

IVI-IPO 2009 CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

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A) Elective or appointive public or party offices previously held including dates.

State Representative of Illinois' 12th House District (1995-present)

B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate.

C) What is your primary occupation?

State Representative

D) Briefly list your civic activities of the past ten years.

American Jewish Congress, Governing Council, Member
Women in Government, State Director
Lincoln Park Conservancy, Board Member
Chicago Baseball Museum, Board Member
Ed Feldman Development Center, Board Member
Illinois Masonic Medical Center Charitable Foundation, Board Member
Northeastern Illinois University, Board Member
Emerald City Theatre, Honorary Board Member
Lakeview Citizens Council, Century Club Member
Theatre Building, Advisory Board Member

E) What subjects have you studied and what experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek?

I am a lifelong resident of this congressional district and my worldview has been shaped my experiences growing up here. I graduated from Northeastern Illinois University (on Chicago's Northwest Side) with a degree in political science and speech and performing arts.

In the Illinois legislature, I serve as chair of the House Human Services Appropriations committee, which has prepared me to tackle tough issues to get things done for working families in my community. During these tough economic times, this

community needs someone who has the experience and record to transcend political bickering to push thoughtful and meaningful legislation that improves people's lives. This is exactly what I have done over the past 14 years.

F) Which candidates have you supported in past elections? Please be specific in describing your role in each campaign.

Most recently, I supported Barack Obama's bid for the presidency and John Cullerton's bid for Senate President.

G) Please list all endorsements you have received so far.

EMILY's List
National Organization for Women (NOW)
Women's Action for New Directions (WAND)
Americans for Democratic Action (ADA)
Feminist Majority PAC

H) As concisely as possible, please state why you feel you should be endorsed over the other candidate(s). What goals for the office you seek are most important to you personally?

Raised in Hollywood Park on the Northwest Side, I am a lifelong resident of this congressional district. My worldview has been shaped by my experiences growing up here, and my legislative and budget experience in the Illinois House has provided me with a unique set of skills to help fix Washington and work toward improving the lives of families in the 5th Congressional District.

I am the adopted daughter of Florence Buky, an immigrant from Eastern Europe who came to this country during the Great Depression. One of only two women in her class to graduate from medical school, my mother worked as a doctor in our community. She often treated patients, many of whom were children whose parents were unable to pay for basic health care, right on our kitchen table. She never turned anyone away.

My mother taught me the true meaning of public service, which has inspired everything I've done in public life.

Having served 14 years in the Illinois House, and six years as chair of the House Human Services Appropriations committee, I have a record of fighting to expand access to health care for women, families and the uninsured. I sponsored the *FamilyCare* program along with then-State Senator Barack Obama to provide health care for working families. I fought to require insurance companies to cover mammograms and contraceptive services. I championed the *All Kids* law to expand comprehensive, affordable health care coverage to all children in Illinois who need it.

I was able to get these things done by avoiding the finger pointing and political gamesmanship that often dominates Springfield. That's allowed me to work with both Republicans and Democrats to get real results for those most in need. At this very difficult time in our history we need to rise above partisanship and deliver for people. That's how I've worked in Springfield and it's the type of leadership I'll bring to Washington.

I want to go to Washington to help fix our nation's economic crisis, create jobs and work to get all Americans access to the health care they need. Amid the toughest financial crisis in our lifetime, I will work to ensure that any proposal to stimulate our economy or provide relief for taxpayers helps middle class families who need it most.

I) What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date?

I intend to raise \$1 million by the March 3 Special Primary Election. I have raised over \$400,000 to date.

J) How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list?

We have 18 full-time staff members and over 300 volunteers, many of whom are active on a daily basis.

IVI-IPO 2009 CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 2

Foreign and Military			
1.	ESSAY	<p>What should be the US role in multi-national alliances such as the UN, NATO and the International Criminal Court?</p> <p>As the most powerful country in the world, the United States must work to rebuild and strengthen our alliances around the globe, which have been severely strained after eight years of a failed foreign policy under the Bush Administration. It has become clear that a unilateral approach to world affairs has proven untenable and the U.S. must reevaluate our role in the world. With new leadership, I see an opportunity for greater cooperation on issues that affect everyone, especially on environmental issues like carbon emissions and greenhouse gasses which require a global response.</p>	
2.	ESSAY	<p>What should be the policy of the IMF and World Bank toward countries that are essentially bankrupt?</p> <p>Amid one of the worst economic downturns since the Great Depression, it's important to not lose sight of poor countries that are being hit the hardest by the global recession. The IMF and World Bank should strive to control inflation, cut costs where possible and provide for cost-effective social programs that help underserved nations weather the current financial storm.</p>	
3.	ESSAY	<p>What should be Congress' role in formulating foreign policy?</p> <p>The power of Congress to pass resolutions is useful in launching new ideas and presenting differing viewpoints about the direction of America's foreign policy. Congress should also strive to work with (not against) the White House in a bipartisan way to foster better relations between the two branches of government to bring unity to our nation's foreign policy.</p>	
	YES	NO	
4.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>If a Timetable for withdrawal from Iraq is not established, will this affect your votes on funding for the Iraq War? Please explain your answer.</p> <p>As someone who actively opposed the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003, I would like to see a responsible end to the war that protects American lives and provides stability for the Iraqi people. I support a phased withdrawal to begin in the next few months, with the goal of removing all combat troops by Spring, 2010. I trust President Obama to closely monitor the withdrawal of U.S. troops, and agree with his willingness to adjust the timetable based on developments on the ground.</p>

5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Should the US wage war without a declaration from Congress?
6.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation giving Governors veto power over deployment of their National Guard units overseas?
7.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you agree with the current proposed level of funding for the military?
8.	ESSAY		If you agree, explain. If you disagree, how would you distribute the funds? We need to direct more resources to provide assistance for return veterans and their families and work to expand access to health care services, including treatment for mental illnesses like PTSD.
9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support continued funding for WHISC (the re-named Army School of the Americas)?
10.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support congressional investigations into government contractors that have participated in Human Rights violations such as the rendition/torture flights
11.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation banning such activities in the question above?
12.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you support legislation guaranteeing the protections of the Geneva Conventions and the US Constitution to "enemy combatants" or others similarly detained by the US Government anywhere in the world?
13.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the way the drug war is being carried on, both abroad and at home?
14.	ESSAY		What would you change? The greater problem is not the drug dealers in foreign countries, but the consumers of illicit drugs right here at home. As such, the heavy-handed incarceration of substance abusers and petty dealers that has come to define America's drug war is not the most effective method. We need to begin rethinking the way we view drug use in this country and approach it from a public health standpoint. We should be looking for ways to discourage drug use among our youth and invest more dollars in treatment.
15.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the way the drug war is being carried on, both abroad and at home?
			Do you support
16.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	normalization of relations with Cuba?
17.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	the Helms-Burton Act?
Energy & Environment			
	YES	NO	Do you support:
18.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Oil drilling in Alaska and other protected wilderness?
19.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support any increased off-shore drilling? Explain As a member of Congress I will oppose any effort by oil companies to drill in the Gulf Coast or the outer continental shelf, not only to protect our natural environment, but also to encourage smarter policies that focus on innovative, renewable fuel sources.
20.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lower National Carbon emissions goals?

			*I believe in lowering carbon emissions with a goal of achieving 80% total reduction by the year 2050.
21.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Energy Efficiency goals?
22.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Coal Liquification?
23.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Increasing use of Nuclear power for electric generation?
			*I support investing in alternative energy like solar, wind, biomass and geothermal.
24.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mountaintop coal strip mining?
25.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase user fees for grazing, mining and lumbering on Federal lands?
26.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kyoto Protocols?
27.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Biodiesel mixture and agri-biodiesel production tax credits?
Transportation			
			Should the federal government have primary funding responsibility for
28.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	infrastructure improvements?
29.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	highways?
30.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mass transit?
31.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	high-speed rail?
32.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amtrak?
33.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Air transportation?
34.	ESSAY		<p>Please comment on specific proposals</p> <p>I support a heartier investment in our local and regional infrastructure. The 5th Congressional District is home to some of the region's most populous communities and congested roads, but we have an opportunity to improve upon our mass transit system. Achieving efficiency and increasing capacity for the CTA, upholding higher safety standards for Metra Rail, and ensuring accessibility for Pace and ADA Paratransit users will improve movement throughout the region for visitors and residents alike. If linked to a capital project, we can expand job opportunities for working families here and move our local and domestic economy back in the right direction.</p>
Taxes and Economic Policy			
			Do you favor
35.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a more progressive income tax?
36.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a flat tax?
37.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a national sales tax?
38.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	reduction of the capital gains tax?
39.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	***taxing capital gains at the same rate as earned income?
40.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	reduction or elimination of the estate tax?
41.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	elimination of the corporate alternative tax?
42.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	reduction of the tax on stock dividends?
43.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	***taxing dividends at the same rate as earned income?
44.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Increasing the Federal Minimum wage?
45.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	any other changes in our tax structure?
46.	ESSAY		Please explain.

		<p>***In this difficult economic turmoil, I believe it is imprudent to raise taxes on people's investments at a time when we need to encourage greater investment opportunities to stimulate the economy and create jobs. I support a tax plan that will provide middle class families with the relief they need during this economic downturn. When conditions improve, though, I believe restoring the tax rates (so they are on par with earned income) is something Congress can feasibly consider.</p>
47.	ESSAY	<p>What changes, if any, do you support regarding Social Security?</p> <p>Jumpstarting the economy to create jobs will mean more workers paying into the system, which is exactly what the Social Security system needs right now.</p> <p>Providing strong protections against any moves to privatize social security is also an immediate priority. One can only imagine the effect on millions of seniors had their Social Security benefits been subject to the recent stock market collapse.</p> <p>Currently, the wages subject to the Social Security tax are capped at approximately the first \$100,000 of income. As part of keeping Social Security solvent for the long-term, Congress might consider lifting or adjusting that cap.</p> <p>While protecting Social Security, we must also seek to help Americans save more for retirement. I support proposals to promote employer-sponsored savings plans, such as 401(k)s, as well as tax credits to encourage working families to put more of their income into savings plans.</p>
48.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will you support "fast track" legislation for trade treaties?
49.	ESSAY	<p>Please discuss your ideas for an economic recovery plan. Please be specific as to what criteria would be necessary for you to support such a plan.</p> <p>Overall, I support President Obama's call to rebuild our nation's infrastructure, which is the cornerstone of this economic stimulus package. This robust investment in roads, bridges, mass transit and the high-speed Internet lines on which our economic future depends will create jobs here at home and address our crumbling infrastructure.</p> <p>I am also encouraged that President Obama made energy and environmental issues a priority in this stimulus package. This will foster the development a green economy on a domestic scale and could create between 3 and 4 million jobs over the coming years to help spur economic growth in technology and renewable energy industries.</p> <p>I want to ensure, however, that we also invest in our human infrastructure. As chair of the House Human Services Appropriations committee, I have seen how federal resources have diminished in the face of punitive policies put in place by the Bush Administration that hit Illinois human service providers in their pockets. An infusion of dollars to bolster Medicaid funding and other worthy programs – including a proposed \$3.2 billion for Children and Family Services Programs and \$4 billion for preventative care – will help Illinois providers weather this economic storm, keep their caregivers employed and keep their doors open while protecting vulnerable residents who simply cannot afford to see a reduction in their quality of care.</p>

50.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	***Would you support utilizing anti-trust laws against firms that are “too big to let fail?” ***I support laws that seek to foster competition and promote the emergence of new companies.
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Consumer Rights			
51.	ESSAY		<p>What regulations would you support to safeguard consumers from being harmed in situations such as the recent sub-prime lending credit crisis?</p> <p>I would work to increase regulatory oversight, foreclosure mitigation and practical lending standards to restore the solvency of our financial systems. I would also consider merging the SEC with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, two agencies long engaged in a turf war that continue to bicker over credit default swaps.</p>
52.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support a moratorium on mortgage foreclosures?
	YES	NO	Do you support
53.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal legislation to cap interest rates on mortgages?
54.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		federal legislation to cap interest rates on credit card interest?
55.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal legislation to regulate ATM fees and service charges on credit cards and other consumer loans?
56.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	allowing states to enact consumer laws which go beyond the protection of federal legislation?
Government and Ethics			
57.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support term limits?
			Do you support
58.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>public financing of Congressional campaigns?</p> <p>***Public financing is a good concept that would level the playing field in elections, but during this economic downturn I do not believe that asking families who are already struggling to shoulder the burden of costly campaigns is practical or desirable.</p>
59.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	spending limits?
60.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>abolition of PACs?</p> <p>***There are several noble political action committees organized and run by ordinary citizens fighting for social justice, environmental protection and women's rights that are worth preserving.</p>
61.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Elimination of earmarks?</p> <p>***Earmarks can be used to fund vital services and programs that might otherwise be left out of appropriation bills. With sufficient transparency and good faith debate, earmarks can be part of a responsible appropriation process.</p>
62.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	All earmarks being made available in a searchable format on the internet?
63.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support increased Congressional oversight of federal contracting?

64.	ESSAY	Why or why not? I think government has a responsibility to ensure that any companies receiving federal tax dollars for work should be held to very high standards to ensure transparency and safety. Companies seeking federal contracts should also be asked to prove they that have not violated any federal laws, including labor laws, to protect workers and promote fiscal responsibility.	
65.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support Congressional investigations of wrong-doing under the Bush administration?
66.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation forbidding all Senate, House, and White House staff from engaging in any political activity on government time?
Health & Human Services			
67.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support comprehensive, universal, single-payer health care?
68.	ESSAY		If not, how would you address the need for healthcare for the uninsured and underinsured?
69.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Should the FDA approve importation of drugs from countries whose manufacturing and safety standards are equal or superior to those in the US?
70.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support funding of comprehensive age appropriate sex education programs?
71.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support increased funding for HIV/AIDS research, education, prevention, and services?
72.	ESSAY		Please discuss compulsory licensing of essential drugs where needed, in the US, Africa, Asia and elsewhere. I am encouraged by passage of the Doha declaration. It is a good-faith attempt to address the very real problem of AIDS/HIV and other health epidemics in less developed countries and I urge the United States to take more proactive steps and be a leader in the global effort to bring lifesaving drugs to people who need it most.

	YES	NO	Do you support
73.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal funding for stem cell research?
74.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	legislation prohibiting stem cell research?
			Do you support
75.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	the Human Life Amendment?
76.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Freedom of Choice Act?
77.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	parental or spousal notification or consent to obtain an abortion?
78.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	restoration of Medicaid coverage of abortion?
79.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a ban on so-called partial birth abortions?
80.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	insurance coverage for abortions for federal and military employees and their dependents?
			Do you favor increased funding for:
81.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	supplemental food programs for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)?
82.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	food stamp allowances?
83.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Head Start?
84.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	school lunch programs?
85.	ESSAY		<p>What services, if any, should be offered to those whose time on Welfare has run out and do not have adequate income to support themselves and their families?</p> <p>We need to create jobs to put people back to work and invest in child care services to allow them to work.</p> <p>We must also commit to providing a broad scale of social services to needy families, especially during this economic downturn. As chair of the House Human Services committee, I have seen firsthand the human cost of political paralysis and dramatic budget cuts in Illinois. Our daycare centers, in-home health care providers and Meals on Wheels programs are stretched to the limit. I support a robust stimulus plan to put people back to work and provide assistance to state governments to continue delivering the vital services that families need.</p>
			Do you support
86.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	increased funding to develop affordable housing?
87.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	restrictions to ensure development of low-income rather than market rate housing?
88.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a National Affordable Housing Trust Fund to build, rehabilitate and preserve at least 1.5 million units of housing, 75% of which would be rental housing for households with income below the poverty level?
89.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	protection against housing discrimination for holders of Section 8 housing vouchers?
			Do you favor
90.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	increased federal aid to public education?
91.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	vouchers, tuition tax-credits or other any direct public support for parochial or private schools?
92.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are the provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act the most effective way to advance student achievement?
93.	ESSAY		If not, what plan would you propose?

		<p>I have a strong record of championing state initiatives to bridge funding gaps in education and will continue to do so on the federal level as a member of Congress.</p> <p>I have also worked with members of both parties in Illinois to boost education funding at all levels throughout the state, which includes legislation that boosts the minimum level of per-pupil funding.</p> <p>Over the last eight years, though, unfunded mandates in NCLB have become increasingly problematic, but I believe that supporting effective programs and demonstrating fiscal responsibility will allow us to give worthy educational programs the proper federal support they deserve.</p>
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Law, Justice, and Correctional System

			Do you support:
94.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	admissibility of illegally obtained evidence?
95.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	electronic eavesdropping?
96.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	roving wiretaps?
97.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	capital punishment?
98.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults?
99.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	mandatory sentencing?
	YES	NO	
100.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	criminalization of hate crimes?
101.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Congressional oversight of the NSA?
102.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Real ID program?
103.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Changes to the Military Commissions Act?
104.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation prohibiting racial profiling in law enforcement?
105.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor detention of suspects and material witnesses without charges and/or probable cause?
106.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor giving such detainees access to counsel?
107.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation authorizing or prohibiting secret military tribunals?
108.	ESSAY		<p>Please explain your position.</p> <p>I have always been a fierce supporter of due process for all individuals detained by American law enforcement. A secret military tribunal does not allow for this.</p>
109.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation banning torture and inhumane treatment of detainees under US control?
			Do you support legislation to ban the manufacture, sale and possession of
110.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	handguns?
111.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	assault weapons?
			Do you support legislation

112.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	mandating background checks of purchasers of weapons at gun shows, through the internet and through print advertisements?
113.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	increasing penalties for illegal resale of weapons?
114.	ESSAY		<p>What restrictions, if any, should Congress enact or repeal regarding the scope of federally funded legal services for the poor?</p> <p>Congress must adopt policies that seek to level the playing field for those who cannot afford legal counsel and strengthens the ability for legal service providers to continue their work.</p>
Civil Liberties and Civil Rights			
115.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support DC statehood?
116.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you favor repeal of the Patriot Act or any of its provisions?
117.	ESSAY		<p>Please explain your answer</p> <p>Over the past eight years, the Bush Administration has eroded Americans civil liberties under the guise of fighting the war on terror. I will work with President Obama to restore the freedoms we have lost - work that must include revision of the Patriot Act.</p>
			Do you support
118.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	repeal or revision of the Posse Comitatus Act?
119.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	prioritizing family reunification as criteria in granting visas and processing citizenship and permanent resident applications?
120.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	halting deportations of immigrants until final determination of residency status has been made and appeals have been exhausted?
121.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>amnesty for undocumented immigrants currently in the country?</p> <p>*** As the daughter of an immigrant, I know that most immigrants come to America in search of a better life. The parts of Chicago that make up the 5th district have been home to generations of immigrants who have built this country, fought its wars and raised their children and grandchildren. Our country should continue this tradition by providing immigrants with a path to earn the privilege of citizenship. We also need to establish a new worker visa program that ensures due process and prevents abusive employer practices.</p> <p>We need comprehensive immigration reform built on both compassion and strength – one that balances the desire of many immigrants to become citizens with the need to secure our borders and prevent further instances of illegal border crossings.</p>
122.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building a US-Mexican border fence or “wall”?
123.	ESSAY		<p>What immigration reforms do you support?</p> <p>As the daughter of an Eastern European immigrant who came to this country during the Great Depression, the plight of immigrants today is one that bears great significance for me on a very personal level. I understand that most immigrants come to America for the same reason my mother did – to find a land where they could prosper and provide</p>

			<p>their children with a quality education. While I strongly support strengthening our borders for reasons relating to homeland security, we must implement a sensible immigration policy rooted in compassion.</p> <p>Keeping families together, putting an end to ineffective workplace raids and ensuring due process must be top priorities in any attempt to reform our immigration policy. I emphatically endorse the principles outlined above and will fight to implement them as a member of the U.S. House.</p>
	YES	NO	Do you support
124.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	federal legislation to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, employment and education?
125.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act?
126.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a Constitutional amendment prohibiting states from recognizing gay marriage or civil unions?
127.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Federal recognition of all state marriages for federal benefit purposes?
128.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would you support legislation allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military?
129.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support prior government restraint of the press?
			Do you support
130.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	prayer in public schools?
131.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	moment of silence?
132.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>faith-based initiatives?</p> <p>*It depends on how the dollars are used. Non-profit faith-based organizations separate their secular community assistance programs from those of their respective religions, and they must continue that practice. A hungry child should never be forced to offer grace before receiving a meal made with donated, federal surplus food just because a religious institution is serving that meal. Tax dollars should only be used to fund non-profit agencies that hire individuals based on their talents and skill sets, regardless of religious beliefs or lifestyles.</p>
			Do you support mandatory drug testing
133.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	in private employment?
134.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	in public employment?
135.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you support mandatory AIDS testing for insurance or employment?
136.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation to redress inequities in pension benefits for women?
137.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support the Equal Rights Amendment to the US Constitution?
Labor			
			Do you support
138.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act?

139.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a prohibition on permanent replacement of strikers?
140.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	giving federal employees the right to strike?
141.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	the Employee Freedom of Choice Act?
142.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a federal public works program to ensure full employment?
143.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support Affirmative Action with specific goals, targets and timetables for federal employment, grants and contracts?
144.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support legislation to restructure the wage scale of federal employees to correct disparities based on gender by instituting equal pay for jobs of comparable worth?
145.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you support a federal living wage law to guarantee that a person working forty hours a week would be able to afford housing, food, utilities, transportation and health care?