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Where the Candidates Stand on Issues Important to You

	U.S. Senator Bob Casey	Dave McCormick
Economy/Inflation	<p>Believes that corporate greed causes inflation (“greedflation”) (Axios 8/22/2024)</p> <p>Supports giving the Federal Trade Commission the power to punish corporate price gouging. (Bob Casey for Senate)</p> <p>Supports raising corporate tax rates and making corporations pay their fair share. (Bob Casey for Senate)</p> <p>Supports price controls. (Axios 8/22/2024)</p> <p>Supports the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act and introduced the Tax Fairness for Workers Act to allow workers to deduct union dues from their taxes. (Bob Casey for Senate)</p> <p>Supports raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour. (Bob Casey for Senate)</p> <p>Supports “Buy American” provisions in the Inflation Reduction Act to give companies incentives to create good-paying jobs to manufacture clean energy products and incentivize building clean energy facilities in coal communities (Bob Casey for Senate)</p> <p>Voted for: \$1.9T American Rescue Plan \$550B Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act \$1.2T Inflation Reduction Act (Bob Casey for Senate)</p>	<p>Supports efforts to rein in government spending, including a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution and spending cuts to Biden-era programs. (Washington Examiner)</p> <p>Opposes tax increases. (McCormick for U.S. Senate)</p> <p>Promises to exercise fiscal responsibility to lessen the burden on the people of the Commonwealth. (McCormick for U.S. Senate)</p> <p>Believes the Biden Administration’s spending and student loan debt forgiveness has contributed to current inflation. (McCormick for U.S. Senate)</p> <p>Believes the minimum wage is not keeping up with the skyrocketing cost of living, and is open to raising the minimum wage at either the state or federal level. However, he is less open to tying the minimum wage to inflation, saying the fluctuation could create other issues such as volatility in wages. (msn.com)</p> <p>Favors cutting two federal regulations for each new federal regulation implemented to bring reasonableness back to Congress’ regulatory oversight. (Washington Examiner)</p> <p>Supports rolling back energy-related regulations that would benefit Pennsylvania. (Washington Examiner)</p> <p>Supports the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act that would require every new major rule be approved by Congress before going into effect. (Washington Examiner)</p> <p>Believes Congress should impose reasonable checks and balances on the executive branch and the regulatory agencies, including introducing a much higher standard of cost-benefit analysis on regulations that are put into place. (Washington Examiner)</p>
Immigration	<p>Believes border security is a critical part of keeping our country safe. (Bob Casey for Senate)</p>	<p>Believes the border crisis affects national security, public health, and economic stability. (msn.com)</p>

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	<p>Voted for bipartisan border security bill that gives the President new authority to shut down the border. (Bob Casey for Senate)</p> <p>Supports comprehensive immigration reform. (Bob Casey for Senate)</p> <p>Supports legislation to secure more border agents and provide more resources to do their jobs. (Bob Casey for Senate)</p> <p>Supports the DREAM Act (proposed legislation that would provide a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. as children), and has opposed child separation policies. (Bob Casey for Senate)</p> <p>Casey's Stop Fentanyl At the Border Act provides resources for additional border personnel and inspection equipment. (Bob Casey for Senate)</p> <p>Leads the fight to crack down on fentanyl coming into the country through his Stop Fentanyl at the Border Act, which provides resources for additional border personnel and inspection equipment. (Bob Casey for Senate)</p>	<p>Calls for tighter border controls to address crime and terrorism. (msn.com)</p> <p>Supports a more secure and orderly immigration system. (msn.com)</p> <p>Supports including funds for opioid and narcotic detection. (msn.com)</p> <p>Supports Kate's Law (legislation designed to deter individuals who have previously been deported from returning to the U.S. and imposing increased penalties if they do return). (msn.com)</p> <p>Supports withholding federal funding from sanctuary cities. (msn.com)</p> <p>Promises to fight to secure the border, put an end to drug and human trafficking, and support our border patrol agents with the resources they need to do their jobs. (McCormick for U.S. Senate)</p> <p>Believes the bipartisan border bill is a good, well meaning effort that falls short because it didn't accomplish the mission, which is securing the border. (Capital-Star)</p> <p>Supports H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act. (H.R. 2 passed the House in 2023 with 219 Republicans voting in favor, and all Democrats and two Republicans voting against. The bill has stalled in the Senate). (Capital-Star)</p>
Foreign Policy	<p>Believes our national security depends on our leadership on the world stage. (Bob Casey for Senate)</p> <p>As a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, he has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Helped provide aid and support to Ukraine; - Provide aid to Israel; - Provide billions for humanitarian aid in Gaza; - Led the fight to stand up to China, and fought to crack down on China's currency manipulation; and, - Fought against unfair trade practices and U.S. corporations that invest in China at the expense of American workers. (Bob Casey for Senate) 	<p>Believes the U.S. needs a robust defense budget focused on equipping us for next generation warfare. (McCormick for U.S. Senate)</p> <p>Promises to work to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restore America's military might; - Strengthen the defense industrial base; - Re-establish deterrence of our adversaries; and - Support policies that ensure and show peace through strength. <p>Supports sanctions to cut off Iran's oil sales and mount a muscular response to attacks on U.S. targets in the Middle East to restore an order upended by what he called Biden administration mistakes going back to an incompetent withdrawal from Afghanistan. (CBS news)</p>

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Crime	<p>Keeping Pennsylvanians safe is a top priority. (Bob Casey for Senate)</p> <p>Supports common-sense gun-safety laws (Washington Post):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expand background checks for gun sales; - Close loopholes that allow guns to be bought online, at gun shows and through private sales without background checks; - Pass “Extreme-Risk Protection” laws to temporarily remove access to firearms from those who might be a risk to themselves or others, while respecting due process; - Keep guns out of the hands of criminals and dangerous individuals; and, - Ban weapons of war in our communities like AR-15 style rifles with high capacity magazines. <p>Supports the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program. (Bob Casey for Senate)</p> <p>Supports legislation to increase Pell Grants for the children of fallen first responders. (Bob Casey for Senate)</p> <p>Supports the Eric Williams Correctional Officers Protection Act, which ensures correctional officers have non-lethal means of self-protection. (Bob Casey for Senate)</p> <p>Champions public safety, including cracking down on illegal gun trafficking and keeping guns out of the hands of people with dangerous records. (Bob Casey for Senate)</p> <p>Supports the Combat Online Predators Act to increase sentences on stalkers whose victims are minors. (Bob Casey for Senate)</p> <p>Supports the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act in combatting sexual assault on college campuses. (Bob Casey for Senate)</p>	<p>Supports a strong Second Amendment (McCormick for U.S. Senate)</p> <p>Believes law-abiding citizens have an individual right to own firearms for self-defense, hunting, collecting, and sport-shooting, for any lawful reason, and neither Congress nor the states can take that away;</p> <p>Believes that we must increase school security across the board, and provide the money to do so, with school security officers;</p> <p>Supports expansion of our mental health programs, including the stigma associated with seeking treatment;</p> <p>Believes prosecutors have to enforce the laws on the books;</p> <p>Supports equipping our law enforcement with the resources they need to protect our communities;</p> <p>Supports rigorous background check systems; and,</p> <p>Supports preservation of our rights while keeping guns out of the hands of criminals.</p>
Healthcare	Believes the U.S. Supreme Court made	Opposes a national abortion ban, and

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	<p>a mistake to overturn Roe v. Wade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opposes a national abortion ban. - Supports the Women’s Health Protection Act to restore the protections of Roe. (Bob Casey for Senate) <p>Supports expansion of CHIP and enrollment of every child in Medicaid at birth. (Bob Casey for Senate)</p> <p>Supports the PACT Act to improve recruitment and retention of health care professionals at rural VA facilities. (Bob Casey for Senate)</p> <p>Supports the Rural Hospital Support Act to provide hospitals with the financial stability they need to continue treating patients. (Bob Casey for Senate)</p>	<p>supports exceptions in the cases of rape, incest, and saving the life of the mother. (McCormick for U.S. Senate)</p> <p>Believes the military has “lost its focus on war-fighting” in recent years. To reverse this trend and strengthen America’s armed forces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reforming GI benefits to ensure educated veterans can be competitive in the modern economy; - Equipping veterans with quality health care; and, - Improving mental health care at the VA. (NY Post) <p>Supports connecting veterans with job opportunities in the private and public sector to help them succeed following their service to our country. (McCormick for U.S. Senate)</p>
Education	<p>Supports increasing taxes for the rich in order to reduce interest rates for student loans. (isidewith, 2018 position)</p> <p>Believes the federal government should pay for tuition at four-year colleges and universities. (isidewith, 2018 position)</p> <p>Supports critical race theory to be taught in K-12 education. (isidewith, 2018 position)</p> <p>Supports charter schools but not at the expense of public education funding. (isidewith, 2018 position)</p> <p>Supports investments in early education by increasing funding for Head Start and quality, affordable child care. (Bob Casey for Senate)</p> <p>Supports the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act, which provides students in community colleges with the education and training necessary to develop skills needed for high-skill and high-wage jobs. (Bob Casey for Senate)</p>	<p>Supports revamping our education system with a strategy that revives and unlocks the courageous, entrepreneurial American spirit: (McCormick for U.S. Senate)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improving the quality of our schools by expanding school choice; - Committing to free expression; - Valuing civics and the formation of good citizens; - Creating new workforce training programs and accord job training and community colleges the same respect—and financial support—our country directs toward a four-year college education; and, - Equipping America’s next generation with the skills they need to succeed in the workforce.