that I am most passionate about. I hope you can see that, and I really hope to carry on this fight in Congress.

[Lloyd Kelly](#)

The reality today is that humanity is perilously close to permanently damaging our environment. Environmental and Climate justice must be a priority and for me it is. The question is: how do we solve the problem? I don't know... YET! I do know that finding the solution starts with all of the stakeholders coming together... not as adversaries but as partners with a common goal of ending climate change and reversing the greenhouse effect. As your Congressman: I don't want to close one plant... I want to retrofit them all. I don't want to assign blame... I want to remove the lead. I don't want to punish.. I want to incentivize participation. I hope this give you some idea of the perspective I will take to Washington.

[Jenette M. Porter](#)

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I believe human caused climate change is real, yes it is an existential threat to the survival of mankind on this planet, yes we need urgent and drastic action, and yes I support the Green New Deal.

Nowhere in the U.S. has already felt the devastating impacts of climate change more so than Louisiana, especially our coastal communities including my hometown of New Orleans. Coastal wetlands and barrier islands are a crucial part of Louisiana's natural storm protection system and thanks to rising seas and more powerful storms, decades of oil and gas activity, and other causes, Louisiana currently loses a football field of wetlands every hour. Moreover, Climate change threatens to undermine the massive efforts underway in Louisiana to restore Louisiana's coast.

As a state legislator, I authored legislation to establish the Louisiana Climate Change Policy Commission, legislation to provide tax credits for individual energy efficient

improvements, and authored legislation to require the construction of state buildings to include energy efficient measures.

I have also fought to reduce pollution and address environmental justice because I believe everyone has a right to clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment. Too many Louisiana communities surrounded by industrial plants face massive amounts of hazardous and toxic pollution, especially in Cancer Alley.

As a state legislator, I fought to establish real time monitoring and warning systems to alert first responders and neighbors of dangerous events. I authored legislation to get a handle on lead contamination in Louisiana drinking water systems and to require testing of drinking water systems at child care facilities, schools, and playgrounds. I fought for legislation to address ongoing contamination from abandoned oil and gas wells throughout the state. I have consistently received on an annual basis the lowest scores on my voting record by industry groups like the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI), LOGA and LMOGA.

Too many low-income families and communities of color are drowning in cancer-causing pollutants in Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District and I believe our response to climate change has to be rooted in the understanding that climate justice is linked to racial justice, economic justice, and health justice. I believe that aggressive action is needed and that the Green New Deal offers a path forward.

In Congress, I will support measures in the GND to achieve net-zero U.S. greenhouse gas emissions through a fair and just transition for all communities and workers while creating millions of jobs. I support reducing the carbon emissions of all the major segments of the economy — power, manufacturing, buildings, transportation and more, and investments in climate-friendly infrastructure. I support protections for fence-line and frontline communities like those communities in Cancer Alley, and indigenous tribal communities in coastal Louisiana.

I reject the false choice between growing our economy and combating climate change. We can build a thriving, equitable, and globally competitive clean energy economy that puts workers and communities first. In Louisiana, we've relied on oil and gas for too long without realizing our potential in wind and solar. In Congress, I will fight for federal incentives to expand production of the wind and solar industries, which will create thousands of new high-paying green jobs and reduce our carbon footprint.

Finally, upon election to Congress, I'll support immediate action to reverse the Trump Administration's dangerous and destructive rollbacks of critical climate and environmental protections. In Congress I will fight to protect the Clean Air act and the Clean Water act from industry attacks, and to ensure that we hold polluters accountable for violations

[Greg Lirette](#)

I'm for moving towards clean energy and holding companies accountable. We must keep the environment safe while we use legacy fuel sources. Again I am not going to support bills with fat in them unless that fat makes sense.

[J. Christopher Johnson](#)