

Women's Economic Priorities Candidate Information

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<b>Check One / Fair Pay</b>	Support
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<b>If elected, what specific actions will you take regarding fair pay programs?</b>	I not only support but am an original cosponsor of the Paycheck Fairness Act. The fact that women in 2014 still make, on average, 77 cents to every man's dollar is unacceptable. I am committed to fighting for policy solutions that provide women with equal pay for equal work.
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<b>Check One / Minimum Wage</b>	Support
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<b>If elected, what specific actions will you take regarding minimum wage?</b>	Raising the minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour is good for families, good for businesses, and good for the American economy. That's why I am a cosponsor of the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2013 and that's why I will continue to advocate to House Republican leadership to bring this bill to the Floor for a vote.
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<b>Check One / Birth Control</b>	Support
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<b>If elected, what specific actions will you take regarding</b>	The Affordable Care Act was such a monumental legislative achievement in part because it recognizes how vitally
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**mandatory coverage of birth control?**

important comprehensive contraceptive coverage is to women's health and their economic security. The Hobby Lobby decision is disgraceful; employers don't belong in the bedrooms, doctor's offices or pharmacies of their employees...period. But I am proud to join my Democratic colleagues in supporting the Not My Boss's Business Act, which would fix the misguided ruling in Hobby Lobby v. Burwell.

**Check One / FAMILY ACT**

Support

**If elected, what specific actions will you take regarding family-friendly workplace?**

As a working mother of three, I am dedicated to supporting working families and making sure our workplaces work for everyone. Family-friendly workplace policies and procedures are essential to the professional growth of women and to the joys and complexities of having a family while being in the workforce. I am a cosponsor of the FAMILY Act because no family should ever have to choose between the health of a child or loved one and the ability to put food on the table.

**Check One / Access to Capital**

Support

**If elected, what specific actions will you take regarding access to capital for small businesses?**

Supporting women and minority small business owners and entrepreneurs is vital to a thriving 21st century American economy. One initiative I helped found in my South Florida district, the Early Learning Business Workshop, helps daycare owners attain the professional skills necessary to operate their important services as a business. Too many daycares were failing, and it was not because of a lack of passion for caregiving or nurturing, but rather the skills essential to do payroll, accounting, operations, and other costs associated with running a business. I also host an annual small business workshop to ensure that South Florida small businesses are aware of government and private-sector tools and resources available to them to start or grow their business. I will continue to fight in Congress to make sure the principle of supporting women and minority small business owners is reflected in our federal policy and actions.

**Check One / Access to Contracts**

Support

**If elected, what specific actions will you take regarding increasing access to federal contracts for women-owned small business suppliers?**

I support H.R. 2452 because the federal government must set an example of gender equity and fairness for the rest of the nation. H.R. 2452 is an important step to achieve this objective.

**Check One / Retirement**

Support

**If elected, what specific actions will you take regarding ensuring Social Security solvency?**

The integrity and solvency of Social Security for current and future seniors is paramount, and I believe that any effort to improve Social Security will only happen if both parties put forth ideas in a bipartisan fashion. I remain strongly opposed to any effort to privatize Social Security, and I strongly believe that any adjustments to make Social Security more solvent should not negatively impact current enrollees or people who will soon be entering the program.