

COSTS & CONSEQUENCES CHECKLIST

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Before casting your vote, use the **Costs & Consequences Checklist**. A candidate who's serious about reigning in the downstream costs Michiganders are living with has a plan to:

MAKE ENERGY MORE AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE AND CLEAN. THEIR PLAN MUST:

1. **Lower household energy costs** through energy efficiency, weatherization and other cost-saving measures.
2. **Reign in utilities' soaring profits** by reducing subsidies to shareholders as Michiganders continue to overpay for poor service.
3. **Protect Michiganders from paying for the energy burden of large industrial customers** and data centers.
4. **Expand affordable clean energy options** including renewable energy, storage and small-scale solar power.
5. **Plan for Michigan's future energy needs** by investing in cheaper, cleaner energy infrastructure that lowers costs for ratepayers over time.

PROTECT MICHIGANDERS FROM PREVENTABLE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RISKS. THEIR PLAN MUST:

1. **Protect clean air** by requiring companies to reduce their pollution, particularly when air quality is unhealthy.
2. **Ban toxic chemicals** such as PFAS and other harmful substances, like single use plastic, from consumer products, our homes, communities and environment.
3. **Protect water by holding corporate polluters accountable** to cleaning up their pollution.
4. **Address environmental health disparities** and the disproportionate pollution burdens faced by some Michigan communities.
5. **Regulate corporate agriculture** to keep manure and animal waste out of our lakes, rivers, and streams and parasites off our food.



0 MAKE MICHIGAN COMMUNITIES AFFORDABLE AND VIBRANT. THEIR PLAN MUST:

1. **Invest in aging infrastructure** including drinking water, wastewater, stormwater and other essential systems.
2. **Reduce flooding and stormwater costs** through natural and built infrastructure investments.
3. **Expand affordable transportation choices** through reliable public transit and other alternatives to driving.
4. **Support more housing choices** so Michiganders can find affordable homes in communities across the state.
5. **Invest in safer streets and public spaces** for walking and biking.

0 PROTECT THE WATERS AND NATURAL AREAS THAT SUPPORT RECREATION AND TOURISM. THEIR PLAN MUST:

1. **Safeguard groundwater, wetlands and land surrounding drinking water supplies** from polluted runoff, untreated waste, and development.
2. **Prevent contamination of our water and lands** from extractive industries like aggregate and copper mining.
3. **Protect the Great Lakes and Michigan's coastline** from development and hardening including beaches, dunes, wetlands and natural shorelines.
4. **Invest in parks, public lands and wildlife** through sustainable funding and protections for land conservation, state parks and critical species like pollinators.
5. **Expand and support Michigan's outdoor economy** and access to the outdoors including camping, hiking, trails and recreation.

0 FIGHT THE LONG-TERM IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE. THEIR PLAN MUST:

1. **Adopt policies that cut harmful climate pollution** from transportation, heavy industry and energy utilities, and align state resources behind building out clean, affordable energy.
2. **Invest in long-term solutions** that prepare Michigan communities for climate impacts already occurring instead of waiting to respond after storms occur.
3. **Build a cleaner, more resilient transportation system** with accessible alternatives to driving, more affordable electric vehicles and ample charging infrastructure.
4. **Expand community and household owned clean power** by enabling more people to access rooftop solar, community solar, batteries and plug-in solar.
5. **Combat the federal administration's deregulation agenda** by adopting state-level policies that put protecting Michigan first.

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