



## Stephany Mae Stennis Political Stance

### INTRODUCTION:

As someone deeply involved in community advocacy, family services, public accountability, and local leadership, I believe people deserve to know exactly where I stand on the issues that impact our communities, families, and future.

My views are shaped not only by politics, but by real-life experience - as a wife, mother, advocate, professional, and active member of the community. I believe leadership should be transparent, accessible, compassionate, and focused on serving the people rather than political agendas.

I believe in constitutional rights, government accountability, public involvement, equal opportunity, strong communities, mental health awareness, public safety, responsible leadership, and protecting the voices of everyday citizens.


Some of my views may align with conservatives, some with liberals, and some may fall somewhere in the middle. I believe independent thinking matters more than blind party loyalty. I am willing to have honest conversations, listen to different perspectives, and stand firm in my values while still treating others with dignity and respect.


No matter your political affiliation, I believe we can work together respectfully to build stronger communities for future generations


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Here are some of my personal stances on important issues affecting our communities, state, and country:


 First Amendment - I strongly support freedom of speech, religion, press, and the public's right to peacefully assemble and hold government accountable.


 Second Amendment - I support the constitutional right of law-abiding citizens to own firearms while also supporting responsible gun ownership and safety.


 Law Enforcement - I support strong community policing, transparency, accountability, and requiring body cameras to protect both officers and citizens.


 Marijuana - I support legalizing and regulating marijuana like alcohol, expanding medical marijuana access, and decriminalizing low-level non-violent marijuana offenses.


 Healthcare - I believe healthcare should be affordable, accessible, and focused on people - not politics or insurance profits.


 Abortion - I believe these situations are deeply personal and complex, and should be approached with compassion, prevention efforts, and reasonable exceptions.


 Drugs & Substance Abuse - Addiction is both a public health and mental health crisis. I support treatment, recovery resources, prevention, and accountability for traffickers and violent offenders.


 Mental Health - Mental health matters. I support increased access to counseling, crisis services, addiction treatment, and early intervention programs.


 Education - Every child deserves a safe, quality education that prepares them for college, trades, military service, or the workforce.


 LGBTQ+ - Every person deserves dignity, equal treatment under the law, and freedom from discrimination or violence.


 Gay Marriage - I support marriage equality and believe consenting adults should have the right to marry who they love.


 Gender - I believe there are two biological sexes while also believing every individual deserves dignity and respectful treatment.


 Transgender Rights - I support treating transgender individuals with humanity and respect while encouraging thoughtful and respectful public dialogue on policy issues.


 Women's & Men's Sports - I support fairness, equal opportunity, and protecting the integrity of women's athletics.


 Immigration - I support secure borders, lawful immigration processes, and humane, practical immigration reform.


 Civil Rights - Every person deserves equal opportunity, constitutional protections, and fair treatment under the law.


 Interracial Marriage - As someone in an interracial marriage raising biracial children, I fully support the right to marry regardless of race.


 Public Comment & Public Input - Government works for THE PEOPLE. Citizens deserve transparency and an unlimited opportunity to speak and be heard.


 Property Taxes - Families, seniors, and homeowners should not be taxed out of their homes because of rising property values.

 Election Integrity - Every legal vote should count, and elections should remain secure, transparent, and trustworthy.

 Death Penalty - I support the death penalty in extreme cases involving horrific violent crimes, child exploitation, and severe offenses against innocent victims.

 Sex Offenders & Voyeurism - I support maximum penalties for sexual predators, exploitation crimes, voyeurism, and crimes against children.

 Environmental Issues - I believe climate change is real and that technology, innovation, and AI can help create practical environmental solutions.

 AI & Data Centers - I support responsible innovation, ethical AI safeguards, transparency, and ensuring technology growth benefits local communities and protects privacy.

At the end of the day, leadership should be about PEOPLE - not political extremes. We may not agree on every issue, but I believe we can still treat each other with dignity, respect, and humanity while working together to build stronger communities.

Below are my IN DEPTH personal stances on major political and social issues that affect our country, state, and local communities. They are in no particular order.

**First Amendment** - My stance on the 1st Amendment is simple: freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of the press, and the right to peacefully assemble are fundamental rights that protect every American - regardless of political party or personal beliefs.

I believe people should be able to express their opinions openly without fear of government censorship or retaliation, even when those opinions are unpopular or different from my own. Healthy debate and open dialogue are essential to a strong democracy.

I also believe in respecting the constitutional rights of others while maintaining accountability for threats, violence, harassment, or actions that intentionally cause harm. Freedom of speech does not mean freedom from consequences, but it does mean the government should not silence citizens simply because their views are controversial.

As a community leader and advocate, I support transparency, open communication, religious freedom, a free press, and the public's right to ask questions and hold leadership accountable.

The 1st Amendment exists to protect the voice of the people - and I will always support the constitutional rights of citizens to be heard.

**Second Amendment** - My stance on the 2nd Amendment is rooted in the belief that law-abiding citizens have a constitutional right to protect themselves, their families, and their property.

I support the right of responsible Americans to legally own firearms for self-defense, hunting, sport shooting, and personal protection. The 2nd Amendment is an important part of our Constitution and should be protected.

At the same time, I believe gun ownership comes with serious responsibility. Firearm safety, secure storage, proper training, and accountability are important in preventing accidents and keeping our communities safe.

I support enforcing existing laws against violent offenders and illegal firearm activity while respecting the rights of responsible gun owners. I also believe conversations about public safety should focus on mental health resources, early intervention, stronger communities, and reducing violent crime - not simply limiting the rights of lawful citizens.

As someone who values both constitutional freedoms and community safety, I believe we can protect the rights of responsible gun owners while continuing to work toward safer communities for everyone.

**Law Enforcement** - My stance on law enforcement is that public safety and community trust must go hand in hand.

I support law enforcement officers who serve their communities with integrity, professionalism, and respect for the people they are sworn to protect. Police officers have difficult and dangerous jobs, and communities deserve departments that are properly trained, supported, and focused on keeping citizens safe.

At the same time, I strongly believe law enforcement should be held accountable to the public. I support requiring body cameras for officers because transparency protects both citizens and officers, helps build public trust, and provides accountability when incidents occur.

I also believe policing should return to a true COMMUNITY policing model - where officers know the neighborhoods they serve, build relationships with residents, engage with youth, and work alongside the community instead of operating separately from it. Trust is built through communication, visibility, consistency, and mutual respect.

Law enforcement should PROTECT and SERVE THE PEOPLE - not intimidate them. Communities deserve safety, fairness, professionalism, and constitutional policing practices that respect citizens' rights while maintaining order and accountability.

I support strong public safety, proper training, mental health crisis response resources, transparency, and leadership that encourages collaboration between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

The strongest communities are built when citizens and law enforcement work together with trust, accountability, and shared respect.

**Marijuana** - My stance on marijuana legalization is that I support legalizing and regulating marijuana at both the federal and local level in a responsible way similar to alcohol.

I believe adults should be able to make personal choices regarding marijuana use within a regulated legal framework that includes age restrictions, licensing, taxation, safety standards, and restrictions on impaired driving. Just like alcohol, I do not believe children should be using marijuana, and I support strong safeguards to keep it out of the hands of minors.

I also strongly support medical marijuana access for individuals dealing with serious medical conditions, chronic pain, cancer treatment side effects, PTSD, epilepsy, and other health concerns where medical professionals determine it may provide relief or improve quality of life. I believe patients and doctors should be able to make informed medical decisions without unnecessary government interference.

At the same time, I believe our criminal justice system has disproportionately impacted many individuals for non-violent marijuana offenses. I support decriminalization efforts and reviewing the cases of individuals currently serving sentences for low-level, non-violent marijuana-related offenses. People should not have their entire futures destroyed over conduct that is becoming legal in many parts of the country.

I also believe legalization should come with accountability, public education, mental health awareness, and clear regulations to prevent abuse and protect public safety.

As a leader, I support practical, balanced policies that recognize changing public opinion, medical realities, personal freedoms, and the importance of responsible regulation.

**Healthcare** - My stance on healthcare is that every person deserves access to affordable, quality healthcare while also protecting patient choice, provider access, and responsible use of taxpayer dollars.

I believe healthcare costs in America have become too expensive for many working families, seniors, and small business owners. No one should have to choose between paying their bills and getting necessary medical care, prescriptions, or mental health treatment.

I support improving access to healthcare services, especially in areas like mental health, addiction treatment, preventative care, maternal healthcare, and rural healthcare access. Early intervention and preventative care can reduce long-term costs and improve outcomes for families and communities.

I also believe healthcare decisions should remain focused on patients, families, and medical professionals - not unnecessary government overreach or insurance company profits.

As someone involved in family advocacy and community work, I have seen firsthand how difficult it can be for families to navigate healthcare systems, behavioral health services, and support resources. We need systems that are more accessible, transparent, and focused on helping people - not creating barriers.

I support practical, balanced solutions that improve affordability, strengthen healthcare access, support healthcare workers, and ensure vulnerable populations receive the care they need while maintaining accountability and fiscal responsibility.

Healthcare should be about people, not politics.

**Abortion** - My stance on abortion is rooted in compassion, respect for life, personal responsibility, and understanding that these situations are often deeply personal and complex.

I believe this issue is not black and white for many families. There are moral, medical, emotional, religious, and legal perspectives that deserve to be treated with respect - even when people disagree.

I support protecting women's health and ensuring families have access to accurate medical information, prenatal care, mental health support, and resources that help both mothers and children succeed. I also believe there should be reasonable exceptions in situations involving medical emergencies, risk to the mother's life, rape, or incest.

At the same time, I believe we should focus more on prevention through education, healthcare access, family support services, adoption resources, and stronger community systems that reduce crisis situations before they happen.

Most importantly, I believe these conversations should be handled with empathy and respect - not hatred or division. People can hold different beliefs while still treating one another with dignity.

As a leader, I will always support thoughtful dialogue, compassion for families, and policies that prioritize both accountability and humanity.

**Drugs & Substance Abuse** - My stance on drugs and substance abuse is that addiction should be addressed not only as a criminal issue, but also as a serious mental health and public health crisis.

Too many individuals and families are suffering from the effects of addiction, overdose, untreated trauma, depression, anxiety, and lack of access to mental health care. I believe we must stop treating people who are struggling solely as statistics or burdens and start focusing on recovery, prevention, accountability, and long-term support.

As someone who has worked closely with families, youth, and community services, I have seen firsthand how deeply mental health and substance abuse are connected. Many individuals battling addiction are also dealing with trauma, unstable environments, untreated mental illness, poverty, or lack of support systems.

I support stronger investment in mental health services, addiction treatment programs, early intervention, recovery resources, crisis response services, and community-based support systems. We need more accessible counseling, rehabilitation programs, youth mentorship, and preventative education - especially in underserved communities.

At the same time, I believe there must still be accountability for violent crime, trafficking, and dangerous illegal drug activity that harms our communities. Public safety and compassion can exist together.

I believe real solutions come from addressing the root causes of addiction, reducing stigma surrounding mental health, supporting recovery, and helping people rebuild stable and productive lives.

Mental health matters. Recovery matters. People matter.

**Mental Health** - My stance on mental health is that mental health is just as important as physical health, and no person should feel ashamed for seeking help, support, or treatment.

Too many individuals, children, veterans, parents, and families are struggling silently with depression, anxiety, trauma, addiction, stress, suicidal thoughts, and other mental health challenges. Unfortunately, stigma and lack of access to care continue to prevent many people from getting the help they need.

As someone involved in family advocacy, youth services, and community support, I have seen firsthand how untreated mental health issues can impact every part of a person's life - including relationships, education, employment, substance abuse, and involvement with the justice system.

I strongly support increasing access to affordable mental health care, crisis intervention services, school counseling resources, addiction treatment, trauma-informed care, and early intervention

programs. Mental health resources should be accessible in both urban and rural communities, and families should not have to wait months for help during a crisis.

I also believe we need more open conversations about mental health so people know they are not alone. Seeking help should be viewed as strength - not weakness.

At the same time, I support accountability, public safety, and responsible intervention when individuals are a danger to themselves or others. Compassion and responsibility can exist together.

Mental health affects every community, every family, and every generation. We need leaders who are willing to listen, advocate, and work toward real solutions that prioritize healing, prevention, and support.

**Education** - My stance on education is that every child deserves access to a safe, high-quality education that prepares them for success in life - whether that path leads to college, trade school, military service, entrepreneurship, or the workforce.

I strongly support public education and believe our teachers, school staff, and students deserve adequate resources, support, and respect. Schools should focus on academic achievement, critical thinking, life skills, safety, and creating opportunities for all students to succeed.

I also believe parents should play an active role in their children's education. Strong communication and partnership between families, educators, and communities are essential to student success.

As someone involved in advocacy and community work, I understand that many students face challenges outside the classroom that impact learning - including mental health struggles, unstable home environments, bullying, poverty, and lack of support services. We must continue improving access to counseling, behavioral support, special education resources, and early intervention programs.

I support expanding career readiness programs, vocational training, dual-credit opportunities, financial literacy education, and workforce development so students graduate prepared for the real world.

I also believe education decisions should prioritize students over politics. Schools should remain focused on learning, safety, opportunity, and helping young people become productive, informed, and respectful members of society.

Every child deserves the opportunity to succeed, and every community benefits when education is strong.

**LGBTQ+** - My stance on LGBTQ+ rights is centered on dignity, respect, equality under the law, and treating every person with humanity.

I believe every individual deserves to live free from discrimination, harassment, violence, or unequal treatment because of who they are. Regardless of political views, religion, or personal beliefs, people should be treated fairly and respectfully in their workplaces, schools, communities, and interactions with government.

I also believe people can hold different personal, religious, or moral beliefs while still showing kindness and respect toward others. In a healthy society, we should be able to disagree on certain issues without dehumanizing one another.

As someone committed to community leadership and public service, I believe government should focus on protecting constitutional rights, ensuring equal treatment under the law, and creating safe communities for everyone.

I support respectful dialogue, anti-bullying efforts, mental health resources, and policies that encourage understanding rather than division. We do not have to agree on every issue to recognize each other's humanity and value.

At the end of the day, I believe leadership should unite people - not divide them - and every person deserves to be treated with dignity and respect.

**Gay Marriage** - My stance on gay marriage is rooted in equality, personal freedom, and the belief that every person deserves the right to love and marry the person they choose.

I support marriage equality and believe consenting adults should have the constitutional right to build a life and family together regardless of sexual orientation. Government should not deny people equal rights, legal protections, or recognition because of who they love.

To me, marriage is about commitment, loyalty, partnership, and love - values that are not limited to one type of couple. I believe all families deserve dignity, respect, and equal treatment under the law.

At the same time, I also believe people are entitled to their personal or religious beliefs, and we should be able to have respectful conversations without hatred or division. Supporting equal rights and respecting freedom of religion can coexist.

As a leader, I believe government should protect individual liberties, constitutional rights, and equal opportunity for all citizens. Everyone deserves the ability to live authentically, safely, and without discrimination.

Love is love, and every person deserves the freedom to build a life with the person they love.

**Gender** - My stance on gender is that I believe there are two biological sexes: male and female.

I understand that conversations surrounding gender identity are deeply personal and can involve different beliefs, experiences, medical perspectives, and social viewpoints. While I hold my own

beliefs about biological sex, I also believe every person deserves to be treated with dignity, respect, and humanity.

I support the right of individuals to live their lives freely without harassment, violence, or discrimination. At the same time, I believe society should be able to have open and respectful conversations about issues involving biology, education, athletics, healthcare, parental rights, and public policy without fear of being attacked or silenced.

As a leader, I believe it is possible to stand firm in personal beliefs while still treating all people fairly and respectfully. Civil disagreement should never become hatred or dehumanization.

I believe strong communities are built through respectful dialogue, constitutional freedoms, and the ability to discuss difficult issues honestly while still recognizing the value and dignity of every individual.

**Transgender** - My stance on transgender rights is rooted in dignity, respect, constitutional protections, and treating every person with humanity.

I believe transgender individuals deserve to live free from violence, harassment, bullying, discrimination, or unequal treatment under the law. Every person should be treated with respect in their workplaces, schools, communities, and interactions with government.

I also recognize that conversations surrounding transgender issues can involve complex discussions about healthcare, parental rights, education, athletics, privacy, and public policy. I believe these conversations should be approached thoughtfully, respectfully, and without hatred or political extremism.

As a leader, I believe it is possible to protect individual rights while also allowing open and respectful dialogue about policy concerns. People should be able to discuss these issues civilly without fear of being attacked, silenced, or dehumanized.

I support mental health resources, anti-bullying efforts, and creating communities where all people feel safe and valued. I also believe families, medical professionals, educators, and individuals should be part of thoughtful conversations when decisions impact children and long-term wellbeing.

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**Women's & Men's Sports** - My stance on women's and men's sports is rooted in fairness, equal opportunity, respect for all individuals, and protecting the integrity of athletic competition.

I believe women's sports were created to provide fair competitive opportunities for biological females, and I support preserving fairness and safety within those divisions - especially in competitive athletics where physical differences can impact performance, scholarships, records, and opportunities.

At the same time, I believe every person deserves dignity, respect, and freedom from bullying or harassment. These conversations should be handled thoughtfully and respectfully, without hatred or personal attacks toward anyone.

I understand this is a complex issue that involves athletics, science, inclusion, student opportunities, and community values. I believe policies should prioritize fairness, competitive balance, and athlete safety while also encouraging respectful dialogue and compassion for all individuals involved.

As a leader, I believe we should be able to discuss these issues openly and respectfully without turning people into political enemies. It is possible to support fairness in sports while still treating every person with humanity and respect.

My focus will always remain on protecting opportunities for athletes, supporting respectful conversation, and encouraging solutions that bring communities together rather than divide them.

**Immigration** - My stance on immigration is based on balancing national security, lawful processes, economic stability, and compassion for people seeking a better life.

I believe the United States is a nation built by immigrants, and legal immigration has contributed greatly to our country's growth, workforce, culture, and success. People who follow the legal immigration process and contribute positively to society should be respected and supported.

At the same time, I believe every country has the responsibility to maintain secure borders, enforce its laws, and ensure public safety. Immigration systems should be organized, lawful, and fair - not chaotic or politically manipulated.

I support improving and modernizing the immigration system so it is more efficient, transparent, and humane. Long delays, confusion, and broken processes help no one. We should focus on practical solutions that strengthen border security while also addressing workforce needs, family unity, and humanitarian concerns.

I also believe children and families should be treated with dignity and humanity throughout the immigration process. Compassion and accountability can exist together.

As a leader, I believe immigration discussions should focus on real solutions instead of fear, division, or political extremes. America is strongest when we protect our laws while also remembering our shared humanity.

**Civil Rights** - My stance on civil rights is grounded in equality, fairness, constitutional protections, and the belief that every person deserves to be treated with dignity and respect.

I believe civil rights are fundamental to America's foundation. No person should face discrimination, unequal treatment, intimidation, or denial of opportunity because of their race, gender, religion, disability, background, or identity.

I support equal access to education, employment, housing, voting rights, public services, and protection under the law. I also believe government institutions should operate fairly, transparently, and without favoritism.

At the same time, I believe protecting civil rights also means protecting constitutional freedoms - including freedom of speech, freedom of religion, due process, and equal treatment under the law for everyone.

As someone involved in advocacy and community service, I understand the importance of listening to people's experiences and ensuring all voices are heard. Strong communities are built when people feel safe, respected, and valued.

I believe progress happens through unity, accountability, respectful dialogue, and a commitment to justice - not division or hatred. Every person deserves the opportunity to succeed and be treated fairly in our society.

**Interracial Marriage** - My stance on interracial marriage is simple: love, commitment, and family should never be limited by race.

As someone who is married to a Black man and raising biracial children, this issue is deeply personal to me. My family represents love, unity, diversity, and the belief that people should be judged by their character - not the color of their skin.

I fully support the constitutional right for consenting adults to marry who they choose without government interference, discrimination, or prejudice. No family should face hatred, unequal treatment, or judgment because of race or cultural differences.

I also believe interracial families help reflect the beauty and diversity of our communities and country. Our differences should not divide us - they should strengthen understanding, compassion, and unity.

As a mother, I want my children to grow up in a world where they are valued, respected, and given equal opportunities regardless of race or background. I believe every child deserves to feel proud of who they are and where they come from.

At the end of the day, family is built on love, respect, loyalty, and support - and those values matter far more than race.

**Public Comment, Public Comment and Public Input** - My stance on public meetings, public comment, and public input is simple: government works for the people - not the other way around.

I believe public meetings should be scheduled at times that are convenient for the public, not just elected officials or department heads. Working families, parents, seniors, and everyday taxpayers deserve a real opportunity to attend, participate, and stay informed about decisions that directly impact their lives and communities.

I strongly support open government, transparency, and meaningful public participation. The people paying the taxes should have a seat at the table when decisions are being made about THEIR tax dollars, their schools, their roads, their public safety, and their local government.

I also believe the public should have an UNLIMITED opportunity to speak during public comment. Citizens should not be rushed, silenced, ignored, or treated like an inconvenience for wanting to voice concerns, ask questions, or hold leadership accountable. Public input is not a disruption to democracy - it IS democracy.

Too often, important decisions are made with little public awareness or discussion. I believe elected officials should actively seek community feedback, encourage civic engagement, and listen to the people they were elected to serve - even when the conversations are difficult.

As a leader, I will always advocate for transparency, accessibility, accountability, and a government that values the voices of its citizens. The public deserves to be heard.

**Property Taxes** - My stance on property taxes is that homeowners, farmers, seniors, and working families should not be taxed out of their homes because of rising property values and increasing local government costs.

I believe property taxes should be fair, transparent, and fiscally responsible. Residents deserve to clearly understand how their tax dollars are being spent and should expect accountability from local government and taxing entities.

As property values continue to rise, many families - especially seniors on fixed incomes - are struggling to keep up with higher tax bills. I support exploring responsible property tax relief

measures, protecting homestead deductions, and finding ways to reduce unnecessary government spending while still maintaining essential public services.

I also believe local governments must budget responsibly and prioritize taxpayer dollars carefully. Before asking residents to pay more, government leaders should ensure funds are being managed efficiently and transparently.

At the same time, I understand property taxes help fund important services like schools, public safety, roads, infrastructure, and emergency services. The goal should be balance: maintaining strong communities without placing an unfair burden on taxpayers.

As a community advocate and public servant, I support practical solutions that protect homeowners, encourage responsible growth, and keep government accountable to the people it serves.

**Election Integrity** - My stance on election integrity is that every eligible voter deserves the right to vote freely, securely, and confidently - and every legal vote should be counted accurately and fairly.

I believe public trust in elections is essential to our democracy. Regardless of political party, Americans should have confidence that elections are conducted transparently, lawfully, and with accountability at every level.

I support maintaining secure voting systems, accurate voter rolls, bipartisan oversight, clear election procedures, and proper training for election officials and poll workers. I also believe voters should have accessible opportunities to participate in elections while ensuring safeguards are in place to protect against fraud, errors, or misuse of the system.

At the same time, I believe election integrity discussions should be based on facts, transparency, and responsible leadership - not fear, misinformation, or political division. Protecting elections should never involve discouraging lawful citizens from voting.

As someone committed to public service and accountability, I believe election officials must operate with professionalism, neutrality, transparency, and respect for the law. The goal should always be fair elections that the public can trust, regardless of the outcome.

Free, fair, and transparent elections are one of the strongest foundations of our constitutional republic, and protecting that process should remain a priority for everyone.

**Death Penalty** - My stance on the death penalty is that there are certain crimes so horrific and devastating that the strongest possible punishment should remain an option within our justice system.

I support the death penalty in extreme cases involving premeditated murder, violent acts against children, serial offenses, rape involving severe violence, and child exploitation crimes that destroy lives and victimize the most vulnerable members of society.

I believe public safety and justice for victims matter. Families who lose loved ones or whose children are harmed deserve a justice system that takes these crimes seriously and holds offenders fully accountable.

At the same time, I believe the death penalty should only be applied after a thorough legal process, overwhelming evidence, and extensive review to protect against wrongful convictions. Due process and constitutional protections are critically important.

As someone who advocates for children, families, and safer communities, I believe government has a responsibility to protect innocent people and ensure dangerous offenders are held accountable for the harm they cause.

This issue is emotional and deeply personal for many people, but my position is rooted in protecting communities, defending victims, and ensuring justice is carried out responsibly and fairly.

**Sex Offenders & Voyeurism** - My stance on sex offenses, exploitation crimes, and voyeurism is that these crimes should be taken extremely seriously and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

I support maximum penalties for individuals convicted of sexual violence, child exploitation, human trafficking, predatory offenses, and invasive crimes such as voyeurism that violate the safety, privacy, and dignity of others.

Too often, victims are left dealing with lifelong trauma while offenders receive minimal consequences. I believe our justice system must prioritize protecting victims, holding offenders accountable, and preventing repeat offenses.

I am especially passionate about protecting children and vulnerable individuals from exploitation, abuse, online predators, and invasive acts that can cause lasting emotional and psychological harm. Crimes involving children should carry severe consequences and strict monitoring.

I also support stronger prevention efforts, victim advocacy resources, mental health support for survivors, and improved collaboration between law enforcement, schools, courts, and community organizations to identify and stop predatory behavior early.

Public safety matters. Protecting victims matters. Accountability matters. I believe communities deserve leaders who will stand firmly against exploitation and fight for stronger protections for families and children. US

**Environmental Issues** - My stance on environmental issues is that we should take climate change and environmental responsibility seriously while also embracing innovation, technology, and economic growth.

I do believe global warming and environmental changes are real issues that deserve attention. We have a responsibility to protect our air, water, land, and natural resources for future generations. Clean communities, safe drinking water, responsible waste management, and sustainable practices matter to the health and wellbeing of our families and communities.

At the same time, I do not believe the solution is fear, political division, or policies that unnecessarily cripple working families, small businesses, or local economies. I believe technology, innovation, and artificial intelligence can play a major role in creating practical environmental solutions.

AI and emerging technologies can help improve energy efficiency, reduce waste, strengthen infrastructure, monitor pollution, improve agriculture, predict weather-related disasters, and support smarter environmental decision-making. Innovation should be part of the solution.

I support balanced approaches that encourage responsible environmental policies while also supporting job growth, energy reliability, manufacturing, and economic opportunity. We should invest in research, clean technology, infrastructure improvements, and practical long-term solutions instead of political extremes.

I believe we can protect the environment while still supporting innovation, business growth, and technological advancement. Responsible leadership means preparing for the future - not fighting against progress.

**AI & Data Centers** - My stance on AI and data centers is that technology and innovation are shaping the future, and communities must be prepared to grow RESPONSIBLY while protecting people, privacy, infrastructure, and local interests.

I believe artificial intelligence has the potential to improve healthcare, education, public safety, business efficiency, environmental sustainability, infrastructure planning, and access to information. AI can help solve real-world problems and create new economic opportunities when used responsibly and ethically.

I also believe data centers and technology investments can bring jobs, economic growth, infrastructure improvements, and long-term development to communities. Indiana has an opportunity to position itself as a leader in technology, innovation, and future-focused industries.

At the same time, I believe growth must come with transparency and accountability. Communities deserve to know how major technology projects will impact local utilities, energy usage, water resources, land use, taxes, traffic, and public infrastructure. The public should absolutely have a voice before large-scale projects are approved using local resources or taxpayer incentives.

I support responsible regulation and ethical safeguards surrounding AI, especially regarding privacy, cybersecurity, children's safety, misinformation, and the protection of personal data.

Technology should serve people - not replace human accountability or compromise constitutional rights.

As someone who values both innovation and community involvement, I believe we can embrace technological advancement while still protecting transparency, public input, local communities, and individual freedoms.

The future is coming whether we are ready or not. I believe responsible leadership means embracing innovation while making sure it benefits THE PEOPLE - not just corporations or political interests.

### **CONCLUSION:**

At the end of the day, my goal is not to create division - it is to create honest conversations, stronger communities, and leadership that truly listens to the people.

You may not agree with every stance I hold, and that is okay. One of the greatest parts of our country is the freedom to think differently, speak openly, and engage in respectful dialogue. I believe we can disagree on policies while still respecting one another as human beings and neighbors.

My beliefs are rooted in family, accountability, fairness, public involvement, constitutional rights, and real-world experiences working directly with families and communities. I believe government should be transparent, leaders should be accessible, and the voices of everyday citizens should matter.

I will continue advocating for safer communities, stronger families, better mental health resources, public accountability, equal opportunity, and leadership that puts PEOPLE before politics.

Whether you support me or challenge me, I appreciate those willing to engage in meaningful conversation about the future of our communities, state, and country. Democracy works best when the people stay informed, involved, and willing to speak up.

Thank you for taking the time to learn where I stand.